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clubs and events.

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The bi-monthly community news magazine for  
Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp

You may be familiar with the old Chinese curse  
“May you live in interesting times” Well, thanks to  
coronavirus we certainly are in interesting times now.  
Normally at this time of year we are looking forward  
to a host of social and sporting events but this year  
nothing is certain.

As I write this, church services have been called off,  
events cancelled and shops are shut. There is a general  
air of uncertainty over everything we should be able to  
take for granted. Local companies are also having a very  
difficult time so please support our advertisers when  
you get the chance.

One of the consequences of recent events is that we  
cannot make deliveries so this edition of Village Life is  
only available on-line. Things are happening very quickly  
so we don't know what will be happening by the time of  
our next issue, but please check on-line again if we are  
not able to deliver the paper version.

As a magazine which publishes only every two months  
we cannot keep closely up to date with developments so  
please check with the organisers of any event mentioned  
in this issue to confirm whether it will still be going  
ahead. Social media will keep you informed about the  
latest developments and the websites of the parish  
council, churches and others will give you information  
specific to them. Contact details for many local  
organisations are given on pages 30-31.

Now you are on our website, please have a look at the  
War Stories page where you will find out more about  
the people named on our war memorials and who are  
mentioned briefly on pages 14- 15.

And finally, during the COVID-19 pandemic the key  
thing for all of us is to act responsibly and look after  
ourselves and others. Please keep safe.

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## Love is...



*1 John 4:9-10*  
*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins*

The story is told of a scorpion caught up on a branch in a flooded river, the currents carrying the creature into danger. A kindly man on the riverbank reaches out to rescue the beast – and is stung. Repeatedly the drama occurs of reaching and stinging, until the man's face is distorted with pain.

"You silly fool" an onlooker cries "leave it to die".

"Just because it is this creature's nature to sting, why should I give up my nature to save?" the man replies.

That's Love in action.

For Christians Easter celebrates the nature of God, which is love in action.

On the first Easter love wins, triumphing over the deadly poisons of sin, death and despair.

Power is inverted, the cross is transformed from symbol of tortuous oppression to one of triumphant hope.

Death is no longer the final word. Life, a new nature and a new future, is graciously available in Christ as the sting of sin and death is drawn. His rising from the dead a foreshadowing of the renewal of all creation.

*Love is... the Easter story.*

A story carried down the generations, to you and me.

A story that has a sting in the tail (tale!) for it requires you to accept the outstretched

hand of the rescuer, and only you can choose to entrust yourself to those nail-scarred hands.

If you do, then join with me in the ancient acclamation:

*'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again! Hallelujah'*

*Happy Easter. Nick, Minister ACBC*

## Easter services at Aston Clinton Baptist Church

**All are welcome to celebrate God's love. Details of Easter services are available on the website and listed below.** It would be wonderful to welcome you at any of these and I look forward to doing so.

### **Maundy Thursday, 9 April.**

Communion Service 7.30-8.00pm

### **Good Friday, 10 April.**

Outdoor Prayer and Praise Service 11.00-11.30am (by Icknield Way Layby) preceded by a walk of witness to the site.

### **Easter Saturday, 11 April.**

Reflective Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance of those who have passed and for those who currently struggle with life. 11.00-11.45am

### **Easter Sunday, 12 April.**

Easter Communion Service. 8.30am  
 Led by Martin Spriggs followed by Breakfast at 9.15am.

### **Easter Sunday, 12 April.**

Service 10.45am

## St Michael and All Angels Aston Clinton



### Regular Sunday Services:

9.15am Family Eucharist every Sunday apart from 4th Sunday  
 10am Benefice Service every 4th Sunday at either St Michael's, All Saints' or St Mary's  
 6pm Evensong every Sunday

### EVENTS

|            |         |                          |              |
|------------|---------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Sun 8 May  | 2.30pm  | VE Day Celebrations      | St Michael's |
| Sun 15 May | 12.30pm | St Michael's Men's lunch | The Oak      |

**PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THE TIME OF WRITING ALL CHURCH SERVICES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF COVID 19. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CHURCH WHETHER THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED AND IF THE REGULAR AND EASTER SERVICES ARE BACK TO NORMAL...**

For more information on the services and community events please like our Facebook Page – Aston Clinton Benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. Or visit [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and search under Aston Clinton.

## Surgery News

Westongrove (Aston Clinton Surgery, Bedgrove Surgery and Wendover Health Centre) will be updating its information on Coronavirus as we receive it via our website [www.westongrove.com](http://www.westongrove.com) and at the surgery. The situation is changing frequently and we will also update patients of any changes to surgery services by text message where possible, so please make sure we have your up to date mobile numbers.

**Please follow the guidance given by 111 on its online coronavirus service or call 111 if you need to speak to someone.**



## St Michael & All Angels' Summer Fete Saturday 11th July 2020

**Save the date!**  
 More news next time.

All the usual goings-on at our annual summer fete.

If you would like a stall, to help, bake a cake or just come and have a lovely time, please contact Louise on [smaa\\_fete@yahoo.com](mailto:smaa_fete@yahoo.com)

## Police officer from Aston Clinton wins bravery award

*Three Milton Keynes Police Officers who saved the lives of a terrified wife and her three children by detaining an extremely violent and aggressive husband have been named overall winners of the Thames Valley Police Federation Bravery Awards and will now represent TVP at the National Police Bravery Awards in London this June.*

PC David Icke, who grew up in Aston Clinton, and his colleagues, PC Emily Chapman and PC Nazia Hussain, suffered severe injuries but were still able to subdue the man during the attack.



PC David Icke, 2nd from the left

In June, 2018 the officers were called to attend reports of screaming from a property in Bletchley at around midnight. On arrival, the officers could see neighbours on the street and could hear screams coming from one of the houses.

Realising they were children's screams the officers knew they had to get into the property quickly and smashed their way into the property using a neighbour's hammer.

As they reached the landing, they could see a man punching his wife.

Seeing the officers approach him, the man turned his aggression on PC Hussain and grabbed her before punching her in the head several times. PC Chapman then discharged her Taser, but such was the man's aggressive state that it had no effect on him.

She then used her PAVA spray on the man in a bid to get him to release PC Hussain, but again the deterrent did little to stop the attack.

By now the man had grabbed PC Chapman and was forcing her over the bannister before PC Icke managed to spray more PAVA directly into the man's eyes.

However, the man carried on attacking PC Hussain until the officers managed to bundle him to the ground.

Back up arrived to help detain the man, and the officers could see the devastation his violence had caused. Three children were in the bedroom, which was covered in blood and vomit.

PC Icke broke his hand during the incident while PC Hussain suffered concussion.

The man later received a 16 year jail sentence, and it transpired that as the officers arrived he had been planning to murder his wife by drowning her in the bath.

PC Icke said; "We were fighting for our lives, and we needed to protect the people in the house because we didn't know at that point what's happened to them and the state of their health. We had to control the man anyway we could."

PC Chapman said "It really did get to the point where we would have tried anything to stop him, to protect us and the others... I was so worried about him getting back into the bedroom, to the children and wife. It is one of those cases that we all feel we saved their lives. That's our job. That's what we're here to do, and it is one job that will always stick in our minds as we did it to the best of our ability and saved them."

The officers later arranged for Christmas presents to be sent to the children.

Thames Valley Police Federation Chairman Craig O'Leary said the officers were life-savers. He added: "These officers endured what can only be described as a horrific incident.

"Having sustained injuries themselves, they have done a phenomenal job in making sure that this offender was brought to justice. That was reflected in the sentence that he was given. The courts don't hand out 16-year sentences unless it's warranted and I think that really goes to show the severity of the job that this team faced on that day.

"Every single one of them is brave to the core, and they are a terrific example of the professionalism and the bravery that our Thames Valley Police officers show on a daily basis."

David Icke lived in Aston Clinton from 1988-2009, and attended Aston Clinton School and Tring School. He married Emily Sullivan at St Michael's Church Aston Clinton in June 2010, but sadly Emily died at the age of 25, in June 2015, of Cystic Fibrosis. David has now remarried and has son and lives near Banbury.

## BBOWT Spring Walks

*Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust, Chiltern Group Guided Walks in May*

**Saturday 23rd 10am-noon**

*Butterflies and other insects.* Yoesden Nature Reserve, Near Chinnor HP14 4AR

**? Sunday 23th 10am-noon**

*Discover the wildlife of Aston Clinton Ragpits.* Aston Clinton Ragpits, HP22 5NF

**Sunday 31st 2pm-4.30pm**

*Spring into Summer at Dancersend.* Dancersend Nature Reserve, HP23 6LB

Booking is essential for all walks.

£5 adults/£3 children

To book or for more details contact [bbowt.org.uk/events](http://bbowt.org.uk/events) or **01442 826774**. All funds raised help to support the Wildlife Trust's work protecting local wildlife.



Neil Baldwin

## NGS Open Gardens



*The National Garden Scheme was started in 1927 by the Queen's Nursing Institute as a means of raising*

*money. Nearly 100 years later the NGS still gives access to over 3700 exceptional private gardens throughout the country and raises impressive amounts of money for nursing and health charities through admissions, teas and cake.*

This year there will three gardens opening locally. On **26 April, from 2-5pm** you will be able to visit 101, Green End Street and Lantern Cottage, also in Green End Street. The combined admission for the two gardens is £4 per person. Refreshments will be available at Lantern Cottage.

They will be open again on **28 June** and the same arrangements apply. On that day another garden, at Canal Cottage, 11, Wharf Row, Buckland Road will also be open. This will be open from **12-4pm** and admission is £3 per person.



## Green Park – A short history



*The sporting facility which we now know as Green Park in Stablebridge Road, has not always been the same. In fact, it has a long history dating back to the late 18th Century.*

The Aston Clinton Estate, (which included not only all the land which is now Aston Clinton Park, but also most of the land bounded by London Road), was the home of General Gerald Lake, who was the Member of Parliament for Aylesbury and later became the 1st Viscount Lake of Delhi, Leswaree and Aston Clinton. He had a mansion built there which remained in his family's ownership for 50 years. He was a friend of the then Prince of Wales (Prinny) who used to like to come out to Aston Clinton to hunt with Lord Lake. However, Aston Clinton House was too small for the prince's entourage, so the house which is now **The Bell** was built to house them. There is a memorial to the 1st Viscount Lake in St Michael's Church where he is buried in the Sanctuary.

It was the 2nd Viscount Lake who put the estate on the market and sold it to the Duke of Buckingham. It is not known whether the duke actually lived there, but it came on the market again around 1850 when the house was described as *'a most desirable sporting residence, suited to a family of respectability'*. The then Lady Rothschild was, at that time, encouraging her sons to move out of London and Sir Anthony

purchased the estate in 1851. He and his wife, Louisa, extended the house enormously over the years and built the Girls' School and many other houses and cottages in the village. In fact, the house and the estate needed so many servants to run it that Aston Clinton could not supply enough people and Sir Anthony had to look to Buckland for more servants. So that they could get to work over a good road, **New Road** was constructed joining the two villages.

Sir Anthony died in 1876 but Lady Louisa continued to live at Aston Clinton House with her daughters, Constance and Annie, and in 1894 she built **The Anthony Hall** in Sir Anthony's memory. A bust of Sir Anthony and a portrait of Constance and Annie can still be seen in the hall. Lady Rothschild died in 1910 and her hatchment hangs in St Michael's Church.

Following Lady Rothschild's death, the daughters continued to run the estate until the First World War when it was loaned to the War Office and used as the headquarters for the 21st Infantry Division. There is a photograph in the Aston Clinton Archive of King George V inspecting the troops on what are now the football pitches in Aston Clinton Park.

The estate was sold in 1923 for £15,000 to Dr Crawford who used the mansion as a boys' boarding school. Evelyn Waugh taught there for a short time and it is the background described by him in his novel *'Decline and Fall'*. One of the characters in the book, Captain Grimes, does a moonlight flit leaving debts. This actually happened and the real man was well remembered in the village shop for his indebtedness. Dr Crawford's school was not a success and the estate was sold again. Dr Crawford died and his tomb is in the middle of the burial ground adjoining St Michael's Churchyard.



Left: Dr Crawford's grave. Right: The pump house.

Again, the estate was sold when it became Aston Clinton Country Club for a very few years before it became, first, the Howard Park Hotel in 1933 and then changed its name to the Green Park Hotel in 1938. Both enterprises failed.

During the Second World War, the house was used as a hospital for troops and the stables were the home of the EKCO Radio Company which worked there on the development of radar.

Following the war, the house was deteriorating and over a period between 1959 and 1967, the house and parts of the estate were bought by Bucks County Council. They demolished the house and built the Green Park Training Centre, which was operated directly by the County Council but is now leased to The Adventure Learning Charity, with 80-acres of outdoor activities and is open to everybody. The activities include after school and school holiday activity courses.

The swimming pool and sports hall offer the opportunity to learn to swim and fence, whilst outside there is archery, mountain biking, high ropes and a climbing wall. A far cry from the opulence and sophisticated elegance during the estate's ownership by the Lakes and the Rothschilds but much more use to the present-day population. The 35+ acres which now form Aston Clinton Park were purchased by the Parish Council in 1973 and contain remnants of the house terraces which were in the 'Park' of the big house. Lady Rothschild found them unsightly and had them demolished.

The only thing remaining on the site of Aston Clinton House is part of the balustrade outside what used to be the front door of the house. The stables remain largely intact. The pump house (still with the pump inside it) is in the wood forming part of Aston Clinton Park. There is a memorial to the 1st Viscount Lake in St Michael's Church where he is buried in the Sanctuary. *James Adam*



## Aston Clinton School

Head: Mrs Helen Shepherd



### A New Era for School Inspections

In September 2019, Amanda Spielman (Ofsted Chief Inspector of Education) introduced a new inspection framework, which is in four categories: Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Leadership and Management. The centrepiece is the quality of education judgement. The focus of this judgement has shifted significantly with the emphasis now being the school's curriculum. Its rationale is to put a broad, rich and balanced curriculum at the heart of learning and to dial down on a data-heavy culture. What is taught and how is it taught?

Ofsted has created a new nomenclature to describe the quality of education judgment: *"Intent, implementation and impact"*.



So, what do they mean by curriculum intent? It is about the *'substance of education'*. What do we want our children to learn? How will learning progress from the Early years to Year 6? Does the curriculum provide the building blocks of what children need to know and be able to do to succeed in all subjects?

Curriculum implementation is how we go about ensuring that what we intend is put into action and that our curriculum can be measured in terms of how pupils have developed new knowledge, understanding and skills that they can use and recall with fluency.

The inspection team will use a methodology referred to as a *'deep dive'* to gain a deeper understanding of a school's curriculum. They will carry out inspections through subject areas to make overall judgements. They will be going into lessons and observing teachers and children, looking at children's work, talking to children, having deep discussions with curriculum and subject leaders, talking about curriculum intention, coherence and sequencing as well as its translation into the classroom. Subject leaders will be asked why particular knowledge has been selected, how it is sequenced and embedded and how it links to stages in development. Inspectors will usually carry out deep dives into between three and six subjects.

Our journey... we were last inspected under the previous framework where data was the driving factor. We have, therefore, had to follow two development plans this year, one to address the issues raised in the inspection report and the other to ensure we are working towards a judgement of *'Good'* in the new framework. We have analysed our curriculum to ensure that it reflects our vision statement: *Aspire, care, succeed*. This includes analysing the impact that our enrichment activities have on our children. As children are the most important people in the whole process, we have asked them for their feedback and consulted them about their learning journey. They have given us 51 things that every child at our school should experience/achieve by the time they leave us. These are listed on our school website [www.astonclintonschool.co.uk](http://www.astonclintonschool.co.uk).

We are now working hard with the children to ensure these things are built into our curriculum and are excited about the future!

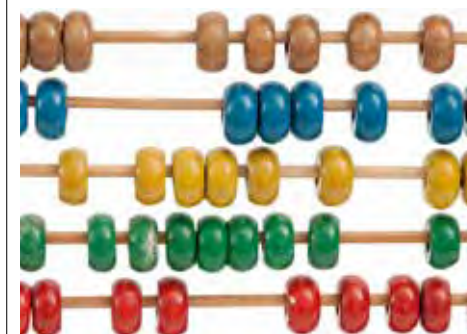
**Aston Clinton Pre-school has been part of the village community for over 50 years.**



We now have many parents who attended the pre-school as children themselves, which demonstrates the importance of the pre-school as a community asset. The setting offers a very high standard of early education and was given a *'Good'* rating in our most recent Ofsted inspection. Over the past two years we have worked incredibly hard to promote excellent relationships with Aston Clinton school as well as other schools in the local area to support all children with their educational

journeys throughout their time with us and once they leave.

We are a busy, thriving establishment at the heart of the village and the pre-school continues to go from strength to strength. Not everyone is aware that we are a not for profit charitable organisation, managed solely by a group of charitable trustees. The success of the pre-school would not be possible without them and we all enjoy working together to ensure the brightest start for all the children who come to us.



One of the trustee roles that is often a little trickier to fill is the treasurer. Being our treasurer is not a hugely time-consuming role but is vitally important. Without a treasurer we can't settle accounts or pay the staff! We are currently on the lookout for either a parent or perhaps a member of the community, who may be looking to take on a part time voluntary role and help secure the future of the pre-school.

If you feel this is something you might be interested in helping with, please get in touch at [acpsmanagement@gmail.com](mailto:acpsmanagement@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

For a digital version of Village Life please visit our website.

[acvillagelife.co.uk](http://acvillagelife.co.uk)



## Buckland and AC CC

*Summer is tantalisingly close and soon the sound of ball on bat will once again be heard at our ground just off Church Lane. The start of indoor nets in early March got us up and running and we are really looking forward to the 2020 season. We hope that it will be one to remember.*

We have been very busy over the winter upgrading our facilities and putting the club more firmly at the heart of the life of our community. With the aid of some Section 106 developer's contributions we have been able to resurface and put new netting on both of our practice nets, we have purchased new mobile covers to ensure we lose less game time to rain and have replaced both of our ageing sightscreens.



Those of you who have been to the ground over recent years will have noticed the clubhouse has needed a refurb. Other priorities and a lack of funds had stopped this happening until now. Although this is likely to be an ongoing project we have made progress over our off season and really hope that changes we have made will make the pavilion somewhere people will want to spend more time.

For the 2020 season we again have Senior teams in Divisions 3 and 5 of the Four Counties Cricket League and another in the Aylesbury District Midweek Cricket League. For the first time we are also attempting to run three Junior teams, with U11s and U13s in the ADMCL and U14s in the Bucks Cricket Board competition. You can keep up to date with our fixtures, results and other news via our Facebook page and Play-Cricket website.

As always, we are on the lookout for new players for all teams, umpires and also potential sponsors to help us to continue to develop our facilities. We also need more people to assist with our junior coaching and would be able to support a young person looking to find a volunteering activity as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award. If you are interested in any of these opportunities please contact us using the details listed in the directory in Village Life or via our Facebook page. We are a club run by a small band of committed volunteers and any offer of help from the local community is always greatly appreciated.

## WI

*Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp and Aston Clinton WI meets on the first Wednesday of every month in the Anthony Hall at 7.45pm. Our programme for **Wednesday 6 May** is a presentation on Climate Change. At our June meeting we will welcome Graham Laurie to tell us about 'The Flying Doctor Service'*

In addition to our monthly meetings we arrange theatre trips and have several thriving groups including a walking group, lunch club and craft club.

We look forward to welcoming new members at any of our meetings. Come along and try us – you will be most welcome. For more information please contact me by email [b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com](mailto:b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com) *Lin Mitchell, Secretary*

## U3A group visits Luton mosque

*The U3A suggests our life should be about Learning, Living and Laughing.*



Cake depicting the friendship of the Mosque and our U3A

In February 43 U3A members visited the Hockwelling Masjid (Mosque) in Luton and we certainly embraced all three.

We learned about the Islam Religion, with interesting explanations and many questions and answers.

We all laughed together about the similarity of our varied beliefs, agreeing to differ on some. Young and old, male and female, all were there to welcome us into their 'family'.

They are the most hospitable, friendly and generous people you could wish to meet. We were treated to a delicious lunch (and the cake they made specially for our visit) and returned home in the early evening, each with a gift bag, feeling that we had certainly lived that day.

*Maggie Evans*

## Wendover Arm Trust

The Wendover Arm Trust will be running another boat trip, open to all, from Cowroast Marina, Tring to the end of the Wendover Arm on 12 May. The cost, including morning tea/coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and the boat trip will not exceed £35. Further details on website: [www.wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](http://www.wendoverarmtrust.co.uk)

## Aston Clinton Bowls Club

*After a successful Open Day last year, Aston Clinton Bowls Club is planning to hold another on Bank Holiday **Friday, 8th May 2020 from 10am until 3.30pm**. You will have the opportunity to work with the club coaches, learn the basics of the sport and have a short game.*

If, after the Open Day, you feel that bowls is a sport you might like to take up, there will be an opportunity to sign up to the full coaching course (four sessions of about 90 minutes each and arranged at your convenience). Tuition is free, all equipment is provided and all you will need will be flat shoes (slippers or trainers are ideal). If you can't make our Open Day, you'd be more than welcome to come along to the club at a mutually convenient time and have a taster session – just contact the Club Secretary.



The season starts at the end of April, with our first home match against Potten End BC on **Wednesday 29th April at 2.30pm**. Our home games continue through the beginning of May – if we're on the green, why not pop in and watch? On **Tuesday 12th May**, the club is hosting the Buckinghamshire County Ladies v Hertfordshire at 1.30pm.

Further information from: *Brian Clark*, Secretary, Aston Clinton Bowls Club on **01844 351461** or by email to [brianp.clark29@gmail.com](mailto:brianp.clark29@gmail.com)

You can also visit the website – [www.astonclintonbowlsclub.org](http://www.astonclintonbowlsclub.org)

## Royal British Legion



*It is difficult to get people to talk about VE day 75 years on. I was just seven years old and away at boarding school so cannot remember anything about that day at all. My patchy memories of that time include the 'blackout' paint on windows, the wartime fire engines parked in a shed alongside our playground, walks to the searchlight field and going down the shelter when the siren went off.*

However, I managed to speak to a couple of people who remembered that time. Ann Wheeler (nee Donahue) remembers a VE Day party at Mr Cook's bungalow on the corner of Twitchell Lane. She said that Mr Cook went to Watford Market and brought lots of lovely goodies that they had not had for a long time.

Eileen Brooker, one of our older members, lived in Isleworth at the time. She was 11 years old and remembers having a street party with tables down the middle of the road and bunting hung across the road.

In Aston Clinton, VE day is remembered each year with a Poppy wreath being quietly laid on the war memorial. The picture shows it being carried out by our chairman, Robert Leyton.

Whilst we celebrate this 75th Anniversary, we must also remember that the war continued with great hardship and losses in the Far East and VJ day is not celebrated until August 15.

### VE Day 75 Celebration

The Parish council, in conjunction, with St Michael's, will be holding celebrations to mark VE Day 75 on **Friday 8th May**. It starts with a short commemoration at our War memorial at **2.30pm**. The Royal British Legion will be there with our standard and will lay a wreath. After prayers, a speaker and a bugler playing the Last Post, we will walk to St Michael's for a church service at 3pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the church.

The celebrations will continue at the Rothschild Arms in the evening. At 7pm St Michael's Bells will ring out in conjunction with all other churches around the United Kingdom.

The nation will be holding a three-day celebration of VE day over the Bank Holiday Weekend starting on Friday 8th May in London. Nearby Bletchley Park will also be running events. Details of these events are not yet available.

Whilst we remember these momentous events, the everyday work of the Royal British Legion goes on, looking after our veterans, especially those injured in the line of duty. Please support the Royal British Legion. *Ralph Weston.*

### Remembering VE Day 8 May, 1945

*Our issue 44, in November, 2018, remembered the 45 local men who gave their lives in World War I. We have now come to another anniversary - 75 years since the end of World War II in Europe. It seems hard to believe that only 21 years passed from the industrial levels of death in the first war until it started all over again and millions more died across the world from 1939 - 1945.*

Although our villages did not lose as many in the second war, each of the 17 men and one woman who died also had lives cut short and left behind families and friends.

There are 13 names on the Aston Clinton memorial and five in Buckland. Although there were people with connections to Drayton Beauchamp it seems they have been commemorated elsewhere.

Because of the passage of time we do not have much information about many of our service personnel but here is a reminder of the people whose names you can see on our memorials. There is more information about each person on our website. [www.acvillagelife.co.uk/war-stories](http://www.acvillagelife.co.uk/war-stories)

Captain Jean Nelson is particularly interesting as very few women appear on war memorials. Before the war she had been an anaesthetist at University College Hospital in London and was killed in an air raid on VJ Day.

Our thanks to Peter Elwin, John Disbrey and others for their help and research. If you have any more information please do get in touch so we can share the details with other readers.

### BUCKLAND MEMORIAL

SERGEANT BERNARD COLLYER.  
Died 29th April 1941. Age 19.

LANCE SERJEANT EDWARD COLLYER.  
Died 21st May 1940. Age 30.

CAPTAIN JEAN NELSON L.R.C.P, M.R.C.S  
Died 15th August 1945. Age 30.

ORDINARY SEAMAN CHARLES ROBSON  
Died 12th November 1942.

SECOND LIEUTENANT  
LESLIE STEWART M.C.  
Died 29th November 1940. Age 29

### ASTON CLINTON MEMORIAL

FLT LT. NORMAN BIRCH  
Died 15 July 1944. Age 21.

COY QUARTERMASTER  
ANDREW COONIE  
Died 1 Oct. 1944. Age 37.

GUNNER MAURICE DENNIS  
Died 28 July 1944. Age 30.

FLT LT. LESLIE GREENHALGH  
Died 7 June 1944. Age 22.

ABLE SEAMAN CLARENCE HAMMOND  
Died 1 Sept 1940. Age 44.

LT. STANLEY HILL  
Died 27 October 1942. Age 21.

FLT SGT FREDERICK HYDE  
Died 26 Sept 1941. Age 50.

PRIVATE EDWARD LAKER  
Died 8 July 1944. Age 19.

MARINE CORNELIUS CALLAGHAN.  
Died 24 November 1941. Age 19.

CORPORAL ARTHUR ROLFE  
Died 30 August 1943. Age 22.

FLYING OFFICER(PILOT)  
WILLIAM SAWDY.  
Died 14 June 1943.

CAPTAIN DAVID SMITH.  
Died 29 January 1942. Age 50.

PRIVATE ROBERT WINTER.  
Died 9 August 1944. Age 21.

**BURIED IN ST MICHAEL'S  
CHURCHYARD BUT  
COMMEMORATED AT  
TOTTERNHOE WAR MEMORIAL:**

CPL. STANLEY SHARP.  
Died 5 May 1944. Age 34.



## Simply Walk Support for Mental Health Awareness

*As part of the Buckinghamshire Simply Walk organisation, we're used to welcoming visitors to Aston Clinton from other walking groups from all across the Vale and beyond. On January 16th however, we were pleased to welcome DJ & Broadcaster Wes Venn from Mix96 who was preparing a piece on: "looking at getting exercise and getting out into the open air" for broadcast in February as part of its 'Mental Health Awareness Month' initiative. We were also pleased to welcome back Fiona Broadbent from Bucks CC, who is the Head co-ordinator of Simply Walk.*



Wes Venn talking to Karen, one of our Walk Leaders.  
Credit: Wes Venn/Mix96

Wes opted to join our 'Short' Walk and took the opportunity to interview a number of walkers including Karen, who is one of our Walk Leaders and who acted as our co-ordinator for the event (see photo). If you haven't already seen it, Wes has posted the video of his time with us on the Mix96 website, on its 'Mental Health Awareness' page under the 'Activities for Your Mind' section. Alternatively, you can view the video on the web at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkpbZuMb6Cs#action](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkpbZuMb6Cs#action)

With the better weather now fast approaching, there's no better time to dust off your old walking boots and join us for some

gentle exercise with some good company in our lovely Chiltern countryside. Walks start at 10:30am prompt every Thursday, from the carpark in Aston Clinton Park and we have walks for all abilities from 'starter' to 'some experience'. We also now have a series of 'Progression' walks which are designed specifically for those who are considering trying longer walks with groups such as the Chiltern Society and Ramblers but would like to check-out, or improve upon, their current fitness levels first. Simply come along 15mins early and look for the person in the Hi-Vis bib and they will be happy to advise you.

## WANTED Adult Leaders to Help with Brownies



*Brownies are very enthusiastic young Ladies between the ages of seven and 11. They have a very varied programme and enjoy being with their friends and trying all the interesting activities on offer.*

Brownies introduces girls to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun.

We have two Brownie Packs in the village and really need some extra adult help for our Wednesday pack. If you would like to volunteer with Girlguiding for an hour or two a week please register your interest at: [www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/)

If you would like to find out more information, call Sue on 01296 632142.

## Your Council

*On 1st April your council changed.*

*The new Buckinghamshire Council will replace all five of the district and county councils in Buckinghamshire, and over the coming weeks and months you'll start to see some changes as you come across the new look council.*

### What does the new council mean for me?

- *The same services, better together.* For most people there will be no change to the day-to-day services you use. This includes bin collections, looking after our elderly and young people, libraries and parking. The focus for the future will be on improving these services as a new council together.
- *One council.* Getting in touch with the council will be simpler because you'll only need to contact one council for all the services currently provided by the county and district councils.
- *Face-to-face advice, support and information* from your council through a network of 17 local Council Access Points based at the heart of your local community – in current council offices and libraries across the county. The five council offices in Aylesbury (Walton Street and The Gateway), High Wycombe, Amersham and Denham will be 'access plus' points, geared up to handle more complex enquiries.
- *Stronger links with local communities.* Buckinghamshire Council councillors will work closely with local people and community organisations to understand and respond to the key issues affecting their local area through 16 Community Boards.



### Who will be my local councillor on the new council?

There will be 147 councillors elected to Buckinghamshire Council. Elections for the new council have been postponed because of the Covid 19 pandemic so until the newly elected councillors take up their posts, your current elected members from the five existing councils will continue to serve your communities.

### How can I find out more?

For regular news and updates, follow @BucksCouncil on Twitter and Facebook or find out more at [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)



## Crime prevention advice – Faraday pouch

*There has been a spate of theft of and theft from vehicles in Aylesbury and the rural areas. Because of this, here is some advice regarding keyless entry vehicles.*

Metal-lined key wallets to stop hi-tech crooks in their tracks

Keyless entry and starting for your car is convenient and user-friendly, but it does leave you vulnerable to hi-tech thieves. These criminals use relay attack devices to 'read' the key from outside your house. With the code copied, they can simply drive off in your vehicle.

Storing your key in a Faraday bag, lined with layers of metallic material, is the way to foil them and keep your car safe. The key needs to be placed inside the bag from the moment you clip the locks. If it's large enough, you can also put in your mobile phone and credit cards to prevent hacking and fraud. **Keep your keyless car safe.**

## Rainbows

Five years ago the Rainbow unit in the village opened its doors to 15 excited young girls. It seems unbelievable that some of these girls will be off to secondary school soon! Since then we have welcomed many more girls in to Girlguiding and seen them all grow and flourish. It's been a very busy five years including earning many badges, going on trips, welcoming visitors to talk to us about a whole range of subjects and a successful first Rainbows sleepover!



Rainbows is for girls 5-7 years old and offers a valuable opportunity to have fun, build confidence and gain experience in a safe and nurturing environment, with the emphasis on learning by doing. A new programme was introduced last year and there is now a wide range of topics that the Rainbows can earn badges for, including Express Myself, Skills for My Future and Be Well. Some of the badges we have completed so far are First Aid, Make Change (which involved choosing a charity and raising money) and Innovate (which involved doing science experiments and inventing).

If your daughter is interested in joining then please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) to learn more and register your interest with Rainbows. Our advice is to register as early as possible!

One sure fire way to ensure your daughter gets a place is to become a weekly helper.

Volunteering with Girlguiding is a fantastic way to make new friends and learn new skills. We need volunteers at all levels of local Girlguiding, particularly the Brownies, so if you think you might be interested in helping out, even if you don't have a daughter, please go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) to register your interest as a volunteer. *Thank you!*

## Swan rescue

On 6th June 2019 I was walking up through the lake woods with the girls when I found an injured swan. A quick call to the Thames Valley Police wildlife officer and the Parish clerk had the situation under control. Elaine rushed up to us with red and white danger tape to close off the woods while I sat patiently on a log awaiting a Tiggywinkles volunteer to come to the swan's aid.

40 minutes later a chap arrived from Leighton Buzzard equipped with a large carrier used specifically for the safe transportation of large birds.

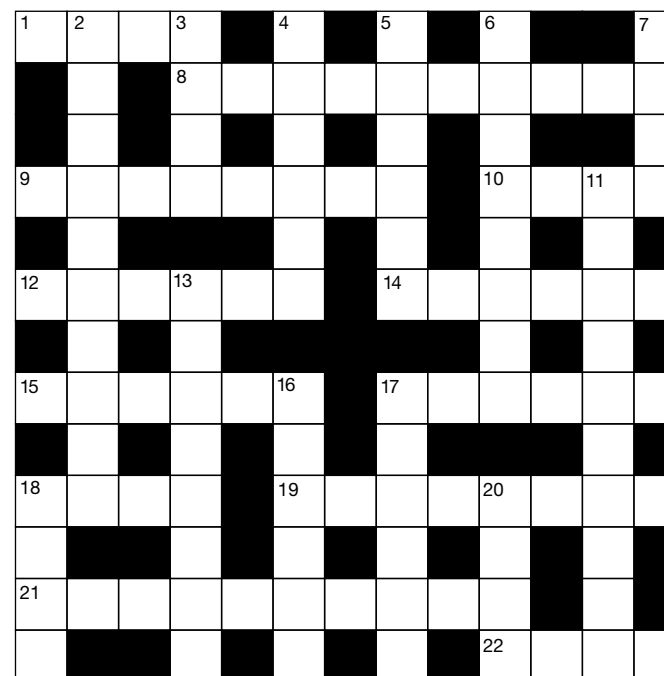


It took a while to round the swan up but once he was secured he was on his way to Tiggywinkles to be fixed up.

The story ended well. After medical attention he was given a clean bill of health and later released at Startops Reservoir where, hopefully, he rejoined his mate. *Lesley Ronson*

## Village Life crossword no.38

Crossword compiled by Helen Lonsdale (SOLUTION ON PAGE 28)



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1 June flower with sweet smell (4)
- 8 Exhibiting different colours (10)
- 9 Copy size of a pinhead (8)
- 10 Barrier (4)
- 12 Cask (6)
- 14 Irritable (6)
- 15 Clinker (6)
- 17 Made tea or coffee (6)
- 18 S. American ancient empire (4)
- 19 Truthfully (8)
- 21 Be far superior to (10)
- 22 Throb (4)

### CLUES DOWN

- 2 Commitment (10)
- 3 Continually (4)
- 4 Nuptial (6)
- 5 Scottish football team (6)
- 6 Communication (8)
- 7 Lazy (4)
- 11 Covering for board (10)
- 13 Brilliance (8)
- 16 Warm again (6)
- 17 Exile (6)
- 18 Image (4)
- 20 Soft drink (4)

## Aston Clinton Ladies Group

**2020 programme.** All meetings at the Guide Hall at 8pm, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month unless stated otherwise.

**15 April** – A late Lent service with Rev Sally Bottomer 'New Beginnings' At St Michael's church at 8pm, followed by coffee at Janet Leech's house.

**20 May** – "History and restoration of the Wendover Arm of the Grand Union canal" A talk by Clive Johnson

**June** – No meeting

**15 July** – "Hearing and ear care" by Nikki McGrath.

**19 August** – Summer Evening at Marion Richards' house.

**16 September** – "Entertaining and Napkin folding" by Irene and Linda.

**21 October** – "The work of street angels". talk

**18 November** – AGM and anniversary supper, 7.30pm for 7.45pm at Buckland Village Hall.

**16 December** – Carol Service. 8pm at St Michael's church. Followed by coffee and mince pies at Janet Watson's house.

New members always very welcome. Contact *Sue 01296 630740* or *Janet 01296 631014*.



## An update from Aston Clinton P.C

*We are refurbishing the play park, replacing various items with new, repainting and resurfacing. The play park will close for about 1 week whilst this work is carried out. For any updates, please see our website [www.astonclinton.org.uk](http://www.astonclinton.org.uk)*

We are pleased to report Santa's Float raised £1276.37. This has been split equally between Rennie Grove Hospice and the Scouts/Guides. A big thank you to all the volunteers and for the generous donations.

Did you know that we have two defibrillators in the village, one outside the school and the other located outside the Parish Council offices in the park? These are inspected once a week by your local councillor – Corrine Judge. If you are interested in how to use one, we hold an annual training session in October at the school. If you would like to attend, please contact the Assistant Clerk – *Sue Kenny* on **01296 631269**. We will then add you to the list for the next training session.

This year we will be celebrating **VE 75 Day on Friday 8th May**. There will be a short service at the memorial followed by a walk to the church for a service with Rev. Sally Bottomer, after which there will be refreshments in the Church. Updates will be posted on our website.

We are also planning something for VJ day, details of which will be posted at a later date.

The parish council is holding its **4th Astonbury on 15th August**. The format will be the same as previous years, with children's rides and attractions from midday and bands starting at 2.30pm and continuing to 11pm. There will be a variety of food concessions and a beer tent, and, as usual, the Cafe in the Park will open for longer hours.



The Community Centre is progressing well. After the extremely bad weather this winter they have fallen a couple of weeks behind schedule, however the building should be completed in September.

## Grants available from the Turpin's Charity

*Turpin's Charity has a new website and is now taking online applications for grants.*

Turpin's Charity provides grants to individuals who are in a condition of hardship, distress (whether physical, financial or mental) who reside in the parish of Aston Clinton or the parish of Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards.

Turpin's Charity began in 1736 when Widow Turpin died. In her will she bequeathed all of her freehold land within the parish of Aston Clinton to the benefit of those in need of monetary support in Aston Clinton and the parish of Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards forever. Today the charity continues to support those in need and we have recently launched a website which has been designed to make it easier for local residents and organisations to contact the charity, find out more and apply for grants. The charity welcomes enquiries so please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are able to provide our information in a variety of formats.

[info@turpinscharity.org.uk](mailto:info@turpinscharity.org.uk)  
[www.turpinscharity.org.uk](http://www.turpinscharity.org.uk)  
**01296 630162**

## Pharmacists – help on the high street from experts in medicines

*Where can you get prompt help or advice from a qualified health professional who is an expert in medicines, without an appointment? From your local high street pharmacist, of course.*

With the NHS under intense pressure it's wise to make the pharmacist your first port of call if you feel unwell. Nine out of ten people live within 20 minutes of a pharmacy.



Everyone is familiar with going to the pharmacy for a prescription, or painkillers, but did you know that pharmacists have five years of training in the use of medicines? As well as being qualified to dispense your NHS prescription, pharmacists can offer advice on a wide range of health problems.

If you have a cold, cough or other common ailment such as a tummy bug, earache or eye infection, seek advice from your local pharmacist right away before you start to feel worse. Pharmacists can give clinical advice on how to manage your illness, or recommend over the counter remedies, and they know when to refer you to the GP if they suspect it is more serious.

The great thing about a local pharmacy, is that it is so easy to access. Over 84% of adults in the country visited a pharmacy last year.

Pharmacies have a consultation room, so patients can discuss health problems in private just as they would with their GP, but without the need to make an appointment.

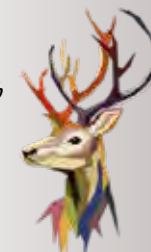
When you contact 111 for urgent medical help, you could be referred to a pharmacist. It's a good thing if this happens because it means that your condition is not serious enough to need hospital or a doctor, but you are still able to get immediate access to the right clinical advice and possibly medication to help you.

With extended opening hours at evenings and weekends, pharmacies should be top of the list for anyone seeking convenient, quick, professional health advice.

To find your nearest pharmacy visit [www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-pharmacy/](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-pharmacy/)

## Buck Pub 2020

*Buck Pub 2020 returns to the village in June from lunch time on Friday 12th to the afternoon of Sunday 14th.*



The pub is run entirely by volunteers with all proceeds going to local charities, so if you are able to help in any way then do please let me know. The tasks/times are all on the web site.

In addition to the food, drink, music and quiz night, this year we will also be running a new art exhibition all weekend including work from local artists Sally Bassett and Daniel McShane. Could I also ask you to share the link on social media so that everyone knows about it?

All details are on the website: [www.thebuckpub.co.uk](http://www.thebuckpub.co.uk) or call *Nigel* on **01296 631010**

## Village People

*This is a series about the people of Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. Not just about the people who live in these villages but the people who are a part of the daily life of the villages.*

**Claire and Neil Walker** are actively involved as Scout leaders.



**Q. How long have you been with the Aston Clinton Scouts?**

A. *Claire* – 10 years. I run the Beaver section. *Neil* – 7 years. I run the Scout section. We both run the Explorer section.

**Q. How old are the scouts and how many are there?**

A. Ages range from six to 18 years. There are 80 young people across all the four sections: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers.

**Q. What does the role involve?**

A. Main responsibility is to organise activities of our section. Main aim is to have fun and ensure that the children have fun too.

**Q. Did you require any specific training?**

A. All volunteers have training in safety, safeguarding and GDPR. Those wanting to have a full leadership role are trained in the fundamentals of Scouting, how to deliver a balanced programme of activities and first aid. Adventurous activities such as camping, hiking in mountainous terrain or water activities require further training/experience.

**Q. Has the role changed over the years?**

A. Not a lot. It's still trying to be the same organisation Baden-Powell started at the beginning of the last century but with more focus on safety

and safeguarding. Tents have a got a lot lighter since those early days but many of the activities remain the same.

**Q. How many people are involved in Aston Clinton Scouts?**

A. Forty people have provided help at some point over the past year. Each section is supported by between three and five volunteers and there's a committee that acts as trustees for the group and assists with the admin. Keen parents also come on camps and hikes.

**Q. What advice would you give to anyone wanting to help with the scouts?**

A. Change your mindset to that of young people. They come to meetings to have fun and try out new things. Stop worrying about whether you know how to tie knots or pitch a tent. Plenty of us already know how to do that and we can teach you. Also, stop worrying about whether you have the time, but don't believe anyone who tells you it's just an hour a week!

**Q. How long have you lived in Aston Clinton?**

A. Almost 17 years. Neil moved work from Leeds to Watford and we travelled up the A41 until we found somewhere that looked nice and we could afford. We said we would give it 18 months!

**Q. Are you involved in any other activities or groups in the village?**

A. We try and attend and support as many village events as we can.

**Q. What are your hobbies, what do you do for fun?**

A. *Claire* – Scouts, running, camping, cycling, climbing up mountains, skiing down mountains. *Neil* – trying to keep up with Claire.

**Q. What's your favourite music?**

A. *Claire* – heavy metal, rock & anything I can run to. *Neil* – heavy rock, I was in the Guns N Roses video for their song Paradise City.

**Q. What's your favourite film?**

*Claire* – Amelie, we once spent a weekend in Paris, visiting the cafe where it was filmed. *Neil* – Whisky Galore, occasionally bottles from the original shipwreck come up for auction but they're quite expensive these days.

**Q. What was the first car you owned and what do you drive now?**

A. *Claire* – bright orange Mini Clubman that overheated on steep hills. Volvo XC60 with large boot for kit for scout campsites. *Neil* – rust brown Mk1 Ford Escort. Cost £15 and sold as scrap two years later for £5. Nissan X-trail with tow bar, large boot and 'Scout-resistant' wipe clean seats.

**Q. What changes to village life (good or bad) have you noticed in recent years?**

A. The bypass opened six months after we arrived and that made a massive difference

Our main aim is to have fun and ensure that the children have fun too.

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to the village. Since then it has definitely grown but still feels like a village. We worry about becoming a suburb of an enlarged Aylesbury.

Interview *Andrew Andersz*

*If there is anyone whose contribution to village life you believe should be featured in a forthcoming issue of Village Life, please send details to Editor@acvillagelife.co.uk*



## All Saints' Buckland

### Regular Sunday Services:

- 8am Holy Communion every Sunday apart from 4th
- 10am Benefice Service every 4th Sunday at either St Michael's, All Saints' or St Mary's
- 11am Family Communion every 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday
- 11am Messy Sunday every 2nd Sunday (a fun interactive service with craft for children)



### Regular Events at All Saints'

- 10am Wednesday: Mid-Week Communion

For more information on the services and community events please like our Facebook Page – Aston Clinton Benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. Or visit [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and search under Aston Clinton.

**ALL CHURCH SERVICES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## Flicks in the Sticks

*Flicks has now been running since 2014. Some of you may remember the first film we showed was 'Keeping Mum', starring Rowan Atkinson. I was told when we wanted to set up a cinema to use only films with no swearing, sex or violence. 'Keeping Mum' had all three plus the glorious addition of an extremely bonkers priest and his family! It was a brilliant evening and Flicks was born.*

We've had some great times together here: the professional musician who provided live accompaniment to Buster Keaton; there was our local hero David Malinowski who brought along his shiny new Oscar, which we got to hold; and one of my personal favourites was when we all sang 'Hey Jude' at the start of this season against a backdrop of flickering lights... magic!

We love Flicks and we love that you love it, and many of you have been loyal supporters since the beginning, when we had no cushions on the pews, very dodgy speakers and a screen

that required a troop of chaps to put it up.

A HUGE thank you if you've been coming since 2014; or if you're new to Flicks; your support is essential to keep the warmth of the community spirit wonderfully. A combination of The Rex meets Dibley!

All Saints' Church is now one of the few in the country that has been officially granted an alcohol licence. This season we opened the Holy Orders Bar. Soon we'll have live streaming.

It's much more a shared team experience these days. We have awesome cooks such as Janet and Veronica, and any number of trained bar staff. With the outstanding new equipment now in place we hope that the season for Flicks and other events will extend, and we plan to have regular social nights around the Holy Orders Bar.

We always love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved in helping behind the screen. Don't be backward in coming forward! *Rev Alison*

## All Saints' new audio-visual system & Premises Licence

If you are not a Flicks member you may not have heard that our full audio-visual system, complete now with its electric drop-down screen, ceiling-mounted projector and Blu-ray player, was given its first outing at the showing of Tolkien at Flicks on 10th January – which, by the way, was very popular with the packed audience. The next development was that we obtained our new Premises Licence which enables alcohol to be sold in the church for any events throughout the year. If you are not currently a Flicks member and would like to join the email list, just let me know.

The combination of a first-rate audio-visual system with an excellent kitchen, central heating and now Premises Licence is consistent with our strategy which is to see this beautiful building being used for a wide range of purposes for the benefit of all the community.

### Donating to All Saints at no cost to you!

Our Treasurer, Kate Eckett, has asked me to circulate details of Easyfundraising <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> which enables you to give free donations to All Saints' Church at no cost to you as an online shopper. She has just set up this web page for Buckland PCC, via which the web sites of a wide range of retailers, travel, insurance and utility companies can be accessed. So, when you are going to shop online, to raise funds for All Saints at no cost to yourself you just need to do so via this Easyfundraising web page. Give it a try!

*Peter Elwin*

For a digital version of Village Life please visit our website.

[acvillagelife.co.uk](http://acvillagelife.co.uk)

## Mum Antonia continues her battle against cancer

*My friend Antonia, who lives in Stoke Mandeville, is a beautiful woman and a wonderful wife and mother. A few years ago she was diagnosed with Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma, a rare and aggressive cancer. She had to have her tongue removed. This was followed by chemotherapy and radiotherapy.*



Three years ago she was given between three months and two years to live. Antonia made some spectacular changes to her lifestyle particularly around nutrition. However, the cancer has returned, this time manifested by tumours in her lungs. Antonia is not prepared to give up on herself and she wants to see her 18, 13 and 9 year olds grow up. She has started on a course of immunotherapy. So far so good, Antonia is mixing western medicine, therapies and injections not readily available in this country. Her treatment costs £3,000 per year. *Will you, can you help her, please?* The treatment is on-going and Antonia is very very grateful to the people who have already donated to help her continue her fight against this cancer.

To help Antonia cover her treatment please go to: [www.gofundme.com/f/89xr2-help-for-antonia](http://www.gofundme.com/f/89xr2-help-for-antonia)

*Thank you, Linda Oatley*

## Horticultural Society

*I am sorry for the weather since the New Year! Everyone I meet says that they cannot get on to their gardens because of the rain, especially from the storms making the ground waterlogged. When the weather calms down, the warmth from the sun will bring on the flowering trees and shrubs very quickly so be prepared to work fast in sorting out your gardens.*



**Our 63rd Annual Summer Show is on Saturday 29th August** and is open from **2pm** in the Aston Clinton School Hall. Entry £1. **Entry night will be Wednesday 26th** in the Anthony Hall: time 6-7.45pm.

Sue Lipscomb who has been our Chairman for many years, has decided to retire from the post this year and we are looking for someone to take over the role. We all want to thank Sue for her dedication and commitment and are grateful for her ongoing support as a committee member.

Please contact the Society's Secretary, **Maureen Ridler** on **01296 633376** or email: [maurid1@blackmoregate.co.uk](mailto:maurid1@blackmoregate.co.uk)

### Planting trees

Last time I talked about the benefits of planting trees and we have already begun

because we have been given three Black Poplars and they have now been planted on the bank of the stream in the park, in an area that is quite bare at the moment. The picture, taken by Richard Needham, shows the planting. Black Poplar trees used to be common in this area so these will make quite a statement. The three trees are all males and come from Royal stock at Sandringham. When they are established, we can plant a female tree. Since they come from such illustrious stock I am going to call them Princes William, Harry and George.

I am now looking at winter 2020 for further planting of trees in the village. I would like to reintroduce a variety of Elm trees that are completely resistant to Dutch Elm Disease (DED). Elm or *Ulmus* 'New Horizon', to give it its scientific name, is a medium to large tree which is completely resistant to DED. In maturity it forms an attractive rounded canopy with fresh green leaves. The leaves continue to look fresh even in drought conditions.

This tough tree is a fast grower and quick to establish itself. The particular qualities of interest are: DED free; native wildlife habitat including the rare White-letter Hairstreak butterfly; fully hardy in extreme cold; drought resistance; tolerant of periodical waterlogging; mid green leaf colour; yellow autumn colour; thrives in coastal conditions and poor soils. Unfortunately, they are not cheap to acquire but the Horticultural Society will be making various bids for grants. We would welcome support from the villages to buy about half a dozen. If you would like to sponsor a tree or at least a branch, please contact **Ralph** on **01296 630456**; email: [muchpottering@btinternet.com](mailto:muchpottering@btinternet.com)

*Ralph Weston*

### Apple & Cinnamon Cake

*2 seasonal recipes from Erica from the U3A Cooking for Fun group*



#### Ingredients:

|         |                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| 10 oz   | self-raising flour               |
| 2 tsp   | cinnamon                         |
| ½ tsp   | salt                             |
| 8 oz    | demerara sugar                   |
| 2 oz    | chopped apricots                 |
| 4 oz    | melted butter                    |
| 2       | large eggs, beaten               |
| 6 fl oz | milk                             |
| 8 oz    | apples, peeled cored and chopped |

#### Method:

Sift flour, cinnamon and salt, add sugar and fruit. Mix in butter, eggs, milk and apples. Beat well. Turn into a lined, greased 8 inch square tin. Bake gas 4, 180°C for 1¼ hours. Cool a little and turn out. Sprinkle with caster sugar to serve.

### Rhubarb & Ginger Cake

**Ingredients:** Leave out cinnamon and apples and apricots. Instead:

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|--------|--|
| 2 tsp  | powdered ginger  |
| 1 or 2 | pieces of stem ginger, chopped small and some of the juice from the jar. |
| 8 oz   | rhubarb chopped into short pieces  |
| 2 oz   | raisins  |

I have two cooking apple trees - one producing apples quite early, in September, and a Bramley, which ripens later but the apples keep really well. I still have a few in storage so I can make the apple and cinnamon cake from September to April. When the apples finish and the rhubarb has started to grow I can make the rhubarb and ginger version from April to August.

## Something to make us smile

supplied by James Adam...

*I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.*

*A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.*

*A will is a dead giveaway.*

*With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.*

*Police were summoned to a daycare centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.*

*Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.*

*A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.*

*The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.*

*He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.*

*When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.*

*Acupuncture is a jab well done That's the point of it.*

*I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.*

*When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.*

*I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.*

*I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.*



## St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp

### Regular Sunday Services:

- 10am Benefice Service every 4th Sunday at either  
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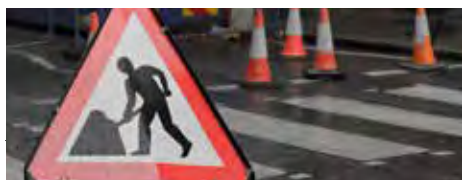


### ALL CHURCH SERVICES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

For more information on the services and community events please like our Facebook Page – Aston Clinton Benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. Or visit [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and search under Aston Clinton.

## Drayton Beauchamp Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd April at The Dray House at 8pm. All Parishioners are welcome.



## TfB Targeting Potholes

*We're all only too well aware of how wet this winter has been, and all this extra water has meant a rise in the number of potholes and other defects on Buckinghamshire's roads.*

Transport for Buckinghamshire's inspectors are busy identifying these defects, helped by reports made on the FixMyStreet web page by members of the public. Repairs are prioritised according to the maintenance and repair policy, with each defect being assessed for risk and severity so an appropriate timescale for repair can be set.

In cases where multiple defects are present, it's often best to carry out significant patching or resurfacing of the area. However, if individual defects within these areas have reached a high-risk level, they have to be repaired quickly. This is often a temporary repair until the larger more permanent repair can be undertaken – usually requiring dry conditions.

Transport for Bucks is now starting a substantial programme of 'Plane and Patch' treatment across the county, which will continue throughout the Spring of 2020. This is aimed at addressing the weather-related deterioration seen in recent months, particularly where there are multiple defects. Members of the public are asked to continue reporting potholes through <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/> so that they can be correctly assessed and prioritised for treatment.

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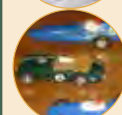


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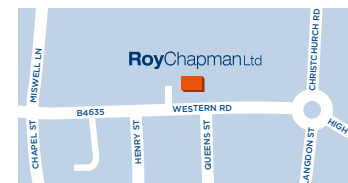
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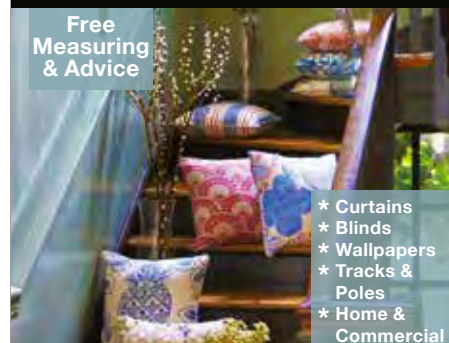
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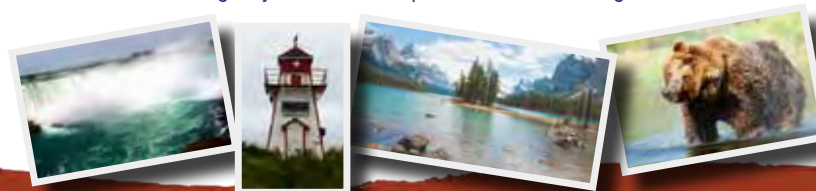
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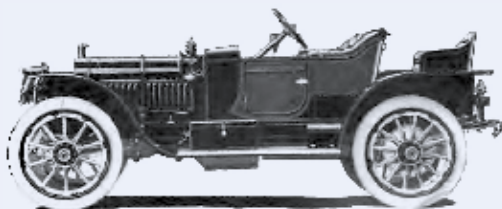
 



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