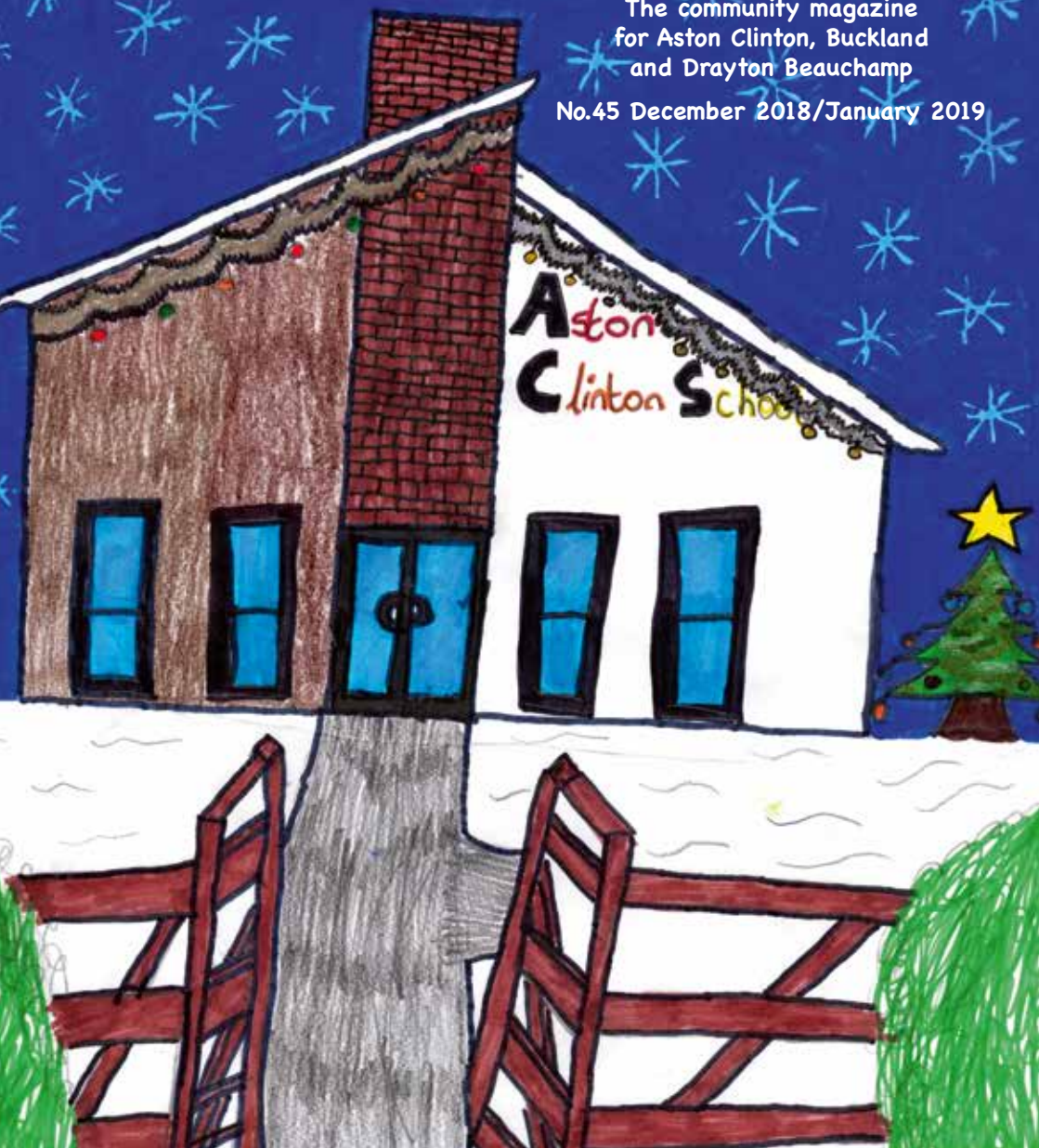


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**The Editor is always pleased
to receive local news of people,
clubs and events.**

Village Life

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

Ask not what your village can do for you. Ask what you can do for your village – as John F Kennedy almost said. Everyone receiving this magazine lives in one of the best parts of the country but it doesn't just happen without effort. There are good people out there doing all the things that make our villages what they are. You will have read about some of them in our Village People series (it's Dr Craig White this time, page 22). There are also those less visible.

Much of what makes the system work is the voluntary sector. In Village Life we regularly have details of charity events raising funds for local causes and volunteers are always welcomed. Currently, there are two high-profile local organisations that are looking for helpers. In our last issue we mentioned that there will be Parish Council elections next Spring, and this time the school is looking for a new governor. If you think you may have something to offer for either of these roles then please contact the Parish Council or the school and see if you can join the army of local volunteers.

We have been developing our website over recent months and expect this to continue to supplement our print version. For example, our information on the WWI names on our war memorials can still be found at www.acvillagelife.co.uk/war-stories.html. We also have an events page which lists some of the local events going on regularly or which may not be covered in the magazine. The website may also be of interest to friends who have moved out of the area so please spread the word. www.acvillagelife.co.uk

This is our last issue of the year so the whole Village Life team send their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers, contributors and advertisers. Just think, by the time our next edition comes out at the start of February you will have broken all your New Year's resolutions!

Season's greetings. Richard Vincent

God with us

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name "Immanuel" (which means, God with us) Matthew 1.23



During the Welsh revival, when thousands experienced the touch of God deep within their lives, there was found carved into the wood of a railway carriage these words: - GODISNOWHERE, Maybe in protest the author meant to say - "God is nowhere". But for many thousands the testimony was - "God is now here".

The arrival of God amongst us, coming with the intention of saving us, is not only the story of the Welsh revival, and many others, it is the Christmas story we are soon to celebrate.

But it is only part of a greater story and that story can include you, the reader of this article,

for Christmas forms part of a larger story, a meta-narrative of God's determination to rescue humanity from destruction.

His sovereign will, enacted over centuries, resulted in the Christmas event. God took on flesh and entered our world in the vulnerability of an embryo within a primitive culture enduring a period of military occupation and religious ferment.

Mary welcomed him, Herod hounded him, some followed him, others crucified him, but none could rid themselves of him.

Truly Jesus was and is "God with us" for the tomb could not hold him, heaven applauded him and today the spirit testifies about him - he is risen and will return in judgement fully to usher in the new age when once again the dwelling of God is with man.

May you experience the reality of Immanuel and know heaven's peace and joy as you welcome Jesus this Christmas.

Nick Harris, Aston Clinton Baptist Church

Baptist Scarecrows

As part of its Harvest celebrations the Baptist Church organised a Scarecrow competition with some unusual prizes.

19 entries were received and judging was by public vote. First prize for the adult section was a pig, and for the junior section some ducks. The winner of the "Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin" contest won a bag of seed potatoes. As you may have guessed by now, the prizes did not stay in Aston Clinton but were sent to a village in Africa, via an organisation called Operation Agri. The prizes will now help a poor community to feed themselves. Small, token gifts were given to the UK winners.



St Michael and All Angels

Regular Services:

9.15am and 6pm on the first, second, third & fifth Sundays



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat 1 Dec	11am-3pm	Christmas Fair	The Anthony Hall
Sun 2 Dec	6.00pm	Advent Carols & Communion	St Michael's Church
Sun 9 Dec	6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	St Michael's Church
Sun 16 Dec	7.00pm	Carol Singing	The Oak Pub
Wed 19 Dec	8.00pm	Aston Clinton Ladies Group Advent Service	St Michael's Church
Sun 23 Dec	10.45am	BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION	St Mary's Church
Christmas Eve	6.00pm	Crib Service	St Michael's Church
Christmas Eve	8.00pm	A Celebration of Christmas	St Michael's Church
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Michael's Church
Christmas Day	9.15am	Family Eucharist for Christmas	St Michael's Church
Sun 27 Jan	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	All Saints' Church
Sun 27 Jan	4.00pm	Christingle followed by Tea	St Michael's Church

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday	2 – 4.30pm	Rhubarb Café (Closed on Bank Holidays)	St Michael's Church
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More details about these events on the church website: www.s-michaels.org.uk



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

at *The Oak*

After the amazing “*Shakespeare in the garden*” play we had in the summer we now have something special for Christmas - *A Christmas Carol*, by *Charles Dickens*.

On Christmas Eve, Ebenezer Scrooge, a bitter old miser, is visited by the ghost of his former business partner, Jacob Marley. Desperate to convince Scrooge of the error of his ways, Marley sends three ghosts to lead him through his past, present and future. The spirit (or spirits in this case) of Christmas will be brought to life in this classic tale.

So, put **Wednesday 19th December** at The Oak in your diary. This will be fun for all the family, with mulled wine, roasting chestnuts and mince pies. And before the play there will be Christmas carolling in the garden with Rev Sally from St. Michael's Church, Aston Clinton. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon. Contact *The Oak* on **01296 630466**

A great way to build up to Christmas with all the family and to raise funds for St Michael's!



I've been in post as Rector of Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp just over six months now and, boy, have we been busy in the Benefice.....

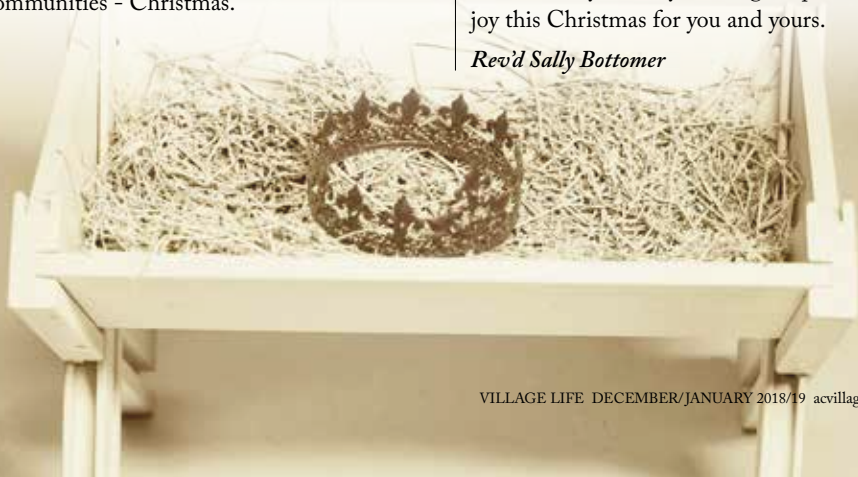


13 community groups a-singing (Songs of Praise), 12 couples a-marrying, 11 dogs a-blessing (Pet Service), 10 Parochial Church Councils a-chairing, 9 Foodbank visits, 8 Lunch Club dinners, 7 Benefice Communion, 6 Knit & Natters, 5 Youth Club sessions, 4 Acts of Remembrance, 3 Harvest Festivals, 2 dozen christenings.....all that is missing is a Partridge in a pear tree! Which leads me nicely on to reflecting on what is without any doubt the busiest time of year for our churches and communities - Christmas.

For the Church, Christmas doesn't begin on Christmas Eve and finish on Christmas Day. Oh no...the actual background planning and organising begins straight after the summer holidays and continues beyond Christmas Day as we wait for Epiphany, with the visit of the Magi to baby Jesus. This year, for the first time, we will be hosting an interactive presentation called '*Christmas Unwrapped*' to four different year groups from Aston Clinton Primary School. Like a piece of bubble gum that has been gathering fluff under the bed for years we hope to '*defluff*' and unwrap the real meaning of Christmas with the children meeting and interviewing live characters from the Nativity Story.


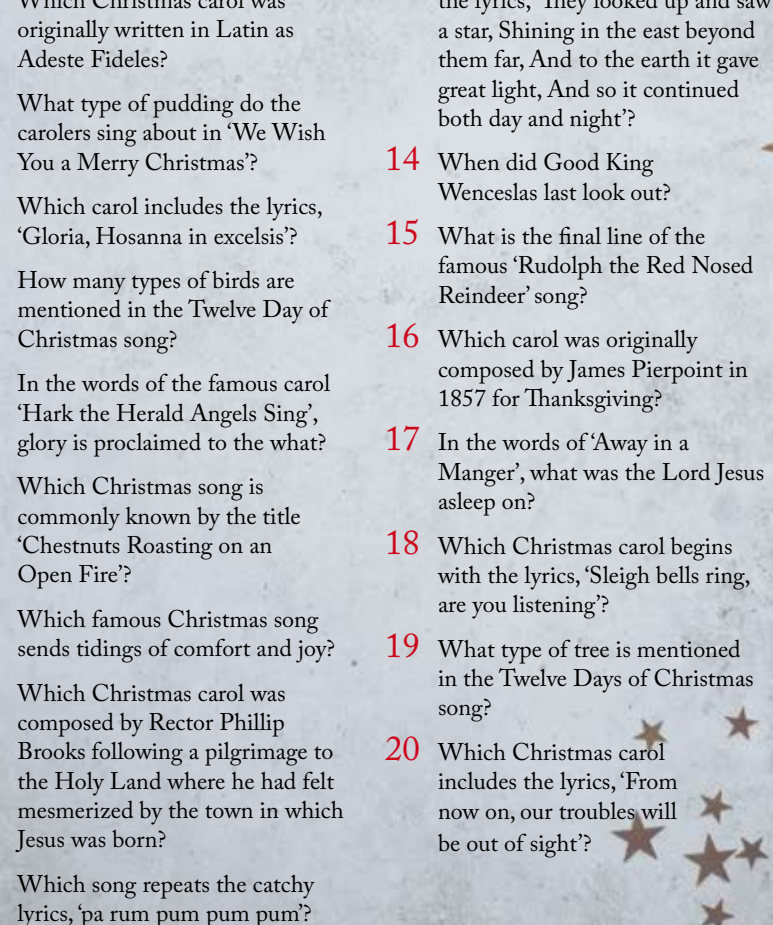
But, you know, none of the above would have been or could have been possible without the support of this fantastic community. I joke with many people about my calling to be a Priest in a coffee shop but the truth is, a '*community Vicar*' is the way forward for the Church and I am delighted to experience being out and about in the community, joining in with the work that God is already doing, and having fun with you all! And so it leaves me now to personally invite you to one of our services this Christmas at any one of our Parish Churches, St Michael & All Angels, Aston Clinton, All Saints, Buckland or at St Mary's, Drayton Beauchamp and to wish you every blessing for peace and joy this Christmas for you and yours.

Rev'd Sally Bottomer



Christmas Music Quiz

Andrew Andersz has kindly compiled this seasonal music quiz and we hope it may help to while away some time with the family if there is nothing on TV. Answers on page 27

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- 1 What is the opening line to 'Let it Snow'?
 - 2 Which Christmas carol was originally written in Latin as *Adeste Fideles*?
 - 3 What type of pudding do the carolers sing about in 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'?
 - 4 Which carol includes the lyrics, 'Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis'?
 - 5 How many types of birds are mentioned in the Twelve Day of Christmas song?
 - 6 In the words of the famous carol 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing', glory is proclaimed to the what?
 - 7 Which Christmas song is commonly known by the title 'Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire'?
 - 8 Which famous Christmas song sends tidings of comfort and joy?
 - 9 Which Christmas carol was composed by Rector Phillip Brooks following a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where he had felt mesmerized by the town in which Jesus was born?
 - 10 Which song repeats the catchy lyrics, 'pa rum pum pum'?
 - 11 Which famous Christmas carol was written as a poem by C. F. Alexander, the same inspirational poet credited with having composed the hymn 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'?
 - 12 The famous song 'White Christmas' originally featured in which 1942 musical film starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astair and Virginia Dale?
 - 13 Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics, 'They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the east beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night'?
 - 14 When did Good King Wenceslas last look out?
 - 15 What is the final line of the famous 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' song?
 - 16 Which carol was originally composed by James Pierpoint in 1857 for Thanksgiving?
 - 17 In the words of 'Away in a Manger', what was the Lord Jesus asleep on?
 - 18 Which Christmas carol begins with the lyrics, 'Sleigh bells ring, are you listening'?
 - 19 What type of tree is mentioned in the Twelve Days of Christmas song?
 - 20 Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics, 'From now on, our troubles will be out of sight'?

Santa's Float

Santa will be visiting the village on **Sunday 16th December**, with a slightly altered route. This year we are bringing in some of the new areas, as well as our usual haunts, but please understand that although we do our best to include as much of the village as possible, the float is manned entirely by volunteers and we cannot visit everywhere. If you miss Santa in your street, please do visit him at the Rothschild Arms around 6.30pm and at The Oak from around 8.15pm.

The route is listed here and **all times are approximate**. The donations collected will be as always, for Rennie Grove Hospice, the Scouts, the Guides and a new addition this year of Aston Clinton Colts who are joining our team of elves!



Approx. times:

2.30pm	Wenwell Close Bishop's Field
3.15pm	The Chilterns, Stablebridge Road
3.45pm	Dean Way
4pm	Rosebery Road, Beaconsfield Road, Beechwood Road, Rothschild Avenue, Overstrand
4.45pm	New Road Green End Street
5.15pm	Elves Shift Change – Aston Park
5.30pm	Pavilion Gardens
5.45 – 6.30pm	Weston Road, Cala Homes estate, Stratford Close,
6.30pm	Rothschild Arms (stopping point)
6.45pm	Twitchell Lane
7 – 7.45pm	Chapel Drive Long Plough
8.15 – 8.30pm	The Oak

Events at Bucks County Museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

12 Days of Christmas Science Show Saturday 15 December, 1.30pm & 3pm

Kids will love this brilliant Christmas science show packed with amazing experiments that glow, pop and fizz. A wonderful festive treat that gives the famous carol a scientific twist. Lasts 40 minutes. All tickets £6.50. Call to book or visit our website.

Christmas Toy Box Exhibition 15 December 2018 – 19 January 2019

This family favourite is back again with lots of toys to remember from childhood and plenty of toys and games to play with, too. *Small charge per child.*

The Hart Silversmiths: 100 years of Arts & Crafts silver On now until 8 December 2018

An exhibition of beautiful silver from the Hart Silversmiths celebrating the remarkable tradition of silversmithing that has been carried out by the Hart family at The Guild in Chipping Campden for over one hundred years. *Entry by donation.*

100 HEARTS: Legacy of War Embroiderers' Guild stitched hearts to commemorate the end of WW1 On now until 12 January 2019

Special exhibition marking the end of the First World War and the legacy of war including a display of embroidered hearts by the Embroiderers' Guild. *Entry by donation.*

The Museum also has a café serving light snacks and shop stocking gifts, local books and cards. 01296 331441 or visit www.buckscountymuseum.org



Tree of Light commemorations offer comfort at Christmas



The Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity Tree of Light commemorations are open to anyone in our community who wishes to spend some time quietly remembering friends and family members who have died.

The ceremonies are open to all, regardless of religion or spirituality, and it doesn't matter whether your loved ones were cared for by Florence Nightingale Hospice or died at home or in hospital.

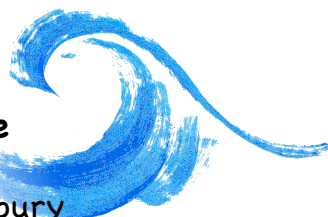
"The Tree of Light events are designed to give people a space where a part of the season is set aside to commemorate loved ones," says Ann Kenny, the new Bereavement Support Team Lead at the Hospice. "Christmas can often be a time of conflicting emotions, or it can be so busy that those who are grieving can't find a time to process feelings of sadness which may come to the fore at this time of year."

There are a number of ways to commemorate loved ones through the Hospice's Tree of Light events. You can sponsor a light in memory of them and write a dedication which will appear in the Books of Honour which can be viewed at the Hospice in December and early January, and at the two Tree of Light events. Or come along to one or both Tree of Light services

which will take place at the Head Office of Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity at Walton Lodge, Walton Street, Aylesbury, at 5pm on Sunday 2nd December and at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Buckingham at 4pm on Saturday 8th December.

To sponsor a light in memory of someone, please call our *Fundraising Team* on **01296 429 975** to request a Tree of Light form or find out more at www.fnhospice.org.uk/tree-of-light

World Premiere Concert by Aylesbury Choral Society



Don't miss the newly commissioned arrangement of local composer Chris Williams's *Tsunami Requiem*, which the choir will sing accompanied by RAF Halton Voluntary Band at **7.30 pm on Saturday December 8th at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury.**

The *Tsunami Requiem* is an intense, haunting and moving piece of music, inspired by the devastating tsunami which struck Asia in 2004. The Requiem was first performed in its original arrangement at Royal Festival Hall in 2008, when it received a standing ovation. This new arrangement is for a wind band and we look forward to the opportunity to work with the RAF Halton Voluntary Band for the first time.

Our soloists will include the well-known tenor, Adrian Thompson and the superb soprano Victoria Joyce. Victoria performed at our concert in June and was very popular with the audience. *Tickets* www.aylesburychoral.org.uk

British Legion, Aston Clinton Branch



The Aston Clinton branch has been heavily involved with this year's Poppy Appeal. 2018 is a special year because it is exactly 100 years since First World War guns fell silent on 11th November 1918, at 11am. This year at that same time we remembered our dead from both World Wars at the war memorial on the

main road. Wreaths were laid by many local organisations. A parade to the church by our uniformed youth groups behind the RAF and British Legion contingent followed the ceremony.

Emma Bone organised the Poppy Appeal and it is thanks to her that so many village people volunteered to help. This year we were able to man a poppy stall in the Aldi supermarket. It will not be known for some time how much we, in Aston Clinton, raised but thank you all for your support. Money raised goes to the work of the Legion in supporting our ex-service men and women.

In September, a party from the Aston Clinton Branch attended the Battle of Britain service in Westminster Abbey. The service finished with the recently written "Airman's Hymn" and we sang it in St Michael's church during the community Songs of Praise service organised by our church.

Silent Silhouette. To mark the centenary of the final year of the First World War, the British Legion has made a series of very evocative military silhouettes. Here you can see Aston Clinton's model, which was placed near the corner at the end of the by-pass.

Ralph Weston

Songs of Praise:

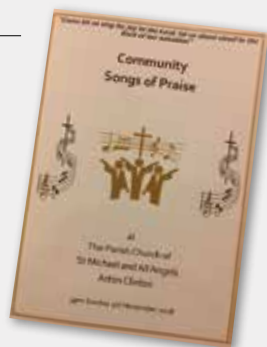
On Sunday 4th November St Michael's & All Angels hosted its first ever Songs of Praise.

Community groups from Aston Clinton were asked to choose their all-time favourite hymn to come and sing in this special service of thanksgiving for our village. Accompanied by the choir, the organ and a brass band, over one hundred people came and sang their hearts out.

The groups that attended were Aston Clinton Bowls Club, Aston Clinton Primary School, Aston Clinton Ladies Group, St Michael's Bell Ringers, The Churchill Lunch

Club, Cornerstone (a church group), RBL, WI, Horticultural Society, Aston Clinton Rainbows, Aston Clinton Cubs, and Aston Clinton Parish Council. There was a real

sense of community spirit and a fantastic time was had by all. A huge thank you to all who came and made the event such an uplifting occasion. *Rev Sally*





Aston Clinton School

Head: Mrs Helen Shepherd



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Children are naturally curious and science at primary school should nurture this curiosity and allow them to ask questions and develop the skills they need to answer those questions. Primary science helps pupils to:

- ask questions and investigate problems
- learn how science works
- discover why science matters in the world

For excellent primary science, schools need the time, expertise and resources to deliver engaging and thought-provoking science lessons. So we have signed up to the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) project to develop the science work across the school. The aims of this project are:

- To raise the profile of science in school.
- To evaluate and develop all aspects of science teaching and learning in school.
- To enable staff to take part in a training programme that will develop skills.
- To join a local hub of science subject leaders working for a PSQM award.
- To celebrate our commitment to excellent primary science.

Some aspects of this Quality Mark, such as investigations, are already in place, albeit at a basic level. These are mapped out in our curriculum plans. However, one of our new draft science principles is that the children should do more investigations that they design, plan and carry out. In November there was an INSET day. This focussed on investigations and how to assess children's investigation skills, as a test cannot do this effectively.

We also use the school grounds within our curriculum, but we know we can do more so we will have an INSET day in April about developing the use of the outside classroom.

Over the next year the school community will also be involved and be thinking about a variety of different aspects of science. So far, the school councillors have interviewed some children to gather their views about science. The teachers have drafted some science principles that, once agreed, will underpin all our work in science from that point onwards and we have booked a science drama performance for the Key Stage 2 classes. Parents and the wider community will play a part too as the project gets underway.

We are very excited to be a Quality Mark school this year and will be using our website to keep you posted with how we get on.

Interested in the Education of our young children? **Become a School Governor!**

The work of the Governing Board includes:

- working with the Headteacher to promote high standards of educational achievement
- ensuring a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school
- holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and for the performance management of staff
- ensuring financial oversight of the financial performance of the school and effective use of the school's resources

There is a body of published research that shows how important the first years in school are for every child's social and emotional development and their future achievements in life. Over the years I have seen the school grow with many exciting developments and this progress will continue, notwithstanding the challenges that arise along the way.

The Governing Board is a corporate entity and its power and authority rest with the Governing Board as a whole. We have vacancies for two community governors at the moment and if you would like to find out more about becoming a governor do email me at chairofgovernors@astonclinton.bucks.sch.uk and I shall arrange to meet you for a chat.

The Governing Board is committed to the provision of an outstanding education experience for all children; if you feel you have the skills and time to help with this, do let me know. *Carole Green, Chair of Governors
Aston Clinton School*



Village Life magazine Cover Competition

As in previous years, our December front cover has been designed by a pupil from Aston Clinton school.

Judging for this year's winner was again a difficult task with some excellent entries from the 54 pupils in the 10-11 year age group.

After much deliberation, Head Teacher Helen Shepherd and The Rev'd Sally Bottomer chose **Ryan Amato (11)** as the winner and Village Life have presented him with a book token for his efforts. Our thanks go to him and all the other children who took part.

International Guiding a trip to Italy

In September, 2017 I attended a selection camp with Buckinghamshire Guides as I was interested in an international trip away with Guides. The weekend was a lot of fun and a few weeks later I was excited to be told I had been chosen to go to Italy. I was told the trip would cost £800 and that I would have 10 months to raise the money.

My mum and dad generously paid the deposit. I saved up my birthday money and lots of my family gave me money towards my trip instead of Christmas presents. One of my fellow Guides had been chosen for a trip to America so we raised money together selling sweets at our Guides meetings. We also had a stall at the Village Market and organised a raffle.

I didn't know any of the other girls who would be in my group travelling to Italy so we had a get-to-know-each other camp a few months before we went. At 13, I was the youngest in the group but luckily the others were all really friendly.

We flew to Italy on August 1st with three leaders and the first thing we did was to put our tents up and then have dinner with our Italian hosts. On the second day we built our own kitchen, pantry and living space which was to be our base for the next 12 days.

Also attending the camp were scouts from Spain, Egypt, Germany, France, Israel, Australia and Poland. There were over 4,000 of us there. Each day we all took part in various activities including watersports, arts and crafts, cooking and sports. We also went on an overnight hike through mountains to a nearby town. We stayed in the school gym and were treated to dinner out at a pizzeria. Otherwise we cooked all our own meals.



It was incredibly hot and there were some extreme storms, at one point our tents flooded. I had been a bit nervous about going away with people I didn't know but we all became great friends and looked after each other when anyone felt homesick. There were ten of us from the UK and we have all kept in touch. I am very proud of myself for taking part and I am so glad that my Guide leader Sue encouraged me to apply. It really was an amazing, challenging experience!

Lily Cornish, 1st Aston Clinton Guides.





Scouts

In our last issue we heard how our local Scout Group was looking for new premises in the village. Nigel Pinder explains a little more about the plans and ambitions for the group.

Part of my role is to set long-term goals for Scouting in our area. With the expansion of the village we are not alone in struggling to accommodate the growing populace and I see the best way forward is to secure our own headquarters so we can grow with the village.

We have formed a team, Giles, Susan and myself, to facilitate finding a permanent and secure home for us and we are trying to raise awareness within the parish.

Our first goal is to secure some land. None of the halls in the village has either the capacity or availability we need. It would be nice to find a philanthropic land owner who wants to support Scouting. We've tried the Parish Council to no avail and are now looking towards BCC to see if they might be amenable.

We know that the construction phase is the easiest part of the project. Raising funds for the project isn't insurmountable either; once we have some land there are various funding options available.

Any suggestions from Village Life's readers, who may have fond memories of their own time in Scouting, would be welcomed.

In the meantime, we remain positive and have an active training scheme for new leaders. Junior leaders, even as young as 14 or 15, can run an evening's session for the Beavers so we are sure that some of the parents of children on the waiting lists would make excellent leaders. It's not that different from normal parenting – you just do it with a woggle!

Please contact ac.gsl@yahoo.com if you can help with either the new HQ or would like more information about becoming a leader.

Nigel Pinder,

Group Scout Leader,

1st Aston Clinton Scout Group

parkrun re-run – an update



Photo by Bruce Li

In our October/November issue we had a feature about parkrun, a free, weekly 5k event for joggers and walkers. We mentioned two local venues for the Saturday morning runs, at Aylesbury and Tring. As always seems to happen, it was literally three days after we went to press that we found out that another one has started in our area.

So, if you are keen to join up, you now also have the choice of going to Wendover Woods. As with the others, start time is 9am on Saturday mornings and you just have to turn up at Wendover Woods, Upper Icknield Way, HP22 5NF. More details at www.parkrun.org.uk/wendoverwoods/

For all parkrun events you have to register just once at www.parkrun.org.uk/register and you will get a barcode that can be used any weekend at any event worldwide.

Get ready, set and go for Christmas at Wendover's first Santa Dash



Saturday 15th December, 11am, Wendover Memorial Hall Burn off some calories before Christmas and raise some money at Wendover's first Santa Dash, in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice.

Starting and finishing at a new, traditional Christmas Market at Wendover Memorial Hall on Wharf Road, this brand new Santa Dash will combine a festive fundraising challenge with an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts.

The 2.5km circular course through the heart of Wendover is wheelchair, buggy and scooter friendly, so it's suitable for all the generations, making this a great Christmas event for all the family. All entrants will be provided with a Santa suit to make a splash of seasonal colour through the town.

A very special visitor has promised to pop by to start the dash, cheer everyone on and say hello to all the children.

You can pre-register for the event online at the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity website, <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/events/wendover-santa-dash/> **until midnight on Thursday 13 December or you can sign up on the day at Wendover Memorial Hall from 10am** (subject to places still being available).

Not able to join the Santa Dash? Come along to cheer on the runners from 11am and pick up some seasonal gifts and food at the Christmas Market.

St Michael's Church, Dennis Davies general knowledge quiz

Our annual Dennis Davies Quiz will be on **Saturday, 9th February** at the Anthony Hall **7.00 for 7.30pm**. Tickets £10 to include hot supper. Bring your own drinks. Book a table or come on your own. You will be most welcome. Funds in aid of St. Michael's Church.

Contact maggiebeaujeux@outlook.com for further details.

WI News

Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp and Aston Clinton W.I. meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the Anthony Hall at 7.45pm

December sees us celebrate our 89th birthday with our usual buffet party at Anthony Hall. We do not have a speaker in January, but we always enjoy our annual Beetle Drive. Our speaker in February will be Adam Smith. His talk, "Country House Servants" is about working in service.

We will join other local W.I.'s at a Carol Service at Ivinghoe in December and we are planning a Christmas lunch at a local hostelry. Our Walking Group will start walking again in February with a short local walk and we hope to start our Craft Group in the New Year.

We look forward to welcoming new members in the New Year. 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 *Claire Castle, Secretary*

Aston Clinton's Surgery News

There has been a large change recently to prescription ordering.

A directive came from NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group, which is responsible for buying healthcare services across the county and for ensuring we all get the best value for money; critical at present given the current financial pressures on the NHS. They decided to limit the automatic ordering of repeat medications by pharmacists and medical equipment suppliers, so that patients now order their own medications. It is considered that patients and their carers are best placed to know exactly what and when repeat medication is needed.

This has resulted in pharmacies having an increase in their workload and longer timescales to dispense the medications. **The time to process your prescriptions by the surgery has not changed – it is still 48 hours.** However we would advise patients to put their requests to the surgery when they have 10 days' supply of medications left, to allow 7-10 days for the pharmacy to dispense.

There are of course some patients who are exempt from this change: Patients who have dementia, a learning disability or are housebound, or cannot order on line, or do not have a carer or representative that can order on their behalf and patients using a Monitored Dosage System.

We would ask all patients to be understanding of the changes made by the CCG and to please not abuse staff. We are all working to try to deliver a good service in good time and hopefully reduce wastage.

Flu vaccination has been very different this year due to changes in deliveries and the actual vaccines following direction from

NHS England. Two different vaccines are being administered to different age groups as the Fluad vaccination is deemed to be more effective in patients aged over 65.

In order to manage the high quantities of flu vaccinations that we give during our Saturday clinics, this year we asked patients to contact us to make an appointment. This was because we needed to know numbers of patients attending as we had limited supplies of the vaccines and deliveries were staggered over 3 months. This is also why there were gaps between our clinic dates and why we offered appointments for all three surgeries. Vaccinations for children came from a central source. This meant we had to wait until we had our delivery dates and numbers of stock before arranging our clinics.

At this time we should have covered most of the eligible population, but if you are eligible and have still not had your injection please contact the surgery to arrange to have it.

Let's hope we have a crisp, bright, healthy winter this year. Please keep an eye on family, friends and neighbours and ensure that they stay well and warm. Don't forget that some people do not have family or are unable to get out and about and may become isolated.

Everyone at Aston Clinton Surgery wishes all our patients a very happy Christmas and a healthy happy New Year.

Aston Clinton Surgery, 01296 630241

Baptist Church Carol Concert

An "All-sorts Children's Christmas Choir"

is to be formed to perform as part of the Baptist Church Carol concert in the afternoon of **Sunday December 23rd.**

Rehearsals on the afternoons of the **9th, 16th and 23rd** each rehearsal followed by tea. For more information visit the website www.astonclintonbaptist.org.

The season's over for Aston Clinton Bowls Club



Margaret Sutton, Carol Watson, Jo Allwork and Cathy Clark receiving their silver salver from Bowls England President Bill Smith

Aston Clinton Bowls Club, based in Aston Park, had an enjoyable and successful season in 2018. The club won more matches than it lost, hosted a number of games for bowls teams who do not have their own premises, and appeared in the final rounds of two county competitions.

The finals weekend was an outstanding success for Carol Watson, who won all but one of the finals she was in.

Every year, the club committee name a Most Improved Player, who has impressed during the season. This year's award was given to Ian Watson, Carol's husband.

In the Bucks County's Burnham Plate, Aston Clinton ladies lost in the final of the competition to Wolverton Town at the beginning of September. They were delighted to be presented with the Florence Memery Trophy by Bowls England President Bill Smith.

At the men's county luncheon the club was presented with a cheque as losing semi-finalists in the Bucks Plate competition.

The green is now closed until next April, although work on the playing surface, the surrounds and the premises continues throughout the winter, so don't be surprised if you go past and see work being carried out.

Throughout the winter, there are a number of social activities – a Race Night at the end of November, a Grand Christmas Raffle (with carols) in mid-December, and a post-Christmas luncheon in January. We also have a Quiz Night in February – so why not get a team together, come along and join us?

Please contact our secretary, *Brian Clark* on *01844 351461* or by email *brianp.clark29@gmail.com* for further information about any of our winter social events.

Simply Walk

Please note that our Simply Walk Group will be walking over the Christmas period on the following days:

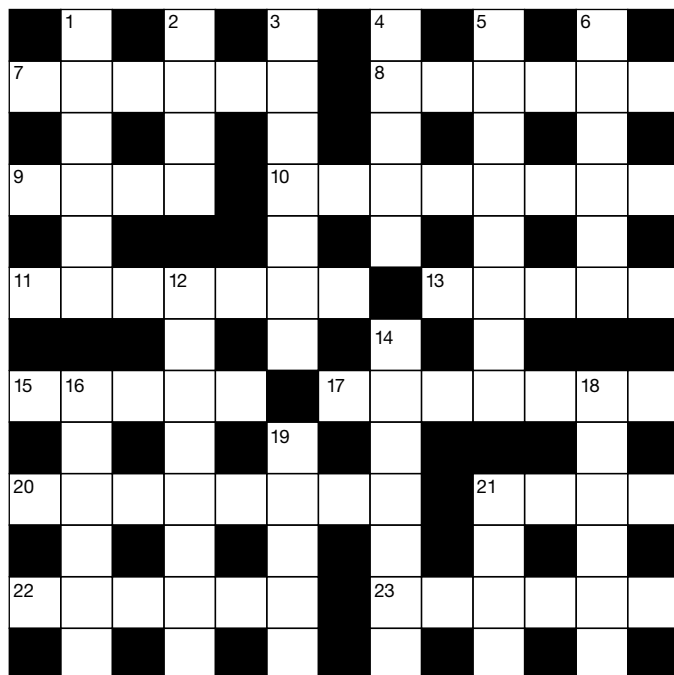
20/12/18 Short Walk & Long Walk
27/12/18 Short Walk only
03/01/19 Short Walk & Long
(Wendover Woods) Walk

After that, our programme will continue into the new year, with a Short Walk every week and an additional Long Walk on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. Note that the Long Walk on the 1st Thursday of January will be a longer 2½ hour 'Progression' walk up into Wendover Woods. All walks start at 10:30am at the Café in Aston Clinton park.

All the Leaders at Aston Clinton Simply Walk would like to congratulate our walkers on the progress they have made over the past year and would like to wish all our many and varied walkers a very Happy Christmas & Healthy New Year! *Edward Kempton*

Village Life crossword no.30

Crossword compiled by **Helen Lonsdale** (SOLUTION ON PAGE 27)



CLUES ACROSS

- 7 Flavoured (6)
- 8 Spider's home (6)
- 9 Contest of speed (4)
- 10 First/most forward (8)
- 11 Antiques (7)
- 13 Lethal (5)
- 15 Turn/Twist (5)
- 17 Takes something offered (7)
- 20 Non military person (8)
- 21 Snare (4)
- 22 Shelter for dog (6)
- 23 Indelible design on skin (6)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Bee yard (6)
- 2 Pain (4)
- 3 Glued (7)
- 4 Fruit of the oak (5)
- 5 Renounce one's throne (8)
- 6 Japanese dancer (6)
- 12 Disciplined (8)
- 14 Winter yellow flower (7)
- 16 Rings/Knells (6)
- 18 Maker of suits (6)
- 19 Passage in church (5)
- 21 City in Somerset (5)

Bucks Active Scheme

Active Bucks, the physical activity programme that helps people in Buckinghamshire become – and stay – more active, has been recognised nationally by the Royal Society for Public Health in its 2018 Health & Wellbeing Awards.

Active Bucks started in 2015 as a new approach to promoting physical activity in Buckinghamshire. The aspiration was to deliver a programme of activities across the county to reach and support as many of the local population as possible, with a particular focus on inactive residents. The programme is based on available evidence of what gets people involved and what leads them to

modify their lifestyle so that increased physical activity plays an ongoing part.

The success of the programme has been fully evaluated including follow-up questionnaires and participant discussion sessions. The evaluation indicates that participants not only show a sustained increase in beneficial physical activity, but also record an increase in mental wellbeing and feeling more socially engaged.

To see the activities that are happening in your local area, visit <http://activebucks.co.uk/> For further information please contact: **Graham Skeggs**, on 01296 382444

Alpha's Big Adventure



As anyone who keeps tortoises will know, they are great roamers and escapologists, especially the males. Our hot summer made them exceptionally active, and hence this tale.

On Sunday 5th August, there was a posting on the 'Everything Aston Clinton' Facebook page to say that a tortoise had been found in Twitchell Lane. It so happened that I had checked mine that morning, so I wasn't concerned. Two days later, I did my regular roll call and found one missing. Given their penchant for hiding under bushes when it's very hot, I didn't worry until I found a large hole under the back fence. I discovered that the wandering tortoise had been taken to the local vet for safe keeping.

I rang, and was asked if my tortoise had any identifying features. He hadn't, although I would know him from a hundred tortoises. Luckily, I have photographed the carapace (top) and plastron (underside) of mine, so I took along the photographic evidence. Photographing them is a cheaper option than micro-chipping and works just as well. The nurse took my photograph to the tortoise for comparison (excellent security!) and returned content that it was Alpha. Alpha was waving

his legs energetically, not I fear in delight at being reunited with me, but because he wanted to get moving again. So, home we went, and he was soon back in the now properly secured garden.

I have been keeping tortoises for over 40 years, and never cease to be surprised by them. I don't think the hole was made by one of them, and I check the fences every Spring when they emerge from hibernation, so maybe this was something to do with the adjacent trees and the exceptionally dry weather. So fellow tortoise-keepers, do check! Tortoises become restless during August, sensing the turning of the year and perhaps becoming anxious about finding somewhere suitable to hibernate.

My grateful thanks to Mandi who handed Alpha in to Aston Clinton vets, and to them for looking after him during his Big Adventure. And also to social media, which made our reunion a lot more likely than it would otherwise have been. By the time you read this Alpha will be preparing for his next big event – a very long sleep to avoid the cold winter months. I am quite envious!

Alison Beck

Florence Nightingale Charity Quiz Night

Adams Travel, in association with Kuoni Travel, will also be raising funds for Florence Nightingale with a Quiz Night at **Weston Turville Village Hall**, HP22 5RW on **Saturday 2nd February 2019**, starting at 7pm
£10 a ticket, including Fish (or sausage or veggie burger) & Chip Supper. Bring your own drinks. A raffle will be held on the night.

Tickets now on sale from *Adams Travel*, Market Square, Aylesbury. **01296 873017**

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Community Bereavement Group

A community bereavement group meets every month at St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton. All are welcome. The next meeting is on **Thursday 3rd January 2019 from 2pm – 4pm.**

For further details please contact
Rev Alison Roberts, 01296 630256 or
Rev Jane Nash, 07562 672481.

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

acvillagelife.co.uk

*From everyone involved with Village Life
have a wonderful Christmas.*



Riding for the disabled

Hartwell Riding for the Disabled Group has a session at Bye Green Stables, Weston Turville, on **Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 – 2.45pm, during term time**, catering for riders from Booker Park School. We need some more volunteers to ensure that all the children can ride each week.

Full training will be given, and horse/pony knowledge is not essential although you would need to be comfortable walking alongside a pony. We are a happy and welcoming group and all of us gain great satisfaction from watching the progress our riders make. Our riders develop hugely in confidence, communication and co-ordination, using games and fun exercises to reinforce the therapeutic benefits of horse riding. If you would like more information please don't hesitate to contact the group organiser *Claire Marinker, schoolh@btinternet.com, 07751 825358*, or the chairman, *Felicity Smettem, fsmettem28@gmail.com, 01296 651598.*

Village People

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

Dr Craig White has looked after many villagers for nearly a quarter of a century.



Q. How long have you been at the Aston Clinton surgery?

A. I have been at Aston Clinton Surgery for 23½ years

Q. How many doctors/nurses/admin staff work at the surgery?

A. We have five doctors. It is difficult to say how many staff and nurses we have as they are employed across the Westongrove Partnership. This allows us to have a lot of our administration delivered centrally. It also allows us to employ a large number of nurses with wide skill sets. For example, some of our patients are able to utilise the site at Bedgrove for their Warfarin testing. Also, minor illness nursing appointments

are offered across all three sites which increases patient choice and allows some flexibility in appointment times.

Q. How many patients attend the surgery each week?

A. In a week we will see in excess of 600! With lab results, letters, telephone calls and prescriptions you can add another nearly 1,000 patient-related activities.

Q. It seems that people are increasingly self-diagnosing via the internet before they make an appointment. Is that good or bad?

A. I am happy if people come pre-prepared with ideas about their own symptoms. In the past they used to ask family

and friends before attending the surgery. I would be a little wary of using an internet search engine and typing in symptoms, however, as the results are often alarming. The NHS has a good website, also you can log on to our Westongrove site for advice about common conditions.

Q. When/where did you qualify as a doctor?

A. I qualified as a doctor in 1990 from St Bartholomew's Hospital in London. I live by the motto: "You can always tell a Bart's man. But you can't tell him much".

Q. How has being a doctor changed since you qualified?

A. Medicine has changed a lot since I qualified. MRI scanners were in their infancy, medicines have improved considerably across all the major conditions improving symptoms, quality of life and life expectancy. We are now much more focussed on disease prevention rather than simply treating the condition once established.

Q. Have you worked anywhere else other than as a GP?

A. I have worked in various hospitals gaining the training necessary to qualify as a GP.

Q. Weren't you also involved as a doctor with some British Olympic teams?

A. Yes, I have also worked in sports medicine after gaining a Masters degree in the subject in 2005. I have attended two Olympic games (Beijing and London) and two Commonwealth Games (New Delhi and Glasgow).

I have also worked with the London Irish Rugby team and more recently with Wycombe Wanderers Football Club. I have now stopped all my outside sporting commitments

to concentrate on general practice. It also means I get my weekends back!

Q. Do you live locally?

A. Initially I lived in Buckland and now live in Pitstone.

Q. How long have you lived in the area?

A. I have lived in the area for 23 years.

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

A. Outside of medicine my main passion is cooking. I also enjoy going to the gym and walking.

Q. What's your favourite music?

A. I have an eclectic taste in music, as you could see if you looked at my Spotify account. I grew up liking Genesis and Marillion but will also listen to Olly Murs and Rossini!

Q. What's your favourite film?

A. Easy. Monsters Inc.

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

A. My first car was a Fiat Uno now I drive a Mercedes E350 CDI convertible. They were the same colour!

In a week we will see in excess of 600 patients!

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

A. The village has begun to expand over the past few years. I feel it still has a village feel and hopefully Aston Clinton Surgery is part of it.

*Interview **Andrew Andersz**
Photo **Richard Vincent***

*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***

Parish Council News

A new Community Centre for Aston Clinton



As many will know, we have been waiting for the outcome of an application to AVDC's New Homes Bonus, for funding for a new Community Centre to replace the café building. We can now announce that our application was successful and at the end of October, we were informed that we have been awarded a grant of up to £650,000.

The round was heavily oversubscribed, and our award remains the largest in the history of the scheme. The New Homes Bonus is a grant paid by central government to local councils, to reflect housing growth in their areas. We are delighted that, with all the new housing the village has borne in recent years, this project will give something back. In addition, we have S.106 money (contributions from developers) allocated to this project, and some from our own reserves.

We would like to thank the village for its support. As many of you know, we held public consultation events leading up to the application deadline and you were unanimously in favour of the new Centre designs on display. These are illustrated again here and include: 2 storeys, with an upstairs function room & balcony looking across the Park, as well as a large multi-purpose hall downstairs.

The Café and soft play are of course staying, with another multi-use café/bar area upstairs, as well as accommodation for sports – showers and changing rooms, kitchen, serving areas and meeting rooms.

Work has already begun on project planning, led by a dedicated committee of councillors, staff and members of the public with expertise in certain areas. It is planned that construction work will start towards the latter part of 2019. We are looking forward to seeing how the community plans to use this new facility, to bring people and groups together in this growing yet friendly village.

In the meantime, life continues as normal with programme and budget planning for the year ahead in full swing. Building the new centre will take up much of council's time but we will still be maintaining the Park and churchyard, planning events such as Astonbury, extending our footpath restoration project and working with Bucks County Council towards implementation of the traffic calming scheme we commissioned last year, as presented with the Neighbourhood Plan.

All Saints' Buckland

Regular Services:

8am Holy Communion, first, second, third & fifth Sundays

11am Family Communion, first, second, third & fifth Sun

6pm Choral Evensong on each fifth Sunday

10am Midweek Communion each Wednesday



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri 1 Dec	7.00pm	Flicks in the Sticks	All Saints' Church
Sat 2 Dec	10.00am	Produce Stall	All Saints' Church
Sun 2 Dec	11.00am	Messy Christingle	All Saints' Church
Fri 7 Dec	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks	All Saints' Church
Sat 8 Dec	4.00pm	Junior Flicks	All Saints' Church
Sun 16 Dec	11.00am	Outdoor Nativity	All Saints' Church
Sun 23 Dec	10.45am	BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION	St Mary's Church
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Carols around the Crib	All Saints' Church
Christmas Day	8.00am	Christmas Communion	All Saints' Church
Sat 5 Jan	10.00am	Produce Stall	All Saints' Church
Sun 27 Jan	10.00am	BENEFICE FAMILY COMMUNION	All Saints' Church

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

Buckland's Nativity

Lovely local people, of all ages, are required to take part in Buckland's first outdoor nativity, to be held at **11am on Sunday 16 December** at the Lych Gate, Buckland Village Hall. It will be followed by Prosecco, mulled wine & nibbles in the Buckland Hall.

We are calling for all potential angels, donkeys, assorted livestock, shepherds, wise men & members of the holy family!

To confirm your role, or contribution, please contact either Rev Sally 01296 632488 or Rev Alison 01296 630256.



St Mary the Virgin Drayton Beauchamp

Regular Services:
10.45am each Sunday



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sun 2 Dec	10.45am	Advent Carols and Communion	St Mary's Church
Sun 16 Dec	4.00pm	A Celebration of Christmas	St Mary's Church
Sun 23 Dec	10.45am	BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION	St Mary's Church
Christmas Day	10.45am	Christmas Communion	St Mary's Church
Sun 27 Jan	11.00am	BENEFICE FAMILY COMMUNION	All Saints' Church

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

Pony Express 2018

The Pony Express will deliver Christmas cards in Drayton Beauchamp again this year. I will aim to do a final delivery on Saturday 22nd December. If I have enough cards I will probably do a first delivery earlier in the week depending on weather and helpers.

About 30 years ago when I started driving ponies I used to deliver my own Christmas cards locally. I then started to deliver for my neighbours in Drayton Beauchamp. One neighbour always gave me carrots for the ponies and money for charity. I divide the money between an equine charity (after all it is the ponies who do the work) and the local hospice.

Every year I try to keep track of how many bundles of cards I get and the total number of cards but I always lose count. I deliver to about 35 houses. Most people give a donation of anything from £1 to £20, I try not to notice who gives what. I need a helper to deliver the cards while I manage the ponies. Over the years I have had many different helpers, starting with my own children, then other children and also friends of my own generation. I also deliver my bundle of Village Life by pony trap.

Please drop cards in at The Dray House by 9am on Saturday 22nd at the very latest. Sorting the cards is quite time consuming so earlier would be better.

If you wish to give me something for charity I will divide the money between one of the local hospices and an equine charity.

Erica Godman, 01296 630066



Christmas Cake

Baking time 4 ½ hrs



Christmas Music Quiz

Answers

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| 1 | Oh, the weather outside is frightful | 1 |
| 2 | O Come, All Ye Faithful | 2 |
| 3 | Figgy pudding | 3 |
| 4 | Ding Dong Merrily on High | 4 |
| 5 | Six types of birds: Partridge, Turtle Doves, French Hens, Calling Birds, Geese, and Swans | 5 |
| 6 | New born King | 6 |
| 7 | The Christmas Song | 7 |
| 8 | God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen | 8 |
| 9 | O Little Town of Bethlehem | 9 |
| 11 | Little Drummer Boyce in Royal David's City | 11 |
| 12 | Holiday Inn | 12 |
| 13 | The First Noel | 13 |
| 14 | On the Feast of Stephen | 14 |
| 15 | You'll go down in history | 15 |
| 16 | Jingle Bells | 16 |
| 17 | Hay | 17 |
| 18 | Winter Wonderland | 18 |
| 19 | Pear tree | 19 |
| 20 | Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas | 20 |

This month's recipe comes from the *Rhubarb Café*, where you will be able to try the cake itself during December.

Ingredients:

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| 4 oz glace cherries | ½ tsp ground mixed spice |
| 4 oz dried apricots | 8 oz softened butter |
| 12 oz raisins | 8 oz dark muscavado sugar |
| 12 oz sultanas | 4 large eggs |
| 3 tbsp brandy | 2 oz chopped almonds |
| 8 oz plain flour | 1 level tbsp black treacle |
| ½ tsp grated nutmeg | Zest of 1 lemon |
| | Zest of 1 orange |

Method:

1. Start the night before by quartering and rinsing the cherries. Drain them and pat them dry with some kitchen roll. Snip the apricots into small pieces. Measure dried fruits into a bowl, add the cherries and apricots. Mix in the brandy and cover. Leave overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 140°C/120°C fan/gas mark 1. Grease and line the base and sides of a deep 7" square tin with parchment.
3. In a bowl put the flour, spices, butter, sugar, eggs, almonds, treacle and zests. Beat well with a mixer. Fold in the soaked fruits. Spoon into prepared tin and spread evenly with the back of a spoon. Create a slight dip in the centre of the cake. Cover loosely with a double layer of baking parchment.
4. Bake in the oven for 4 ½ - 4 ¾ hours, then leave to cool in the tin.
5. When cold, pierce the cake several times and feed with a little brandy. Repeat weekly keeping the cake double wrapped in parchment and foil.
6. Ice and decorate as desired.

CROSSWORD No.30 SOLUTION

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| Across | 7.Spiced 8.Cobweb 9.Race 10.Earliest 11.Bygones 13.Fatal 15.Screw 17.Accepts 20.Civilian 21.Bait 22.Kennel 23.Tattoo |
| Down | 1.Apiary 2.Ache 3.Adhared 4.Acorn 5.Abdicate 6.Geisha 12.Obedient 14.Aconite 16.Chimes 18.Tailor 19.Aisle 21.Bath |

Horticultural Society

No two gardening years are ever the same.

For example, this year we had “*the beast from the East*” bringing extreme cold weather just when we wanted to sow seeds and plant out young plants. When the cold weather finally lifted we went straight into the hot, dry summer that has been with us until quite recently. For the first time since I came to Aston Clinton 40 years ago, the drought conditions dried up the stream that flows down Green End Street. The recent rains have not yet lifted the water table sufficiently to make it flow again.

The weather certainly had an impact on my plants, both flowers and vegetables. The cold early on meant that early flowering fruit like plums did not produce blossom and the consequence was that I did not get any plums this year. Apple blossom was late and overall the harvest was down, but just enough. Recent storms brought down all the remaining apples and pears from the trees. The ground baked so hard I had to use a pickaxe to break up the ground to get at the potatoes which were so small as to make it hardly worth it.

Watering our patio pots and hanging baskets on a daily basis was an almost impossible task. Fortunately, my pots contained geraniums and fuchsia, which survived with occasional watering. Surprisingly they have picked up with the autumn rains and cooler weather and are now looking good.

We gardeners have to look forward and the winter season is not just for putting the garden to bed. Now is the time to plant trees and bushes, roses and perennials. Hellebores, for instance, flower in late winter/early spring. They make a good splash of colour at a drab time. Bulbs will be coming through soon and

I have some snowdrops that will come into flower at Christmas. Fruit trees and bushes and raspberry canes are also better for planting now. This is also the time to do the hard landscaping and mulching to keep down the weeds.



Our monthly meetings continue throughout the year on the second Wednesday in the month in the Anthony Hall at 8pm. Our meeting on **12th Dec** will our Christmas meeting with buffet and a mini competition. Mr Syrot Smith will give a talk on “*Tudor Christmas Customs*”. In **January (Wed 9th)** Julian Hunt will be giving a talk entitled “*Lord Austin & Lord Nuffield: Giants of the British Motor Industry*”. On **February 13th**, the talk by Tom Way is on “*Nature on your doorstep*”. Looking forward to Saturday **March 9th** we will be having our annual social supper when our after-dinner speakers will be Gill and Barry Goodman. If you would like to join us then just come to one of our meetings or contact [Ken Halls](#) on [631636](#).

Ralph Weston

Emergency

HEALTH

Aston Clinton Surgery	01296 630241	www.westongrove.com
Aston Clinton Dental Clinic	01296 323090	www.astonclintondentalclinic.co.uk
Amersham Hospital	01494 434411	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
John Radcliffe Hospital	01865 741166	www.ouh.nhs.uk/hospitals/jr/
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	01296 315000	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
Wycombe Hospital	01494 526161	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
NHS Direct	111	
Samaritans	116123	jo@samaritans.org

ENERGY SUPPLIERS

Electricity Emergency	0800 7838 838	
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999	
Water Emergency	0845 9200 800	

CRIME

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

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

EDUCATION

Aston Clinton School	01296 630276	www.astonclintonschool.co.uk
Aston Clinton Pre School	07928 309321	pre-school.acpsmanagement@gmail.com
Totspot (AC Baptist Church)	01296 631824	www.astonclintonbaptist.org
Marsworth pre-school Group	07506 179658	www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk

SPORT AND LEISURE

Aston Clinton Badminton Club	07958 479690	
Aston Clinton Bowls Club	01296 630403	www.astonclintonbowlsclub.org
Aston Clinton Colts Junior F.C.	07786 908219	www.astonclintoncolts.co.uk
Aston Clinton F.C.	07930 925840	www.astonclintonfc.co.uk
Aston Park Tennis Club	01296 630826	www.astonparktennis.co.uk
Aston Wine Club	01296 630531	www.astonwineclub.co.uk
Aylesbury Green Park Sub Aqua Club	07092 075004	www.aylesburydivers.org.uk
Back to Netball	07545 033986	weststandmolly@aol.com
Buckland & Aston Clinton Cricket Club	01296 631788	www.baccc.play-cricket.com
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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
Aston Clinton Youth Club	01296 298682	

CHURCHES

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

HALLS FOR HIRE

Anthony Hall	01296 630229	Theanthonyhallac@gmail.com
Baptist Church	01296 630303	www.astonclintonbaptist.org
Buckland Village Hall	01296 630310	
Green Park / Adventure Learning Charity	03303 030101	alfvillages.org.uk

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