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

For some time now everyone has been looking forward to life returning to normal. However, I don't think we necessarily wanted normal to include losing football matches on penalties.

Elsewhere we are seeing the return of our familiar village life and we have just seen our first church fete (and dog show) for a couple of years. After attending that, I went further down Church Lane to watch our cricket team playing. It was good to see elements of real village life back and it all felt a bit 'Ambridge'.

On the subject of cricket, we have a report from the cricket club on page 10, but since that was written the club has won the Coronation Cup, which has been played annually at Ascott House since 1953. Congratulations.

Our new Red Kite Pavilion in the park is running now and will no doubt be very busy during our famous **Astonbury festival on Saturday 14 August**. See the Parish Council web site for final details.

In this issue's Village People, we meet Sanu Desai. As well as having had a distinguished career as an eminent surgeon, Professor Desai has always been a keen sportsman with a particular interest in cricket and tennis and once played golf with a handicap in single figures.

It was interesting to see how Aston Clinton school showed some remarkable lateral thinking in arranging a camping event for year 6 pupils during the lockdown. See page 14 to read all about it.

One of the key things we have learnt during the pandemic has been the importance of looking after our mental health as well as our physical health. Possibly the best thing we can do to improve both is to get outside more. We are very lucky to have a wonderful park with stunning views and any number of footpaths and walks nearby so make the most of the rest of the Summer, get some fresh air and surround yourself with nature.

Richard Vincent

It's all about Ewe



*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want –
Psalm 23.vv1*

The story is told of an actor who was known for his readings and recitations from the Classics. He always ended his performance with a dramatic recital of Psalm 23. Each night, without exception, as the actor began his recitation *"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"* the crowd would listen attentively and then rise with thunderous applause, in appreciation of the actor's ability to bring the psalm to life.

One night, just before the actor was to offer his customary recital of Psalm 23, a young man from the audience spoke up. *"Sir, would you mind, if tonight, I recite Psalm 23?"*

The actor was surprised by this unusual request. However, he invited the young man to come onto the stage to recite the psalm; curious to see how the ability of this youth weighed against his own talent.

Softly the young man began to recite the words of the psalm. When he was finished, there was no applause. There was no standing ovation as on other nights. All that could be heard was the sound of weeping. The audience had been so moved by the youth's recitation that every eye was tearful.

Amazed by what he had experienced, the actor queried, *"I don't understand. I have been performing Psalm 23 for years. I have a lifetime of experience and training – but I have never been able to move an audience as you have tonight. Tell me, what is your secret?"* The young man humbly replied, *"Well sir, you know the psalm... but I know the Shepherd."*

Knowing the Shepherd changes everything.

It brings Abundant life – we are led to pleasant places full of the necessities of life, green pastures, still waters.

It brings a secure life – nothing can ultimately harm us, just as a shadow of a dog can't bite, the shadow of a sword can't cut so the shadow of death can't hold us.

And it brings a blessed life – even in the presence of enemies a feast of fine food is prepared, an anointing received, an awareness of God's presence with us here and now and for always known.

Most of all it is new life that is lived to the full as we follow the shepherd, who owns us, leads us and provides for us, for we are his sheep - ewe and me. *Grace and peace*

Nick

Minister ACBC

St Michael's May Craft Market

On 29th May we were finally able to hold our first Craft Market at St Michael's church (which had been planned for last year and then the pandemic happened).

The initial idea for the Craft Market was to hold a community event open to all within the church and although that idea remained, it quickly turned into a fundraising event after being closed for a long time and all arms of revenue being shut.

We were thankful for the good weather and really grateful to everyone who came and supported the market – there were over 15 local stall holders selling everything from children's books, unique art, jewellery, ladies' clothes, handmade cards, upcycled decanters, crystal art kits, candles, preloved gardenia, knitted toys and our very own poet.

St Michael and All Angels

Regular Services:

9.15am Family Eucharist every Sunday

6pm Evensong every Sunday.



EVENTS

Mon	2 – 4.30pm	Rhubarb Café (Closed Bank Holidays)	St Michael's Church
2nd Sat*	9 – 12pm	Repair Café – <i>Returns 12 June</i> (*2nd Saturday of the month)	St Michael's Church
Mon 20 Sept	2 – 4.30pm	Macmillan Fundraiser at Rhubarb Café	
Sat 25 Sept	<i>Times tbc</i>	Tabletop Sale and Bake Off Competition	

For more information on these services and events, please look at:

Facebook: Aston Clinton Benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp www.achurchnearyou.com
and search for St Michael's, Aston Clinton. Or look at our new website www.ac-buck-db-churches.org

The church volunteers did an amazing job running the plant stall, raffle, and refreshments – the homemade cakes and jams went down very well.

At the end of the event, the church had managed to raise £1145 which is superb so thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended, bought, and took part.

St Michael's 100 Club

This fundraising 100 Club gives you a chance for a little flutter as well as raising much needed monies for the church.

It is a monthly draw where you could win 50% of that month's takings – St Michael's church gets the rest.

If you would like to take part in this fundraiser please contact [Natalie](#) at the Benefice Office on either [01296 632488](tel:01296632488) or Benefice3@gmail.com

St Michael's Tabletop Sale & Bake Off

Saturday 25th September 2021

Times tbc

If you would like to take part in our first ever **tabletop sale**, please contact [Natalie](#) on Benefice3@gmail.com. It will be £10 per table (which will be donated to St Michael's church) and then everything you sell on the day is yours to keep.

Our popular **Bake Off** will be held on the same day so if you would like to enter, please contact [Natalie](#) on Benefice3@gmail.com to get your entry form. It costs £1 to enter and after the judging has finished, the cakes will then be sold to the public and all profits will be donated to St Michael's church.



Aston Clinton Branch

Ours is a very small branch of a very large organisation supporting veterans and members of the Armed Forces. People traditionally think of World War II and these veterans are now well into their 90's, but conflicts from Korea to Afghanistan, including the Falklands war, leave a legacy that needs our support.

Currently, HMS Queen Elizabeth is on a major exercise in the Far East. Over 1000 men and women will be away for over seven months. The RBL will support personnel if they have any difficulties, especially for the families left behind.

Closer to home, in the last 12 months, we have had VE and VJ days when remembrance services were held at the War memorial and £1000 was raised for the RBL.

Due to Covid, branch meetings have not taken place, but we hope to meet again later this year.

It is 100 years since the RBL was founded and to celebrate this, a short commemoration was included in a Sunday morning service, when George presented our banner. Special prayers were said. It was very moving. Also, our branch held a money raising event at the "acar2go" showroom in June. We received many donations towards our main stalls of Raffle, Tombola, and Cakes and £800 was raised. Our thanks to the Rector, Sally, for arranging the presentation in church and to Mark at the "acar2go" showroom for allowing us to use the premises for our centenary event.



Our Branch is planning for a traditional poppy appeal this year though we will not be going from door-to-door and poppies will be available at local shops, public houses and restaurants. *Ralph Weston*

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please visit our website.

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Repair Café returns to St Michael's

After a long delay thanks to the Covid pandemic, the Aston Clinton Repair Café returned to St Michael's on 12 June. Pandemics permitting, Repair Café will now be open from 9am to noon on the second Saturday of each month.



On our first day back, we repaired 31 items with a further 11 awaiting parts and raised £328 for the church too. We only had three unrepairable items and by repairing rather than replacing, saved the equivalent CO₂ of flying 2985 miles!

We fixed a variety of items - a vacuum cleaner, a number of lamps, an elephant had his head sewn back on, a teddy had its ear sewn on, trousers were shortened, a sentimental vase was glued back together, a wooden jewellery box lid was fixed, a hair dryer, an iron, a sentimental ivory paper knife was glued back together and a clock got to tick again. Our new jewellery volunteer fixed an earring, a ring and a St Christopher.

One of the reasons the original repair café was set up in Amsterdam was to share skills and for people to learn how to fix things themselves. We had an example of this when a young lady brought in her mum's fairly old sewing machine that wasn't working. Our volunteer diagnosed a part was needed and

looked online, found that part and showed the young lady how to fix it. She was fairly confident she could do it but said if not she would come back to the next café.

If anyone would like to join our friendly group of volunteers, they would be most welcome. Perhaps someone has taken up a new hobby as a result of Covid and would like to share their skills.

Contact *Peter* by email acrepaircafe@gmail.com 01296 631799 or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/acrepaircafe *Jane Gardiner*.

WI

The WI is intending to hold meetings once again in the Anthony Hall beginning in September, Covid regulations permitting. Our members are looking forward to face-to-face meetings again after so many months of Zoom meetings!

Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp and Aston Clinton WI meet the **first Wednesday of every month in the Anthony Hall at 7.45pm**. Our speaker for Wednesday 1st September is Nigel Ealing with his talk on 'Fag ends and Frustration' (regional crime squad) and on Wednesday 6 October we will welcome Christine Farmer to find out about 'Masquerade' (history of masks). We have all learned quite a lot about masks over the past months, however this presentation will concern itself with masks in an entirely different context!

In addition to our monthly meetings, we arrange theatre trips and have several thriving groups including a walking group, lunch club and craft club. These groups will also begin again once things have opened up.

We look forward to welcoming new members at any of our meetings – Come along and try us – You will be most welcome. Or for more information please contact me by email b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com *Lin Mitchell*

Discover dinosaurs at Discover Bucks Museum



Bucks County Museum has changed its name to Discover Bucks Museum and this summer the family blockbuster is **'Dinosaurs Uncovered' which runs until 18 September.** This stunning exhibition features skeleton casts and fossils of dinosaurs and other prehistoric beasts. Don't miss this chance to discover prehistoric creatures on your doorstep. Lots of family activities will also run during the holidays and for hands-on fun visit the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery. Book now on our brand-new website www.buckscountymuseum.org

The Museum in the heart of Aylesbury Old Town has a lovely walled garden to relax in and café serving light refreshments. *Just drop in.*

Check our website for what's on, charges, opening times and booking information.

Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP
www.buckscountymuseum.org

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Aston Clinton Parish Council

Recently, we have had some changes within the Council, with both councillors and staffing. Elaine Barry, who was our wonderful Clerk has sadly left us to pursue new interests. Elaine's contribution to the council, and guidance to councillors was invaluable, and one of her biggest achievements was the successful project management of the new pavilion in the park. We'd like to thank Elaine for all of her hard work, dedication and commitment, not only on this project, but to the Parish overall and we wish her well in her future adventures.

As we look forward to the summer holidays, and spending time in our beautiful park, we'd like to remind everyone that absolutely no BBQs are permitted anywhere in the park, they are a significant fire risk and have in the past caused damage to tables and bins. With the increase in visitors to the park, there is also a significant increase in rubbish, resulting in overflowing bins and making the park look untidy. Please use the many bins throughout the park and take your rubbish home with you if the bins are full.

We are extremely excited to be able to announce that after its huge success in recent years, **Astonbury** has been approved with the full support of the Parish Council and will go ahead subject to Covid restrictions being lifted, on **Saturday 14th August 2021.** This important free community event will feature family fun in the afternoon, and a live music line-up in the evening, organised by Liz Tubb and Mervyn Ramsey who have put everything in place pending confirmation of restrictions easing.

Finally, we are grateful for the continued support of our wonderful village community and look forward to working with you into the future. *Lisa Driscoll, Assistant Clerk, ACPC*
www.astonclinton.org.uk

St Michael & All Angels' Summer Fete

This year's Summer Fete was a wonderful opportunity for the church and village to come together for tea, cake and a chat.

The day was well-attended and about £1000 was raised. As always, one of the highlights was the dog show, with all 12 dogs impressing the judges.



Simply Walk-ing Again!

In case you've been wondering whatever happened to Simply Walk, the good news is that it has been able to operate recently under existing HMG Covid guidelines, albeit with restrictions on numbers due to Covid precautions and reduced Leader availability. So, it is still possible for you to join a walk, using the on-line booking system (see below). At present, we are splitting our allocation between two walks: A 'Short walk' and a 'Longer walk'. Note that the slightly longer 'Progression walk' is currently being held in abeyance due to the shortage of walk leaders, some of whom have also been adversely affected by the Covid situation.

To find out when and where the walks are taking place and also to reserve a place on one of them, simply go on-line to [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk); click on 'how to make a booking' and follow the instructions. Look out for Aston Clinton Weekly Walks (Levels 1/2) or Aston Clinton Weekly Walks (Level 3).

However, if you are not an 'on-line' person and would still like to participate, please come down to the park on any Thursday about 15 mins before our official start time (10.30) and talk to one of the leaders in the hi-viz jackets. If there is still a space available on one of our walks they will endeavour to book you onto it but, if not, they will take your details so that you can be booked onto the next available one.

Apart from good footwear and appropriate clothing, please bring with you all your own personal Covid protection and sanitisation equipment, in line with whatever HMG recommendations happen to be in place on the day. In the event of HMG restrictions being lifted as planned, it is hoped that more people will be able to join us and get the benefits of some good post-Covid exercise in our beautiful countryside, throughout the coming summer.

Edward Kempton.

Aston Clinton Colts return to play



Established in 1983, Aston Clinton Colts Junior Football Club has provided football related activities to hundreds of children and young people. Over the years, the club has become an integral part of the Aston Clinton Community. Every Summer, the club also hosts one of the most extensive and successful village football tournaments in Bucks, welcoming over 150 teams from all over the Herts, Beds & Bucks region.

Now that grassroots football is finally back post-lockdown, the Under 11's team has returned to play with a smart new kit thanks to a new local sponsor, Raynor Wealth Management.

Aston Clinton Colts club secretary, Di Waller said: "We're thrilled to see our Under 11's and all our other teams back on the pitch. The lockdown restrictions have been tough on everyone. Grassroots football plays an important role not only in the wellbeing and development of our young players but also in bringing people from our local community together."

Aston Clinton Colts Junior Football club is open to boys and girls aged between five and seventeen and is affiliated to the Berks and Bucks FA. Training sessions are held most Saturday mornings 10am - 11.30am at Aston

Park, Aston Clinton and at Weston Playing fields, Weston Turville. To find out more about joining the club, visit www.accolts.com or email committee@accolls.com.

Cricket Club

The first half of the season has been an excellent one for Buckland and Aston Clinton Cricket Club. Following on from last year's shortened campaign it has been a season that is promising much, despite the wetter than usual weather causing a number of cancellations.



Mid-season, the 1st XI is leading Division 3 of the Four Counties Cricket League. Since losing our first match we have been unbeaten, making a great base for a promotion challenge. The batting has been led by Talib Hussein and Safeer Ahmed who are both averaging over 40. Evergreen skipper Mike Parsonage is the leading wicket taker, yet again.

The 2nd XI has suffered more with the weather, having had four games rained off, and sit mid table in Division 5. The batting highlight to date was provided in the first match of the season when Liam Smith's unbeaten 143 and Gary Wiltshire's 75 led to a 201 run opening stand in a nine wicket victory. Captain Casey Dawson is again the top wicket taker, with Kris Greig narrowly behind him.

BACCC has had good success in midweek cricket too, with four wins from the first five games in the new Village T20 league, and the highlight being a double over Tring Park Piranhas. We have also reached the final of the Coronation Cup for the first time in 15 years.

Colts cricket has been revitalised this year, with over 50 youngsters joining us for training and matches. After a low turnout post lockdown in summer 2020 this is easily our highest ever number. For the first time we have had to put some of the younger children on a waiting list and need desperately to recruit more volunteer coaches to be able to satisfy the demand. We have fielded U13 and U15 teams in the Aylesbury & District Midweek League, and have seen some impressive performances. In the U15s we saw a maiden century for Ryan and a first 50 for Jayden in the opening game of the season at Waddesdon. The highlights in the U13s group have been the impressive number of run outs from direct hits in the field, with Tom picking up a hat-trick of those at Bledlow Village, and the powerful hitting (including onto one of the coach's cars) of Rohan. *Phil Samuels*

Aston Clinton Bowls Club

Bowlers from Aston Clinton Bowls Club have enjoyed a successful start to the season. The men have qualified for the quarter finals of the Bucks Plate, a county-wide competition and the ladies are almost certain to qualify for the Burnham Plate quarter-finals – a competition they reached the final of in 2018. Carol Watson and Cathy Clark have also reached the quarter finals of the ladies' pairs competition, where they will meet the ladies of Stony Stratford.

Our Open Day and the Bowls England Big Bowls Weekend attracted seven new members and all have completed a course of instruction, keeping our registered coaches busy.

The Dave Rymer Trophy is named after our former greenkeeper. This year's winner was Clive Latimer, who beat Ian Watson in a keenly fought match.



A game always hotly contested is the annual Villagers versus the Borderers. Those who live in the village play those who live outside its boundary, and for the first time in many years, the Villagers outnumbered the opposition! However, after gentle negotiation, the Borderers were loaned a player and came out the winners. The club was joined for the afternoon by the new Bowls England Clubs and Participation Officer, Alan Lake. The game was followed by tea and cake and the trophy presented to the winning team.

The club is hosting the final rounds of several county competitions, the winners of which will qualify for the National Championships at Leamington at the of August. In September, there are two more county finals on the green and the club's own competition finals will be held on 11th/12th September, so if you are passing, why not come in and watch?

Two days after the finals weekend, the club has the pleasure of hosting the annual Buckinghamshire Men versus the Buckinghamshire Ladies match. This is the finale of the county's year and is likely to be an exciting game played in a friendly but competitive spirit. *Brian Clark, 01844 351461*
brianp.clark29@gmail.com

Nature reserve gets an 80th birthday present

A wildlife haven spanning the parishes of Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp which helped inspire Charles Rothschild to start the UK's nature reserve movement has received a special birthday gift to celebrate its 80th anniversary – a grant of more than £90,000.



The money will be used to further develop Dancersend Reserve which was one of the first nature reserves in the UK. The 211-acre site is where a young Charles Rothschild discovered his love of nature. He went on to help found the conservation society that eventually became The Wildlife Trusts.

Now, the Rothschild Foundation has given the funding to the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) to develop the site which was established as a nature reserve in commemoration of Charles Rothschild's achievements 80 years ago.

The donation will provide new equipment, help create a mosaic of new habitats, including a large wildlife pond, and display boards telling the little-known story of Dancersend. BBOWT, which part-owns and manages the reserve, is also planning a series of events to celebrate the anniversary and will work with neighbouring landowners to help protect and enhance the natural environment in the wider area for people to enjoy.

BBOWT CEO Estelle Bailey said

"Dancersend is like the mother of all nature reserves – one of the foundation stones on which The Wildlife Trusts was built. This beautiful place inspired the man who became a pioneer in the UK's nature reserve movement, so it has an important place in history as well as in our hearts."

The Rothschild Foundation commented

"We are proud to continue the work that Charles Rothschild started on the site, which represents a historic turning point in the way that our society interacts with the natural environment. As our entire planet rallies to tackle the problems of global climate change and ecological damage, there has never been a better time to recognise the importance of this modest patch of woods and grassland in the English countryside."

Under BBOWT's care, Dancersend has nearly trebled in size to 211 acres of woodland, chalk grassland and scrub stretching across three parishes - almost all of it open to the public. Nestling in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the reserve boasts 390 species of flowering plants and ferns, over 800 species of fungi and more than 770 species of butterflies and moths. Mick Jones, volunteer warden at Dancersend said

"As it will be the 80th birthday of the reserve this year I want to publicise Charles Rothschild's story and promote the idea of a memorial to him and the conservation movement he inspired. However, most of the grant will go towards protecting, enhancing and creating habitat for wildlife, especially given the challenges of climate change and increased public use. After a difficult 18 months for our educational and promotional work we are once again able to start offering a series of guided walks and talks to show off Dancersend and other local BBOWT reserves, like Aston Clinton Ragpits."

To find out more go to www.bbowl.org.uk/
Whether you have just an hour, a day or a week to give, and whatever your skills, there's an opportunity for you to volunteer with the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) near where you live.

BBOWT has volunteering opportunities at all levels, on our nature reserves, at our visitor and education centres and in our offices, and relevant *training is given before you start.*

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Work gets underway on lasting tribute to Buckinghamshire's community spirit.



Work has begun on the construction of Nightingale's Rainbow – a new sculptural installation at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury – which will stand to pay tribute to the community spirit and kindness shown across the communities of Buckinghamshire during the pandemic and will be a permanent symbol of hope in the face of adversity.

Alongside the physical structure, a Virtual Nightingale's Rainbow has been created where you can show your personal appreciation and support for anyone who has supported you or your community through the crisis by buying a Rainbow Tile in their name. You can leave a personal message of thanks which will be added to the Virtual Rainbow and put up on displays across Buckinghamshire later in the year.

Each Rainbow Tile costs £20, with the proceeds split between Buckinghamshire NHS Charitable Fund and Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity to support nurses, other healthcare workers and patients across the county as we recover from the pandemic.

You can purchase a Rainbow Tile and leave your personal message of thanks and appreciation at www.nightingalesrainbow.org.uk.



Aston Clinton School

Head Teacher.: Mrs Carol Macdonald



The Big Year 6 Camp Out

The past 18 months have had a dramatic impact on all our children; they have missed out on so many rites of passage. This year, we were determined to ensure that our Year 6 pupils were left with memories that would last a lifetime. Limited in options, we pooled our resources and came up with a festival style camp out involving all the usual residential activities that the children would expect.

The experience started on the morning of Wednesday 23rd June when they all arrived at school with their kit and happy, smiling faces, ready to start the adventure.

The first day was full of brain tingling challenges and problem solving. Wow – did that make them work hard! They solved the key code challenge, built towers without touching, completed the gutter run and solved the toxic waste disaster plus many other mind bogglingers.

At the end of the school day, when everyone else in the school went home, it was time for the real camp to begin. The children collected their kit and made their way through to the school sports field – our home until Friday. They were so excited to see how the field had been transformed into a festival style campsite.

Oh, the staff had fun watching them erect their tents!

After this, they settled in for some food, fun and games. The highlight for everyone was the Tug-of-War, although I think the teachers are still sulking that they did not win!

That evening it was time for them to settle down with the campfire before bed. Of course, with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

The next morning, after a delicious pancake and fruits breakfast, they embarked on a non-stop day of activities: archery, building giant catapults, learning a range of survival skills and enjoying a walk to the park to develop their understanding of orienteering.



After some more fun and games, as well as making our survival bracelets, it was time for another BBQ. We would like to thank Pat from The Oak for making this happen.



The last day of camp gave us our final dose of adventure: team challenges, skateboarding, fencing and an ENORMOUS climbing wall!

Everyone had an absolutely amazing time at the Big Year 6 Camp Out. Thank you to our neighbours for surviving the noise and to the Oak for providing such delicious food. You helped create those memories.

Mrs Katherine Cole, Deputy Headteacher

Aston Clinton u3a

Aston Clinton u3a is a local organisation affiliated to the Third Age Trust. The national organisation's motto is 'learn, laugh, live'. Its ethos is a cooperative model of local members organising groups, events and activities, calling on the huge range of skills and expertise of retired individuals across the country.

The Aston Clinton group has 255 members and over 30 activity groups ranging from learning a foreign language, line dancing, bird watching, theatre trips and many more.

Like most organisations, we were hit hard by the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns

however, due the tenacity and expertise of key members of the local group, we were able to continue several activities online, with many of our members learning new skills in IT and the use of the ever present Zoom as a result.



u3a picnic in the park

A selection of planned activities is shown below for information; these are of course subject to confirmation if Covid rules allow.

Thurs 9 September

Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon

Tues 14 to Fri 17 September

Trip to York

Mon 25 October

Meal out with Elvis tribute act

Sat 18 September

60's Night

If you are interested in joining us please make contact through the website, details below. We are also keen to invite any new and existing members that feel they could pass on their working life expertise to consider forming an interest group under the umbrella of our organisation.

For further information please see the website:
<https://u3asites.org.uk/aston-clinton/welcome>

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A view from Westminster

When I was last invited to write for Village Life, the country was emerging from the first few months of Covid restrictions and we had a sense of cautious optimism. Sadly and tragically, new variants of the virus then emerged, forcing further lockdowns to protect the NHS and save lives.

Since then, we have seen the rollout of vaccines that means we can now feel much more secure about the road back to normality. This has happened thanks to tremendous efforts by a huge range of people – from the scientists who invented the vaccines to the local volunteers who helped at the vaccination hubs in Aylesbury and across the county. We owe them all a huge debt of gratitude. Similarly, appreciation for key workers from all walks of life has grown throughout the pandemic, especially those in the NHS.

There remains a responsibility on all of us to reduce risks from the virus, but we can now start to get back to doing so many of the things we love.



I was very pleased to see culture returning locally when I visited St Michael's church to meet the artists exhibiting there as part of Bucks Art Weeks. And after highlighting the tremendous contribution local community centres make during Village Halls Week, it was good to hear that the new Red Kite Pavilion has opened. I am sure it will be very well used! The pandemic has brought out a community

spirit that reflects the very best of Bucks; I feel sure it will continue to bring us together.

Rob Butler, MP for Aylesbury.

Bucks Art Week at St Michael's



When we seven artists all signed up for Bucks Art Week back in January 2020, we had no idea it would take until June 2021 for it to actually happen and it seemed a very long time in coming.

For most of us it was our first time participating in or organising the event and we only had a day and an evening in which to turn St. Michael's into an art gallery, which wasn't without its little hitches. However, the result was so much better than any of us could have imagined- St. Michael's is such a beautiful building in which to showcase our varied and diverse work.

Those taking part were:

Sue Bailey, with her stunning glass pieces which were beautifully illuminated by the sunlight streaming through the window.

Nigel Brigden, who paints landscapes and portraits in acrylic paint; he even had two brilliant portraits of St. Michael's very own Ralph Weston on show.

Paula Daddow and her amazing, ethereal and thought-provoking work and photographs.

Terry Gardiner who, with chalk pastel, draws wonderful portraits of people such as Keith Richards and Harry Potter, and was a big hit when the school came to visit.

Sonia Lyon, whose truly amazing pastel drawings of individual pets and other animals, some from observations from her trip to the Galapagos Islands, melted everyone's hearts all week.

Di Oldfield, who paints colourful, vibrant land and seascapes, buildings and flowers on canvas in oil paint; she also displayed her ceramic replicas of the ancient 'Lewis Chessmen'.

Pat Rozental with her bee and still life watercolours and prints, some inspired by local walks on the canal.

We even had a small installation of cast, plaster sandbags...

Although much of our work was for sale, our main objective was to have as many people as possible come and see our work which we spend so much time and effort doing. Thank you to all who came and supported us and enjoyed a cup of tea and piece of cake, generously baked for us by volunteers from the Rhubarb Café. All proceeds from the refreshments went to the church, and we'd like to say thank you to St. Michael's for hosting us in a very successful and enjoyable Bucks Art Week – *See you in 2022!*



Happiness is... Scottish country dancing!



18 months is a long time without dancing...

During that time, we've been taking part in virtual weekly classes and other celebrations which have kept us on our toes. But dancing alone at home comes a poor second to the thrill of dancing with friends and enjoying the irresistible rhythms of the jigs, reels and strathspeys of Scottish country dancing. So, we're really looking forward to resuming dancing in Wendover Memorial Hall on 9 September and our New Dancers' Class will start a few weeks later.

If you're looking for a new fitness activity after lockdown, why not join our class? Scottish country dancing is a great way to keep fit mentally and physically. You don't need to be Scottish, wear a kilt or have a partner – and your first visit is free.

In the current circumstances, it's possible numbers might be restricted when we return, so please contact me before 9 September for the latest information.

Liz Mitchell, Lucy Clark SCD Club
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www.lucyclarkscottish.org

The 4th Annual Chilterns Heritage Festival

Saturday 18th September – Sunday 3rd October

We are delighted to be running a series of exciting events across the region that are designed to celebrate the diverse heritage of the Chilterns.

This festival of experiences promises something for everyone to enjoy. Visit the chilternsociety.org.uk website to browse our events programme or contact

Lucy Davies. Phone 01494 490746 Email: lucydavies@chilternsociety.org.uk to book your tickets. A couple of events locally are:

September 23, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Tickets £9. Red Kite Pavillion, Aston Clinton Park, London Road, Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire HP22 5HL

Author Talk – Dave Sivers: Chiltern Thrills – Making Crime Pay.

Dave Sivers, crime fiction author, will take you on his journey from lifelong scribbler to minor bestseller, the seismic changes in the publishing industry in the past ten years and the challenges of setting gritty crime fiction in a pleasant rural area. He calls his crime fiction novels 'Chiltern Noir': his popular series featuring detectives Lizzie Archer and Dan Baines is set in Buckinghamshire's Aylesbury

Vale. He is a co-founder of Ivinghoe's BeaconLit book festival. A drink on arrival is included in the price. Dave Sivers will talk from 7.30 – 8.15pm with questions, book signings and socialising to follow. There will also be an opportunity for you to buy drinks and copies of his books after the talk

September 27, 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Tickets £10 Tring Brewery, Dunsley Farm, London Rd, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 6HA

This event, led by a member of the Tring Brewery Team, will take you behind the scenes of this famous local brewery – which coincidentally was the winner of our 2017 Best Craft Beer Award.

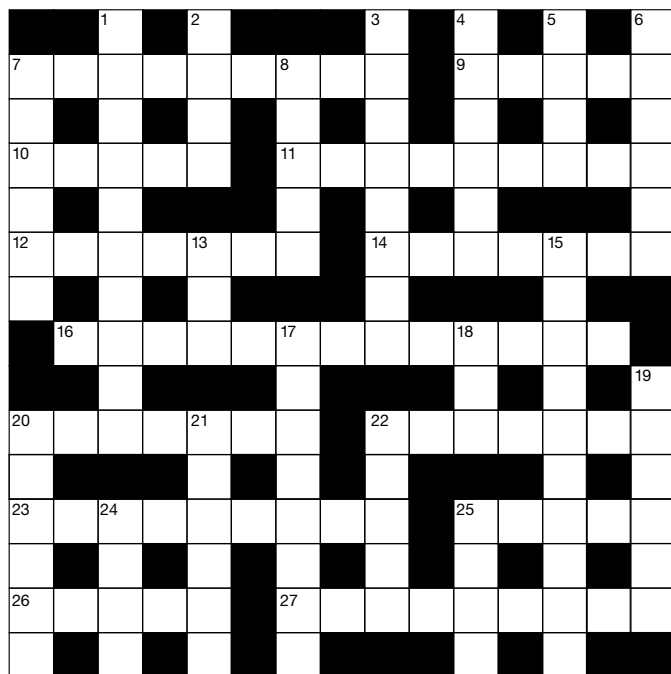
You'll hear a detailed history of British beer styles with tasters to accompany the talk. There will be a focus on British brewing history, and the sensory analysis of various styles indigenous to the UK.

Events comply with government guidelines on Covid-19. If any Covid-19 outbreaks occur, or new restrictions are imposed, the event will be cancelled and a full refund given.



Village Life crossword no.43

Crossword compiled by **Helen Lonsdale** (SOLUTION ON PAGE 24)



CLUES ACROSS

- 7 Small red fruit (9)
- 9 Tacks (5)
- 10 Playground apparatus (5)
- 11 Medically equipped vehicle (9)
- 12 School dress (7)
- 14 Rower of a boat (7)
- 16 Decontamination (13)
- 20 Skull (7)
- 22 Alters (7)
- 23 William I (9)
- 25 Taken with a camera (5)
- 26 Curb (5)
- 27 Creature with lots of legs (9)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Cast iron plant (Gracie Fields) (10)
- 2 Skilled (4)
- 3 Facial features (8)
- 4 Fisherman (6)
- 5 Animal that swallowed Albert (4)
- 6 Rear of ship (6)
- 7 Save (7)
- 8 Kingdom (5)
- 13 Belonging to us (3)
- 15 Semi-precious stones (10)
- 17 Five line humorous poem (8)
- 18 ___ Mahal (3)
- 19 On land (6)
- 20 A small shallow boat or shell (6)
- 21 Greenland natives (6)
- 22 Protector of clothes (5)
- 24 Moniker (4)
- 25 Bucket (4)

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Sudoku

All you have to do is fill in the squares so that each row, column and the nine small 3x3 squares contains the numbers 1-9.

(SOLUTION ON PAGE 24)

Village People

Regular readers of Village People will notice that instead of a person who is a part of village life, the focus this time is on someone who we think has an interesting story to tell, local resident and distinguished surgeon Professor Sanu Desai.



Q. What were your early years like?

A. Early years were spent in Mumbai in India. During the 1939-45 war we were evacuated to the country due to the threat of Japanese air attacks. We returned to Mumbai after the war when I finished my schooling and entered Grant Medical College in 1952.

Q. How has your career evolved?

A. After qualifying as a doctor, and to pursue my interest in surgery, I came to England in 1959 for further training. I became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1965.

My wife, Nalini, joined me, and we started working in the NHS, first in Bradford then in Leeds, Nottingham and back to Bradford before moving to Birmingham. I started training in plastic surgery in 1962.

We both came to work at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in 1967. The Oxford Regional Plastic Surgery unit is based at Stoke Mandeville. It was founded by Professor Kilner in 1939 whose main interest was

in treatment of children born with cleft lip and palate. While at the unit my interest grew in treatment of cleft children, head and neck cancer, and road accidents involving windscreen injury.

I became Consultant Plastic Surgeon at the unit in 1971 and formulated a plan to operate within 48 hours of birth to repair cleft lip and at four months to repair cleft palate. During my time at the unit we successfully treated 465 new-born babies.

Q. Looking back on your distinguished career, what are you most proud of?

A. Highlights were being elected as President of Plastic Surgery Section of Royal Society of Medicine in 1984 and four years later being awarded the Hunterian Professorship by the Royal College of Surgeons, a unique honour for the original work on operating on new-born babies with cleft lip. But overall, it has to be the successful treatment of so many new-born babies with cleft palate by the time I retired in 1997.

On a personal rather than professional level, following my life-long love of cricket I am proud to have been made a life member of the MCC.

Q. How long have you lived in Drayton Beauchamp?

A. We moved to Drayton Beauchamp in 1975.

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. As a young man I played badminton, cricket, squash and tennis but with age and pressure of work I had to give up. I managed to play golf with a handicap of 9 for few years but no more. My wife and I do like to travel, especially cruising, and have

visited many countries around the world since retiring.

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

A. My first car was red frog-eyed Austin Healey Sprite bought in 1960. I liked fast cars and always wanted a Bentley and a Porsche. My Bentley T2 is now a classic car but sadly I had to sell the Porsche 911 Turbo I owned for 32 years as I couldn't get in or out of it anymore! I now mainly drive a Mitsubishi Outlander Plug-in Hybrid.

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

A. Drayton Beauchamp is generally very quiet and peaceful but increased traffic now causes some problems. This pandemic has changed the way we live, the way we work, the way we travel and the way we look after others. The village remains a friendly, supportive community especially during this period.

Recognised for the original work on operating on new-born babies with cleft lip.

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*Interview **Andrew Andersz**
Photo **David Lonsdale***

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

All Saints' Buckland

Regular Services:

8am Holy Communion, every Sunday

10am Midweek Communion every Wednesday



FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 8 Aug	11am	Messy Sunday	All Saints'
Sun 12 Sept	11am	Messy Sunday	All Saints'

For more information on these services and events, please look at:

Facebook: Aston Clinton Benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp www.achurchnearyou.com and search for All Saints'. Or look at our new website www.ac-buck-db-churches.org

Ride & Stride

This year's event will take place on Saturday 11th September. Team Buckland will once again be riding to raise money for All Saints Buckland and Bucks Historic Churches Trust by visiting local churches.

If you'd like to cycle with us and help us with sponsorship we'd love to hear from you. It's a fun day out and in a good cause! Please contact [Anne Kippax](mailto:anne@kippax.org.uk) on 07771 683529 or anne@kippax.org.uk



Turpin's Charity supports those in need, who live in the parishes of Aston Clinton and Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards. The charity began in 1736 when Widow Turpin died, and in her will she bequeathed her estate for the benefit of those in need of support.

Through the awarding of grants the Turpin's Charity continues to help alleviate the hardship being experienced by members of the community in a number of ways, including purchasing items of equipment necessary for the home; addressing educational needs, supporting the local foodbank, and assisting the public in their access to medical treatments.

Please do get in touch with us should you require support, all applications are dealt with confidentially and sensitively.

Website: turpinscharity.org.uk, email: info@turpinscharity.org.uk, Tel: 01296 630162

Open Garden schemes at Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp



Buckland Open Garden Scheme

Over two recent Sunday afternoons a total of 18 local gardens were opened to the public.

Chris Dunbar tells us that about 300 people visited Drayton Beauchamp and raised funds for the Aylesbury Homeless Action Group and improving local planting. Teas and homemade cakes were extremely popular as was the plant sale run by the Horticultural Society.

Meanwhile, over in Buckland, £1000 was being raised for All Saints. Again, sales of tea and cake were very popular, reports Kate Eckett.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the events or visited the gardens to see the spectacular results from all the work that has been put in.

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

acvillagelife.co.uk



A Comedy Night on Friday the 13th to raise funds for a new toilet. What could possibly go wrong?

Comedian and amateur gelotologist (look it up!), Ian Macdonald shares his experiences as a stand-up comedian in a joyful show that celebrates laughter.

“The funny thing about laughter” will be at St Mary’s Church, Drayton Beauchamp at 7.30pm on Friday 13 August.

Tickets £10, including a glass of Prosecco, with proceeds going towards a shiny new toilet for the church. For more information or to book tickets, contact [Rev Alison 01296 630257](mailto:RevAlison01296630257), Alisonroberts999@btinternet.com

Please respect your GP

Buckinghamshire patients asked to treat GP practice staff with kindness and respect.

Aggressive behaviour toward staff at GP practices have recently been on the rise nationally, and a number of surgeries across Buckinghamshire have experienced this too.

NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group is reminding patients to treat all members of staff at their GP practice with kindness and respect. Every member of staff, whether receptionist, nurse, GP or any other, deserves to be treated with dignity. *Thanks*

Buck Pub 2021

Buckland Village Hall
HP22 5JB

**Friday 20, Saturday 21st
and Sunday 22nd August**



The Buck Pub returns to Buckland Village Hall from 20 - 22 August. The pub is run entirely by volunteers so if you are able to help in any way then please let me know.

In addition to the food, drink, music and quiz night, this year we will also be running a new art exhibition throughout the weekend, including work from local artists Sally Bassett and Daniel McShane

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SUDOKU SOLUTION

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What's on:

Friday:

- Lunch: Rennie Grove lunch. *All welcome*
- Evening: Curry Night.

Saturday:

- Morning: We will be holding the first 'Buckland Brunch Run'. a social run starting at 10.30 with sausages, croissant and coffee to follow in the village hall. We'll have a choice of routes ranging from a very gentle 3 miles to a slightly more challenging 7 miles. Everyone welcome
- Lunch: Food served
- Evening: The Buck Quiz at 8pm – it'll be short and fun for teams of 4 or 5 people. If you don't have a team, just turn up and we'll find you one

Sunday:

- Lunch: Food served
- Afternoon: Buckland Music Festival. This year's music festival will be in the garden and will feature a mix of folk, rock and pop music.

Charities

The principal beneficiary will be Rennie Grove Hospice Care with a share of the funds raised also going to All Saints Church.

Contact details

Buck Pub 2021 is organised by Anne and Nigel Kippax with the generous support of many volunteers. You can contact [Nigel](mailto:nigel@kippax.org.uk) on **01296 631010; 07768 723043** or email nigel@kippax.org.uk

EVENT CANCELLED

Re-engage at Lindengate

Lindengate is at its best at this time of year and with government guidelines easing, now is the time to get together with friends, family or colleagues and come and see for yourself at our site in Wendover.



Our staff and volunteers have been busy maintaining the site and we are now seeing an abundance of produce from our kitchen gardens, as well as incredible wildflowers and broods of ducklings, who are thriving.

We know that many businesses and local community groups are working towards coming together again, to re-engage and catch up. At Lindengate, we believe the natural environment contributes to improving wellbeing through nature, so why not arrange your next gathering at Lindengate, whether for a business team meeting, or with a group of friends. Bring refreshments or a picnic and take time to re-connect, surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature. Get in touch to book ahead, if coming with a larger group. Email: info@lindengate.org.uk.

We are open to all, so drop in and see for yourself. Please note our new opening times from **1 August - Wednesdays 4.30pm – 7.30pm and Saturdays 1.30pm – 4.30pm.**

The Lindengate gardens will also be open to the public on Sunday 12th September 2021 as part of the National Open Garden Scheme.

We are excited to announce that The Countess Howe, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire has become a Patron for Lindengate Mental Health Charity. Lady Howe said,

"The issue of Mental Health has been one of the serious consequences of the pandemic. Cases are rising and are likely to continue to do so as the full impact of Coronavirus is felt over the coming years. Charities such as Lindengate will play an even more important role in the recovery of those affected. I feel honoured to have been invited to join Lindengate as a Patron and will hope to assist them in their work supporting those who need their help most."

For full details of all our programmes, go to www.lindengate.org.uk

Aston Clinton Ladies' Group

At last, we are planning meetings again! And hopefully they will actually be able to go ahead.

Wednesday 25th August 2 -4 pm

A get together with tea and cake at Marion Richards' home. If you would like to come please contact Sue Sanders or Janet Watson to book your place.

Wednesday 15th September 8pm in the Guide Hall. A talk by Street Angels on help in the Community.

For more info contact [Sue Sanders](#) on **01296 630740** or [Janet Watson](#) on **01296 631014**

We are a friendly group and would love to welcome new members. [Janet Leech](#)

Horticultural Society

Apart from a few days of heatwave, we have returned to more normal summer weather. It means that our lawns are greener and that our flower and vegetable plots are growing well, not to forget the weeds. It is good to hear of those people who are cultivating their gardens into meadows to encourage the wildlife and bees.

Because we have not been able to meet as normal, we have continued with 'Zoom talks'. In May, Dananjaya Silva spoke to us in a talk entitled "Two leaves and a bud" which was the story of growing tea. This was followed, in June by "Horatio's Garden, Stoke Mandeville Hospital" by Amy Moffett, Head Gardener. We learnt that Horatio's Garden is a UK wide charity that builds and maintains beautiful gardens for those affected by spinal injury.

In May, the Society held a most successful plant sale in Aston Clinton Park. Since then, we have supported Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp open gardens with plant sales that have raised hundreds of pounds for local churches and charities.

Our Summer Exhibition will be held on **21st August, from noon - 4pm** at St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton. This will replace the normal Summer Show and will take the form of an exhibition, rather than a competition, celebrating the "everyday". There will be the opportunity for everyone to enter their fruit & veg, handicrafts, photographs and even cakes! There will be a wide range of categories based broadly on the ones from the usual Summer Show and catering for everyone from novice to expert and for all ages. There will be separate categories for children. There will also be refreshments, a plant sale, a book stall and a raffle, so it should prove to be a fun afternoon. The closing date for entries for the exhibition is Sunday 15 August.



Further information on the exhibition categories and entry conditions are available on the Horticultural Society website, www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk/noticeboard/. *Hope to see you there!*

Autumn Meeting Schedule

We are expecting to resume our monthly meetings at the Anthony Hall in September – fingers-crossed! We have an exciting programme; two of our speakers are local and well-known to us. **Wed 8 September, 8pm.** Meeting – Talk "*Colourful tubs/planters for Autumn*", Edwin Rye. **Wed 13 October, 8pm.** Meeting – Talk "*The Forgotten River*", John Tyler. **Wed 10 November, 8pm.** Meeting, Talk (via Zoom) "*The Market Garden past & present*", Liz Wright. **Wed 8 December, 8pm.** Meeting – Social evening

You can join your local Society by coming to any of our meetings in the Anthony Hall, or at any time by contacting info@astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Ralph Weston

Still not mowing...

As last year, we have avoided mowing our front lawn. Plantlife wanted the first 'Every Flower Counts' to be done in late May, and after the bizarre Spring weather our tally was disappointing, although our nectar score for pollinators was higher than both the previous year and the national average. We were asked to count again for a week in July, and we did, but I rather suspect as far as orchids are concerned, they were probably past their peak.



On the morning of 22nd June we counted 45 bee orchids, five pyramidal orchids, three twayblades and one common spotted orchid, amongst a sea of swaying dog daisies and grass. I have lived here over 40 years and the occasional bee orchid has always popped up when we were a bit tardy with the mowing, but never in numbers like this.

The odd thing is that nothing appears on the back lawn. We have tried letting that grow, and all we get is long grass. We can only assume that when the bungalows were built in the 1960s, the front lawn was old pasture land with all the precious chalk flora dormant for all those years. The builders presumably imported some soil for the back from somewhere less interesting elsewhere.

We count ourselves very lucky and look forward to new things popping up in future years. *Alison Beck*

Strawberry Ice-Cream with Raspberry Sauce

Our recipe this time is provided by our crossword compiler, Helen Lonsdale.



Ingredients:

- 1 ½ lbs (675g) strawberries
- 3oz (75g) castor sugar
- ½ pint (300ml) double cream

Method:

1. Put hulled strawberries and sugar in food processor and reduce to a puree.
2. Push through a fine food mill to catch the pips.
3. Whip cream till thick but not solid and fold into puree. Pour into a shallow tin or metal ice-tray and freeze.
4. Take out after 45 minutes and put in a food processor (or beat by hand).
5. Return to freezer with lid. Remove from freezer 1 hour before using.

Serve with raspberry sauce.

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St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp

Regular Services:

St Mary's is becoming a 'Festival Church' which means it can remain open for both worship and community use. Being a *Festival Church* means that St Mary's will be able to serve you, not only as a place of worship but also as a community centre by opening its doors and being used respectfully, regularly, and creatively by the community of Drayton Beauchamp.



FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 15 Aug	11am	Festival of St Mary's	St Mary the Virgin
Sun 5 Sept	11am	International Charity	St Nicholas School

EVENTS

Fri 13 Aug	7.30pm	Entertainment Evening	St Mary the Virgin
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For more information on these services and events, please look at:

Facebook: Aston Clinton Benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp www.achurchnearyou.com and search for St Mary's. Or look at our new website www.ac-buck-db-churches.org

The Grand Plan for St Mary's, Drayton Beauchamp

As with many country churches, St Mary's has long had insufficient income for its upkeep.

Much urgent external and internal work is needed – without it, the future of this very attractive, historic church and its surroundings are threatened and the result could be closure.

Fortunately, the Drayton Beauchamp Charities Trust (DBCT) has come forward to underwrite a major programme to refurbish the building to create an inviting, warm, well-lit space, for social activities as well as for worship. This exciting project would include flexible, comfortable seating, up-to-date heating, catering, toilets, sound, lighting and audio/visuals, with associated repairs and long-term maintenance. St. Mary's would then be a

"Community Heart" for the village – and for others in the neighbourhood – an attractive, functional venue for one-off or regular events of all kinds – socials, concerts, leisure clubs, festivals etc.

However, the Diocese of Oxford needs to see evidence of strong enthusiasm for this project, from the village and from neighbouring communities, showing that there will be greater use of the building for a range of activities. We have to make a strong case to get permission for the necessary changes.

If you appreciate St Mary's and its surroundings and want to help us secure its future, you, your family or organization can help us make the case for transforming the church – and guaranteeing its future.

Just complete a ten-minute survey at <https://bit.ly/3vRLjSF> – or contact [Colin Ruscoe](mailto:Colin.Ruscoe@bcpc.org) at the DBCT colin.ruscoe@bcpc.org for further information.

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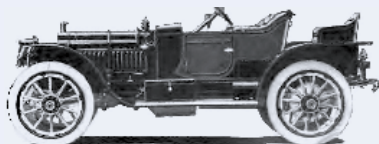


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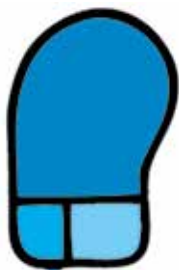
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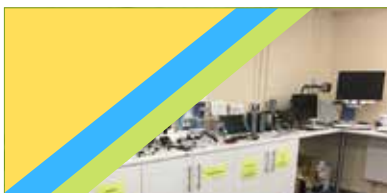
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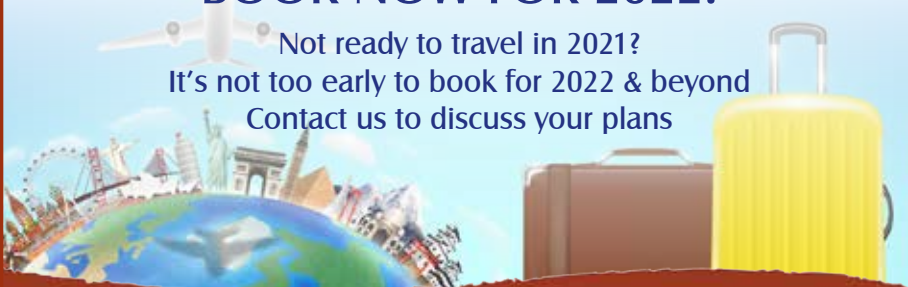
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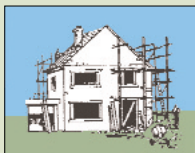
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