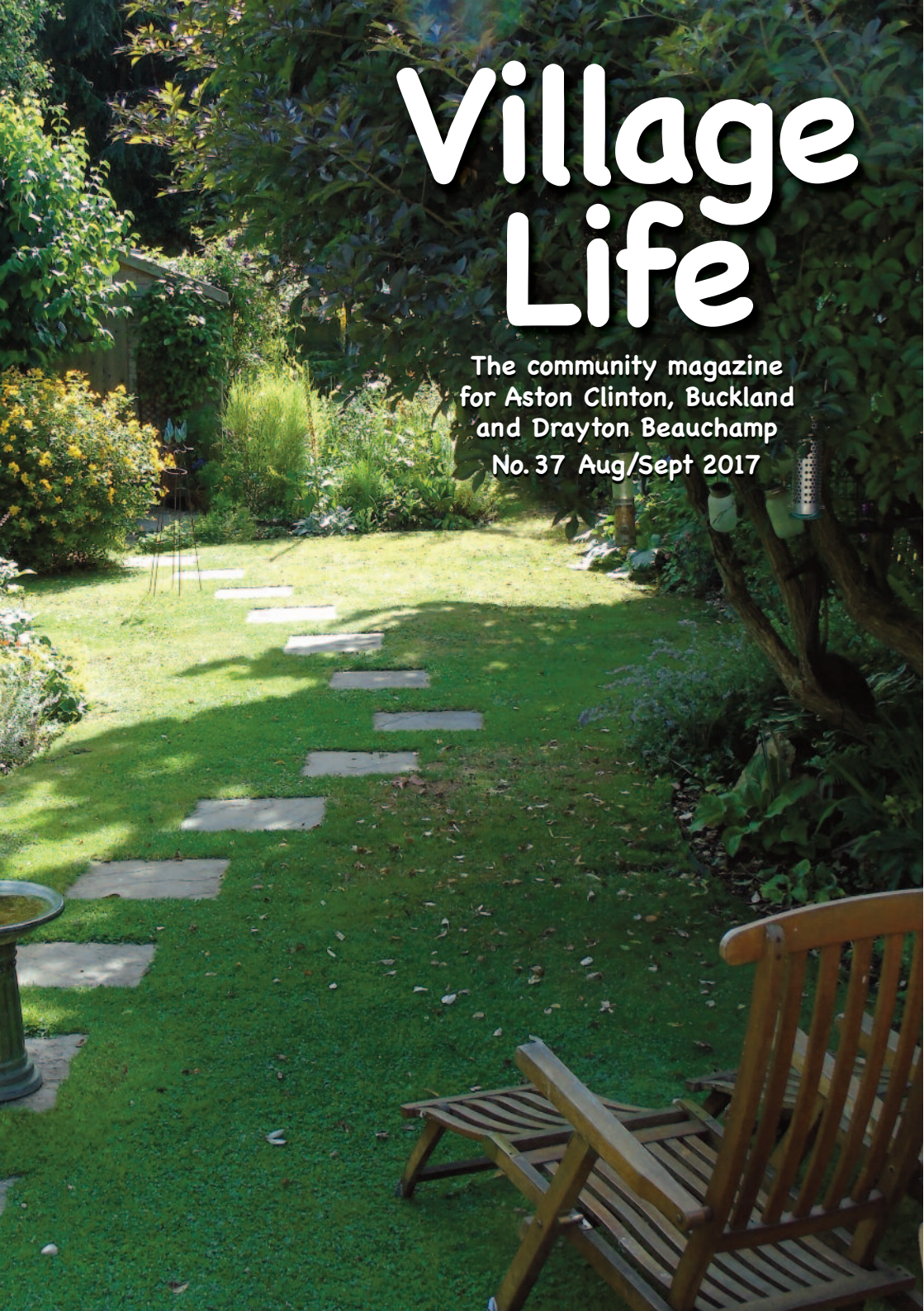


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clubs and events.**

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After almost seven years, Village Life has become part of the fabric of our community, fulfilling the words of the Rev. Elizabeth Moxley who led the steering group set up in January 2011 to see what might succeed the former parish magazine:

"... I'm feeling really hopeful about a re-born magazine. There seems a lot of enthusiasm for making this new publication a real community project and I'm committed to doing all I can to ensure its success."

There's no doubt that the magazine is a successful community project. Those who provide leadership, manage its production, sell the advertising that pays for it, safeguard its finances, organise its distribution, deliver it to every home – all are volunteers who recognise its value and enjoy being part of its success.

I was a sprightly 77-year-old when I became editor in 2011. I took for granted my adequate eyesight, retentive memory and boundless energy. Now at 83 I have come to realise that these are not permanent or limitless gifts. I recognise that, in common with others of my age-group, I am being required by a higher authority gently and gradually to surrender those gifts for re-allocation.

These metaphysical meanderings lead me to announce that following the February/March 2018 issue, I will be stepping down as editor. It has been a hugely enjoyable experience and my acceptance of reality does little to temper my sadness at losing a job I have loved doing.

With every loss comes opportunity. If you are soon to retire, if you have an aptitude with words, if you are (like me) at least semi-computer-literate and have an interest in your fellow human beings, if you are reasonably secure financially, there's a wonderful chance to take on a challenge that will help to keep you in good shape for years to come. Contact me at alec.just@btinternet.com

Alec Just Editor

Rev Elizabeth's farewell message

Dear Friends

You may have heard that I'm retiring in the autumn and if that's the case, you won't be surprised that this 'Letter from the Rector' gives me a chance to say goodbye and to reflect on what I'll miss.

Just to give you a bit of background: last summer I sold the house I owned in Aston Clinton and bought a small Victorian villa with views of the Solent, in Cowes, on the Isle of Wight. Since then I've been gradually doing it up and I intend to move there this October. And why Cowes? Well, I grew up in Lymington, and have family in Bournemouth and Southampton, so it makes sense to move closer to them. When I get there, I plan to take at least six months' break from ministry and hope to use that time to try to discern what God is calling me to do in this next phase of my life. And while I'm waiting for divine inspiration and new opportunities to present themselves, I'd like to take up sailing again and join a walking group and a choir.

But don't be fooled by my upbeat tone. I'm looking forward to this change and dreading it in about equal measure!

So here's my ABC of what I'll miss.

A All of you! I've been very lucky to have several great colleagues in my time here – my teacher and mentor Alan Bennett – and then Andrew Allen, Carole Peters, and now Sally Bottomer and Alison Roberts. I shall miss the three congregations enormously. It's a great blessing to have worked among Christians who have shared in God's work and have loved and prayed for me since I arrived here as a curate in June 2005. And, last but not least, I shall miss all those of you I've met through Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, and through the school and village events.

It's been a privilege to have a job that's allowed me to get to know you all.

B Buildings — I've felt very lucky to be a trustee of both the Buckland Hall and the Anthony Hall, and to work out of three beautiful medieval churches. If you haven't ever been inside your local church, do go in! Each is a lovely peaceful space – so resonant with the prayers that have been prayed for over 700 years that the very stones of the buildings seemed to have absorbed them. The two Anglican churches in Cowes are Victorian brick – they're fine, but not awesome like our village churches.

C Chilterns — I shall miss the view of Wendover Woods which I have from my bedroom, and the strange mewing calls of the Red Kites swooping overhead. Somehow, seagulls don't seem quite so romantic! I shall miss living among people who knew my husband, Chris, and I'll miss the support so many of you have given me since he died six years ago. And most importantly, I shall miss this Community. I'm being honest when I say it's the best community in which I've lived as an adult. Of course it's not perfect, but it has seemed to me that if you're prepared to get involved and give – then people in Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp are ready to welcome and embrace you. It's been lovely to be able to cycle around the villages knowing I can expect friendly smiles and greetings.

So thank you for a very happy 12 years and God bless you. With love



Elizabeth

St Michael and All Angels

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9.15am and 6pm each Sunday



Forthcoming events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat 9 Sept	10-5pm	Ride and Stride	St Michael's Church
Sat 9 Sept	2-4pm	Bake Off followed by Teas	St Michael's Church
Sun 17 Sept	11am	Elizabeth's last Benefice Service followed by Bring and Share lunch	St Michael's Church
Sat 30 Sept	7.30pm	Harvest Supper and Celidgh	The Anthony Hall
Sun 1 Oct	9.15am	St Michael's Harvest Festival	St Michael's Church
Sun 1 Oct	6pm	Evensong for Harvest	St Michael's Church

Every Monday 2-4.30pm Rhubarb Café at St Michael's Church

Bridge Group at St Michael's on Sundays 2-4.30pm

More details about these events on the church website: www.s-michaels.org.uk

A special note from Rev Sally Bottomer, curate at St Michaels:

The Rector's last service here at St Michael's on Sunday 17th September is listed above. Everyone is welcome to come to her last service and if they would like to make a small contribution to her leaving present, they would be most welcome. Thank you.

St Michael's autumn social events

Saturday 9 September at 2pm at St Michael's

We are delighted to be hosting our second 'Bake Off' on Saturday 9th September. Cakes and bakes will be sold and served with tea and coffee. Entry information in Pews News, on Aston Clinton Facebook pages and leaflets around the village. To receive information via email, please email, with Bake Off in the subject, to mrs_louise_jones@yahoo.com

Saturday 30 September at 7 for 7.30pm at the Anthony Hall

Harvest Supper and Ceilidh. Bring-and-Share supper. Come and meet old friends, make new ones and have fun.

Admission: adults £8, children £5, family discount 2 adults and 2 children.

Pay at the door. Further details contact Maggie at maggiebeaujeux@outlook.com

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Miraculous events

Whether or not you believe in miracles, this story is remarkable. For believers, it is about the power of prayer. For others it is about the importance of having hope in adversity. Hope has to come from somewhere; faith in a loving God is enough for many; for others it can spring from a belief in the skill of doctors and a determination to survive. Whatever its source, strongly founded hope can tip the balance.

Sometimes I wonder: "could it be by chance that I ended up here, in this beautiful village? But then I say: "no, it can't be, it is part of God's plan for me".

My name is Antonia and I come from Cyprus, a beautiful sunny island. I had been working there as a nurse for 17 years when my husband asked me to move to England, as the financial crisis was causing many problems in our country. Chris wanted to make a new start and he knew our children would have better opportunities in life here.

So we took the big step with my husband arriving here in September 2015. The kids and I followed a year later. The first month, things were really difficult. We were trying to find a house but it was so difficult; every time we found something suitable it was gone in a minute. I was so disappointed. One day I was crying and begging for divine help when I looked up at the sky and I saw the clouds in the shape of an angel – I still have that picture in my mind. The next day they called me from the agency to see this house in Aston Clinton. We immediately liked it and soon after signed a contract.

On our third visit to the house, as we were leaving I couldn't believe my eyes when we saw St Michael & All Angels Church just up the road from our house. I knew from that moment God wanted us to be here.

We had many problems during the first weeks. Things began to improve by December.

We managed to find schools for the children. I was excited about my new job working at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in the Paediatric Spinal Unit. Every day I came home feeling so grateful to be healthy. Finally we were happy and, with all the family together, we had time for each other.

I have forgotten to mention that I have three children. Ioanna who is sixteen, Sotia ten and Aggelos five. I have always believed that my children are my greatest gift from God, because

both my husband and I both have thalassaemia and there is a 25% chance that our children could have anaemia. However, we were so lucky and blessed to have three totally healthy children.

Anyway, things were good until I noticed during the Christmas holidays that food was sticking in my throat and I needed to drink a lot of water. Apart from that, I felt totally

healthy and strong in myself. On family visits back to Cyprus I went five times to the doctor with earache and a sore throat but no one suspected anything bad.

On 16th January I noticed something at the back of my tongue, the size of a bean. On the 19th I went to the GP. After two biopsies, I was referred to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. I will never forget the day I had my diagnosis. I don't even remember how I came home. I had never cried so much in my life. My husband told me not to be afraid and that



we would fight it. That helped me to make my decision to fight. I said I hadn't come this far to be stopped now. I had to survive for the sake of my children!

The doctors diagnosed a rare type of cancer unresponsive to chemo- and radiotherapy. The only treatment was a total glossectomy (complete removal of the tongue). They said there was a big possibility that I wouldn't be able to talk or swallow ever again so I had a PEG feeding tube inserted in my stomach.

I was totally honest with my children and I prepared them for the worst. I explained to them that mummy would be different after the surgery, but it would still be me, that I could still hug them and be next to them every step of the way. I can't say it was easy to accept the future but knowing myself, I felt lucky being able to have my legs, my hands, being independent, being able to take care of my family, even though communication would be different.

On 3rd May I had my operation; 14 hours in theatre and two days in ICU. The following days I had complications and I was taken urgently to theatre twice more. I had a hard time, but not once did I lose my faith. I knew God was next to me. Every time things got difficult I prayed for continued strength. I stayed in hospital for a month surrounded by so many prayers from all the people I had met here in Aston Clinton, from friends and family back home, old patients, people I had never met and people that just got to hear my story.

All the prayers gave me so much strength. I managed to regain my sense of smell one week

after surgery. The third week I managed to make a sound. The day I called home on Face-Time and said to my children, "Good morning, I love you", was the best day of my life. I will never forget the happiness on their faces. I was their hero. I was so proud of myself. My doctors were amazed and couldn't believe all I had achieved. Since I've come home from hospital I have managed to swallow and drink fluids. I have tried so hard and now I can even swallow soft food. My speech is not great but at least I can communicate.

I still have a long way to go but I am so grateful to God. I've been through hell, my whole life has changed but I have made so many friendships along the way. I live in a beautiful village with such lovely people. I believe this is all part of God's plan for me. I believe things happen for a reason, and coming here to Aston Clinton, having my treatment here, and making all these new friends, has helped my family to become even closer.

I try to enjoy every day and make it special. When my father passed away the only thing I remember is not what he bought for me, but rather all the things we did together, all the places we visited and all the memories we made along the way.

So I say: Live your life; don't regret anything, dream bigger and bigger! Enjoy every moment and make it special. Be kind to yourself and express your feelings. No-one knows what tomorrow will bring. Let's appreciate what we have today; have faith in God and thank him for his goodness! *Antonia Charalambous*

Quote of the month:

'When someone does something wrong, don't forget all the things they did right.' – Anon.

Quote found and kindly supplied by Simon Icke

The editor welcomes news of local clubs and other organisations, especially news of sports clubs. Each of 2000 homes in Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp receives a copy of Village Life.

Starting school is a big deal. We worry about what the teacher will be like. We worry about being left on our own with nobody to talk to and we really, really want people to like us.

Our kids probably feel the same.

Come September, the new starters will be braving the place where most of us once feared to tread. The school playground.

It sounds so innocuous. After all, it's where children play, laugh and generally leap about like mad frogs. But for us mums, it can be about as terrifying as swimming with sharks.

When your baby first starts school, you are so preoccupied with how nervous they will be that it's easy to forget about yourself. And then you arrive on that first day and with any luck your child will skip off with all the other small people leaving you alone. At best, you might already know some other mums from nursery or pre-school but some of you won't know anyone. It's hard to bowl up to a stranger and introduce yourself, isn't it? So, you might stand away from the groups who are chatting and laughing.

And you feel awkward. So, you busy yourself with your phone: check your emails, scroll through Twitter. Because, like when you were five, having no friends in the playground is rubbish.

And yet, if you are lucky or brave enough to nod and smile and even strike up a conversation the playground can soon become a haven. Where each day you can revel in the collective warmth of your tribe. People who get you. Who will listen and make you feel better with

their own parental failings. Friends who will prise away the child clinging to your thigh and encourage them in to the line with a buddy's hand to hold.

There will be those who will scoop up your child at the end of the day because you are running late without a second thought and there will always be one in complete control of deadlines and forms and all that other school admin it is so easy to lose track of.

Another way to make friends is to join the PTA—they aren't all alpha mums with clipboards, I promise. You'll learn a whole lot more about the school, get to know the staff

and for added incentive, most meetings take place in the pub!

Much like when you were five years old, your grown-up self can make real BFFs in the playground. And it's worth remembering that these people are going to weave in and out of the fabric of your child's school years. You will enjoy the birthday parties (there will be many), class assemblies and sports days ahead so much more with

mates. My youngest two are now in the juniors so I don't get to see my 'school' friends nearly as much and you know what? I miss our morning chats.

So, to everyone starting school in September, my advice is this: Don't be scared, there are some fabulous new friends waiting for you if you can just look up, smile and say hello. And tell your kids that, too. Good luck!

Kelly Cornish



Solution to Crossword No.22

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Aston Clinton School

Head: Mrs Helen Shepherd



Fighting an injustice

This year we took part in a 'Go Givers' project called 'Make a Difference'. It is designed to encourage children to look at the world around them and then do something about an issue they feel strongly about. The School Council have been leading the project. Their first task was to decide on the issues they might focus on, e.g. loneliness and the elderly; homelessness; pollution; disability and poaching. The Councillors then presented their cases to the whole school who were asked to vote on the issue that mattered the most to them. Poaching overwhelmingly won. The children were horrified to hear that animals were killed for parts of their bodies to be made into medicines, jewellery and ornaments.

The School Councillors decided that poaching as an issue was too broad so they narrowed it down to the poaching of rhinos for their horns. They spent time discussing what they could do. They decided that they wanted to adopt a rhino and raise awareness in the school community. They have even debated starting a petition to the South African government to stop poaching!

At the end of term they will hold a cake sale to raise the funds so they can adopt a rhino through the World Wildlife Fund.

Here is some of the information they want to share with you:

There are five species of rhino across the world. Some are on the edge of extinction such as the Javan and Sumatran rhinos. There are

only 60 Javan rhinos left in the world and no more than 275 Sumatran rhinos. Other rhino species are vulnerable but, because of wildlife sanctuaries, we are seeing small increases in numbers. The White Rhino is now one of the success stories as numbers are above 20,000. However, there is a daily battle between those trying to protect the rhinos and the poachers. Rhinos are killed and then the horns are cut off and sold in Asia.

The main market is now in Vietnam where there is a new belief that rhino horn cures cancer. Rhino horn is also used in other traditional Asian medicine to treat a variety of ailments including fever and various blood disorders. It is also used in some Asian cultures as a cure for hangovers. The fight against poaching is not a hopeless one. In Namibia, they have seen a drop in poaching as they track rhinos and they have been de-horning the rhinos so that poachers are not interested in them. In Namibia, no de-horned rhino has been killed.

I have found it fascinating to see what children feel passionate about and it has been inspiring to see their sense of outrage over the issue of poaching driving them on to be part of the solution. Remember, children may only be 27% of the people but they are 100% of the future.

Helen Shepherd

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Parish Council news

THE PARISH COUNCIL tries as much as possible to forge links with other local organisations and these include, Arla, the Anthony Hall, the Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils (AVALC), the Local Area Forum, AVDC and Bucks CC.

On 13th June, during the month of Ramadan, I attended a community Iftar at the Aylesbury Mosque. 'Iftar' means the breaking of the fast which takes place at sundown and for this one, the mosque threw open its doors to the community. There were several distinguished guests including the mayor of Aylesbury, various councillors, the chief constable of Thames Valley Police, and several vicars, including from Aston Clinton.

It was a fascinating evening, starting off with speeches from various religious dignitaries. We did not have to cover our heads but we did take off our shoes. One of the imams was forthright in condemning recent terrorist attacks, from the murder of Jo Cox last year to the more recent Isis-inspired attacks in London and Manchester. These were strongly and publicly denounced.

We had some amazing food, which we ate with the members of the mosque. I learned a great deal such as the enormous amount of money they raise for charity; the fact that anyone can go and eat with them during the Iftar, which sometimes includes the homeless. Anyone can visit the mosque at any time.

Astonbury

Hopefully, everyone is now aware of our festival taking place in the Park on **Saturday 19th August**. The revised schedule is as follows:

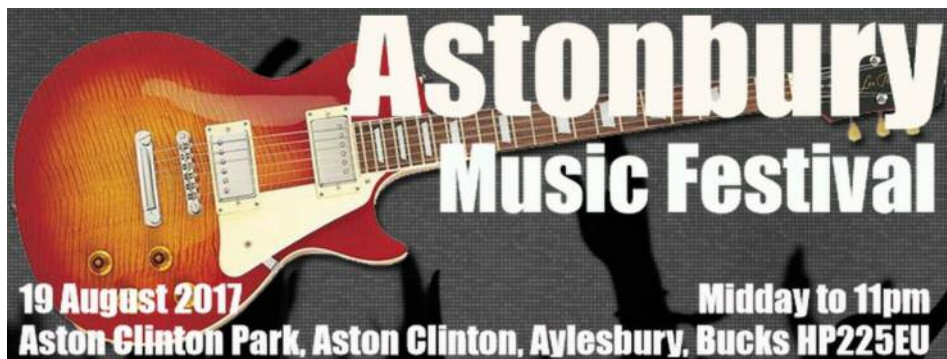
7.30am:	Horticultural Show organisers, judges and exhibitors only
12-4pm:	Play events provided by 'Learn and Master Sports and Fitness' and 'Sunshine Soft Play'
2pm:	The Horticultural show opens to the public
2.30-3pm:	Local displays from the Tairyoku Shotokan Karate Club and the Yangsheng School of Tai Chi
4pm:	Horticultural Show prize-giving
3-4pm:	Local bands - Harmonix and XXVI
5-11pm:	Concert time featuring headline act Skamungas – 'purveyors of the finest ska and reggae', supported by Callow Saints, Bad Penny, Dealey Plaza and Thrifty Malone.

We are thrilled to be providing an innovative play event from 'Learn and Master' featuring nerf battles, zorb balls, penalty shoot-outs, magician and face painting, as well as a huge bouncy castle from Sunshine Soft Play. These exciting new play leaders will be entertaining the children all afternoon with something a bit different. We are also excited to showcase two new young bands in Harmonix and XXVI, as well as rock the night away with plenty of local pros.

There will be no general public parking on the day in the Park – the car parks are reserved for disabled drivers, stallholders, staff and other personnel associated with the event. Visitors who need parking are asked to refer to www.astonclinton.org.uk for details nearer the time.

If at all possible, please walk!

Gill Merry CiLCA Parish Clerk



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Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society

IT IS Horticultural Show Time again. This year it is being held on **Saturday 19 August** in the main hall at the Café-in-the-Park. Doors open at **2pm** and entry is free. The Summer Show is being held in conjunction with Astonbury, our new village festival, which we hope will be a huge success.

Last year, a large number came to our show and admired the efforts of the competitors so please come again. Most of the event is open to everyone to join in and compete and most of the classes are not difficult to enter even if you only have a small garden. There are now more people growing plants in pots and there are four or five classes where all you have to do is to enter your favourite pot plant. Last year there were some excellent specimens.

The principal class in the Floral Art this year is an arrangement entitled 'Diamond Wedding', whilst the photographic class is titled 'A Garden Scene'. For children the subject is 'Sport'.

Another interesting class is called 'The Village Basket'. This is a collection of fruit and vegetables displayed in a basket. There are no

restrictions on the items displayed apart from the size of the basket (see show schedule on our website – access details below).

There are several classes open to novices living within the villages of Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. One example is a 'Mini Collection for Novices' (Class 31). The challenge is to enter one of each of three kinds of vegetables from the following: small beetroot, carrot, pod of peas, french bean pod, runner bean pod, radish, cherry tomato, onion, potato – to be displayed in a seed tray. These will be judged for 'kitchen quality' and uniformity, not size.

It is easy to enter the show; go to our website www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk and download the schedule and entry form and bring your entry to the Anthony Hall on **Wednesday 16 August at 6-7.45pm**. Do have a go and enter and persuade your friends and family to join in, too. Entry is free and it is just the challenge to grow or make something better than anyone else. We do not have an accompanying fete but we will have a secondhand book stall, raffle and tombola stall for which books and prizes are wanted. Please bring these to me at 21 New Road.

In your garden

How is your garden growing this year? I have just planted out my courgettes and marrows and still have brussels sprouts and leeks to plant (these traditionally go in where the first early potatoes are lifted). I am also harvesting several crops. These include sweet peas that I have been cutting for two weeks now; mange-tout peas, broad beans and early potatoes.

The heatwave has brought on the soft fruit which needs picking. I have cherries, too and have picked at least two colanders full which is surprising since the pigeons usually get there first. The plums and the apples and other fruit are also looking good for a bumper crop.

Ralph Weston

Ralph's cherries ripened early this year



Photo: Ralph Weston

Aston Clinton U3A news

Our monthly general meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Anthony Hall, starting at 2.30pm until 4.30pm. At the meeting on **15 August** there will be a talk on "Buckinghamshire Coaching Inns" and on **19 September** the talk will be on "The Oregon Trail"

In addition to the general meeting the 30+ interest groups hold their own regular meetings, usually monthly. The Family History Group aims to explore the history of their families and how they lived using multiple sources, including the internet, and recently enjoyed a talk entitled "Bread, Gruel & Suet Dumplings: life in the workhouse". The Bird Watching Group is a small, friendly, group of around 15 members who get pleasure from being out in the countryside watching birds. The sites and nature reserves they visit are mainly in the Tring/ Aylesbury area but sometimes a little further afield.

The Art Group's aim is to explore their ability using pencils, paint and brushes, pastels or any other medium. They work individually and help and encourage each other. Occasionally they ask a more experienced artist to visit and to give a demonstration. It is a very social group and conversation and laughter occurs as well as some very pleasing pictures, of which some are worthy of being framed.

Other groups, which meet regularly include: Discussion, Knit-and-Natter, Line Dancing, Railway Modellers, Scrabble, Social Tennis, Flower Arranging, Singing for Fun, Table Tennis and Visiting Churches.

The Science and Technology Group will be visiting the Sir Frank Whittle Jet Heritage Centre at the Midland Air Museum in

Coventry in August and the following month an expert on Computer Security from McAfee will be talking to the group. The Film Studies Group will be watching "Unforgiven" and "The French Connection".

The Digital Photography and Wildlife Groups have both recently visited the Aston Clinton Ragpits to see the orchids in bloom. The photos show a Pyramidal Orchid and a Marbled White Butterfly on a Knapweed flower. Over the next couple of months the Wildlife Group will be going to Bledlow to see red kites and paying a visit to Whipsnade Zoo.

If you are no longer working full-time or raising a family, now is the time to make the most of life. U3A gives you a chance to develop your interests, make new friends and enjoy yourself. For more information visit our website: www.acu3a.weebly.com

Jeff Meek



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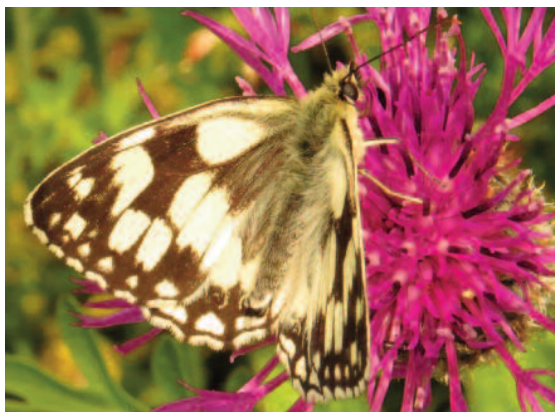


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Guiding in Aston Clinton

Every time I open Village Life and read an interesting article by the Scouts I feel guilty. Guiding in Aston Clinton is not very good at self-publicity. It may interest a lot of you to discover that Guiding actually has a larger membership than Scouting within the UK – so perhaps it is not just at a local level where we fail to promote ourselves.

The Scout Association was started in 1907 and at the first Scout rally in London, girls turned up asking Baden-Powell if they could join the Scouts. This was the Edwardian era, where girls wore skirts to their ankles and were segregated from boys at school, so Baden-Powell felt it was not suitable for them to join the Scouts. He promised them a programme of their own, which he wrote in collaboration with his sister, Agnes and in 1910 the 'Girl Guides' was founded. Eighty years on and the Scout Association made the decision to accept girl members in all its sections. In times when girls and boys fully integrate at school and girls are no longer hampered by long skirts, the Scout and Guide aims and programmes are in fact very similar. Despite this, the Guide Association decided to continue their membership for

girls only as they felt that many girls were more confident and were able to flourish in a single sex environment.

Guiding has been strong in Aston Clinton since those early years and we have some wonderful archive photos of the early days. Today in Aston Clinton we have a Rainbow Unit for girls aged 5-7; two Brownie Packs for girls aged 7-11; a Guide Unit for girls aged 10-14 and a Ranger Unit for girls of 14+. We provide a wide range of activities for over 100 girls each week that are challenging and fun for each age group. In addition, we provide a range of nights away for all ages that helps to develop their independence.

If after reading this you would like your daughter to be a part of Guiding in Aston Clinton you can register your interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

We would love to give every interested girl the opportunity to join, HOWEVER, Guiding is run by volunteers. We desperately need adults to come forward and help us. We have a variety of roles – you do not have to be a parent or have any prior experience of Guiding. All you need is a positive attitude and a desire to

Below and opposite: Aston Clinton Guides enjoying challenges as they develop self confidence and life skills





help young people develop and grow. As well as adult leaders, we also require committee members to help run our hall for the benefit of all our members. Some of these roles are a weekly commitment, some are for only three or four meetings a year or we can discuss a more flexible arrangement to suit your availability.

If anyone is interested in supporting Guiding

in the village, please let me know or go to the website above and register as an adult helper. Guiding has been running for nearly 100 years in Aston Clinton and with the help of willing volunteers, long may it continue to provide for generations of girls to come.

Sue Wall

1st Aston Clinton Guides
daswall@btinternet.com

Surgery news

AS we move ever forward through the year more and more changes are coming to the NHS which we will keep patients updated on.

We are currently working on our website, after patient feedback and liaison with our Patient Participation Group, to make it more inter-active and patient-friendly and these changes should soon be in place.

Also, after patients' feedback via our Friends and Family questionnaires regarding information in the waiting room, we have been using one notice board which has a set theme each month. This theme is carried across all sites and contains information relevant to the time of year.

In line with the local dementia alliance, we have been making some changes working towards making the surgery more dementia-friendly. All staff have had training to help us understand dementia a little better and how to help our patients. With this in mind we have new staff badges and the nurses and HCAs will all soon be wearing uniforms in different colours to help patients more easily recognise the different clinical staff roles.

We hope you are having a good summer and that it lasts as long as possible. The 'flu season will soon be upon us!

Good wishes to all our patients

From all at Aston Clinton Surgery

ASTON CLINTON

PUB LUNCH CLUB

How would you like to go out to lunch once a month, meet friends and make new ones whilst enjoying an inexpensive but delicious lunch?

A pub lunch club is being set up at The Oak in Green End Street and the first lunch is to be held on **Monday 30th January** at 12.30pm. Subsequent lunches will be on the **last Monday** of every month.

There are already more than thirty Pub Lunch Clubs like this across the county organised by Community Impact Bucks and we're delighted that Patrick and his team at the Oak have agreed to join the scheme. The Clubs are aimed at the more mature members of the community and especially those who may have been missing out on regular social contact.



A two course meal (main course and pudding) is on offer for just £7.00 to club members and it costs nothing to join. All you have to do is book in advance with the local organiser on the number shown below. If you would like to come to the monthly lunch, or know someone who might benefit from getting out and about a bit more, then do get in touch.

Please note. In order to avoid confusion with numbers bookings can only be made through the local organiser.

COME AND JOIN US - YOU'RE WELCOME

**To book for the first lunch
on 13 September 2017
call Liz Tubb on 07841 651826**



Greatmoor EfW : a way to a better world



Photo: Graham Flack/FCC

ON Saturday 1st July, I joined a small invited group on a tour of an amazing industrial site near Waddesdon. Three miles down a narrow access road off the A41, there sits a vision of a future without landfill as a means of disposing of our non-recyclable household waste.

Greatmoor Energy-from-Waste (EfW) 'power station' receives its feedstock (fuel) in the form of 300,000 tonnes each year of non-recyclable household waste, mainly from London. Buckinghamshire accounts for 110 tonnes of that total.

The state-of-the-art site has been operating for just over a year. Designed by a Japanese/Swiss consortium, it is one of two in the county and 30 or so across the UK.

The site and plant are owned by Bucks CC and operate 24/7, 48 weeks of the year, by FCC Environment, a specialist waste management



Photo: Graham Flack/FCC

company. The cost of the plant may well be recovered by sales of generated electricity within 15 years or so. Thereafter, all profits from energy sold will go to Bucks CC. In

addition, hundreds of millions of tonnes of residual waste will have been converted into energy instead of going to landfill.

Non-recyclable waste is collected from our

homes by bin lorries which take it to Greatmoor where it is tipped into a giant indoor bunker capable of holding hundreds of tonnes of residual household waste. Hung above the bunker is a vast travelling crane grabber, able to lift a truckload of waste with each grab.

The crane grabber drops each waste load into a hopper from where it is fed into what is called a 'grate', a furnace running continuously at a minimum 850°C. A boiler above the grate heats water to create pressurised steam which drives a turbine, generating 22MWs of power, enough electricity to support a town one-and-a-quarter times the size of Aylesbury!



Photo: FCC

The toxic nature of the flue gases coming from the burning of noxious materials is dealt with by a continuously monitored advanced filtering and neutralising process. Safety standards are ensured by Environmental Agency supervision. The emissions from Greatmoor comprise 99.9% water vapour after the flue gases have been cleansed and processed.

This highly automated facility is operated by shifts of only three people, working round the clock. The entire operation is continuously monitored from a control room filled with computer screens. Truly a win-win situation!

Alec Just

Great memories of the 1950s

MY name is Denise Wyatt (known as Denny). I've lived all my married life in what is now College Road South.

In the 1950s I lived my early years at Buckland Wharf, opposite a wheatfield (now Wenwell Close). Every day, my friend and I thought nothing of walking the mile or so down to the former village girls' school and back. Pulled down in 1978, the school stood on the corner of Church Lane, opposite the Clock-School, then the boys' school. The headmistress, Mrs Taylor, expected to be called 'Madam'. There were lines painted all around the perimeter of the playground which the children were forbidden to cross. On hot summer days we were given water to drink which we thought was a real treat! At 13, I transferred to the Grange School in Aylesbury and at 15, I entered the world of work in Aylesbury.

A weekly dental surgery used to be held in the Anthony Hall in those days and a doctor's surgery in one of the cottages opposite the park, the main surgery being in Tring.

Aston Clinton was then still predominantly a farming village and, like all children, I liked to help with the harvest, gathering the sheaves of wheat and stacking them in stooks to dry in the sun. Although they were happy and carefree childhood days, I also have painful memories of scratched ankles after running through the stubble. The 'Rec' was on the present school site in Twitchell Lane. The bowling green was at the junction of Brook Street and College Road.

All year, children played outdoors, learning their life skills from an early age. My brother

and his friends built a tree-house overhanging the Wendover Arm of the canal; and in summer we would sail on home-made rafts on the canal. We enjoyed blackberrying, mushrooming, picking wild strawberries and collecting firewood in Wendover Woods. The Regal picture house in Tring was a Saturday morning treat.

Bignall's shop was at the corner of Brook Street, it sold groceries on one side and drapery on the other. On the corner of Weston Road, I can remember Wellford the butcher (now the Shell garage), a fishmonger's van and a chemist (now the Bridal Shop). At the corner of

Twitchell Lane and Green End Street there was a grocers and general store and there was Humphrey's grocery store in London Road (now the village stores). There was also a wine shop, a cobblers, a hardware shop, a post office/newsagent and Bonhams bakery (later to become a tropical fish shop). Lastly, there was Astracott Stores, (now the Mela Restaurant) whose proprietor went by the delightful name of Miss Rose Budd. With the coming of the big supermarkets in Aylesbury, everything changed

and most of the local shops disappeared.

As in most villages, there were numerous pubs, hubs of social life in the 50s. In Aston Clinton we had the Oak, the Bell, the Partridge, the Rothschild Arms in Weston Road and also in Buckland at the crossroads, the Black Horse, the Rose and Crown, the Bull, the White Lion, and the Rising Sun (now China Water). At Buckland Wharf, there was the New Inn (now Homesitters) and the Surprise (now a new-build on Tring Hill).

Continued opposite



Denny in the early 1950s



BUCKS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
of the
NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY



Autumn Talks

at the Holiday Inn Aylesbury HP22 5QT

NVS Members free Guests very welcome (admission £3 incl. refreshments)

Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm

For serious vegetable growers...

An evening of unique and informative entertainment, provided by our local expert, John Branham, and our Welsh wizard friend, Jim Thompson. John & Jim will tell us how to grow near-perfect vegetables, explaining what pests and diseases to look out for, and how to combat them.

Wednesday 22 November at 7.30pm

Growing vegetables in a confined space

Graham Wagstaff will help us get the very best out of a limited space – a problem many of us have faced at one time or another. Graham is a keen vegetable grower, lecturer, exhibitor and NVS judge. The BBC recently filmed his vegetable plots over several visits.

Great Memories, *contd*

And there was the Plough in Buckland (now a private house). Now, only a handful of pubs remain.

In my earlier years, everyone knew everyone else. A short walk to the village could take forty-five minutes, meeting so many people you knew. It was a time when everyone attended the annual Church Fete and the Horticultural Shows, there was maypole dancing at school in spring and all those annual events common to most villages. Whilst a few of them may have changed somewhat, some of those long-standing annual events remain and still draw our community together.

Despite all the changes over the 70+ years of my lifetime to date, I still think Aston Clinton takes a lot of beating!

Denny Wyatt

Lunch and a chat

**at the Churchill Hall Lunch Club
Aston Clinton Park**

(over 18s only)

Looking for an inexpensive lunch
and some pleasant company?

Freda and Tony Hare invite you to
visit the Lunch Club at the
Churchill Hall in Aston Clinton Park

12 noon to 3pm every Tuesday

**For more information or
if you need a lift, phone
01296 631 384**

Aston Clinton Ladies Group

Forthcoming meetings

Wed 16 Aug at 7.30pm

Summer Evening Cheese and Wine at Marion's home.

Wed 20 Sept in the Guide Hall at 8pm

A talk by Tom Cobb on 'My Life As a Butcher' Many of you will remember Tom from Parton Road.

For more information, please contact Sue Sanders on **01296 630740** or Janet Watson on **01296 631014** if you would like to come and for directions. New members are always made very welcome.

Mike Collins, Aston Clinton's unofficial archivist and historian, has provided this photograph of the Ladies' Group committee in 1978. It is believed that some of the ladies pictured may still be living in around the village. One or two of them may even still be involved with the Ladies Group.

Does anyone recognise themselves? And do those strange 'elephant brasses' behind the ladies offer a clue to the location of the photo? Suggested answers to the editor please.



The WI local branch

BUCKLAND, Drayton Beachamp and Aston Clinton WI meet on the first Wednesday of every month at Anthony Hall at 7.45pm.

Our next meetings are:

August 'Confessions of an errant Allotmenteer' – Josie Jeffrey presents a light-hearted look at keeping an allotment. We will also be having a plant stall on this evening.

September 'A Female in Fleet Street' – Debbie Brady tells us about her life as a photo-journalist.

October 'Call of the Wild' – Professor Bearder tells us about the different sounds made by wild animals

In September we will be spending a few days in Bath to see the Roman Baths and Fashion Museum.

We welcome new members at any of our meetings. Come along and try us – you will receive a warm welcome. For more information please contact me by email at:

bucklandraytonbeauchampastonclintonwi@gmail.com

Claire Castle

Clock School Artists

THE Clock School Artists started as just two artists, Alan Eeles and Sandra Lawless who started exhibiting at the Clock School some 17 years ago. Alan had family connections with the local school which welcomed their annual exhibition. The two were later augmented by invited artists. The pupils enjoyed the experience of the shows and practical workshops.

Pressure on the use of the Clock School building led to the group having to find another venue and they now hold their shows at the **Old School in Ashley Green (HP5 3PP)**. It was the move away from Aston Clinton that prompted the group to call themselves the Clock School Artists to preserve the link to their roots.

Once again there will be a variety of ceramics, mainly exquisitely decorative, useful and robust stoneware pots. The majority of the work, however is made up of paintings by five artists including the founders of the group.

Their show this year is on **Saturday/Sunday 7/8 October** from 10am to 6pm.

Alan Eeles



Above: A hand-made decorated and glazed stoneware bowl **Below:** The last exhibition held in the Clock School



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Elizabeth Weston 1941-2017

Elizabeth Weston was well-known in Aston Clinton. The news of her sudden death at the end of May whilst on holiday with Ralph came as a great shock to many local people. The following account of her life is condensed from the tributes written by Ralph and their children John and Hilary.

ELIZABETH was born in Taunton, Somerset in May 1941. After the war, her father became verger of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth where Elizabeth and her brother Gerald were members of the church choir. She joined the Guide movement at an early age where she earned her 'campanologist' badge. She was an avid reader and her love of books remained with her all her life. These early influences became her mantra in life; her faith, her church, her loyalty and helping others.

Following school in Plymouth, in 1958, her family moved to Slough where she trained as a comptometer operator, gaining a position at Slough town hall.

Elizabeth became active with the Cub Scouts with the 1st Britwell Scout Group in Slough. It was through Scouting that she first met Ralph at a Scout conference at Missenden Abbey. Elizabeth and Ralph were married within the year. She continued to work at the town hall until Ralph, who worked for the Radio & Space Research station was posted to the Falkland Islands just before Christmas 1965. Her eldest son John was born there in 1966. Elizabeth and Ralph joined Christ Church Cathedral choir in Stanley and supported the church there throughout their stay.

Back home, she became a full-time mother, and John was joined by David in 1969 and then Hilary in 1971. When Ralph's job was

transferred to RAF Halton they found a house in New Road and moved there in 1977. The family attended St Michael's where she joined the choir. Since then she has supported the church, becoming well known for her baking and knitting. Elizabeth was famed for her 'Harvest loaf' which stood on or near the altar each year. She loved knitting for young babies and children, including for the premature baby unit at Stoke Mandeville. She ran the church 'Knit and natter' group. She was also a member of the U3A.

She has always kept her connections with the Guide movement and in latter years was a



great help to Hilary and her Brownies. She was a helper in local schools, listening to children read. Soon after arriving in Aston Clinton, she had a part-time job at The Bell wine shop doing accounts and learning about wine. Later, she worked at M&S in Aylesbury, becoming a trainer and remaining there for ten years until she retired.

Elizabeth enjoyed her travels overseas with Ralph, particularly with his NATO work. She travelled with him to Australia, China, Hong Kong, Singapore as well as America and Europe in addition to their stay in the Falklands.

Elizabeth has always been supportive and loyal to Ralph and got to know many of his colleagues and their wives at the numerous social gatherings. She was on the committee of the village Horticultural Society and was for many years their social secretary, responsible for booking speakers.

Ralph has received over 140 condolence cards, many of which speak of her kindness and support.

The following are extracts from tributes to their mother, written by John and Hilary:

SHAVE: Campaigning for common sense

SUSTAINABLE Housing for Aylesbury Vale and the Environment (SHAVE) is a small group of campaigners initially formed to raise awareness of the number of planning applications and provide information to residents of Aston Clinton. With a small victory behind us and the help of all the residents who gave their support in so many ways, we stopped Bovis, the developer, from removing the entire hedgerows in College Road South and Brook Street at the start of their development and persuaded them to retain them until the end of the nesting season.

We would now like to invite other like-minded residents of villages and towns across the Vale of Aylesbury to join our contacts list so that we can continue to keep everyone updated by email and with one voice we will try and ensure that any future development is truly sustainable.

To be included on the contact list please email: toomanyhouses17@gmail.com We will

not share your details with anyone else.

We are not against the provision of new housing and would support sustainable development that provides truly affordable homes for young people and those who wish to downsize. We would encourage giving support to developments that take into account the needs of local residents and their desire to maintain a distance from towns and cities in order to sustain the sense of community.

However, we are strongly opposed to the opportunistic planning applications submitted by land agents and developers for large scale projects, mainly on greenfield sites, before any thought has been given to building the appropriate infrastructure.

Fundamentally, as a group, we do not want to work in isolation but would welcome working with residents of other villages across Buckinghamshire so that together we can be heard with one voice.

Jeannette Baxter

Elizabeth Weston, *contd from opposite page*

John: When I was asked to describe my mother, I usually said she was “little and fierce”. She was fierce in her love for her family and fiercely loyal Whitechapel Mission. She enjoyed far too briefly the love of her grandson, whom she said was one of the best things to have happened in her life.

Hilary: Some things my mother taught me: Never miss your vote. If you join something, you are committed and don't just drop in and out; be generous with your time and talents; always leave somewhere better than you found it. She taught me to cook, knit and sew; was my support with my interests in Guiding, amateur dramatics and books.

Aston Clinton Racecourse

The Sporting Magazine of 1839 reports that racing took place for the first time at Aston Clinton on Monday 11th March 1839 under the direction of Mr John Thornton.

The principal race was called the Aston Clinton 5 Sovereign Sweepstake for which the local patrons were Mr Harding and Mr Corbet. The runners were: Gray Lass, owned and ridden by Mr Harding; Doubtful, owned by Mr Johnson and ridden by James; and Bo-Peep, owned by Mr Corbet and ridden by Dawson.

The location of the course within the village is uncertain. We are indebted to Mr Mike Collins, Aston Clinton's unofficial archivist and historian, for this intriguing information.

Alec Just

All Saints' Church, Buckland

Regular Services:

8am Holy Communion each Sunday

11am Morning Worship – First and Third Sundays

6pm Choral Evensong – Fourth Sunday each month

10am Midweek Communion each Wednesday



Forthcoming events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat 5 Aug	10am	Produce Stall	All Saints' Church
Sat 2 Sept	10am	Produce Stall	All Saints' Church
Sat 9 Sept	10-5pm	Ride and Stride	All Saints' Church
Sun 17 Sept	11am	Elizabeth's last Benefice Service followed by Bring and Share lunch	St Michael's Church
Sun 1 October	11am	Pet Service	All Saints' Church

More details about these events on the church website: www.allsaintsbuckland.org.uk

An eventful season for the Cricket Club

IT has been an action-packed season to date at Buckland and Aston Clinton Cricket Club.

The weather has been a little unkind to our adult midweek side but the Saturday teams and the Colts have been active far more often.

Our first team are hovering in mid-table in Division 2 as the only thing consistent about our performances has been the inconsistency. Most of the batters have scored runs at some

stage, with Shah Bukhari's first two career centuries and skipper Mike Parsonage's first fifty for over a decade being the highlights, but some weeks a collapse feels like it is always on the cards. The bowlers have been profligate at times but have not always had big enough totals to defend.

The second team are going along strongly in their debut season in Division 5 with only a single defeat by the halfway point of the campaign. The batting has been led again by Liam Smith and Charlie Skiller, with Evan Wakelam increasingly influential too. The improving all-round skills of Jake Buchorski and Casey Dawson are also proving important to the team.

Following the relaunch of the Colts in 2016, we were unsure what to expect this year,

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This season, Skipper Mike Parsonage scored his first 50 in over a decade.



Support the RNLI at their Race Night on Saturday 14 October!



Saturday 14 October is a date for your diary. The Aylesbury branch of RNLI is holding a Race Night **at the Anthony Hall** to raise funds. Tickets are £12 each including entrance, fish & chip supper and a free drink. There will be up to eight horse races with tote stakes set at £1.



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Half of the stakes will be reserved as prize money. There will be a licensed bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks. All profits from the evening will go directly to RNLI. **Doors open at 6.30pm.**

The RNLI was founded, with royal patronage, in 1824. As a charity, they depend on the public to help meet the cost of saving lives at sea. Volunteer lifeboat crew members give their time for free, but they need training, well-maintained equipment, lifeboats and shore facilities. Your support means lifeboat crews can save lives quickly, safely and effectively.

Tickets for the Race Night available from me at startopsrailway@gmail.com Tel: 630225

Are you planning any coastal sailing this summer?

Geoff Evans

Cricket, continued

particularly as we entered two age-group sides in the Aylesbury & District Midweek League despite having a relatively small pool of players and volunteers. We are delighted that the children have exceeded our expectations and that we seem to be going from strength to strength.

We entered the Bucks Lady Taverners girls Under-11 competition again and came a very creditable 3rd out of 8 sides, coming out victorious against the likes of High Wycombe and Ballingr Wagoners along the way. The Under-10 league side has performed impressively to overcome Waddesdon twice and stepped up to Under-11 level when Year 6 were away in Wales to ensure we triumphed at Chearsley. The Under-11 team have won all

four games at the time of writing, but the most pleasing things have been the way the children have improved so much in the last year and how well they are bonding as a team.

The biggest challenge ongoing will be how we can continue to grow. We will need to recruit more volunteers to make this possible.

There is plenty still to play for in the remainder of the season, and hopefully in the next issue of Village Life we can report back on further successes! We will also be looking at what we need to do to achieve the Clubmark status for the club – an important milestone for us in proving our credentials as a community club, with the infrastructure and procedures to support continued growth, especially of the youth section.

Mike Parsonage

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St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp

Regular Services:
10.45am each Sunday



Forthcoming events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun 3 Sept	12-4pm	Wendover Arm Trust Open Day	St Mary's Church
Sat 9 Sept	10-5pm	Ride and Stride	St Mary's Church
Sun 17 Sept	11am	Elizabeth's last Benefice Service followed by Bring and Share lunch	St Michael's Church

More details about the church on the church website: www.s-marys.org.uk

... and where is Drayton Beauchamp?



This rather beautiful old map is used to illustrate a short article on Drayton Beauchamp, accessible on the internet. Surprisingly, despite a careful search, the location of DB cannot be ascertained from the map

However, conspicuous a little to the north of where we know DB to be, the old railway line connecting Aylesbury to the main line at Cheddington is clearly visible. This was the branch line along which – a century ago – the coals needed to warm local homes in winter-time were delivered.

Finally ... the editor invites a resident of Drayton Beauchamp to become the magazine's honorary DB correspondent. If you are interested, please telephone him on 01296 634955.

1st Weston Turville Brownies.....



.....are very sad as their unit will close this summer if volunteers don't come forward to help.

The unit was formed in June 1966 and the current leaders have successfully been running it for the past 12 years - that's a lot of volunteering hours! They have contributed enormously to the local community during this period and have seen girls benefit and grow during their time with Girlguiding. If no volunteers come forward, then this established unit will close this summer. This will be a great loss to Weston Turville village life and limit opportunities for young girls in the future.

Girlguiding is an amazing organisation, not only for the girls but for leaders too. Please take time to consider how you could ensure the survival of this long standing unit.

To find out more, please email lynnestaberer@aol.com

or take a look at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/>

Alternatively, you can contact Girlguiding Buckinghamshire County office on 01296 487683, Girlguiding UK on 0800 169 59 01 or email girlguidingbucks@btconnect.com

PLEASE - Can you help run the unit?????

It will put the smile back on the Brownie faces!!

[Volunteer with Girlguiding](#)



Volunteering at Lindengate

Volunteer week - 7th - 11th August

Every year Lindengate, the mental health charity based at World's End, Wendover, has a summer break, when the site is closed and the Gardeners (service users) can have a rest. But for the volunteers it is probably the busiest week of the year!

Last year, in just one week, Lindengate's volunteers constructed two ponds, laid accessible paths and lawns in the Sensory Garden and built a huge earthwork nicknamed 'The Giant's Armchair' that now provides an elevated viewing platform for the garden and the wild flower havens for the Lindengate bees.

This year Lindengate is looking for volun-

teers to make new friends. One of the highlights of the week is the Volunteer BBQ."

Helping at other times

If you are a good listener, Lindengate always needs volunteers to help us support our Service Users, known as Gardeners. These support volunteers say they get as much from being at Lindengate as the people they support.

"I love the fact that gardening as a therapy benefits all of us. Everyone, Gardeners and volunteers alike, can unwind and switch off their minds from the everyday stresses", said one of our volunteers.

Our volunteers find it fulfilling making a

difference to the lives of people who are experiencing poor mental health and helping them to improve their well-being.

"Seeing the Gardeners I work with build their confidence, increase their skillset and take so much enjoyment from the activities we participate in, gives me great joy and really is the highlight of my week", added the volunteer.

If you would like to take part in Lindengate's Volunteer Week or try out volun-

teering either on a more long-term basis or just when you can, then download a volunteer application form at www.lindengate.org.uk/volunteers.html

You can also visit Lindengate at our Autumn Apple Day on 7 October 2017 to find out more about our work and how you can get involved. To contact us, call 01296 622443 or email us at volunteer@lindengate.org.uk or follow us on Facebook.

Cara Saul



teers to help build two log cabins given by kind benefactors, although there are plenty of lighter tasks to do as well. Lindengate volunteer coordinator Diane Kolonko says that, "It is a great time to try out volunteering, as there are tasks to suit everybody. So whether you want to help build a log cabin or try something less energetic; know lots about gardening or are a complete novice; can work all week or have just an hour to spare, there will be a job for you! Volunteer week is great fun and is a wonderful

Knitting and Nattering at Wendover Library

DO YOU KNIT, do you crochet, do you embroider?

Wendover Library is your most local Buckinghamshire library and I am sure many of you are regular users. It is a delightfully informal community library that was saved from the brink of closure a few years ago by the determination of the local community. It now operates through a team of volunteers ably managed (a bit like herding cats!) by three BCC-employed librarians who manage to keep us operating efficiently whilst having fun.

I am one of the legion of volunteers and look after the monthly Knit and Natter group (expand that to include any needle crafts). We used to meet as a small group around the table in the computer area but recently the meeting room upstairs was renovated and we are now booked in there for all our get-togethers. It's so much better.

Most of the time we simply knit and natter over tea/coffee and (unsticky) biscuits, although last week a lady came in to show us how to make 'twiddlemuffs' which are given as a

source of comfort and calm for people with dementia or younger people with behavioural problems. Very interesting and a great way to use left over yarn.

If you are social media friendly, we have a Facebook page called Knit and Natter Wendover Library (catchy isn't it!).

I have also put our group on the Deramores website: www.deramores.com

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm until 3.30pm or later if we really get chatting! Timing is fairly flexible.

The September meeting is on **Tuesday 19 September** – if you would like to come or just to find out more, please feel free to contact me via the Facebook page or phone me on **07815 806160** or if I'm difficult to contact, phone the library on **01296 387880**.

Hope to meet you in September!

Bridget Eggesfield



Summer exhibitions at the County Museum

Until 4 Sept: Bricks Britannia: the history of Britain in Lego bricks

The centrepiece of this stunning family exhibition will be a show-stopping 8m long model of the Flying Scotsman. Visit the museum website at www.buckscountymuseum.org for opening times, charges and full details.

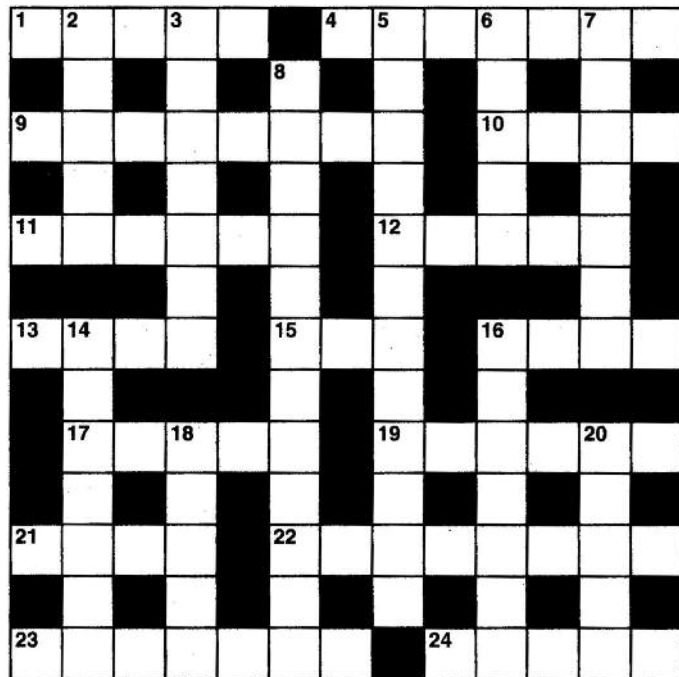
Until 28 Oct: The Beautiful Stitch

Discover the highlights of the Embroiderers' Guild's unique and inspiring collection of costume and textiles from around the world in this major exhibition. Free entry. For full details see the museum website as above.

Village Life crossword no. 21

Crossword compiled by **Helen Lonsdale**

Solution to this crossword on page 8



CLUES ACROSS

1. Elude (5)
4. Forsake (7)
9. Hair loss (8)
10. Husband or wife (4)
11. Jungle adventure (6)
12. Blade (5)
13. City in England (4)
15. Forefront (3)
16. Competent/Strong (4)
17. Domain (5)
19. Carefree and happy (6)
21. Of Wight (4)
22. Maritime (8)
23. Flaw (7)
24. Quartz Gemstone (5)

CLUES DOWN

2. Ancient Roman dwelling (5)
3. Call into question/ Cast doubts on (7)
5. Covered in bruises (5,3,4)
6. A large grey rain cloud (5)
7. Ground cereal plant (7)
8. Accomplishments (12)
14. A can propellant (7)
16. Emerging (7)
18. Alongside a ship (5)
20. Centre (5)



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Aston Clinton Badminton Club	Maureen Davison	07958 479690	
Aston Clinton Baptist Church	Simon Downing	01296 631824	
Aston Clinton Parish Council	Gillian Merry	01296 631269	
Aston Clinton School	Helen Shepherd	01296 630276	
Aston Clinton U3A	John Bullard	01296 436403	
Aston Clinton Youth Club	Teresa Smith	01296 631685	
Aston Park Tennis Club	Sue Hoey	01296 630826	
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Ballet, Tap and Jazz Classes	JoAnn Latus	07800 518654	
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Buckland Bridge Club	Janet Cato	01296 630552	buckland.bridge@gmail.com
Buckland Village Hall (Bkings Sec)	Paula Graves	01296 630310	
Buckland Parish Council	Fiona Lippmann	01296 626073	bucklandpc@googlemail.com
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