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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
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Our Village People feature is one of the most popular in each issue and I am especially interested this time as it features David Lonsdale, who has been a stalwart of Village Life for 10 years.

He has managed our advertising almost since we started and his pictures, especially front covers, have always been a delight. Here are a couple of examples. He has also been our



unofficial Drayton Beauchamp correspondent, having organised and reported on several events there over the years. I could not finish these notes without a mention of David's wife, Helen, as she has been producing our crosswords since 2013. Her 50th and last will appear in our next issue. If you would like to take over as our crossword compiler, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

In June, our villages celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in a variety of ways and now we are looking forward to one of the highlights of the local calendar – *Astonbury Music Festival 2022*. With its usual strong musical line-up, plenty of entertainment for children and a wide range of food and drink options, *13 August* promises to be a great day out. See the front cover and page 12 for an idea of what to expect.

The playpark has had a major refurbishment and that will be a great boon for families during the school holidays. Also in the park, keep a lookout for the free *Play in the Parishes events from 2-4pm on 29 July and 19 August*.

We were delighted to hear that local resident Luther Blissett has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's Jubilee honours list for his charity work.

If you are interested in our recipes, on page 29 you will find a Ukrainian speciality from one of our newest residents, Anna, from Kyiv. *Richard Vincent*

Village Life needs a new volunteer editor

After nearly five years as editor of Village Life, Richard Vincent will shortly be standing down. If you think you may be interested in the role or would like more details, please contact him at editor@acvillagelife.co.uk or on 07769 033794.

The magazine is run by a team of volunteers and aims to provide local stories and information of interest to the residents of Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp.

Enjoy your local BBOWT nature reserves



Summer is here and the local BBOWT nature reserves are looking splendid. If you haven't discovered them yet, now is the time. They are free to visit at any time, but here are some events you might enjoy.

Guided walks and explorations with reserve wardens

Bugs, Beasts, Bumps and Burrows – discover animals, their homes and signs. Family friendly walk with Mick Jones at Dancersend Waterworks. Wednesday 10 August, 2pm to 4.30pm

History and Wildlife of Weston Turville Reservoir. Guided walk with Steve Hawkins. Thursday 25 August, 10am to noon.

From Arable Fields to Nature Reserve in 20 Years. Explore Dancersend Extension with Mick Jones. Sunday 4 September, 10am to noon.

Children's fun events

Moth madness at Dancersend Waterworks – For children aged 7+. Monday 15 August, 7pm to 9pm

Moth and Minibeast Madness at Dancersend Waterworks – For children aged 7+. Tuesday 16 August, 9am to 11am.

Minibeast Madness at Dancersend Waterworks – For children aged 5+. Tuesday 16 August, 1pm to 3pm.

Minibeast Madness at Dancersend Waterworks – For children aged 5+. Wednesday 17 August, 10am to noon and 1pm to 3pm

Poo and Other Animal Clues at Dancersend Waterworks – For children aged 7+. Monday 24 October, 10.30am to noon and 1pm to 2.30.

Booking essential. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Details at events@bbowt.org.uk

70 trees for 70 years

Earlier this year Buckinghamshire Council asked residents and visitors to nominate their favourite tree or woodland to celebrate the natural beauty of the county, and to support the themes of the Platinum Jubilee and the Queen's Green Canopy project.

The project encourages the planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the nation, which will benefit future generations.

Among those chosen in the final 70 was this excellent picture taken in Aston Clinton Park by local resident, Eliza Alqassar, who said

“I nominated the group of three huge Wellingtonia trees because they hold historic value as they were planted in the 19th century as part of the designed landscape of Green Park/Aston Clinton Park for the Rothschild family. They really stand out in the landscape for being unusual, ornamental and are a real eyecatcher in an otherwise flat parkland.

I love these trees because they are tall (like me!) and because when the first lockdown ended and we were finally able to meet friends outside again I had a picnic underneath them with good friends – a special moment.

They provide shelter in the rain and shade in the summer and are a perfect place to sit and reflect while on my many dog walks around the park.”

The 70 Trees for 70 Years will now be compiled into a photobook which will be available across the county's libraries later in the year.

Buckinghamshire Council has been supporting The Queen's Green Canopy and gifted new trees to 236 schools, care homes and nurseries in the county.

More than 1,380 trees have so far been planted in Buckinghamshire and logged on the Queen's Green Canopy map, plus the council's new woodland at Billet Field with over 3,000 new trees which will be added to the map this autumn.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, The Queen's Green Canopy will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

To find out more and to see all the pictures visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/the-queens-platinum-jubilee and follow the links.





Aston Clinton School

Head Teacher.: Mrs Carol Macdonald



The true curriculum

Our curriculum reflects our vision: 'Together we: Aspire, Care and Succeed'. Our learning curriculum combined with high quality teaching ensures that children are supported to achieve our mission statement: 'be the best that they can be'. We believe that great learning opens doors and expands horizons. The greatest gift that we can give to all our children is to instil a love of learning and develop a thirst for knowledge. This way they will achieve the best possible outcomes and build learning habits that will last a lifetime.

At Aston Clinton School, we believe that all children are entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum that is word rich, interesting, engaging and provides a range of learning opportunities. We have designed our curriculum to ensure that children know more, remember more and are able to do more.

When designing our curriculum, we took into account the needs of our learners and community, our vision and values, and the location of our school and evidence related to how children learn.

These 'big ideas' or curriculum drivers were used to underpin the development work to ensure that we have well sequenced, coherent, ambitious schemes of work in all subjects in all areas of school life. This means that our curriculum offer is enriched and personalised to our children, their families and our community.

**The child is the
true curriculum.**

– Sally Haughey

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AC Cubs

Proud of Bucks Award

On a sunny Saturday morning in May, 1st Aston Clinton Cub Leaders were presented with a Proud Of Bucks Award for Best Community Group Contribution 2021. We were all very humbled and pleased just to be nominated and winning was the icing on the cake.



Our Cub parents were very kind to nominate us. The citation read:

Aston Clinton Cub leaders made a huge contribution to the well-being of the young people of Aston Clinton during the lockdowns of 2020 and 2021. When all other social and group activity stopped, the cub leaders immediately moved group meetings on-line and every week, even through

school holidays, they organised an hour of social contact, education and fun. Everything from yoga to cooking, to art & crafts and experts talking about / demonstrating writing, drawing and chickens! Sibling involvement was welcomed too.

The cubs team are always incredible; leading the cubs through a huge variety of activities and skills with boundless enthusiasm and energy. They are fantastic role models to the children in their care. Through lockdown they didn't falter for a moment.

The cub leaders always go above and beyond to provide a great experience for the cubs but they have gone even further throughout covid, coming up with so many ideas to provide consistency and fun to all the cubs.

Lindengate Charity was a beautiful setting for the presentation by Chairman of the Council, Cllr Zahir Mohammed and never ones to waste an opportunity the Cub Leaders straight away arranged for the Cubs to visit Lindengate to work on their Gardening badge!

We took 24 Cubs one Wednesday in June to meet the team of Sara and Jacqui who had very kindly prepared an evening of gardening information for us. We toured the gardens and learnt about the seasons and when to plant vegetables and fruits. We looked for mini beasts and saw the amazing bug hotels and learnt how to use tools safely. We planted seeds and made labels for our pots. The team were so welcoming and the Cubs had a great time learning about nature.

Lindengate is open to the public on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons and if you haven't been, you can find them at the far end of the car park at Dobbies Garden centre in Wendover. Its tranquil setting and meandering paths will bring calmness into busy lives. *Clare Simmonds, Cub Leader.*

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please visit our website.

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News From The Benefice

On 10 July St Michael & All Angels' Church held a Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival alongside its annual Fete and Amateur Dog Show. Inspired by her Majesty and her 70 years of service to our nation, the local community came together to create beautiful displays dedicated to our Queen.



St Michael's has always been a church at the heart of the community and what better way for us to come together to celebrate the Jubilee than at our Flower Festival and Fete? Thirty-two community groups exhibited their decorative floral displays over the celebratory weekend, and we would like to thank them all for their gifts and talents in creating the host of patriotic floral arrangements all around our ancient church. Over 500 visitors came through the doors of St Michael's to enjoy the spectacular floral displays to the glory of God.

An enormous amount of planning and

hard work went into this festival, and I am grateful to Marion Richards, Tilla Adam and Joan Collins for coordinating and working alongside our community groups to organise this wonderful event. It costs a significant amount of money to put on a festival like this and I would like to thank all those who have so generously sponsored it. *Rev Sally*

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** or Benefice3@gmail.com

Aylesbury Foodbank

St Michael's and All Saints' are collection points for Aylesbury Foodbank. If you can support families in need by purchasing additional items in your shopping each week, it would be greatly appreciated. Please check Pews News, the Benefice Facebook page, or Aylesbury Foodbank to see what items are needed and you can drop the items at either St Michael's or All Saints'.

Rhubarb Café

This community café is open every Monday 2pm – 4.30pm (apart from bank holidays).

We offer homemade cakes, savoury items and hot drinks at £1.50 each as well as gluten free alternatives. The café takes contactless payments so you don't even need to have cash on you.

If you have a few hours spare on a Monday once a month or you would like to bake for us, then please get in contact with *Natalie* on **01296 632488** or email Rhubarbcfe1@gmail.com.

St Michael and All Angels Aston Clinton, All Saints' Buckland and St Mary's Drayton Beauchamp

On this page you will find the regular church services and community events that happen within our three churches.

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	All Saints'	Sunday at 8am
Family Eucharist	St Michael's	Sunday at 9.15am
Midweek Communion	All Saints'	Wednesday at 10am
Messy Sunday	All Saints'	2nd Sunday every month at 11am
Sung Eucharist	All Saints'	3rd Sunday every month at 11am
Evensong	St Michael's	Sunday at 6pm

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Hymns and Pimms Service	St Mary's	Sunday 7th August at 4.30pm
Messy Sunday	All Saints'	Sunday 14th August at 11.00am
Holy Communion	St Mary's	Sunday 4th September at 11.00am

OPENING TIMES & CONTACT DETAILS

St Michael's and All Saints' are open daily 9am to 5pm and St Mary's is open every Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm for private prayer.

Rev Sally Bottomer 01296 632488 Rev Jane Nash 07562 672481

Natalie Fieldhouse, Benefice Administrator 01296 632488 email all on: Benefice3@gmail.com

Facebook: *Aston Clinton Benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp*

Website: *www.achurchnearyou.com search for: St Michael's, Aston Clinton, All Saints' or St Mary's*

Benefice Website: *www.ac-buck-db-churches.org*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rhubarb Café at St Michael's

Monday 2 – 4.30pm (*Closed Bank Holidays*)

Communi-tea Friends Group at St Michael's

Wednesday 2 – 4pm (*Free Session*)

Repair Café at St Michael's

bring along your broken items on the 2nd Saturday every month 9 – 12pm

Produce Stall at All Saints'

refreshments & bacon rolls on the 1st Saturday every month 10am

Cricket club

The first half of the 2022 season has been action packed, with lots of highlights so far and plenty to play for in the second half.

The senior 1st XI has made a positive return to Division 2 of the Four Counties Cricket League, with five wins, three defeats and a rain cancellation leaving us third in a tight table at the halfway stage. The highlight so far has undoubtedly been setting the club record highest league score (373 for 7) and recording the largest victory margin (350 runs) away to New City. Shah Bukhari is the top run scorer so far and Adnan Zaib the leading wicket taker.

The 2nd team has struggled a bit more, with poor availability the main cause. This is reflected in them sitting 8th out of 10 in Division 5. Neil Roberts has scored the most runs (despite playing less than half the games) and captain Casey Dawson has taken the most wickets. The bright spot has really been the emergence of some of our younger players who are moving up from the colts into open age cricket. The 2nd XI also provided the bulk of the players for our successful tour of Sussex, with the highlight being Evan Wakelam's amazing turnaround in fortunes - with a first ball duck in game 1, being run out without facing a ball in game 2, but then an unbeaten maiden century in the final game.

The senior midweek side has won their opening five Village T20 group games with Neil Roberts hitting fifties in all four matches he has played in. We have a couple more to play before a quarter-final awaits and a return to the finals day.

It has been a busy couple of months for the Junior section too. We are welcoming more children than ever to our practice sessions after the recruitment of a large number of volunteers to help make this possible. There have been frequent matches for the Under 11s and Under

15s in the midweek league. There have been real signs of progression and, as always, a really good team spirit on the field. The Under 17s only really get going in July after exams are over, but several of this group are already regularly playing 2nd XI matches, anyway.

Adventurous weekend

In late May this year Aston Clinton Scouts turned out in impressive numbers for a weekend of outdoor adventure at the PACCAR Scout Camp, Chalfont St. Peter.

Twenty-three ambitious Scouts, plus superb Young Leaders Jay and Sophie, skilfully set-up their tented encampment on the Friday evening. Along with them were two special guests - two adventurous young Ukrainians, Serafym and Anastasiia - looking forward to sharing three days of outdoor activities and sleeping in tents deep within the secluded woodland setting of PACCAR.

The industrious scouts displayed admirable team work in their designated patrols as they lit then used altar fires to cook their own meals using wood fuel that they collected from the forest floor.

During the weekend each patrol made valiant efforts on the daunting challenges they faced, be it high-roping up in the tree canopy, abseiling vertically down a 20ft wall, or learning how to accurately fire a long bow. A very well fuelled campfire (thanks to Manny!) created a warm, flame-lit setting for the traditional Saturday night campfire songs, enthusiastically led by Assistant Scout Leader, David Ball, who had also spent considerable amounts of his personal time planning and facilitating the whole weekend. Sincere thanks should also be given to Mr and Mrs Winfield for the extra help, so tirelessly given, to 'dismantle' the camp and return the equipment to Aston Clinton. *1st Aston Clinton Scout Leaders*

Aston Clinton Colts

Aston Clinton Colts saw a few changes this season, with a newly elected Chairman, two new Vice-Chairs and a new Treasurer. The new committee has started to implement its own ideas to secure the future of the Colts. We would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their hard work and commitment.

We introduced Girls' football this season, something the Club was shouting out for. So far, the girls have been concentrating on training although they have taken part in a couple of tournaments, loved every minute of it and look forward to playing in a league in the new season.



Working alongside Buckinghamshire County Council and the Berks & Bucks FA, Colts implemented the 'No Smoking on the side-lines' campaign - one of the first clubs to sign up for it.

The campaign urges adults NOT to smoke or vape on the touch lines of children/youth football matches or at training. Thank you to Bucks Council for all the campaign material given to the Club.

Finally, after a few difficult years with Covid, the Colts saw the return of the much loved and popular Festival of Football Tournament which took place over the first weekend of July and attracted 1200 players plus their families. The event was also open to the local community, who were welcome to come along,

grab a burger, a drink or even candy floss, have a go on the inflatables and watch some great football. So, thank you to those that did come to support us.

The organising and running of the tournament is hard work and even time consuming at times, but was well organised and we always aim to make it run as smoothly as possible.



We would particularly like to thank:

Russ Green, who organised the BBQ, Mr Arnold, the school caretaker for arranging parking at the school, Peter Rice for ensuring we had all the referees, all the Staff at The Café in the Park, The Bell for providing us with ice to keep our drinks cold and our sponsors: D. Hewitt Building Services, N.R. Green Builders, O'Hara, Sell us your Cars, Street2Pro, Enterprise Skip hire, Lloyd Donnelly Solicitors, Buckinghamshire College Group, & Firm Sign. *Congratulations to all the team winners and runners up!*

Lastly a big thank you to all our Coaches, Assistants, and helpers who volunteer their time every week for the benefit of the children and the club. Without you all we wouldn't have a village team with over 300 children playing football regularly. And to the Parents/Guardians, for their continued support. It's been a fantastic season, so here's to the next, COYC. *The Colts committee: Liam, Di, Antonia, Jen, Kev, Rob & Marc*



ASTONBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL IS BACK

Starting at noon, there will be children's activities until 5pm and live music on stage from 2.30 until 11pm. There will be a Dayla beer tent, cocktails and plenty more to eat and drink.

Parking will be at Aston Clinton Park and Green Park and entry/programmes at both entrances.

For all enquiries regarding any aspect of the Astonbury Music Festival 2022, please contact *Merv Ramsay* on 07540 319115, *Liz Tubb* on 07841 651826 or info@astonbury.biz website www.astonbury.biz

Local singer/songwriter Matilda makes her Aston Clinton debut at The Oak



The Jubilee weekend celebrations were in full swing on Saturday night 4th June at The Oak. The Strats were the main band providing the music that night but in the middle of their set, up and coming local singer/songwriter Matilda Dicken, 16, from Wendover, played a half an hour set of her original songs accompanying herself on the ukulele to an enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

Matilda said *"it was great fun to play and I'd love to come back and do another night here sometime soon."*

If you were there on the night or want to hear Matilda's music for yourself she will be playing at the **Astonbury festival on Saturday 13th August at 2.30pm** she hopes to see some of you there.

Band line-up

2.30 – 3.30	Matilda
4 – 5	Death by Monkey
5.30 – 7	Bad Penny
7.30 – 9	Glyn Deavey and the Station
9.30 – 11	Platform Soul

Aston Clinton's annual music festival is back at Aston Clinton Park on 13 August. Entry is free.

Bucks Art Weeks at St Michael & All Angels

From the 21 to 26 June, St. Michael's was transformed into an art gallery as part of Bucks Art Weeks 2022.



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We had eight very diverse local artists showcasing their work: Sue Bailey's stunning glass sculptures and pieces, Nigel Brigden's engaging and varied paintings, Paula Daddow's fabulous mixed media paintings, prints and photographs, Terry Gardiner's incredible life like portraits, Sonia Lyon's amazing drawings of dogs, cats and other animals, Jane Nash's unique ethereal and beautiful 'grass paintings', Di Oldfield's expressive representations of the landscape and Patricia Rozental's watercolours.

It was a very successful exhibition; we welcomed more than 300 people into the building and, being blessed with good weather, were able to serve yummy afternoon teas in the leafy churchyard, raising much needed funds for St. Michaels.

We would like to thank everyone who in any way helped us put on the event, from the making and erection of display boards to the baking of cakes; and a big thank you to all those who came along and purchased or just to have a look and a chat... it really was such a special week. *Pat Rozental*

Strawberry Moon



The full moon in June each year is called a Strawberry or Rose Moon and the one we had on 14 June was a particularly spectacular example as the moon was at one of its closest points to earth. Alan Newland managed to take this superb picture in Aston Clinton.

Aston Clinton Society

The Aston Clinton Society made its public debut at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event in the park where we were delighted to meet so many residents. We spoke to people who have lived here all their lives and were happy to share their memories of growing up in Aston Clinton, to those who have recently moved into the village and want to become more involved with the community and meet new people.



Founder members of the Aston Clinton Society, Sally Holder, Ali Davies and Ann Webber.

The overwhelming message was loud and clear - Aston Clinton is a great place to live but together we can make it even better.

Indeed, the amazing turnout at the jubilee event showed just how much people enjoy being part of a village community and are keen to support what goes on here. It also demonstrated that although everyone is busy with their own lives there is a unity that brings us together, and the Aston Clinton Society aims to harness that collective for the betterment of the village and its residents.

A big thank you to everyone who has contacted us since to register their interest in volunteering and becoming a member of the Society, and those who joined in the first litter-pick and tidy-up around the village on July 10. Please visit our new website astonclintonsociety.org.uk to find out when our next litter-pick

is taking place and to learn more about the Aston Clinton Society and its objectives. Alternatively, you can e-mail us at info@astonclintonsociety.org.uk and we can add you to our mailing list so you don't miss out on any of our news.

However, to whet your appetite, our first fund-raising event is currently being planned and further details will be announced soon.

Update on village benches

I am pleased to say that we have now reached our target to raise enough funds for three community benches to be placed through our beautiful village. We hope the first two benches will be in place for us all to enjoy by the time you see this article. The third bench will be ordered over the next few weeks.



A huge thank you to The Aston Clinton Beer Festival, Dayla, Aston Clinton Dentist, RAF Halton, The Fitness Division and every individual donation received.

These benches will allow more people to get out and enjoy our village by providing seating for anyone who needs a rest or just time to escape their four walls. We are all aware of people's mental health and getting out in the fresh air has been proven to help.

Thank you so much again, Helen Boswell

The Baptist Church

*Baptist, I passed on to you
what I received from the Lord.*

(1 Corinthians 11.23a)

Story telling is at the heart of Faith. Jesus was a great storyteller with eternal truths carried in striking stories of everyday life. Prodigal Sons and Good Samaritans, Lost Sheep and Foolish Farmers and many more besides. The retelling of the Passover story for the Jewish people and the retelling of events of Easter and Pentecost for Christian people are 'a passing on of what has been received' in line with St Paul's letter to Christians at Corinth. Big stories told of what Jesus did in his life, his resurrection from the dead and gift of his Spirit joined with individual stories of how Jesus has made a difference to particular people at particular times in ways great and small down the years and is still doing so today.

For 2000 years the story of God has been passed on from person to person and for 200 years it has been shared by folk at the Baptist Church (a mere twinkle in the eye compared to our friends at St. Michaels of course!)

The story of God will continue until, like all stories, it reaches its end. A story of triumph over tragedy, the defeat of evil by good, the triumph of love over hate, light quenching darkness, mortality being swallowed up by life and the renewal of all things. The message is it's going to be OK, get with God for he is good and he's got this.

It's a wonderful story, one which all people are invited to step into and become part of and one which I am delighted to pass on to you.

Grace & Peace

Rev'd Nick Harris

Minister, Aston Clinton Baptist Church

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship (including children's church and creche) 10.45 – noon

Various Homegroups meet regularly for Bible study, fellowship & prayer.

Lunch is served in the hall every Wednesday 12.45–1.30

Craft Club Alternate Wednesday mornings 10.30 – 12.30

Noah's Ark Baby & Tots runs Thursday in term time.

The Foodbank is most active on Friday morning (preparing parcels) & Saturday morning (delivering parcels).

Men's full English Breakfast The first Saturday of the month 9am–10am (numbers are currently limited to 20. Booking is required.)

A Summertime Walking Group meets on the second Sunday of the month in the afternoon.

Allsorts Holiday Bible Club runs first week of the summer holiday in the mornings.



The hall is available for private hire.
Please see website or call for more details.

www.astonclintonbaptist.org

0296 631824 or 07972 770361



200th Anniversary plus 2 for the Baptist Church

On 7 June 1820, seven men and 22 ladies met to discuss the possibility of starting a Baptist Church in Aston Clinton. At the time they were attending the Baptist Church at New Mill, Tring.

Later, a local grocer, by the name of Thomas Fountain, put together a group of men and they purchased a piece of ground in Green End Street from Henry Wells, Farmer, with the intention of erecting a meeting house.

2020 saw the plans to celebrate the 200th anniversary put to one side because of Covid. Now in 2022, we are going ahead to hold the celebration on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd October.

On the Saturday at 2pm there will be a brief thanksgiving service (1/2 hr. max). There will then be a village scarecrow competition and a display of pictures showing life in the village and in the church. We have also put together a booklet which covers our 200 plus years of history which will be on sale, with all proceeds going to the church funds. Refreshments will be available. On the Sunday there will be a

Harvest Service at 10.45.

We look forward to your coming to share this weekend with us. *Alan Cookson*

Social prescribing at Westongrove Partnership

Did you know that Aston Clinton Surgery has a Social Prescriber?

Social Prescribers have been introduced in surgeries across the country. They are there to help patients with non-medical issues affecting their wellbeing.

Here at Westongrove our Social Prescriber is Anna. She can link you to services and organisations in the community that offer support in a wide range of areas. From housing and isolation to debt, benefits, childcare and much more.

If you want to know more about Social Prescribing or you'd like a chat with Anna to see if she can help, ask one of the Reception Team at the surgery to message her with your details. **01296 630241** www.westongrove.com

Buck Pub 2022

Buckland Village Hall
HP22 5JB



We are delighted to confirm that this year's Buck Pub will take place over the August Bank Holiday with a bumper five-day event from Thursday 25th to Monday 29th.

The main beneficiaries will be the Rennie Grove Hospice Care, with All Saints' church also benefitting.

Contact details

Buck Pub 2022 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

For more information please refer to our website: www.thebuckpub.co.uk

What's on:

Thursday: Rather than open the pub on Thursday evening we are suggesting a 'village bring-and-share'. The bar will be open for the sale of drinks. This will be for residents of Buckland Village and all volunteers.

Friday:

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

Saturday:

- Morning: We will be holding the first 'Buckland Brunch Run'. Come and join us for a social run starting at 10am 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 @ 8pm – it'll be short and fun for teams of four or five people. If you don't have a team, just turn up and we'll find you one.

Sunday:

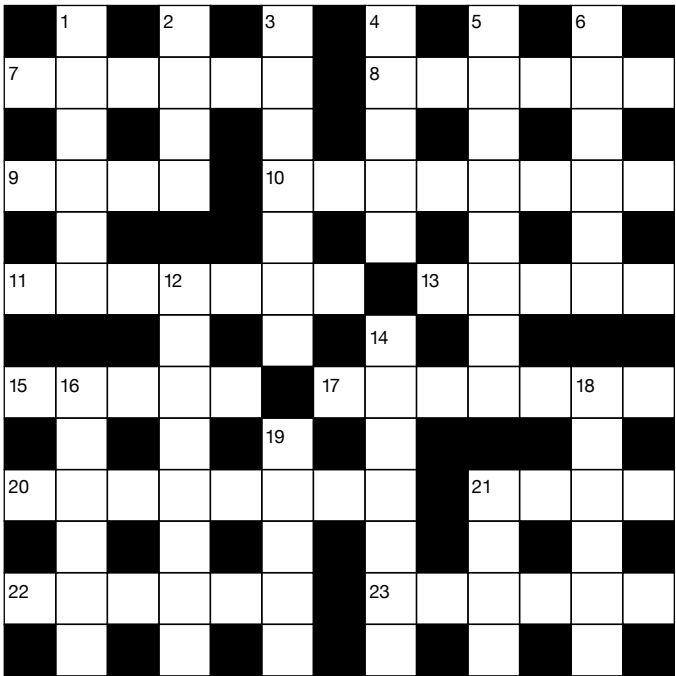
- Lunch: Food served
- Afternoon: Buckland Music Festival. This year's music festival will be in the garden and will feature a mix of folk, rock and pop music. If you would like to play/sing then do please let me know – the more the merrier.

Monday:

- Lunch: Food served
- Evening: The long goodbye!

Village Life crossword no.49

Crossword compiled by **Helen Lonsdale** (SOLUTION ON PAGE 29)



CLUES ACROSS

- 7 First day of the week (6)
- 8 A batsman who starts the innings (6)
- 9 Mother's Sister (4)
- 10 Person with same name as another (8)
- 11 One good at sport (7)
- 13 Seashell (5)
- 15 Sun dried brick (5)
- 17 Notice (7)
- 20 Black residue of wood (8)
- 21 Sphere (4)
- 22 Make liquid thinner or weaker (6)
- 23 Feeling sick (6)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 The 8th month (6)
- 2 Revise (4)
- 3 Young swans (7)
- 4 Punctuation mark (5)
- 5 Central part of arch (8)
- 6 Cup (6)
- 12 Tree with yellow hanging flowers (8)
- 14 Mother of pearl (7)
- 16 Garden plant with various coloured flowers (6)
- 18 Dale (6)
- 19 Cosmic snowball (5)
- 21 Something vague (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 3 x 3 squares contains the numbers 1-9.

(SOLUTION ON PAGE 22)

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.

David Lonsdale has been an integral part of the publication Village Life for many years.



Q. How long have you been involved with Village Life?

A. I took on the role of Advertising Manager 10 years ago and retired in April.

Q. Does your wife, Helen, also contribute to Village Life?

A. Helen compiled her first crossword for the magazine in Oct/Nov 2013 and her 50th, due in Oct/Nov will be her last. She has also provided several recipes.

Q. How has the publication changed over the years?

A. The former Parish Magazine ceased publication in Dec 2010. Fortunately, Alec Just and his wife Jenny moved to Aston Clinton, and he took up the challenge as editor and

the first edition of Village Life was published in April/May 2011. The new version consisted of a 4-page colour cover and 32 pages black and white text with a circulation of 1800. Alec retired in 2018. We greatly appreciated his immense contribution in its transformation. Richard Vincent offered his services to assist Alec with editorial and we were delighted he took over the full editorial role in April 2018.

With the support of our wide range of contributors, advertisers and our 40+ tireless distributors, our magazine has gone from strength to strength with 64 pages in full colour and over 2700 copies circulated locally.

Q. There are several publications that claim to be local, how is Village Life different?

A. The majority of freebie magazines crammed through our letterboxes are run commercially with very few items of local interest. We like to feel ours is packed with useful information, local editorials, events, community news, puzzles and more. It's a fantastic way to communicate with local people and support local businesses.

Q. How long have you lived in Drayton Beauchamp?

A. We moved to Drayton Beauchamp from Barnet 31 years ago and enjoy the peace and tranquillity while still in easy reach of all the local facilities and road networks.

Q. What's your background?

A. My family, including three sisters, started life in Clapham. I was the last to marry in 1969. I spent my first 10 working years as a print buyer in London's top advertising agencies before taking sales positions with several printing companies for 34 years. My last 14 years were spent as a director of Maund & Irvine in Tring, before retiring aged 61.

Q. Are you involved in any activities or groups in Drayton Beauchamp and/or Aston Clinton?

A. Helen and I joined the AC u3a 15 years ago and have enjoyed our involvement with the Digital Photography, Art and Science & Technology groups. We have been members of the ACB&DB Horticultural Society for many years. I have organised four Fiddle Concerts for charity, Drayton Beauchamp walks including lunch, Lark Rise tours and Theatre in the Village shows.

I served on the Rights of Way committee for Drayton Beauchamp and in 2011, Margaret Ross and I took up the challenge from the Bucks County Council to celebrate the millennium and chose to produce 'The Village That Time Passed By' book. The occupants of 46 properties in the parish were interviewed and photographed and their properties were researched to provide a history of each dwelling. I asked for old photos for added interest, which I managed to enhance. 300 copies were sold and 100 reprinted with the project breaking even.

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

A. In my younger days, I enjoyed football, squash and cycling. Two or three times a week, for over 20 years, I have played at Halton Tennis Club and being a South Londoner, have supported Crystal Palace FC for 61 years, only missing the odd game each season. My son Edward and grandson James join me and enjoy the day out, meeting up with old friends.

I also enjoy poring over OS Maps to find new walks and planning itineraries for holidays away, with my camera always at the ready.

We enjoy the peace and tranquillity

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I have visited 44 countries (not cruising) and travelled extensively throughout the UK.

Q. What's your favourite music?

A. Pop - Country - Johann Strauss

Q. What's your favourite film?

A. The Shawshank Redemption

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

A. A Ford Popular 'sit-up-and-beg' model and my current car is a Mercedes CLS 320 Coupe.

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

*Interview **Andrew Andersz***

Buckland Parish Council



Buckland Jubilee Celebrations

Buckland parishioners, friends and family came together to raise a toast to the Queen on 3 June at Buckland Village Hall. It was a gloriously sunny afternoon and over a hundred and eighty people attended. Thank you to all who came along and made the afternoon so special. It was our first time coming together as a village since the pandemic lockdowns and it was fabulous to see everyone catching up and sharing quality time together, we hope it will be the first of many. The event would not have been possible without our amazing village volunteers giving so much of their time and we are very grateful to all who helped. Thanks also go to the Wendover Community Board who awarded us a grant which paid for new picnic benches, gazebos and bunting.

Buckland Neighbourhood Plan and Buckland Community Orchard

Details of the neighbourhood plan and the Buckland Community Orchard were available for the community to view at the Jubilee event. Further details to come soon on both, if you would like to find out more in the meantime

about the plan or the opportunities to plant a tree in the Orchard please get in touch with our Clerk, *Fiona Richardson* clerk@buckland-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01296 630962

Charity cricket needs your support

Please come and support the midsummer clash between the Buckland Baggies and the Wilstone Wasters at the Long Marston cricket ground from 6pm on Friday, August 12. There'll be a bar and barbecue with a £5 entry fee for all spectators over 16.

This 20 over- a- side contest will feature players 16 and over in two mixed teams of 12 with a limit of 25 runs per batter and 10 team members bowling two overs apiece.

The game is being played in support of Ukraine Relief, we have all seen the devastation in that war torn country, and the Hope House Kerala Orphanage. Two Buckland villagers, Nigel Hayward and Lee Moran have been supporting the education of orphaned boys, whose ages range from 5-16 years, at the orphanage in India.

Do come along and support the evening at the magnificent Long Marston cricket ground where top class matches are often staged, as well as it being a venue, in this case, for enthusiastic amateurs.

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Two local Steampunk authors, Paul Eccentric and Colin Edmonds, join forces for an evening discussing their methods for researching period novels.



The Steampunk genre may allow history to be altered, to a degree, but that doesn't mean the setting, the language and the attitudes of the day should not be historically accurate. Lots of amusing anecdotes along the way from two attention seeking luvvies, who will prove that there's always more than one way to skin a cat, ensuring the event is both amusing and informative. Do pop along to the Baptist Church, Aston Clinton on **Thursday 22nd of September** for a night to remember.

Paul lives in Aston Clinton and has been writing and performing for over thirty-five years, with eight books to his name. As a poet, singer, actor and director, he has trodden the boards repeatedly at festivals across the country including Glastonbury and The Edinburgh Fringe. He is also responsible for the local telephone box library outside The Partridge.

Colin lives in Chalfont St Giles and was, for many years, a very successful TV comedy writer and crops up regularly on TV as a talking head for all things comedy. He has published three novels and two novellas in his Steam, Smoke and Mirrors Steampunk series.

National Film Archive

Cycling through the January snow on my way to Aston Clinton from my home in Aylesbury... It was 1982, the year of record unemployment - 3.5 million!

I had only recently left school and was on my way to an interview at the National Film Archive, part of the British Film Institute, in Aston Clinton - I dreamt of watching films and documentaries all day.

After successfully navigating my way through the interview, I asked, "When do I start?" and the response was "Are you doing anything today?" So, I stayed.



Aston Clinton staff c1982.

Forty years on and I'm still working at the BFI, now in Berkhamsted. I'll be looking back at those years at Aston Clinton, until 1987, in a special event for the Chilterns Heritage Festival on **Thursday 29 September** at the Baptist Church in Aston Clinton. I'll talk about the Archive's history in Aston Clinton, its staff and activities including film identification, restorations and visits by famous directors - basically there was a lot more involved than watching films all day!

Angelo Lucatello

For more information and to book tickets for these two events and many more please visit: chilternsociety.org.uk/heritage-festival/

AC Parish Council

The Parish Council's free family event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was an amazing success and was the main focus of the Events Working Group, led by Councillor Corinne Judge, for some months before.



Tillie Murinda with her prize winning cake & Kirby's Herd

Music was provided by the Aylesbury Music Centre Concert Band and the Ellesborough Silver Band, playing from the balcony of the Red Kite Pavilion. The large crowds enjoyed the many free activities like Zorbs, bouncy slide, side stalls, tug-of-war, Punch & Judy and magic shows. There was also a well-supported Jubilee cake competition, kiddies' poster competition, a fun dog show, fancy dress, stilt walker, and charity raffle in aid of local cancer charity, Kirby's Herd, which raised a huge £1738.79.

We had a very special flyover by a Hawker Hurricane, expertly flown over the park by pilot James Brown. ACPC would like to thank everyone who contributed time, effort, raffle prizes and more to help make this village event such a success. The list of thanks is long and published on the PC website www.astonclinton.org.uk and Facebook page.

In other project news, the children's playpark has undergone a programme of rebuilding, repair and repainting, with the works due for completion by the end of July so that a sparkling new children's play area will be open for the school holidays. In addition, 'Play around the Parishes' returns to AC park with two sessions booked for 29 July and 19 August from 2-4pm. These two activity events are free to take part in - please see the poster on our website for more info.

On a not-so-positive note, we have noticed an increase in vandalism and graffiti in and around the park. If you see any incidents please report them by email clerk@astonclinton.org or by phone 01296 631269.

The community speedwatch scheme, offered by Thames Valley Police has been upgraded and improved. Our CS team will be out again in the village soon, with new technology hopefully providing a better deterrent for speeding vehicles. More details can be found on our website.

Finally, 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, in the past, have 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 or take your rubbish home with you if the bins are full.

Aston Clinton Guide Group



Reduce, reuse, recycle

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are very conscious of how their choices affect the environment and currently reusing "pre-loved" uniform is a very popular choice. If anyone has any old uniforms from any Guiding section in the back of their cupboards that we can reuse, please contact me on astonguides@gmail.com

Aston Clinton Guide Hall

Aston Clinton Guide Hall is available for hire outside of the times it is used for our Unit Meetings. It is wooden floored with tables and chairs available, two toilets, secure outside space and a fully equipped kitchen. All areas are fully accessible. It is perfect for exercise classes and we would welcome some more regular hirers. Please contact our booking secretary lorrainetierney429@gmail.com for more information and availability.

Adult Help!

Guiding is as popular as ever and we have waiting lists for three of our five Units. If you would like your daughter to join Girlguiding you do need to get names on the waiting list well before they become old enough to join. Although we would love to offer every girl on the waiting list the chance to experience Guiding, we can only do so if we have more adults to help. You do not need any prior experience and it is great fun. Do something great today and take a look at information on volunteering at www.girlguiding.org.uk

A bit of history

In Aston Clinton Guides 100th year I was contacted by a fellow Guider who is researching a project on Canals. She was delighted to spend the day looking through our archives of photos and reading log books

of the canal boat holidays from the 1930's to supplement the information researched from the Bucks Herald newspaper archived articles of that time. I know some of the ladies who attended our 100th birthday celebration also had memories or information of these canal cruises. If anyone is interested in reading her current research or has any information on these pre-war barging holidays they would be happy to share please contact *Alison Cannon*, alicannon@fastmail.co.uk

Womens Institute



WI members, their partners and friends spent a very enjoyable afternoon at their Jubilee Garden Party in June.

Our meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month in the Anthony Hall at 7.45pm. On 3 August we will welcome Christine Farmer whose presentation is 'Where there's a Quill there's a Play!' Followed on the 7 September by Jean Yates whose talk is entitled 'Ladies of the Grand Tour'

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

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

Horticultural Society

I am starting this article on the hottest day of the year so far. (we always open with the weather!). Consequently, no gardening has been done since early morning, and then it was only watering. Despite watering the greenhouse, the leaves of the tomatoes and cucumber still wilt, the heat is that intense. Watering is a "do" but don't cut your lawn; it will only turn brown and don't water lawns, that only wastes water, a precious commodity. New growth will appear with cooler weather and rain.

Tips for watering in a heatwave –

The best times to water your garden is early in the morning, or once the sun has gone down in the evening.

Water the soil not the plant. It is better to give your plants a big soak twice a week than little amounts every day. Water deeply not just the surface – say 20 seconds per plant.

Adding a layer of bark or other mulch to your border helps retain moisture. Pots can be top dressed with bark or pebbles/gravel.

Containers are particularly vulnerable to drying out so water more frequently, probably daily. Also, if possible, move them temporarily to a shadier spot.

The society has had a busy summer schedule

Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp Open gardens, our annual coach trip, this year to RHS Hyde Hall, and our summer social evening in July have all come and gone. The Society would like to thank members for supporting our events, especially our plant sales. Not only have members given us so many plants but we have also had great support from everyone in the village and the Parish Council. Some of the profits from our plant sales have been donated to charity, in particular our local food banks.

August is show time!

Our annual Summer Show will be on for the first time in two years. It will be held at the school hall on **Saturday 20 August from 2pm**. Entry night for exhibits is Wednesday 17 August at the Anthony Hall from 6pm till 7.45pm.

The show schedule and entry form are available on our website under astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk/summer-show/.

There are plenty of classes for all; it is not all growing dahlias or three sorts of potatoes, we have a domestic section, handicrafts, photography, and special sections for children. Something for everyone, so why not give it a go.

This is a village event, so please do come along and support us. It will be a good excuse to meet up for tea, cake and chat. We will have our usual raffle and book stall, and some plants on sale. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our monthly talks at the Anthony Hall

These take place on the second Wednesday of the month and start again in September.

Our first talk on **14 September at 8pm**, is "*Roses: General Care, Pruning and Planting*", by Kerry Austen,

On **12 October at 8pm**, we have an interesting talk entitled "*The Gardeners that made Stowe*", given by Sophie Thomas, Head Gardener.

Our full diary of events can be found on our website.

Your village Horticultural Society is thriving and all our events are well attended. Why not join us? Membership is only £5 person per year and further details can be obtained by emailing info@astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk.

Ralph Weston



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Every day, millions of people across the UK are making a difference by volunteering. Each year, outstanding examples of this work are celebrated through the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS). Created in 2002 for the Queen's Golden Jubilee, QAVS awards have been shining a light on the fantastic work of voluntary groups for many years.

Equivalent to an MBE, QAVS are the highest awards given to local voluntary groups in the UK, and they are awarded for life.

We are delighted to announce that Lindengate has been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Services for 2022.

Without our community of 200 volunteers, this could not have been possible, making Lindengate what it is today, one of Buckinghamshire's most respected and successful charities & shaping our future, enabling many more people to benefit from our pioneering work.



For more information on Lindengate, our programmes, events, volunteer opportunities & opening times, go to: lindengate.org.uk

Music under the stars boosts charities



Rousing choruses and lively dancing, along with generous donations were all features of 'Music under Stars' which recently made a return to the Buckland social calendar after an absence of two years.

The charity event, featuring bands and musicians from as far afield as Yorkshire, Cheshire, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Northamptonshire performed for free on a sunny evening which was punctuated by one heavy shower which didn't dampen the enthusiasm of more than 150 attendees.

A mix of folk, rock and a ceilidh kept people on their feet and a raffle and silent auction helped raise funds for a local and a national charity.

Over £2000 was raised for the Disaster Emergencies Committee (DEC) Ukraine Relief Fund and more than 500 toiletry and other items weighing 101 kilos were donated to the Aylesbury Foodbank.

Heather Joy-Garrett, the Operations Manager at the Foodbank was very grateful for the contribution. She said: *"This is fantastic. Additional toiletries really help hard pressed families with their budgeting in these difficult times."* The event was held at Lower Farm, Buckland on Saturday, 25 June.

Royal British Legion

Recently we have been remembering the war in the Falklands, 40 years on. In particular, we remember the 255 service personnel who were lost and some 2500 people who were wounded. It was a claim by one of the medics that they did not lose a patient.



Photo credit, RBL

Several of our local members, including our chairman, have served in the Falklands garrison since the end of the war, mostly living in temporary portacabins. I spent two years in the Falklands in the 1960's, so I know how basic life was for both those living in Stanley and those that lived on farms in what is known as the 'camp'.

I hope that many of you have watched some of the TV films and documentaries about the war. They remind us how terrible war is, even for those on the winning side. After 40 years many of our servicemen are still suffering the consequences and this is where the Royal British Legion steps in to support them and their families.

And it is not only those who are suffering from the effects of the Falklands war. British servicemen fight all over the world and even if they are not physically injured often suffer mentally from their experiences.

We must also remember the many civilians who are employed by the MOD, who can get involved in conflicts and are either injured or lose their lives.

We will remember them.

Please support your local branch. We are getting ready for the next poppy appeal and are looking for volunteers to sell or distribute poppies. The poppy appeal is concentrated over a period of two weeks around Remembrance Sunday. As well as having our service of remembrance at the war memorial, we also gather on the 11 November, Armistice Day of the first world war.

Buckland Open Gardens 26 June

Thanks to all who came and supported Buckland Open Gardens this year. We had a fantastic turn-out with everyone enjoying the gardens, the beautiful weather and the cakes on offer at the church. £1,024 was raised for All Saints' Church which will go towards the redecorating project. *Best wishes Kate*



Fun, free summer holiday clubs on offer to Buckinghamshire children

Buckinghamshire Council has teamed up with local organisations, schools and charity groups to provide thousands of places for eligible children and young people to enjoy a variety of exciting and interesting activities and experiences in their local area throughout the summer holidays – for free!

These places have been made available as part of the Government's national Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. Available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals, each session includes a healthy hot meal, as well as the opportunity to make new friends, have fun and maybe even develop a new skill or a hobby!

Whether your child is interested in art, football, technology, music or something else, there is an activity for every age and interest. These sessions will allow them to expand on a pre-existing interest and further develop skills they may already have; for others, the sessions will provide them with the opportunity to learn something completely new.

Details of the full range of activities available and how to secure a place, can be found at familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/haf Book early to avoid disappointment – the take up is expected to be high!

Buckland Art Group

We are a small friendly group who enjoy painting and drawing every Wednesday afternoon at the Buckland Hall. We do not have a fixed programme, preferring to offer encouragement in whatever we choose, and are of mixed abilities. We would like a few more members, so if you feel this would be of interest, please give us a try by contacting [Margaret Stacey](mailto:Margaret.Stacey@acvillagelife.co.uk) on 01296 614552.

Ukrainian potato pancakes

Recipe written by Anna, a refugee from Kyiv, Ukraine. Anna and her children are currently staying with a host family in Aston Clinton.



Ingredients:

- 5 potatoes
- 1 egg
- 1 onion
- 1 ½ tablespoons of Plain flour
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- Pepper to taste

Method:

1. Finely grate the onions, then finely grate the potatoes and immediately combine. (This will stop the potatoes from turning brown.)
2. Add the beaten egg, sift the flour, add the garlic, salt and pepper.
3. Stir until smooth
4. Pour vegetable oil into a heated frying pan, put a tablespoon of mixture into the pan and spread out.
5. Fry until golden brown on both sides, they will cook very quickly.

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Emergency

HEALTH

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Amersham Hospital	01494 434411	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
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Stoke Mandeville Hospital	01296 315000	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
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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

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

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Aston Clinton F.C.	07930 925840	www.astonclintonfc.co.uk
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Back to Netball	07545 033986	weststandmolly@aol.com
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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
Aston Clinton Cubs	01296 708158	ac.cubs@Yahoo.co.uk
Aston Clinton Beavers	01296 708158	ac.beavers@yahoo.co.uk
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St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp	01296 632488	www.s-marys.org.uk
Aston Clinton Baptist Church	01296 631824	www.astonclintonbaptist.org

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Baptist Church	07834 772937	lettings@astonclintonbaptist.org
Buckland Village Hall	01296 630310	
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MISCELLANEOUS

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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	
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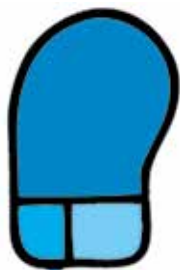


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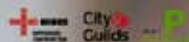
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