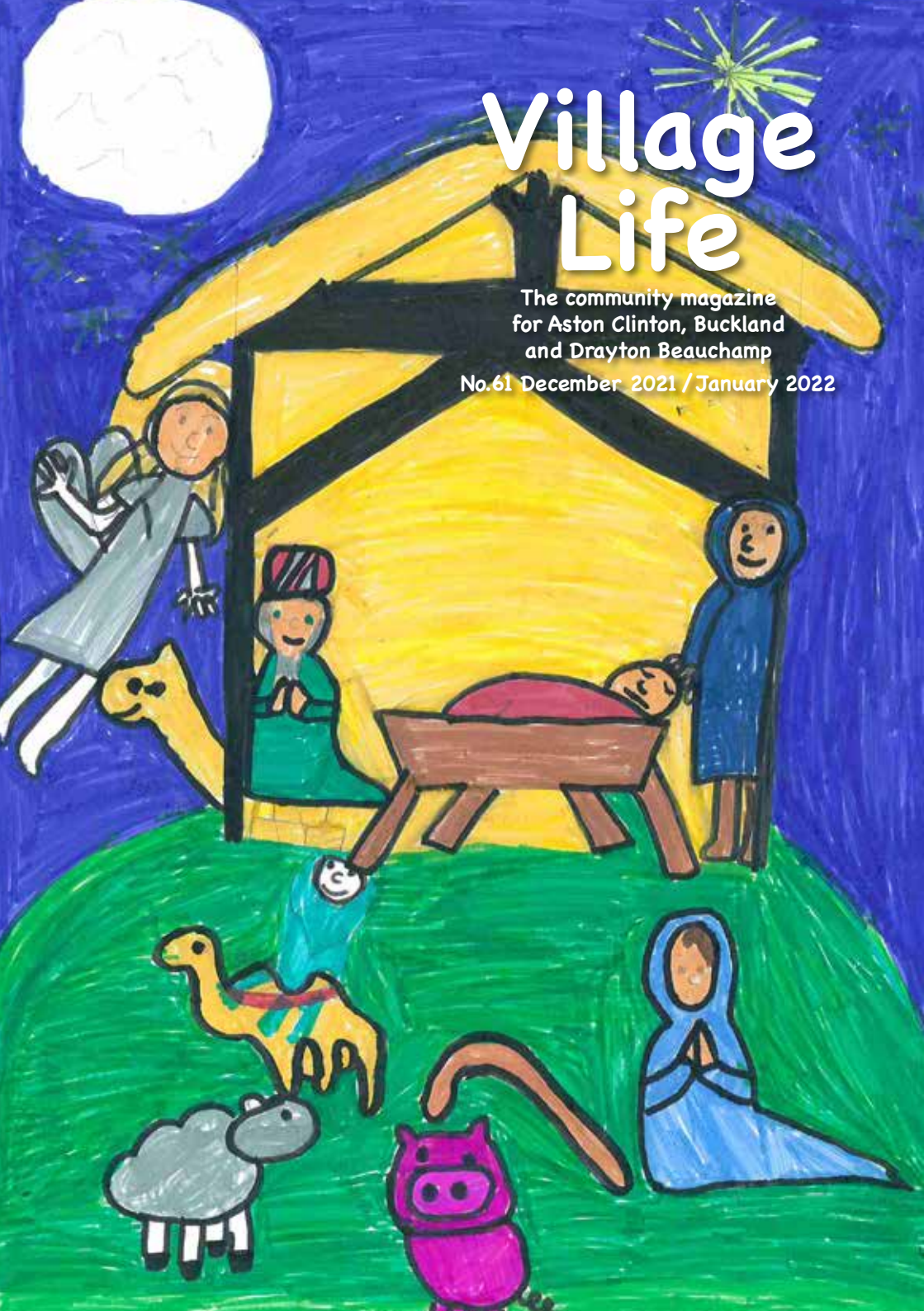


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to receive local news of people,
clubs and events.**

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The bi-monthly community news magazine for
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I hope you enjoy our front cover, which was specially produced for us by Diekola Alliu, a year 6 pupil at Aston Clinton school. The whole class contributed pictures as part of the Nativity theme which they have been following with the school and St Michael's in the run-up to Christmas.

Speaking of the school, our last issue featured head teacher, Carol Macdonald. I was asked about the picture we used to illustrate the article. It is one of a series of pictures of the teachers drawn by pupils and can be found on the school website.



We have a slight change to our usual Village People feature this time. Andrew normally interviews someone well-known in the villages, but this time has found Katy Todd, a relative newcomer. It is an interesting angle on how the area presents itself to someone new to the district. There was a surprising spin-off as we discovered Katy is a writer and you can read her reflections on aspects of Christmas on page 18.

We are soon to say goodbye to Associate Priest, Revd. Alison Roberts, who is moving out of the area. Very much a local character, Alison writes a farewell note to all her friends on page 23.

Next year sees the platinum anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. There will be various activities across the special four-day bank holiday in June and we already know that the Horticultural Society will be taking part in the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. But have you got any plans in mind? Whether it's a street party or a fund-raising event please send us the details so we can make sure it gets some local publicity.

Everyone here at Village Life would like to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas, without all last year's dramas, and a happy and healthy new year.

Richard Vincent

Christmas Services across the Benefice

St Michael & All Angels

Sun 28 Nov	6pm	Advent Carols
Sun 5 Dec	4pm	Christingle Service
Sun 19 Dec	6pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
Thur 23 Dec	TBC	Crib Service
Fri 24 Dec	5.30pm	Crib Service
Fri 24 Dec	8pm	Carols by Candlelight
Fri 24 Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Sat 25 Dec	9.15am	Family Christmas Service

All Saints'

Wed 8 Dec	8pm	Ridgeway Choral
Sun 12 Dec	11am	Messy Christingle
Sun 19 Dec	11am	Outdoor Nativity
Fri 24 Dec	4pm	Carols around the Crib
Sat 25 Dec	8am	Christmas Holy Communion

St Mary the Virgin

Sun 5 Dec	4.30pm	St Nicholas Festival
Sun 12 Dec	4pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
Sat 25 Dec	11am	Christmas Service

'For unto us a child is born...'



Someone once reflected that 'There's so much news of so much trouble available in so many ways that my mind is filled with pictures and headlines that bombard me from morning to evening and don't let me rest. But then I pause for a moment and begin to reflect: What was news like for people in Jesus's day? What were they thinking about on the day Jesus was born? Was it any different at all?'

I don't think so...

Two thousand years ago, the 'headlines' in Israel were likely the same as ours today. They probably read something like: King Herod the Great jealously executed his third son in only three years. Roman soldiers strike down hundreds of Jewish protesters in the streets of Jerusalem. Tax collectors again increase gate tax by two denarii per family.

Different names, different rulers, different contexts – but essentially the same kind of news. And this must have been in people's minds during this very same season just as today's news is in ours.

Just imagine: The night Jesus was born, the people in Israel were concerned about the government, economy, taxes and some even about what King Herod's fourth wife was wearing. But no one cared about the birth of a little baby boy in Bethlehem, a small town of some 500 people.

No one heard about it, no one read about it, no one talked about it. It wasn't in the news.

While everyone was thinking about what was going on in the world of their day, they failed to see the greatest news of all in history. It slipped in under the radar.

So right now, as you read this, I encourage you to stop and think about the 2,000-year-old story that is still more important than anything you've read or will read in the news today.

Pause for a moment and ask yourself: How has Christ's coming – born in a small town in Israel, unreported at the time, but celebrated again by us this coming year as God's greatest intervention in history – touched and changed your life?

If you find that it hasn't, ask yourself why. However you answer, may the peace of the Christ child be known by you and yours this Christmas.

Revd Nick Harris

Minister, Aston Clinton Baptist Chapel.

Aston Clinton Baptist Chapel

NOAH'S ARK Baby and Tot group is for children from the village and runs term time on Thursday 1-3pm in the church hall. Registration is required as numbers are limited and a donation of £5/family is requested.

Each session follows a structured theme around a bible story and includes free play, story and song time, a craft activity and refreshments. Parents and carers are requested to bring a snack and drink for their child. Tea, coffee and treats are provided for the adults.

To request a place please contact **01296 631824** or visit the website, www.astonclintonbaptist.org

St Michael and All Angels

Regular Services:

9.15am Family Eucharist every Sunday

6pm Evensong every Sunday.



EVENTS

Sat 4 Dec	11 – 3pm	Christmas Fair	St Michael's Church
Mon	2 – 4.30pm	Rhubarb Cafe (Closed Bank Holidays) Rhubarb Christmas (20th December) (We will reopen on Monday 10th January)	St Michael's Church
Wed	2 – 4.30pm	Communi-tea Friends Group	St Michael's Church
2nd Sat*	9 – 12pm	Repair Café (*2nd Saturday of the month)	St Michael's Church

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

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

St Michael and All Angels Christmas Fair

Saturday 4th December 2021

11am – 3pm, at St Michael's church.



We will hold our Christmas Fair this year after having to cancel it in 2020 because of Covid. We would be grateful for contributions to the following stalls: cakes, books, gifts, plants, produce, tombola, toys and the raffle. Please contact *Marion Richards* on **01296 630577** if you are able to help.

We will be serving tea, coffee and cakes throughout, and light lunches between 12 and 2pm.

We are also hoping that Father Christmas will be able to make a visit!

Communi-tea Friends Group

This free weekly session is on 2 – 4pm at St Michael's church every Wednesday. Come along for a cup of tea, a biscuit and a friendly welcome.

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 most needed and you can drop them at the churches for one of our volunteers to take to the foodbank.

Christmas gift appeal to help Bucks children



The annual Buckinghamshire Christmas gift appeal is being led by new local charity Inspire Bucks.

Now in its seventh year, the appeal is a big drive to give Christmas presents to vulnerable children in Buckinghamshire who otherwise might not receive much – or anything – at Christmas.

Last Christmas almost 1,200 Christmas gifts were presented to children, young people and families with disadvantaged backgrounds. And funds also allowed birthday presents to be given throughout the year.

Inspire Bucks chairman Paul Irwin says that the disruptive effects of the coronavirus pandemic make it all the more important to ensure children in crisis or need have a happy Christmas.

“These Christmas gifts go directly to very vulnerable children here in our county, and I’ve seen the wonderful difference this makes to their families. Thanks to the fantastic generosity last year, Christmas was a time of cheer for these families. This year I’m asking the people of Buckinghamshire to pull out the stops again!”

In the interests of safety, he says, the appeal is inviting donations of money online. Gifts of money would ensure suitable presents could

be bought for all ages, including children with additional needs and disabilities, older children and young people leaving the Council’s care.

You can donate to the Buckinghamshire Christmas gift appeal by visiting our GoFundMe page <https://gofund.me/5c134373>

COVID-19 and flu vaccines in pregnancy

Covid-19 vaccines are recommended in pregnancy. The vaccine is safe and effective at any stage of pregnancy.

Vaccination is the best way to protect against the known risks of Covid-19 in pregnancy for both women and babies, including admission of the woman to intensive care and premature birth of the baby.

Pregnant women may wish to discuss the benefits and risks of having the vaccine with their healthcare professional and reach a joint decision based on individual circumstances. However, as for the non-pregnant population, pregnant women can receive a Covid-19 vaccine even if they have not had a discussion with a healthcare professional.

In addition, influenza (flu) can be a serious disease in pregnant women. To protect women and their babies the flu vaccination is recommended.

You can book an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine at nhs.uk/covidvaccine or You can obtain a flu vaccine from your GP or local pharmacist or book an appointment at Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust’s dedicated maternity Covid-19 & flu vaccination clinic:

Further appointments will be available – please speak with your Community Midwife for details or contact **01296 316227** for future dates.

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

Dedicate, Remember, Reflect, Share

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is offering a virtual Tree of Light commemoration service, Books of Honour, and an online dedication page to support those who have faced the loss of a loved one this year.



From 5pm on Saturday 18 December until the New Year, the virtual Tree of Light commemoration service will be available to view on the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity website. The service will provide space and time for you to remember and share treasured memories. There will also be readings and music with time to light a candle and take a moment of reflection and remembrance.

"We recognise Christmas can be a very emotional occasion, a time when we particularly think of loved ones who are no longer with us" says Ann Kenny, Bereavement Support Team Lead. "These last couple of years have been enormous challenges for everybody and many people have faced the loss of a loved one with little outlet to express their feelings properly. Whilst we cannot meet in person at our traditional Tree of Light events, here at Florence Nightingale, we felt it was incredibly important to still offer a safe space and time for reflection."

The Charity has set up an online Tree of Light remembrance page where you can dedicate a memory to someone special. To make a dedication online, allowing friends and family all over the world to view, visit: fnhospice.dedicationpage.org/treeoflight2021

You can also have your dedication appear in our Books of Honour, which will be available to view at the Charity's Head Office in Aylesbury on selected dates in December. You can choose to have their name appear on our Roll of Honour which will be shown during our virtual Tree of Light Service. These additional dedications can be requested when you make your online dedication.

To sponsor a dedication or to access the virtual Tree of Life service go to fnhospice.org.uk/tree-of-light or call 01296 429975.

The Barn Rat Ceilidh Band

After their last Ceilidh sold out in 48 hours, the Barn Rats are back in action in the New Year.



Formed from a mix of folk and rock musicians, the Barn Rats bring a high-energy feel to their dances and are ready to play for your wedding, party, festival or charity event. Everything is kept informal, which is great for everyone of any age.

Saturday 15th January, Anthony Hall, Aston Clinton. Doors open 7pm, £50 per table (max 8 people). Be quick as tickets are selling fast!

Bring your own food and drink

Contact: Nigel on 07768 723043 or nigel@kippax.org.uk More info and videos: www.facebook.com/BarnRatBand

Santa's Float

Santa is coming to the village!

Yes, Santa and his helpers will be returning on **Sunday 19th December 2021**, when he will be cruising around the village on his float, spreading Christmas cheer and wishing you all a very merry Christmas. Santa's collection will again be supporting Rennie Grove Hospice, and AC Scouts & Guides this year, and the parish council will be setting up a Just Giving page for donations to these worthy causes for those who can't get out to see the float. Santa's route is published below, but timings at various locations are flexible to allow extra time at busy spots. Updates will be posted on Facebook and Instagram and a map of the route will be on the parish council website.

Approx. times:

- 2.30pm Wenwell Close (small loop) onto Bishops Field
Stablebridge Road, Flora Avenue, stop and wait 5 mins
Lower Icknield Way, Dean Way drive through
Beaconsfield Road, Rosebery Road and into Beechwood Way
Rothschild Avenue, up to Overstrand wait for 5 mins then turn around
New Road, Twitchell Lane, London Road back to AC Park
- 5pm Red Kite Pavilion, AC Park. Wait for 15-20 mins, Santa greets children at café
- 5.30pm Church Lane
Weston Road, Stratford Close, stop at the Burnhams / Rothschild Arms
Sawdy Drive, return along Weston Road, Brook Street, Bovis estate return to London Road
Putnams Drive, up London Road to Green End Street, stop at The Bell
Green End Street to Chapel Drive and drive around
Green End Street to Long Plough
- 8pm Finish at The Oak



Aston Clinton School

Headteacher.: Mrs Carol Macdonald



One Kind Word

At Aston Clinton School we take part in the national Anti-Bullying Week each November. This year's theme was 'One Kind Word'.

It was a child in Year 6 who inspired this article. His kind words and mature attitude have changed another child's feelings of despair and struggle to ones of hope and happiness. In his words:

'when you're kind to others it makes you feel better, it makes you feel like you've achieved something and it helps them feel better about the day. You can show you're being kind by smiling at them, giving them a high five, telling a joke and just making them laugh.'

Kindness and care is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last eighteen months has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

Kindness is taught in every religious faith. Be it Hinduism, Sikhism, Christianity, Judaism, Islam or any other religion, they all instruct us to show compassion towards others. This requirement is not limited to human application. Cruelty to all living creatures is a sin in many religious scriptures. Even nature has its way of communicating appreciation and compassion.

Trees grow large and produce fruit in response to the kind behaviour of their caregivers.

At Aston Clinton School we consider that kindness should be seen as a basic value, which is inherent in us all. It can be shown in small ways such as being courteous or giving a little bit of food to the stray dog who comes near the house every day, or in more significant ways like providing someone with care and encouragement. These gestures of kindness don't always take a lot of time, but they go a long way to creating a spirit of goodwill. Being compassionate to your parents, friends and neighbours helps create a sense of belonging, a sense of calm and a sense of well-being.

An individual with a generous temperament who shows respect towards everyone is considered to be kind. These individuals are compassionate to others and, if there is a need, support those around them and never fail to go out of their way to put joy on the faces of others. Although kindness has an undertone of innocence and vulnerability, that's not the case. Being compassionate also calls for bravery and determination.

So, thank you, Louis Price for giving me the inspiration to write this. You have not only supported another child with your kindness, you have shown us all how to **'care'**.

Mrs Carol Macdonald, Headteacher



Christmas cover winner

When we asked Mrs Macdonald, headteacher at Aston Clinton school, if the children could help us with our front cover for this issue, Year 6 immediately came to our aid. There was a remarkable collection of pictures based on The Nativity, and this collection became an exhibition in the school.

Unfortunately, we could only have one on the front cover and it was left to Reverend Sally to make the difficult choice of which to use. Among the excellent pictures, any of which could have been used, the winner was by Diekola Alliu, and we couldn't be more pleased. - *Thank you, Diekola.*

Disposing of old batteries

Around Christmas we are more aware of the batteries we use in our new toys and appliances, but are we careful how we dispose of the old ones?

Old batteries, particularly lithium batteries, can cause fires and destruction in waste recycling facilities so they need to be recycled properly. You can do this by putting them in a small, clear bag on top of your recycling bin on collection day. Don't just put them in the bin with other waste.



Scouts

Christmas Tree Recycling is Back!

1st Aston Clinton Scouts and Greg O'Callaghan Tree Care are pleased to announce that the Christmas tree recycling will be back this year.

Why fill your car with pine needles and glitter when the scouts can collect your tree from your front door and recycle it for you, raising money for charity at the same time? Trees are collected from you and dropped at Aston Clinton School where they are kindly chipped and recycled by Greg O'Callaghan Tree Care.

The collection service will be taking place on Saturday 8 January 2022 from 10am by the Scouts and costs a minimum donation of £5. The collection is open to residents of Aston Clinton, Drayton Beauchamp and Buckland. All the proceeds raised will be going to Florence Nightingale Hospice and Hector's House.

To book a collection please use the online booking form (preferred option) which is on our 1st Aston Clinton Scout Group & Gondoliers ESU Facebook page. Alternatively, you can email ac.xmastrees@yahoo.com to receive the online booking form link, or you can telephone *Sally Francis* on 01296 631794. Payment can be by cash on the day (if you will be home between 10am and 2pm) or pay online. You can also drop cash to Claire Walker at 12 London Road, Aston Clinton HP22 5HQ. **Please don't attach money to your Christmas trees as it can get lost.**



What volunteering is all about

Volunteering with us isn't just about campfires and helping girls to get their next badge – although those are special moments that we all share. It's about empowering girls and giving them new experiences. It's being a role model and helping girls to realise their full potential. It's sharing and developing your skills.



Rangers at their Christingle service.

Do something for you and your community

- Meet new friends living near you
- Take a refreshing break from your everyday routine
- Share a skill or specialism
- Make a difference to the lives of girls in your community
- Spend time laughing, playing and being inspired by incredible girls and young women

Build skills for life

Working with young people and other volunteers helps develop valuable, transferable skills like event planning, time management, leadership skills and budgeting.

You choose the volunteer role that matches your skills and time. Then we'll help you build skills with training opportunities suited to your role that make your CV stand out. Take our Leadership qualification, become a trained first aider or get qualified for outdoor activities such as climbing and kayaking.

Be an inspiration for girls

Your professional and personal experience, a specific skill or simply your enthusiasm – you have so much to share with girls and young women in guiding. Whether you've been involved in guiding before or you are completely new to us, you'll feel proud to watch girls grow through guiding.

Volunteer and make a difference

Work with young people, gain voluntary experience and develop skills from first aid to fundraising. It's time to get involved with Girlguiding.

In the village we are currently looking for Volunteers on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening to help with Rainbows (aged 5-7), Brownies (aged 7-10), Guides (aged 10-14) and Rangers (aged 14-18). Each age group brings its own fun and challenges. More information of what we do in each section is available on the Girlguiding website.

Volunteer NOW at [Girlguiding.org.uk](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

If you are also interested in coming to see our 100th birthday display the Guide Hall will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 4 December. Please feel free to pop in for a cup of tea and browse through our collection of photos and archives. *Sue Wall*

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

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Chip Shop Chips & Air Ambulance...



Not two phrases that are often seen together! However, on 6 October at 6pm 1st Aston Clinton Cubs walked nearly 4 miles through Wendover woods on a sponsored Chip Shop walk to raise money for Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

They followed a route that they had planned a couple of weeks previously by using printed maps and string to work out the mileage. They left that evening meeting armed with sponsorship forms and a mission to raise at least £2.50 each.

27 Cubs, five Leaders, one Young Leader, five Parent Helpers, four siblings and Nala the dog set off at dusk and ascended from the bottom of Manson Hill to the car park at the top. The obligatory visit to the Gruffalo and quickly on down the Firecrest trail and then up the other side of the woods. It was now completely dark and head torches were on. We then looped round the lower path of the woods to emerge at the top of Beechwood Lane... *We could smell the chips!*

The first group arrived at Wendover Plaice Fish & Chips at 7.35pm and the rest of the groups quickly followed. The reward for a nearly four-mile walk... a tray of hot chips and a big squirt of ketchup.

Buckinghamshire Scouting district had teamed up with Thames Valley Air Ambulance to produce a badge to provide different challenges for Beavers & Cubs. Fund raising for the Air Ambulance was an option towards earning this badge.

1st Aston Clinton Cubs rose to the challenge and we proudly raised £1005! *Clare Simmonds*

Still Simply Walk(ing):

Although the weather this summer wasn't exactly the ideal 'bucket & spade' type, it has been very good for walking, as it's not been too hot and has remained relatively dry. This has meant all our walking routes have remained open for us to enjoy.

Following the lifting of covid restrictions, we are currently providing a basic 'short' walk of 30-60 mins for beginners and those with limited mobility, plus a 'longer' walk of 60-90 mins for those who feel more able.

As covid restrictions have been relaxed, and more people have been getting out and about, it's been really good to meet up again with an increasing number of 'old friends' from our villages and beyond. Apart from Aston Clinton there are now over 50 similar walks operating throughout Buckinghamshire, with more re-starting every week. Details of other walks are available from the Simply Walk website: buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk.

All our local walks start from the car park at Aston Clinton park (by the new Red Kite pavilion) every Thursday morning at 10.30am

If it's your first time, or you'd just like to find out more, please come early so we have time to chat. Just look for the person in the hi-viz jacket. All you will need is some stout footwear and clothing suitable for the prevailing weather conditions (*we'll provide the fresh air and company!*). *Edward Kempton.*

Aston Clinton Parish Council



The Parish Council has been active on many fronts in the last few months. We recently welcomed four new members to the council to restore us to the full complement of eleven. They are Ashley Judge and Alun Goode, plus Patricia Birchley and Mike Collins who are also Buckinghamshire councillors. Our thanks go to outgoing councillors Liz Tubb, Sam Howard, Aafke Watton, and Andrew Duffield, for their service to the council and the village over a number of years, particularly former chairman, Liz, for her work on several projects, not least the new community centre.

We also welcome our very experienced new clerk, Samantha Payne, and we all look forward to moving the council forward under her guidance. More about your parish councillors and our exciting projects for 2022 in the next issue!

With the recent accidents in the village the speeding problem is at the forefront again. This has been a long-standing issue and with increased traffic nearby it has intensified. In 2016, when the Neighbourhood Plan was being formulated, an independent traffic survey was commissioned. This identified the high levels of traffic that new developments

were going to generate through the village. Consequently, a creative traffic mitigation design was produced. It can be viewed on our website, and within the AC Neighbourhood Plan. The scheme was then adopted by Transport for Bucks (TFB) to be initiated when funding was available. The sections from The Bell to Wenwell Close have been discussed and were to go to public consultation in November but this has been delayed by Bucks Council. However, if the consultation is positive it should be implemented next year. There are two further schemes being implemented in association with the Community Board; one is a proposed 20 mph zone covering Green End St, Brook St. and Twitchell Lane, and the other is for parking restrictions around the roundabout by the petrol station which will improve sightlines. Both will be put out for consultation soon.

The Red Kite Pavilion is fully operational, and welcomes many people to the café as well as offering local groups both the main hall and upstairs meeting rooms for a variety of uses and functions. The village can be very proud of its new community facility in the park.

Aston Clinton u3a

The Aston Clinton u3a is an activity and learning based organisation aimed at retired people from all walks of life. We have over 250 members and 30+ activity groups including book groups, walking groups, history, movie making and science and technology groups. In addition, we organise outings, theatre trips and holidays, although these have obviously been considerably curtailed due to Covid.

There is no age requirement for joining, simply an interest in meeting with like-minded people and joining in one or more of the varied groups and activities offered. We are always

looking for new members interested in starting up new groups and are currently considering a new 'cook and eat' group and starting up a third book group. *Membership is just £15 per year.*

A selection of planned activities is shown below; these are of course subject to demand and assuming Covid rules allow, some are fully booked already!

Events:

Tuesday 30 November

Members' tea party

Thursday 2 December

London Museums trip

Thursday 9 December

Blenheim Christmas lights trip

Saturday 26 March

50/60s dance with fish & chip supper

Tues 26 to Friday 29 April 2022

Trip to York

General meetings:

General (or main) meetings are open to all Aston Clinton u3a members and are held in the Anthony Hall at 2.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month. External speakers are booked well in advance and topics for upcoming meetings are shown below:

21 December

Rhyme nor Reason: *'Tis the Season'*
talk by Alan Tumber.

18 January

Graham Harrison provides a musical afternoon on *'The Fabulous Fifties'*.

15 February

Gwyn Williams talk on *'Flying Concorde'*, followed by the AGM.

St Michael's Pumpkin Festival



Thank you to everyone who came to St Michael's Pumpkin Festival – it was lovely to see all the various decorated pumpkins and congratulations to the winners who came away with some chocolate. We had approximately 15 entries and 40 visitors for the festival. The church looked amazing with all the candles and the pumpkins.

If you couldn't make it this time, then keep an eye out next time around as it would be lovely to see you.

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Chiltern Society Events & Activities

Booking is essential as we have limited places available. For more information and to book visit www.chilternsociety.org.uk/events or call our office on 01494 490746.

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

Needle Felted Scandi Gnome Workshop

Tuesday 7th December 10:30am - 12:30 pm

Little Heath Farm Nursery, Little Heath Lane, Potten End, HP4 2RY Price: Adult £25

Join this event with creative duo Bergin & Bath for a festive morning of needle-felting in Ashridge forest at Little Heath Farm Nursery. They will be showing you how to make a cute needle-felted Scandi Gnome which you can use to decorate your home this Christmas.

This course is totally beginner friendly so if it is your first time you will be more than welcome!

Tring Brewery Tour – Historic Beer Styles

Wednesday 12th January 7pm to 8pm

Tring Brewery, Dunsley Farm, London Road, Tring, Buckinghamshire HP23 6HA Price: Adult £10

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

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

HS2 across the Chilterns – 3rd Update

Saturday 22nd January 10:30 am - noon

Online Presentation and Discussion. Price: Free.



Construction of HS2 across the Chilterns is now well under way. Using a mixture of maps, pictures, visualisations and, most importantly, aerial photographs this talk will show the impact at a number of locations across the Colne Valley Regional Park and the Chilterns. The talk will last for about 60 minutes with plenty of time for questions and discussion. This is the third in a highly successful series of updates which will regularly show the impact as construction continues.

Aston Clinton Ladies' Group

Wednesday 15th December 8pm

We will be in St Michael's Church for our Carol Service. Followed by Coffee and Mince Pies at Janet Watson's house.

Wednesday 19th January 12.30pm

Lunch at The Oak. Menus available beforehand to order your meal. Please let *Sue Sanders 01296 630740* or *Janet Watson 01296 631014* know if you would like to come.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members.

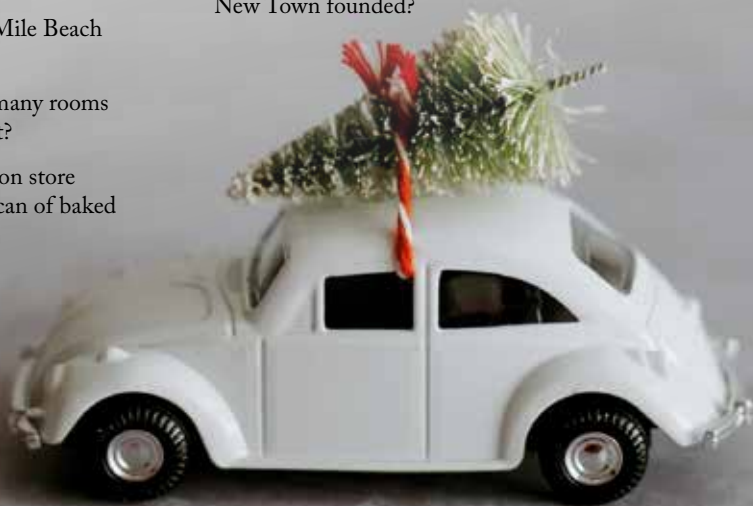
A Quiz for Christmas

David Lonsdale, our Advertising Manager, who is married to our crossword compiler, Helen, has compiled this general knowledge quiz which hopefully supplies some interesting answers and will give you some mental stimulation over Christmas.

No multiple-choice options, but see how close you can get for a bit of fun before calling on Mr Google in desperation. Answers on page 27

- 1 Which was the first London Underground line, built in 1863?
- 2 Where would you find Poets' corner?
- 3 Which country donates the Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square?
- 4 Who owns the copyright of Peter Pan?
- 5 How long is Ninety Mile Beach in New Zealand?
- 6 Approximately how many rooms in 10 Downing Street?
- 7 In 1886, which London store was the first to sell a can of baked beans?

- 8 Which is Britain's smallest city?
- 9 What do the French call The English Channel?
- 10 How long has the blue badge for disabled been in existence?
- 11 What is the world's largest antique ever sold?
- 12 Who discovered Penicillin?
- 13 How many bones are there in the average human body?
- 14 What is longer, a nautical mile or a mile?
- 15 Which country has the longest coastline in the world?
- 16 Which is the longest river in the UK?
- 17 What is the main ingredient of Bombay Duck?
- 18 What race began in Olney in 1445?
- 19 Approximately how many animals live in London Zoo (2020)?
- 20 When was Milton Keynes New Town founded?



Christmas? Give us a break!

Our summer clothes had only just gone back in the wardrobe, and the autumn celebrations – Halloween, bonfire night and the Festival of Remembrance – were still weeks away, yet well before their arrival the dreaded annual reminders of the forthcoming Christmas bonanza had begun appearing on the TV and dropping through letterboxes, adverts extolling the latest celebrity books, toys, gadgets and things – stuff we might buy but don't actually need.

TV advertisements ram it home that we can all have stuff delivered for free by 24 December, assuming it isn't stuck in port and enough drivers can be found to deliver. And of course, we can have it all and pay later with no interest. Some people still won't have finished paying for last Christmas.

A few years ago, market research firm GfK NOP called to ask a load of questions. First off, *'How much would I be spending on Christmas presents, how/where do I shop and how have my spending habits changed?'* There wasn't a question about faith, or inclination, or if I was looking forward to the festivities – so this simply confirmed my long-held belief that Christmas has become nothing more than the official measure of the nation's propensity to spend.

But what would happen if a significant number of people not only felt this way, but actually carried out the threat to turn their back on a commercial Christmas? Imagine the shock and horror in homes up and down the country as children hear that Christmas is curtailed. Not to mention the upset at No 11 Downing Street.

For a long time, I'd questioned the custom of sending Christmas cards. When I first mooted that I would no longer send cards, a friend told

me that people would think I was dead. But she was happy to be omitted from my list, and I was removed from hers. The list still seems to grow, though it proved useful so we knew who to notify when we moved.

As for the feast, there is only so much each of us can eat, and yet the trolley loads wheeled out of supermarkets are excessive. A good, preferably local, bird with all the trimmings, washed down with a decent wine does appeal, though.

The decoration box will still come down from the attic, and holly, ivy and mistletoe will be gathered. The few cards we will no doubt receive will still feature on the mantelpiece. There will be extra telephone/video calls and some emails and/or letters to write, a family dinner, carol services and a party or two. This avoids a stressful Advent and unnecessary headache without spoiling the planet.

Did I carry out my threat? Indeed, I did, encouraged by an acquaintance who told me it's all a lot of nonsense. She hadn't done Christmas for years, and no one thinks any worse of her.

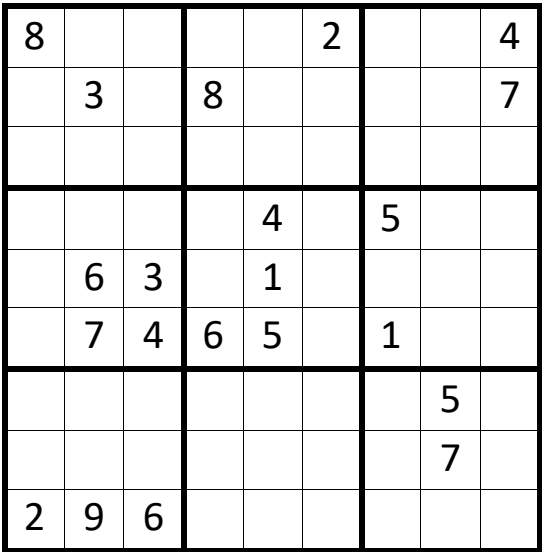
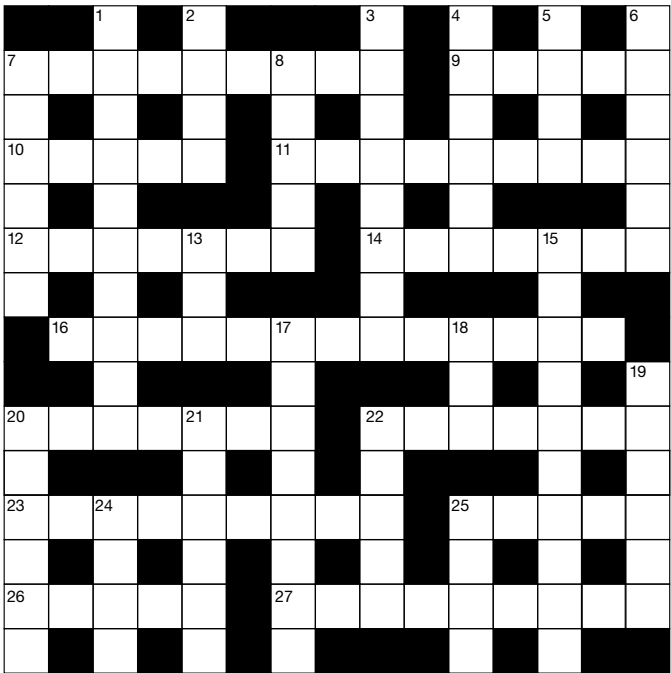


So, a short, green, lean, happy Christmas to everyone.

Katy Todd, (Updated from an article first written for, and published by, the Guardian.)

Village Life crossword no.45

Crossword compiled by **Helen Lonsdale** (SOLUTION ON PAGE 28)



CLUES ACROSS

- 7 Symbolic (9)
- 9 Evergreen tree (5)
- 10 Fresh air from the sea (5)
- 11 People who study or keep bees (9)
- 12 Defensive wall of a castle (7)
- 14 Euphoria (7)
- 16 Global (13)
- 20 Away (7)
- 22 Shorten (7)
- 23 King of Terriers (9)
- 25 Under-age person (5)
- 26 Bird of prey (5)
- 27 Small plants (9)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Plots of land for growing vegetables (10)
- 2 Stare (4)
- 3 Mishap (8)
- 4 Fruits of the oak (6)
- 5 Poems (4)
- 6 Crunchy (6)
- 7 On ship (6)
- 8 Respond (5)
- 13 Beer (3)
- 15 Deserting (10)
- 17 Unwanted (8)
- 18 Belonging to us (3)
- 19 Whiskers on faces (6)
- 20 Lessens (6)
- 21 Elbows (6)
- 22 Passage (5)
- 24 Temper (4)
- 25 Masculine (4)

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 28)

Village People

Village People usually features someone who has lived in one of the villages for many years and who is actively involved in local activities and/or organisations. This time we talk with a recent arrival to our community, Katy Todd, who has immersed herself in local life.



Katy Todd

Q. How long have you lived in Aston Clinton?

A. We moved to Aston Clinton three and a half years ago.

Q. Where did you live before arriving here?

A. We lived in Southwell in Nottinghamshire. It's a small market town with a Minster where we had everything we could possibly need a short walk away.

Q. Why did you move here?

A. We were doing long distance granny duties and, thinking about further down the line, decided to make the move to be nearer to our daughter and her family who live in Aylesbury.

Q. What attracted you to Aston Clinton?

A. We would have liked to have found somewhere with everything Southwell had to offer, but that just wasn't possible. We looked at properties in Winslow and Whitchurch and it was our daughter who suggested Aston Clinton and we were easily persuaded to buy a brand-new house. All our houses had been

old or very old, so this was a big departure for us, but very sensible.

Q. Are you involved in any local activities or organisations?

A. Since arriving I've joined the Horticultural Society, the Chiltern Society, Chiltern Writers and the Berks, Bucks, Oxon Wildlife Trust. I also wanted to continue something I started in Southwell - French cafe conversation. I started a group at Coffee at 108 though we have moved around since Covid and have now settled on The Crow's Nest for the winter. I think that's probably more than enough!

Q. What's your favourite music?

A. I love classical music and I sang with Nottingham Festival Chorus.

Q. What's your favourite film?

A. There are a couple. Death in Venice – Mahler's music makes it, and The Leopard for its relevance to my family history.

Q. Which famous people (past or present) would you like invite to dinner?

A. The broadcaster and natural historian David Attenborough and the landscape architect Lancelot Brown, otherwise known as Capability Brown.

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

A. My first car was a somewhat unreliable orange Mini which was always breaking down. Now we have a reliable Citroen Picasso.

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

A. I love walking and cycling, it's been a good way to get to know our new area, which is so beautiful. I write, but not as much as I did, lockdown interrupted the thought process. I won't return to singing, lack of use means my voice isn't what it was.

I have enjoyed making our wildflower orchard from scratch. I enjoy cooking and being creative with what my husband, Stewart, brings back from the allotment.

Q. Final question, do you like living in Aston Clinton?

A. Yes, I love it here, especially being so close to the beautiful Chilterns. Everyone is so friendly and kind, none more so than during the lockdown when our neighbours stepped in to help with shopping. A big 'thank you' to them all.

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*Interview **Andrew Andersz***

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

All Saints' Buckland

Regular Services:

8am Holy Communion, every Sunday
10am Midweek Communion every Wednesday



EVENTS

Sat	10am	Produce Stall with coffee and bacon butties	All Saints'
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Flicks in the Sticks at All Saints' will be back on Friday 26 November and Friday 31 December – please see the FB page for more details or contact Rev Alison. *Junior Christmas Flicks* at All Saints' will be on Saturday 18th December – please see the FB page for more details or contact Rev Sally. *Messy Christingle* will be on Sunday 12th December at 11am. There will be lots of Christmas fun and activities so bring the family along to All Saints'

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

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

For a full list of Christmas Services please see page 4

Ride and Stride, 2021



In September, the valiant All Saints team of Kate & Simon Eckett, Anne Kippax, Judith & Paul Barker, Jane Preskett, Janet and I cycled around eight local churches for the annual Ride & Stride event. Here is a photo of us (excluding photographer Anne) resting after our ice cream and flapjack break at Waters Edge, Marsworth (thank you Simon!) and admiring the lovely narrowboat café on the Grand Union Canal.

We had a great four hours and I must pick out our quite exceptional welcome at St Mary's, Puttenham – with a range of excellent sandwiches, cakes etc wheeled to our tables in the church hall on a trolley while we were served our coffees and teas.

We cycled in aid of the excellent Bucks Historic Churches Trust and All Saints in equal measure, and if you would like to donate it's very easy now, via Just Giving, and the link is here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/allsaintsbuckland>. Just one click and you're onto the site – a lot easier than writing out a cheque!

Well done to Anne Kippax for arranging this, ably assisted by Kate Eckett.

Peter Elwin

Farewell from Rev Alison Roberts



I have no idea how to say goodbye. Ralph and I have lived in Buckland for well over 40 years and moving away feels like a huge wrench; and some days it feels particularly impossible.

But Ralph and I are now in our seventies with aches and wrinkles and the impoverished ability to spin the multiplicity of plates that ministry requires.

So, before I start forgetting what I am supposed to be doing, moving away seems a sensible option as well as offering us a new challenge.

Before I go, I hope to be able to say goodbye properly to as many of you as possible in person. But if I don't see you I would like to thank you for always being so welcoming with ever ready coffee, tea, cake and the occasional gin when I called by.

I've always found it awesome that you've known me for years as a dyslexic party girl and still supported my training to be a priest. So many of you not only supported my application for ordination, but also attended the lectures with me; it was wonderful to have your support. Though I was rather disappointed that you never offered to write one on those seemingly endless theology papers.

That you mostly overlooked my tendency to say 'Bless Dog' shows just what forgiving natures and great sense of humour you have.

What fun we've had together. There was setting up Flicks in the Sticks at Buckland and taking that risk to ignore the request that any films we show have no swearing, violence, or sex. That would have been impossibly dull! To setting up Rhubarb Café, where a community are still discovering the fun and healing power to be had in baking, serving, and eating cake. And to Drayton Beauchamp where a struggling church has resurrected itself as a Festival Church. I've had a brilliant time.

Then there's all those services, some where I cried and others where I had to fight to control my giggles.

Many of you allowed me to preside at a baptism, wedding or take a funeral of someone dear to you and that was always a privilege.

As Ralph and I take our leave of you, please remember I wasn't always a Christian so please be afraid, check and check again. Because I believe that in my time here I've proved beyond doubt that if faith and indeed ministry can happen to me it really can happen to anyone!

Go well and go with every blessing.

Rev Alison x

Aston Wine Club

Aston Wine Club has been established for more than 25 years and is probably one of the best local wine clubs in the country. Our aim is to have fun socialising with friends and enjoy tasting wine from all over the world. It provides the opportunity to taste unusual and sometimes very expensive wines outside of the wines that we might normally imbibe. With old and new world, still and sparkling, red, white, rose and even orange wines, we have a really varied and interesting tasting programme.



We meet on the third Friday evening of most months in Buckland Village Hall where you will be welcomed with a glass of wine in advance of a relaxed, fun and informative evening led by a wine merchant, wine writer, wine educator or other expert. We sample eight wines with a break for a light supper after the first four then on to the last four wines. All this for only £15 for members and £20 for guests!

We like to keep things lively and over the years we have enjoyed trips to Waddesdon Manor for private tastings in their cellars, fish 'n' chip and champagne evenings, members' nights where members introduce their personal favourites, presentations focusing on certain countries or regions within a country and special Christmas events with a meal.

Coming to wine club introduces you to wines that you may not have tried before, and we've learnt not to have preconceived ideas about any wine producing country. Price isn't always an indicator of a good wine! It's all about personal preference and there is no requirement to have any experience of wine nor to be a wine buff. It's an enjoyable social evening.

For further information please see our website www.astonwineclub.co.uk We look forward to welcoming you to a future meeting.

Parlez-vous français?

The revised French Café Conversation

French café conversation, which was at Café 108 before Covid, now meets at the Crow's Nest on Tring Hill each Wednesday from 10 - 12. French spoken at many levels. No charge, except for your coffee, all welcome. For more Info call: **07398 790 977**.



Vegan Wellington

We always like to introduce a seasonal recipe in Village Life and last time we asked if anyone had any ideas for a vegan dish for Christmas. We are delighted to say that Maria Harty has stepped up to the plate with this recipe she originally found on the BBC.

A mushroom, sweet potato and cranberry dish which can be frozen and is free of dairy and egg products.



Serves 6. Prep: 45 minutes. Cook: 1 hr and 15 mins plus cooling and chilling

Ingredients:

90g dried porcini mushrooms
2 tbsp olive oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
250g chestnut mushrooms, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
500g sweet potatoes, peeled, cut into 2cm chunks
1 tbsp finely chopped rosemary
1 tbsp finely chopped sage, plus 4 whole leaves
100g soft white breadcrumbs
2 tbsp pomegranate molasses
40g chopped walnuts or pecans
40g dried cranberries
grating of nutmeg
2 x 320g sheets dairy-free puff pastry
plain flour, to dust
3 tbsp plant-based milk
1 tbsp English mustard or Dijon mustard
with a pinch of turmeric

Method

1. Put the dried mushrooms in a heatproof bowl and pour over 500ml boiling water. Stir and press them down so they are well covered, then leave to soak.
2. Heat the olive oil in a wide frying pan over a medium heat and fry the onion and chestnut mushrooms for about 20 mins, until the veg is very soft and the mushrooms look wilted and reduced.
3. Stir in the garlic and sweet potatoes, then the rehydrated mushrooms and their soaking liquid, leaving the last dregs of the liquid in the bowl (this may contain grit from the mushrooms). Cover and cook for 15 mins until the sweet potatoes are just softened, and most of the liquid has evaporated. Add a splash more water halfway through if the liquid evaporates too quickly.
4. Remove the lid and stir in the chopped herbs, breadcrumbs, molasses, nuts and cranberries. Season well and sprinkle in the nutmeg. The mixture should be stiff enough to resemble stuffing, but not dry – all the breadcrumbs should be coated and have absorbed some of the liquid. Remove from the heat and leave to cool in the pan.
5. Once cool, unroll one of the puff pastry sheets onto a lightly floured non-stick baking sheet or baking tray lined with baking parchment. Whisk the milk and mustard together with a pinch of salt and set aside.
6. Spoon the cooled filling down the middle of the pastry sheet in a neat line, leaving a 5cm border around the edges. Use the mustard-milk mix to brush the borders, then top with the second pastry sheet. Press the pastry around the filling to remove any air pockets, then crimp to seal the sides. Trim off any excess pastry with a sharp knife and use a fork or your fingers to make a pattern around the edge of the wellington.
7. Cut a small steam hole in the top of the middle, then brush the top with the mustard-milk mix. Chill on the sheet or tray for 30 mins. (It will keep in the fridge for up to two days).
8. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Remove the wellington from the fridge and brush with more of the mustard-milk mix. Bake for 35-40 mins until golden, puffed up and crisp – cover with foil if it's browning too quickly. Arrange the whole sage leaves on top of the wellington and stick them down with the mustard-milk mix, then return to the oven for 10 mins.
9. Leave to rest on a board or platter for 10 mins before cutting into chunky slices to serve.

Horticultural Society

Another year has almost passed and despite the lockdown our society has had a very successful year.

2022 is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Society plans, with the parish council's permission, to celebrate the occasion by planting an oak tree in the park, similar in size to the elm trees we planted last year.

There is a nationwide project, "*The Queen's Green Canopy*", a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee which invites people from across the UK to "*Plant a Tree for the Jubilee*". As part of the project the Woodland Trust is providing hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and community groups as part of the project. Further information can be found on woodlandtrust.org.uk.



We also hope that individuals and families will join in and plant a tree for the Jubilee.

The last Society event of 2021 is a social evening in the Anthony Hall, on Wednesday 8 December, starting at 8pm. The officers and committee wish members and non-members a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous growing New Year. The cost of joining us is a modest £5 per annum. Membership runs from January to December and we have an exciting programme to look forward to.

We start the new year on Wednesday 12

January, 8pm, with our AGM. Though this is formal, we plan to follow it with a glass of wine and general chat so that new members can get to know the committee and other members. We can talk informally about our shows and plant sales. All our talks are held in the Anthony Hall and start at 8pm.

Our February talk could be the most important of the year. Geraint Richards is head Forester for the Duchy of Cornwall, where he has worked for many years. We have been trying to get Geraint to talk to us for ages. It is with the advent of Zoom that he is able to give a talk to us in the Anthony Hall. His talk on *Wednesday 9 February, 8pm*, is called, "*The Duchy of Cornwall, its trees, woodlands and forests*". If you are interested and not a member please come on the night and pay £2 visitor fee or better still, join the Society!

On *9 March at 8pm*, the talk is "*Tooth, Claw and Mane*", by Tom Way, a speaker well known to many in the village.

In 2022 our annual Social Evening is on *Saturday 12 March, at 7pm* at the Anthony Hall.

The Spring Show and Plant Sale will be held at Aston Clinton School on *9 April, at 2pm* and on *13 April* the talk is "*Give your garden the designer touch*", by Maria Greenhills.

We plan to have a few group garden visits during the year and are planning to visit the RHS Hyde Hall garden in the summer.

Please get in touch if you'd like to find out more about joining visit our website astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk. email info@astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk.

Ralph Weston

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As the colder, darker weather continues, it is tempting to stay in the warm rather than exercise. However, it is important for us all to maintain our physical and mental wellbeing.

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- Always make sure you're warm before you go outside. Wear several layers to keep heat in and warm up for 10 minutes before you start.
- Meet up with friends to exercise, whether a walk, run, or drop in to Lindengate during one of our open to all sessions (see website for opening times)
- If you like to be active in the garden, there's no reason why you should stop just because the temperature drops. You can plan a winter garden, so there is always plenty to see and do, during the colder months of the year.

We look forward to welcoming you to Lindengate, where nature breathes new life into anyone looking for a little support with their wellbeing. Take time for yourself and let nature nurture your wellbeing.

For information on all our events & programmes at Lindengate, go to:
lindengate.org.uk

Tickets are now on sale for Lindengate in Lights, taking place over three nights, 17th – 19th December. Wander through our illuminated nature trail, enjoy refreshments and entertainment, and a variety of hand-crafted gifts will be available.



A Quiz for Christmas Answers:

1. Metropolitan
2. Westminster Abbey
3. Norway
4. Great Ormond St Hospital
5. 55 miles
6. 100
7. Fortnum & Mason
8. St Davids
9. La Manche
10. 50 years
11. London Bridge
12. Alexander Fleming
13. 206
14. A Nautical mile (1.15 miles)
15. Canada
16. The Severn
17. Fish
18. Pancake
19. 19,000
20. 1967



St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp

Regular Services:

St Mary's is now a Festival Church and therefore will be open once a month for a Sunday service. The church will in time start to be used as a community centre for the village of Drayton Beauchamp.



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

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

For a full list of Christmas Services please see page 4



Pony Express

As most of you know my pony and I deliver Christmas cards in Drayton Beauchamp.

I will make a first delivery this weekend on 11th or 12th December. I will then make two more deliveries, one on 18th or 19th and finally one on 23rd.

If you would like me to deliver your cards please bring them to me at The Dray House and either give them to me or put them through my letterbox. Please leave your cards by lunch time on December 22nd at the latest to give me time to sort them. Please address your cards with the surname and house name of the recipient.

If you wish to make a donation leave it with your cards. Any money collected will be divided between a local hospice and an equestrian charity. *Erica*

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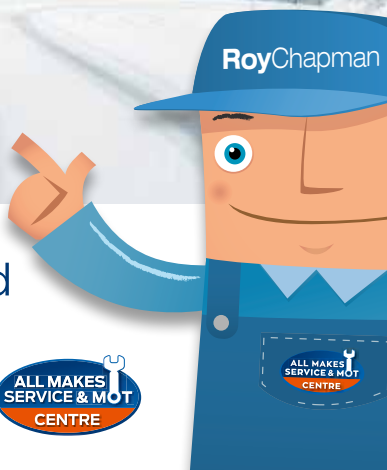


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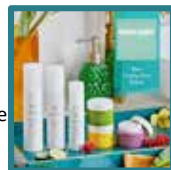
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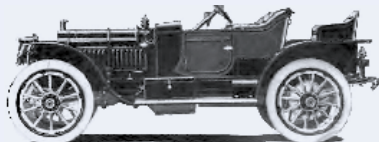


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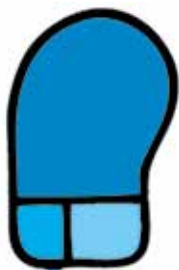
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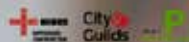
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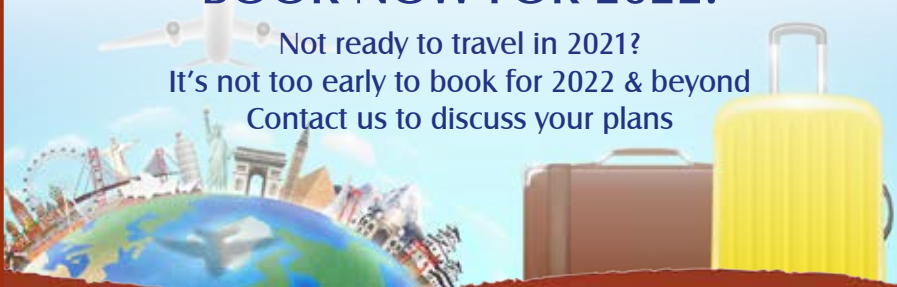
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