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**The Editor is always pleased
to receive local news of people,
clubs and events.**

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

The Summer of 2020 – where to begin? Pride of place must go to the NHS staff, carers and other key workers from our villages. Our PPE clad heroes face long shifts in incredibly trying conditions. Although the Thursday evening applause has stopped, they carry on 24/7 keeping us safe. Despite their best efforts, sometimes Covid-19 has the last word and they are the ones to deal with the aftermath. Let's not forget either those we have lost, others who have suffered and all their families.

As always, though, adversity can bring out the best in us and locally this has been seen in the voluntary work done by our village support group. Headed with superhuman stamina and commitment by the Parish Council Chair, Liz Tubb, and Rev Sally Bottomer, an army of volunteers has been delivering prescriptions, food and support to neighbours who have been unable to get out. Although some of the urgency has receded, a need is still there and there are plans to keep the group going. More news on that next time.

Local businesses and charities have been severely affected. Our thanks go to them as they have tried to continue to provide a service but now jobs and vital assistance are at stake. Please support them whenever you can.

Despite the gloom, there have been some pleasant surprises this year. Everyone has cleared out their garages and cupboards and free books have become a regular feature of our pavements. During our daily walks we have been able to explore our local area as never before and enjoy the quieter, cleaner environment without the normal background noise. Think what a difference we could all make if we made sure we took our litter home and even, perhaps, picked up just one extra piece of litter we find. This is a wonderful opportunity to rethink our village environment and with luck we will learn something from the lockdown.

The pandemic continues so please continue to keep yourself and others safe and remember, this too shall pass.

Richard Vincent

Life in the villages during lockdown

A photographic showcase organised and promoted by Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society.

The communities in our villages have really pulled together over the last few months and it has been great to see everyone's photos on the local Facebook sites.

We thought it would be a good idea to put together a showcase of photographs of life in the villages during this time and make it available on-line. We also hope to have an event on the August Bank Holiday weekend at St Michael's Church Aston Clinton where we can display the photos for all the community to view - subject to the church being able to do so! It would also be great to include St Mary's and All Saints. We are open to ideas of how this could be achieved.

We have already received some photos and hopefully the pictures will be stored in the village archive for people to look at in years to come.

There are 14 categories:

1. *Life in Lockdown*; 2. *Your DIY/handicraft project during Lockdown*; 3. *Grow your own*; 4. *Kitchen Creations*; 5. *My Daily Walk*;

6. *Views of your garden*; 7. *Container display(s)*; 8. *My Lockdown Disaster*; 9. *Wildlife corner in the garden*; 10. *Rainbow - Our symbol of gratitude to all NHS workers, carers and support services*; 11. *Pets/Animals*; 12. *VE Day 75th Anniversary*; 13. *Painted stones*; 14. *And finally - Photographer's choice (for anything that doesn't fit into any of the other categories).*

Details are on our website; www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk (under the "Noticeboard" tab); the Society's Facebook page and in the various local newsletters.

This project is open to the communities of Aston Clinton, Buckland, and Drayton Beauchamp as well as members of the Horticultural Society. We are collating the photos and they will be available to view on-line (further details to follow).

This is not a competition; we just want all your pictures. **Entries are open to all ages and must be received by 14 August.** Any descriptions of your entries will be displayed with your photographs. By submitting your entries, you are giving permission for us to publicly display your photos both online and physically and, to store the photos in the appropriate archive records. *Ralph Weston.*



Deeds not words



During lockdown we 'accidentally' started a foodbank. In the past, collections of food had occasionally gone from the church to 'The Storehouse' foodbank in Aylesbury, but we became aware of households in

the village requiring assistance and so began delivering food, and the numbers grew.

It was quite wonderful to see how the village responded to requests for food donations to be dropped off at the church. Such was the generosity we have had to turn over part of the sanctuary to a food storage area where we keep donations out of direct sunlight. The foyer remains open during the day for donations to be dropped off and has a library of books and games as well as a place dedicated for private prayer.

The work continues for the time being with food parcels prepared and delivered on Saturdays. In these uncertain times it seems to me that this very practical demonstration of compassionate concern for others is of God, as Jesus' half-brother writes...

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. [James 2.14-17]

So, a thank you to all who have shared in this work, may you stay safe and know God's abundant blessing. *Nick, Minister ACBC*

Benefice of Aston Clinton with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp



Since the partial re-opening of the churches things are still very fluid so please check with the Facebook page – Aston Clinton Benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp or www.achurchnearyou.com and enter your postcode.

CURRENT REGULAR SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE

Sunday 10am - Morning Prayer at St Michael's Church.

Wednesday 10am - Mid-Week Prayer at All Saints' Church.

Thursday 4pm - Compline Service at St Mary's Church.

In addition, St Michael's is open for private prayer every day from 10am to noon, All Saints is open 9am - 4pm on Wednesdays and all day on Sundays and St Mary's is open 10am - 4pm on Thursdays and all day on Sundays.

RHUBARB CAFE

Will hopefully be open with a limited menu and social distancing guidelines in place from **Monday 7th September 2pm - 4pm**. Please come along to St Michael's church for some tea and homemade cake.

REPAIR CAFE

Plans are underway to re-open on **Saturday 12th September**. There will be guidelines to follow to ensure social distancing but we look forward to seeing you there at St Michael's church 9am - noon.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

Royal British Legion



The Covid -19 lockdown has particularly affected our members who are generally in the older, at-risk group.

Because of the lockdown many of our events have been cancelled, including the VE day celebrations. We were going to have a wreath laying at our memorial followed by a service in church. However, many of us enjoyed the tea parties in gardens, and there were a number of neighbourhoods that got together for street parties whilst keeping the social distancing rules. Silences were kept in memory of those who lost their lives during the war.

We have yet to decide how to conduct this year's poppy appeal, however I trust you will support us and our veterans again this year.

We are proposing to the Parish Council that this year's Remembrance Sunday parade be conducted in the Park where there is plenty of space for social distancing etc.

In the meantime, it is good to know that even as we face this unprecedented situation, the legion will be here to support all servicemen and veterans who are in need.

Sadly, we recently lost a long serving member, Don Tolley, from cancer. He died after a short illness. He is remembered as always cleaning and painting our old crosses that we put on our war graves each Remembrance Sunday. We shall miss him and hope to include his memory in a special service in church when it fully reopens.

If you would like any advice or information on how the legion can help, please call the contact centre 0808 802 8080. Lines open 8am to 8pm.

Ralph Weston.

VE75 Celebrations

All sorts of plans had been made to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. And then Covid-19 got in the way.

However, village residents were determined not to be denied their celebration and on a glorious Friday in May almost every street had its bunting and Union Flags out.

Tables were set up in front gardens and everyone had a great time. *Thanks to Marion Mason, who was on hand to take some pictures.*







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The Bardaid Library Initiative

During lockdown books and other items left outside houses for free collection became a familiar sight locally. One of the best-known was organised by Bardaid which will soon be converting our local phone box into a mini-library. Here is their story.

Bardaid – the first ten years

2010 Initially instigated to source and supply poetry books for underfunded school libraries. It has since become so much more!

2011 We published *'THE BIG BARDAID BOOK'*, an anthology of new poetry by both professional and previously unpublished poets. We sent a thousand free copies to secondary schools up and down the country.

2012 We converted a broom cupboard into a library for a special measures school in Boxmoor, Herts; stocking it entirely with author donated books.

2013-2015 Delivered and donated over £3000 worth of poetry books to senior schools all over Bucks, Herts and Middlesex.

2016 Expanded our original remit to include adding books to Stony Stratford library and The Mount Prison in Bovingdon, Herts.

2017 We restored a dilapidated red telephone kiosk and opened our first community library in the village of Long Marston, Herts, ceremoniously opened by Sunday Times

bestselling author Carole Matthews

2018 We were asked by Abbots Langley Council to take over an existing telephone box library. It needed refurbishment and after a new bookcase and new stock were installed, the lovely Ms Matthews opened our second community library in a phone box.

2019 The broom cupboard at Roman Fields School was moved to its new dedicated room by the caretaker and we added another 300 books to its shelves.

We renovated an old barn at registered charity, Animal Antiks Farm, North Marston, Bucks: a special needs school for children and young adults. We built shelves from floor to ceiling and stocked it with several thousand books, making library number four for us.

2020 In March we opened our *'Lockdown Library'* (giving away our excess stock), on the verge in Twitchell Lane, to help people whilst bookshops and libraries were closed.

We have just acquired our third telephone box, bringing our portfolio up to five libraries! Later this year we will be renovating the box outside The Partridge Arms, Aston Clinton, and opening it as a community library for the people of the village. *Donna and Paul thank you for all your support. Keep reading!*



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



Learning from the pandemic

“Challenging” and *“unprecedented”* are just of the two words to describe what we have all gone through since March. Everything we have taken for granted has either changed or stopped completely before gradually starting again in the last few weeks. This is very true for our school too.

Shut down was very quick, with just two days’ notice from the government. Key worker class bubbles were arranged to provide childcare for those whose work was central to keeping us alive during the pandemic. We also purchased an online learning platform that enabled us to enhance the schoolwork we were able to offer for home schooling and it allowed the children to share their work with us so we could give feedback. The work behind the scenes from the initial set up to uploading work and embedding video clips to responding to the children was huge and made more difficult as we could not have staff or parents’ training sessions. Everyone watched one video and then learnt as they went along. What we have now is a powerful learning tool that can be easily accessed at home. It will be one of the positive things to come out of the lockdown.

The notice from the government that schools were going to reopen from the 1st June was a complex challenge that we wanted to do safely

so we could see the children again as we missed them. A school is a living organism and the children and staff are its heart and lungs. The building had been very quiet up to this point and we did not want it to go on for any longer than necessary.

The school successfully opened to 42% of the school population in June. We used every classroom to fit in the 165 children who requested to be in school. All the staff eligible to return to school did; many working in unfamiliar classrooms and year groups. However, it has worked amazingly as everyone has pulled together to ensure the children could return to their ‘new normal’. We amended our curriculum to meet the children’s needs in school whilst providing learning for those unable to return.

The children in school have told us about their experiences of home schooling and returning to school. Here are just some of their comments:



'I missed Mrs Hobley during lockdown. The thing that was different about the classroom is that everybody is sitting on a chair.'

– Georgia, Year 1

'I like working at school because I can see my friends. I have my own desk.' – Lois, Year 1

'I liked lockdown because I went on my new bike. I went on a bike ride. I liked at school the new desks.' – Leo, Year 1

'During school at lockdown, we have done many things. Some the same, some different. At school we have been doing work as usual, but we all have our own desk and stuff to keep. There are 15 or less people in a class. I have made some different friends that I would have made.'

– Lexie, Year 5

'School has changed a lot, but that is what makes it fun.' – Clara, Year 5

'Best day ever (22nd June)! We started off by washing our hands and going through the new rules. Trust me, it does get better! All the teachers had spent hours getting everything ready for our return. We then did a ton of colouring and talking in the morning. By the time we got to the afternoon we hadn't done any work. However, that changed.... We did MATHS!'

– Archie, Year 6

'Doing work at home was weird because we had to use a website and we haven't been following the sort of timetable that we would before. During lockdown I felt really upset that I couldn't see my friends and I was worried how long it would be for. Going back to school was so fun.... I was excited to see my friends after being at home for so long. There was nothing to worry about.'

– Duncan, Year 6

Whilst lockdown has given us many challenges, there have been several positive things I have noted: a staff team who have worked tirelessly to learn new skills and ways of working to provide the best learning opportunities for the children whilst they are at home or in small class bubbles; a school community who have been so supportive of the school whilst having to take on the role of home educators; and our wonderful children who have shown they are remarkably resilient and can cope with change better than we ever imagined.

Mrs Helen Shepherd, Head Teacher



PACE go VirtYOUall

This summer, Pace, the Aylesbury-based charity that provides education and therapy for children with disabilities like cerebral palsy, is inviting everyone to take part in its fundraising VirtYOUall Challenge. The fundraising event that is all about you.

Normal fundraising has been badly affected this year so they are moving events online. For more information about all the challenges visit thepacecentre.org/trychallenge

It's virtual, it's your challenge and it's for all ages and abilities! Choose between running, cycling, walking or all three. You choose how far you go and when you go. Go it alone or make up a team.

Pace is a charity that each year provides education, therapy and support to over 300 children and young people. The primary aim at Pace is to help these children achieve their full potential and become as independent as possible.

To infinity Scouts and beyond...

Well not quite, but with the world at our fingertips with the touch of a button, 1st Aston Clinton Scout Group was not going to let COVID-19 stop it scouting!

Within a week of face to face meetings being cancelled our Scout section took to Zoom, quickly followed by Cubs and then Explorers. Later they were joined by our youngest section, Beavers.

Not many of us had heard of Zoom prior to the pandemic but we quickly mastered virtual meetings and the use of the (now famous) 'Mute All' button as we have regularly had up to 20 Cubs and 20 Scouts attend our different section meetings.

Very quickly the Scouting community worldwide came together on Facebook and 1st Virtual Scout Group was created with over 13,854 members sharing amazing resources. they had created, and various organisations/charities/entertainers/teachers advertised their online wares for a small donation.

Explorers entered the summer term knowing that we would only be allowed virtual meetings, which started with the usual quizzes while we investigated what else might be possible. Meetings have made use of the wide variety of apps designed to allow the group to participate from their own homes: a virtual escape room, Pictionary and a map based scavenger hunt were found, with just a little online searching. Other meetings have required more active participation : cookies & T-shirts have been decorated, cakes have been baked in mugs in microwaves, eggs have been painted to look like famous (and not so famous) people and we carried out our own version of Taskmaster.

Not everything has gone perfectly, but it's much more fun to watch a friend's mug cake explode all over their microwave from the safety of your laptop.

Scouts were quick to move to virtual meetings and over the last three months, they have gazed at the stars, floated model rafts in their baths, had a work out, learned the Scout Promise in sign language, baked cookies, decoded secret messages and plenty more besides. Some have also completed challenges at home, taken part in international online Scout events, and camped out in their gardens. We are all keen to get back to face-to-face meetings when we can, but until then we are enjoying still seeing each other and having as much fun as we can!



Our Cub section, too, has taken full advantage of the quizzes and resources uploaded to 1st Virtual Scout FB and we have invited an array of organisations into our virtual world.

First was Skittleman, a Cub leader and entertainer. To hear the Cubs crying with laughter at a time of lockdown and uncertainty was just the tonic we all needed. Keen to keep the troop active, the next guest was Nikki Pistak from BootCamp Tring. She ran a gruelling (for me at least) HIIT workout which left the Cubs needing to sit down and do a quiz for the rest of the meeting!



Clare Simmonds – Assistant Cub Leader

Neil Walker – Explorer Leader

David Ball – Assistant Scout Leader

The Chiltern Society

The Chilterns covers 650 square miles and is defined by its long line of iconic rolling hills stretching from Hitchin in north Hertfordshire to Goring-on-Thames in south Oxfordshire. Almost half of the Chilterns is an officially designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The countryside is renowned for its sweeping chalk grasslands and wild flowers, its magnificent beechwoods, sparkling chalk streams, deeply wooded valleys and quiet lanes perfect for walkers.

Visitors can enjoy swathes of bluebells in spring or the autumn woodland colour. There is an abundance of wildlife, with red kites wheeling overhead in many areas, thousands of miles of footpaths and several nature reserves to visit.

- *Maintain footpaths and cycle paths* for the enjoyment of walkers, cyclists and horse riders
- Maintain and improve *woodlands, nature reserves, rivers and streams*
- Campaign to *protect the area* from overbearing development and promote high standards of planning
- *Preserve Chilterns heritage* and historical buildings
- Encourage people of all ages to love the outdoors with a *programme of walks, cycle rides and countryside activities*
- *Promote Chilterns based business*
- *Provide safe havens for local wildlife*

www.chilternsociety.org.uk

We then got much noisier with Max from Cool Drumming's Drumming School. A drum lesson with saucepans, buckets and wooden spoons! We are looking forward to welcoming Bricktopia, a Lego building company with a scouting background, a safety instructor from the RLSS, the Poet Con Birkin and Liz Million, an illustrator, through the summer.

We have been busy in the kitchen with microwave mug cakes and thumbprint cookies. 'Cubs got Talent' saw Cubs sharing videos of their saxophone playing, motor cross, dancing, pogo-ing, magic tricks, song writing and, cartoon skills - we always knew they were a talented bunch! We have had scavenger hunt round our houses and even had a party night. with virtual Pin the Tail on the Donkey and bingo! Our Cubs have attended a Virtual Camp run by Buckinghamshire County Cubs, where nearly 1000 Cubs were virtually stranded on a desert island!

Beavers have been busy making origami boats that float, designed obstacle courses in their back gardens, grown sunflowers and pumpkins, camped outside, started their photography badge and 'Hiked to the Moon' to raise money for charity.

With no sanitiser, masks or social distancing required 1st Aston Clinton Scout Group is adjusting to the 'new normal' and is zooming forward, keeping our young people scouting until we can return to the 'old normal'!

Pat Rozental

We asked local artist, Pat Rozental, to tell us a little about her recent successes with the Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolour.

I graduated from Bucks New University in 2009 with a First Class BA Hons in Fine Art. During the four years of my degree I took photos, made drawings, prints and cast sandbags and other strange things in plaster. I even collected thousands of dead bees from surrounding keepers and made 'Bee Armageddon', an installation which was exhibited at the Rothschild Museum in Tring. However, in all that time I never picked up a paintbrush.

Previously I had dabbled with watercolour as a hobby, but I was totally discouraged from using it by my tutors who thought it third class to oil and acrylic and only fit for evening classes and painting pretty 'chocolate box' scenes. Still, I never lost my passion for watercolour.

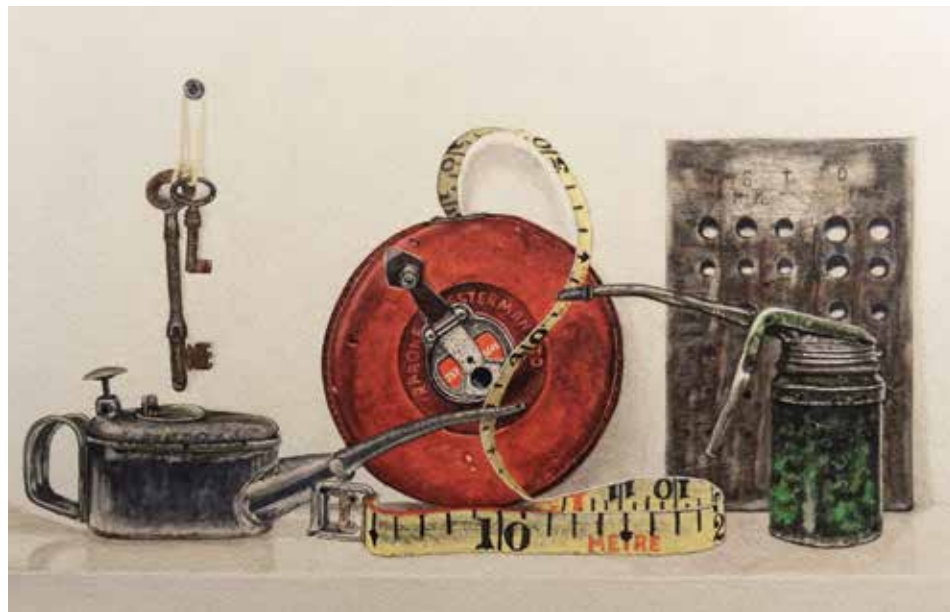
Studying Fine Art taught me to see the world differently, and I have found new ways of engaging with the medium I love. Now, underpinning the imagery in my work is the idea that familiar and prosaic objects are potentially fascinating and extraordinary and I want the viewer to be moved by things they wouldn't normally notice.

In 2015 I was thrilled to have a painting accepted for the prestigious Annual Show of the Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolour (RI) in which international artists are invited to submit works for exhibition alongside members of the RI at the Mall Galleries in London. I was subsequently accepted in 2018, 2019 and 2020. This year, its 208th annual exhibition will be held from 1st - 12th September.

I was also shortlisted in the Sunday Times Watercolour Competition last year, taking part in the nationwide tour of the exhibition.

I must say I'm glad I listened to that small voice whispering 'watercolour...'

For good measure



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.

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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/

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

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When the editor emailed asking for articles on what we had done during lockdown, my immediate reaction was “that’s going to be difficult, I haven’t done anything.”

I started to write a Coronavirus journal on 15th March. That day I wrote “watched the news and was horrified that it was announced that the over 70’s would have to isolate for four months.” I rang my daughter saying, “I can’t stay in for four months, I’ll go crazy”. But I have and it’s not been so bad.

When I looked through my journal, yes, I had been busy but most of all what my journal reflected was my thankfulness. Thankful to have my family nearby so we could at least chat in the garden when the shopping was dropped off. Thankful that I live in such a community-focused village with so many residents prepared to volunteer to help those unable to get out and particularly thankful for my many WI friends here in Aston Clinton. I’m happy that I moved here from North London because I know the London suburb where I used to live would not have had the feeling of community during lockdown that I have experienced here. I am particularly thankful for my garden which has never had quite the attention it has received over the last few months and for the company of my dog, *Pippin*.

I have met WI friends in gardens or the park, all socially distanced of course, but we have enjoyed tea, a glass of wine and even The Chandos Arms Sunday lunch. Those of us who sew have made laundry bags and headbands for NHS staff at Stoke Mandeville. Once again thank you to all residents who supplied us with bed linen, elastic and buttons so we could supply enough bags and headbands to the nursing staff. Some of us, much to our surprise, have mastered Zoom and Facetime to keep in touch with friends and family.



Now, although we may be coming near the end of lockdown, it seems that for the time being we will not be able to meet indoors in large numbers and our meetings at The Anthony Hall may not happen until January. We will post on the Everything Aston Clinton Facebook page when we plan to start our meetings again. Email us at the email address below for more details.

Our WI started in 1930 in Buckland, soon joined by Drayton Beauchamp and then Aston Clinton. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to celebrate our 90th birthday with a special lunch in December. If anyone has any photos or information on the WI in the villages during these 90 years, I would be very pleased to hear from you. Or you can message me via our Facebook Page or email us at b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com

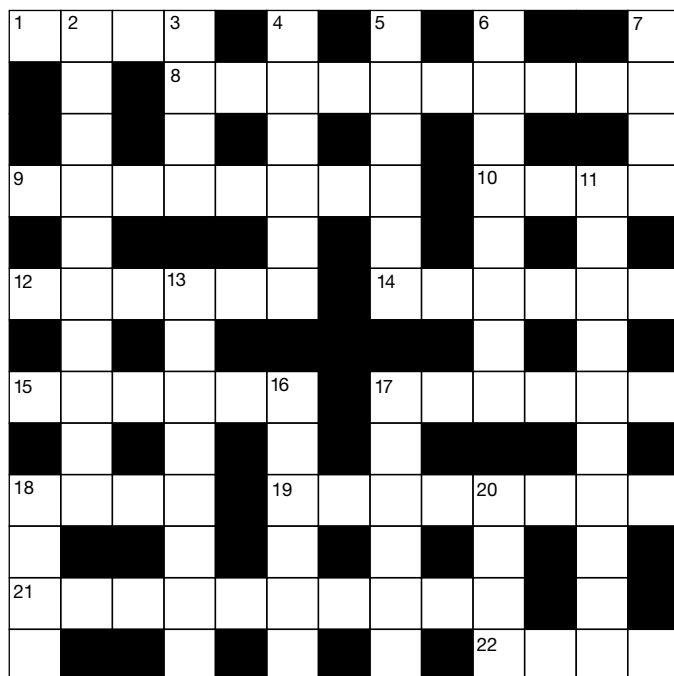
Claire Castle, President, Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp & Aston Clinton WI

Aston Clinton Ladies Group

All meetings of the Aston Clinton Ladies' Group have been suspended for the moment. We are sorry to have to do this and I will keep you informed as to whether we are able to resume later in the year. *Janet*

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 Parish Council

The village has been through unprecedented times, but with the easing of government restrictions, things have been getting back to normal.

The Community Centre build stopped for a while but now our contractors are back on site. The roof sections were put in place, along with internal stairs and floors. The project has suffered a delay but we are still optimistic for it to be completed in November.

The Café in the Park partially re-opened in July with a takeaway service and is running BBQs in the park on Friday evenings. The park has been very busy with visitors in recent weeks with the good weather and we do ask everyone to be aware of social distancing. Please dispose

of rubbish properly – if the bins are full please take your rubbish home.

Unfortunately, important services like the Lunch Club and Youth Club are still unable to operate but we hope they will re-open their doors soon. Sadly, both Astonbury 2020 and Play in the Park have been cancelled, although we plan both events to be held next year. While staff work from home, the Parish Council office remains closed but we are still operational and available by phone and email. Our councillors and clerks are working hard to keep our village running smoothly. All meetings are held online and public and press are welcome to join in – please email the Clerk for instructions. Check our website for current information. *Elaine Barry, Clerk to ACPC*

Cricket Club

2020 started so well for the cricket club with investment in new equipment and facilities at the ground, and funding in place to refurbish the pavilion. For obvious reasons, it has turned out very differently. Since mid-June we have been able to use one of our outdoor nets and the outfield for small group sessions for seniors and juniors but Church Lane has not been the hive of activity it has been in previous summers.

At the time of writing we have just been given the go ahead to start playing matches in mid July, with some adjustments required to meet government requirements, and no use of the changing rooms or bar area. There will be no league competitions and ordinarily the Colts season would be winding down at that point ahead of the summer holidays.

Our finances have taken a knock with no bar takings, memberships or match fees to offset our large insurance and maintenance costs. However, it is the lack of cricket and potential ramifications for our Colts section that remain bigger long-term concerns. A missed season for many youngsters can mean a loss of interest and dwindling numbers next year. Fingers remain firmly crossed on that front.

In the lockdown the groundsmen have maintained the square and outfield, and we have taken advantage of the time to do some socially distanced tidying up of the perimeter of the ground. The pavilion works have largely been completed, albeit with a bit of a hiatus during lockdown. We have replaced all the carpets, repainted throughout and moved the bar back to where it previously was. We anticipate the finishing touches to have been completed by the time we can use our indoor space normally. It will all be a huge improvement that we hope club members and the wider community can enjoy with us when the time is right.



We will get through this season, hopefully enjoying any cricket we can squeeze in before regrouping ready to come back bigger and stronger in 2021.

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
www.turpinscharity.org.uk
 01296 630162

Aston Clinton Surgery

I bet that on New Year's Eve, when you were making your New Year's resolutions, staying at home, not going on holiday and not seeing friends and family were not among them.

We have had a very challenging year thus far dealing with the corona virus outbreak. For our part, at Westongrove, we have reacted to the crisis by endeavouring to still deliver a high quality service. You may have noticed that things have changed in that we followed the NHS directive of offering a "telephone first" service ([01296 630241](tel:01296630241)). However, if you feel that you need to be seen then clearly you will be brought into one of our sites or, if necessary a visit will be arranged for you to be seen by a member of the team.

We have been aware of an increase in mental health problems during the lockdown. This is due to a number of factors: isolation; health anxiety and lack of structure as well as the socio-economic burden as a result of the pandemic. If you are feeling anxious, stressed or depressed please do not hide this. Please seek help.

It is important to state that now, as before the pandemic, we are open and here for you.

In the early days of the outbreak things were changing constantly and we were having daily COVID meetings to react to these changes. Alongside this we were striving to deliver an acute service as well as looking after our patients with long-term conditions. The strength of having three sites meant that we could still perform the relevant tests on patients with long term conditions in safe areas.

I must admit it has been a very long time since I have worn surgical scrubs to work. One of my patients commented that I actually look like a proper doctor! Those of you who have visited the surgery would have noticed a change in that the doors are locked and the waiting

room is almost empty. This is to reduce the foot fall to the surgery and hence less person-to-person contact.

One of the positives of the pandemic is that it has given us innovative ways of having consultations and giving information to patients. We can now offer telephone and video consultations alongside our face-to-face appointments. Technology allows us to deliver fit for work notes and other documents directly to your phone in a PDF format. The system also allows patients to send us pictures of certain conditions, for example a rash. We hope to build on this when the current situation has settled.

Personally, one of the best things to come out of the pandemic is a real sense of community. I have been impressed by the understanding and consideration of our patients (you lot!) during these challenging times. Also, the way the local community has come together to look after and support its most vulnerable members. This has included getting prescriptions, donating to food banks, collecting shopping and generally looking out for each other during these challenging times and it is a pleasure to have the surgery as part of this community. I sincerely hope that we can build on this when things return to relative normality.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and also others. We are not out of the woods yet and I would ask you to continue to be sensible during the easing of lockdown.

*Craig White,
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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.

Charlotte Trustram is the manager at the Aston Clinton Pre-school



Q. How long have you been involved with the Aston Clinton Pre-school?

A. I've been involved in one capacity or another for about nine years. Both my children attended the Pre-school and I quickly joined the committee when my eldest was there and eventually went on to become chairperson. I was also childminding and studying a childcare qualification at the same time and when I left the committee I applied for a role as a practitioner. I had a one-year gap where I went to work in the Early Years class at Aston Clinton School, but came back in 2017 to manage the Pre-school.

Q. How old are the children and how many are there?

A. We take children from the age of two to school age. We currently have 46 children. It's busy but fun.

Q. What does the role involve?

A. My role involves ensuring all the legal and welfare requirements of providing Early Years education are met as well as managing an excellent enthusiastic team of professionals. I also get to work with a great group of volunteers that form our charity status management committee.

Q. Did you require any specific training?

A. Anyone with the right qualities can work with

children but there are certain training courses and qualifications you can complete that are relevant. To be a manager you must hold a minimum relevant Level 3 qualification. I have just completed my first year at university, studying for an Early Education degree.

Q. How many people are involved with the Pre-school?

A. There are currently nine staff and we also have eight volunteers that make up the committee. I also like to try and involve the parents as much as possible. The Pre-school is a community asset and has been established for over 50 years.

Q. What advice would you give to anyone wanting to help?

A. We're always interested in exposing the children to as many different educational opportunities as possible. If anyone thinks they have something relevant to offer, we would be really interested to hear from them.

Q. Do you live in Aston Clinton?

A. Yes

Q. How long have you lived in the village?

A. We've lived here for 15 years.

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

A. My husband is the coach for my son's team with AC Colts. Both my children are also very much involved with the Scouts.

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

A. I don't really have time for hobbies anymore. When we are not working/transporting the children to various sporting activities, we do just like a family day out. We love going up to London.

Q. What's your favourite music?

A. I love anything that lends itself to kitchen singing.

Q. What's your favourite film?

I'm a complete Harry Potter geek and love all the films. I also really love Arthur, the original with Dudley Moore.

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

A. My first car was a lovely little 1.0L Vauxhall Corsa that I bought myself. I drive a Nissan Note now, love a family car!

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

A. It's definitely getting busier, and I see evidence of that through work! For me though, it's still what we wanted when we moved here - a nice community in which to raise children.

*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***

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Drayton Beauchamp since 1959 – a personal history



Rosemary Brooke moved to Drayton Beauchamp on the 11th November 1959. She looks back on 60 years of village life.

"I have lived at Badgers End in Drayton Beauchamp for 60 years. Over the years this quiet village has seen some in-filling, with many barn conversions and other properties, including mine, having been extended to form substantial family homes. Otherwise, thanks to sensible planning control and lack of main drainage and other facilities, little has changed.

In the early years it was a very friendly community with a thriving church attended by families from both ends of the parish. A lack of transport and few cars meant we had little contact with our neighbouring parishes but there were regular village events and parties and children played outside safely for hours. The dried-up canal and the moats were popular spots. We could swim in Wilstone reservoir in the summer and skated there most winters. A library van visited regularly and Mr Foulkes, the Tring grocer, came each week to take our order. There were fish in the stream running through the village.

We purchased the two dilapidated Rose Cottages set in a five-acre field in May 1959

from the Ballard farming family. Much work was needed and luckily our best man was an architect. We had to employ builders to do all the structural work, but we did a lot ourselves. We saved the old floor tiles for paths outside (still there), had to make a bridge over the stream and a drive for access to the property before starting to clear the small gardens. We moved in eventually, in November.

Later, when digging foundations for a small garage we found a penny dated 1745 and deduced that was the date of the cottages. We converted the attic in 1962 and soon after a 'granny annexe' was added for my parents. In the early 1970s we built an extension ourselves with the help of some good friends and family, only employing builders for the brickwork and plastering. 1972 and 1973 was a bad time – both my parents died and my sister, Moira was widowed. Soon after that she came to live with us, and we still live here happily together.

My husband Peter and I were always involved in village activities. Peter was chairman of the Parish Meeting for some years and started a fishing syndicate, stocking the moats at the neighbouring Moat House with trout. He also went shooting and played hockey for Tring. Sadly, he died in 1992 and is interred in the churchyard.

I was a church warden for some years and have always been involved with fund-raising activities and showing visitors round the church. We both loved animals and kept horses, sheep or goats or poultry in the field. We made a rather uneven grass tennis court out of the field and were able to play games with our neighbours and introduce their children to the game. Later I played squash at Tring and then tennis at Halton. Now age is catching up with me and I play croquet and rather a lot of Bridge and I am still learning Italian! Recently I joined the Aston Clinton U3A and met some lovely new friends.

Nowadays, we all lead much busier lives, but the village remains a friendly, supportive community. Many properties have changed hands, but most newcomers appreciate what the village has to offer and join in events. Since lockdown neighbours have been enjoying getting together and we are so grateful for all the help we have received, and also for their recipes.

The historic church attracts many visitors and is popular for weddings. It is well attended for special services and money raising concerts, but weekly congregations have decreased over the years with fewer younger people attending. Increased traffic speeding through the village and damage to the verges by large vehicles now cause problems.

I have always enjoyed living in Drayton Beauchamp and am very grateful to the wonderful friends I have made here over many years. I trust the village does not change too much in years to come when I hope to be joining the rest of my family in the churchyard. *... but not just yet!"*

Learn a new song



Is it my imagination or are there more birds about at the moment? It certainly seems that way but I suspect that having more time on my hands, the pleasant weather and the lack of traffic has heightened my awareness of the natural world

around us. I've never taken much of an interest in birds, but recently I've become fascinated by the different species that live around us.

Like most people, I can recognise by eye the common birds that visit our fields and gardens, but that's really as far as it goes. I love to see the sparrows, woodpigeons, starlings and robins that frequent our garden. We even have blue tits nesting in our bird box (for the first time in years) and I'm almost certain a pair of blackbirds is raising a family in our holly tree. And, of course, there are the ever-present red kites for which the Chilterns are famous.

What has really interested me is the presence of many birds that I can't see, let alone recognise. I hear them singing in the trees and hedges but, even if I catch a glimpse of them, I can't tell you the species of bird producing that beautiful song. Until now.

I have installed a little app on my smartphone that listens to birdsongs and tells you what bird is singing. And there are many more birds out there than I thought. The app has identified chiffchaffs, yellowhammers, chaffinches, bullfinches, tits of all varieties, jackdaws and many more birds of which I rarely catch more than a fleeting glimpse.

As I've listened more carefully, the app has helped me to learn the songs of the different species. I'm ashamed to say that until recently I could only identify sparrows and cuckoos (not heard for a while) by their song. Thanks to the app I can now identify close to a dozen different birds' songs. Not much of an achievement I know, but it's a big improvement for me.

So, if you're interested, why not download a free app? I use BirdUp but there are many others to choose from in the phone app stores. I know I'm never going to be Bill Oddie, but increasing my awareness of the birds in our gardens, trees, skies and hedgerows has given me a lot of pleasure. And we all need a bit of that right now. **Robert Breakwell**

Horticultural Society

With the Corona Virus and lockdown this article is more like Ralph's Blog, than an official article from the Society.

Since our last article Spring has come and gone. At the beginning of April, I was preparing for our Spring Show and the daffodils were coming into flower. In fact, some daffs were already past their best due to the warm weather during March. With the cancellation of the show I brought my show pots into the garden so that I could enjoy all the colours. At about the same time the spring flowers and fruit tree blossom brightened the garden, starting with the apricot, followed by pear, plum, cherry and apple. The warm weather we had during April made the blossom and other spring flowering trees a pretty sight and being in lockdown I really appreciated my large garden. I wished that I could have shared it with you all and hope that the blossom will turn into lots of fruit.



Meanwhile, with the greenhouse cleared of daffodils I was able to use it to prick out trays of seedling plants and to pot up my tomatoes and other vegetables. I planted out spring cabbages, broccoli and sweet peas and I am now harvesting them along with the early

potatoes. I have also sown parsnip, beetroot, turnip and swede, all of which germinated, and I am now thinning them so that I can grow them to a good size. I grow my carrots in raised boxes and covered in fleece to keep the carrot fly away and I am happy to say that they are growing well.

The Summer show has been reluctantly cancelled. And we have also had to cancel our regular monthly talks and visits, but we will be back as soon as we can.

My flower borders and bushes also looked good this spring as can be seen by some of my pictures. And then suddenly Spring turned into Summer, all the blossom was gone, turned into miniature fruit and the leaves on the trees filled out into their full summer clothing. It was particularly noticeable in the park when it rained. The trees opened their full leaf in the warm sun and it made our park strikingly beautiful.

In the park, the black poplar whips we planted back in February have now come into leaf and were doing well until some vandal broke off the leading shoots. The Horticultural Society has tidied up the broken shoots and it looks as if they will survive what is a severe cut back. To see them you have to walk down to the stream beyond the allotments. They have to be kept watered to ensure they make good roots.

The Society is supporting Joanna Brown in her effort to plant over 5000 daffodil bulbs in the village in the Autumn as a thank you to the NHS. Many of the bulbs will be the variety Rainbow which has a pretty multicoloured cup.

Ralph Weston



A Host of Golden Daffodils

Early in the year, there are few things more lovely than daffodils, crocuses and other spring flowers, a sign that winter is coming to an end and warmer weather is coming. Some chat about this on the 'Everything Aston Clinton' Facebook page has generated a plan to plant bulbs, particularly daffodils and crocuses, around the village, adding colour and in commemoration of the challenging year we have had.

Wonderfully, many village groups including both churches, the WI, the Youth Group, the Rotary Club, the Beavers and the Cubs, together with many, individuals have already signed up with pledges, so far, to plant more than 5000 bulbs.

We will be looking to plant between the 12 and 27 September 2020, so plenty of opportunities, with a peak planting weekend of the 19 and 20 September.

I am arranging this (logistics and the exact where and when are still being discussed) together with our 'gardener in residence' Victoria Milnes, and Ralph Weston and his colleagues at the Horticultural Society.

If you would like to be involved, please drop me a note at joannabrown@outlook.com.

Joanna Brown

Rev Alison's & Leon's Red Salad

This recipe by Alison Roberts appeared in a recent Parish News. It is a great favourite at Flicks in the Sticks.



Ingredients:

- ½ medium carrot
- 1 small beetroot
- ¼ celeriac
- ⅛ of a red cabbage
- ½ stick of celery
- 1 small gherkin
- 2 tablespoons of sultanas
- 4 tablespoons of red wine vinegar
- 1 Cox's or similar apple
- Extra virgin olive oil, salt and pepper.

Method:

Peel and grate the carrot, beetroot and celeriac. Slice the cabbage and celery nice and thin. Chop the gherkin roughly. Put sultanas into a small saucepan with half the vinegar and simmer for just a few minutes until the liquid has all gone. Quarter and core the apple and slice. Mix all the ingredients together, and dress with the remaining vinegar and some seasoning. Finish with a slug of extra virgin oil before serving. The recipe can be easily doubled up if you want to make a larger amount - and keeps for a couple of days in an airtight container in the fridge.



Welcome back, Roths

The Rothschild Arms reopened its doors in July after a long eight months wait.

The pub, which has been a local to many residents since the mid-19th century, had been closed since October whilst Gemma and Stuart Ladyman purchased it from the brewery. After a lengthy battle, aided by local residents and involving a huge media campaign and a coach trip to the Punch Taverns head office, the sale was finally agreed in January.

As soon as the pub was theirs Gemma and Stuart set about refurbishing it and have given it a whole new lease of life. Over the past five months they have opened up the main bar making it feel light and welcoming and with Stuart's imagination full of quirky ideas it will take you several visits to appreciate all of the novel décor. The beer garden to the rear has also had a makeover with some of the 'beach' having been moved and a BBQ area added.

As we come out of lockdown, food is not yet available, but in the near future there will be a pizza oven and an eat in or takeaway homemade pizzas service for everyone to enjoy. The Roths now offers two real ales and a large selection of lagers and ciders. With the Pool and Darts teams returning as soon as they are able to, the Rothschild Arms is set to regain its place in the centre of the community.

CROSSWORD No.38 SOLUTION

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 7. Idle 11. Tablecloth 13. Radiance 16. Reheat
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Emergency

HEALTH

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Aston Clinton Dental Clinic	01296 323090	www.astonclintondentalclinic.co.uk
Amersham Hospital	01494 434411	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
John Radcliffe Hospital	01865 741166	www.ouh.nhs.uk/hospitals/jr/
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	01296 315000	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
Wycombe Hospital	01494 526161	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
NHS Direct	111	111.nhs.uk
Samaritans	116123	jo@samaritans.org

ENERGY SUPPLIERS

Electricity Emergency	0800 7838 838	
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999	
Water Emergency	0800 3169 800	

CRIME

Police Emergency	999	
Police non-emergency and Neighbourhood watch	101	www.thamesvalley.police.uk
Childline	0800 111	

Organisations *Any error or omission in this list should be notified to the Editor.*

EDUCATION

Aston Clinton School	01296 630276	www.astonclintonschool.co.uk
Aston Clinton Pre School	07928 309321	pre-school.acpsmanagement@gmail.com
Totspot (AC Baptist Church)	01296 631824	www.astonclintonbaptist.org

SPORT AND LEISURE

Aston Clinton Badminton Club	07958 479690	
Aston Clinton Bowls Club	01296 630403	www.astonclintonbowlsclub.org
Aston Clinton Colts Junior F.C.	07786 908219	coltsclubsecretary@outlook.com
Aston Clinton F.C.	07930 925840	www.astonclintonfc.co.uk
Aston Park Tennis Club	01296 630826	www.astonparktennis.co.uk
Aston Wine Club	01296 630531	www.astonwineclub.co.uk
Aylesbury Green Park Sub Aqua Club	07092 075004	www.aylesburydivers.org.uk
Back to Netball	07545 033986	weststandmolly@aol.com
Buckland & Aston Clinton Cricket Club	01296 631788	www.baccc.play-cricket.com
Buckland Book Group	01296 630531	brfletcher@hotmail.co.uk
Buckland Bridge Club	01296 630552	Buckland.bridge@gmail.com
Dolphin Swim School	07966 450458	dolphinswimschool2017@gmail.com
Swimezee	01296 730742	www.swimezee.co.uk

YOUTH GROUPS

Aston Clinton Guides, Brownies and Rainbows		www.girlguiding.org.uk
Aston Clinton Scouts	01296 708158	ac.scouts@Yahoo.com
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Aston Clinton Youth Club	01296 298682	

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All Saints, Buckland	01296 632488	www.allsaintsbuckland.org.uk
St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp	01296 632488	www.s-marys.org.uk
Aston Clinton Baptist Church	01296 631824	www.astonclintonbaptist.org

HALLS FOR HIRE

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Baptist Church	01296 630303	www.astonclintonbaptist.org
Buckland Village Hall	01296 630310	
Green Park / Adventure Learning Charity	03303 030101	alfvillages.org.uk

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Buckland Parish Council	01296 626073	bucklandpc@googlemail.com
Drayton Beauchamp. Parish Meeting	01296 630396	
Aylesbury Vale D.C.	01296 585858	
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	Mike Collins	Mike.Collins@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
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Highways	01296 486630	www.buckscc.go.uk
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MISCELLANEOUS

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Aston Clinton Ladies Group	01296 630740	
Aston Clinton U3A	01296 436403	www.u3asites.org.uk/aston-clinton/home
Horticultural Society	01296 633376	www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Royal British Legion	01296 632039	
SSAFA Forces Help	01296 631030	
Churchill Lunch Club	07921 172642	
Turpins Charity	01296 630162	www.turpinscharity.org.uk
Wendover Heights Veterinary Centre	01296 623439	www.whvc.co.uk
Women's Institute	01296 706908	b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com