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clubs and events.**

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

As we go into the early Summer it is certainly going to be a busy time in our three villages. As I write this, the Village Market has just taken place and if you glance through your Village Life you will see plenty more to keep you and your family entertained over the next weeks. Let's hope for some decent weather so we can all take full advantage.

Like all magazines, we rely on our advertisers for our very existence so please support them whenever you can. We have some space available for new advertisers so if you would like to promote your business through our 2,500 copies, six times per year, please contact [David Lonsdale](mailto:David.Lonsdale@acvillagelife.co.uk) on **01296 631791** or [advertising@acvillagelife.co.uk](mailto:advertising@acvillagelife.co.uk) This could be a particularly good opportunity if you are new to the area or are just starting your own business.

To keep our readers interested, our aim is to concentrate on real, local issues, rather than using off-the-shelf generic articles. We want to offer a magazine which is truly relevant to the good people of Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. But what do you think? As we are published just six times a year we do not have the immediacy of a local newspaper but we do want to let people know how they can become a more integrated part of their community. If you think there are subjects you would like us to cover then please get in touch. Or even write an article yourself.

You will see elsewhere in this issue that there have been at least two "litter blitzes" locally during the Spring and there is a new group helping to cut the use of plastic. These initiatives will all help our local environment and I hope everyone will support the ideas behind them. Now, if we can just sort out dog mess...

*Richard Vincent*

## Not necessarily a heart stopping moment

*I suspect many of us are not certain what to do when faced with a medical emergency. That uncertainty can be made worse if life-saving equipment is close to hand, but we don't know how to use it.*

I was reminded of this recently as I walked past the *yellow defibrillator located on Twitchell Lane by the school*. Its presence is both reassuring and intimidating. Reassuring that there is equipment which may help save lives but intimidating because someone's life could be in my hands.

Village Life contacted the Aston Clinton Surgery for advice on what to do in an emergency. Dr Emma Lumb explains: "Cardiac arrest occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating effectively and, most commonly, goes into a rhythm called VF, which is potentially fatal

unless the individual receives a life-saving defibrillation shock from an AED (*Automatic External Defibrillator*) within a few minutes.

This is why there is an increased availability of AEDs in the community. The AED is easy to use and can cause no harm – the instructions for access are clearly written on the front of the device. The machine will analyse the heart rhythm and only deliver a shock if it is indicated. Once activated, the AED guides the user through each step of the defibrillation process by using voice and visual prompts. It is very easy to follow. All public AEDs are registered with the local ambulance service – so if you **ring 999, they will be able to direct you to the nearest AED** if you are unsure of where the nearest one is located."

*In addition to the one on Twitchell Lane, there is an AED located at the park, on the wall of the Churchill Hall. Andrew Andersz*

## St Michael & All Angels' Summer Fete

This year's fete takes place on **13 July, from 2-5 pm** the focal point will be an exhibition of local arts and craft. We are inviting professionals and amateurs to bring their works of art in the following categories;

- **2D Art** (photography, paintings, drawings, etc)
- **3D Art** (sculpture, glass, metal work, jewellery, etc)
- **Cake Art**
- **Flower Art**
- **Textile Art**
- **Outside Art**

You will have the opportunity to set up a display in church for our fete visitors to admire. You are welcome to talk to visitors about your art and crafts and offer your items for sale, for a small fee.



All amateurs will also be invited to enter our annual *Elizabeth Weston Award* competition.

All this alongside our usual afternoon teas, produce stalls, games prize draw and Rev Sally's dog show.

If you would like more information, please email **Louise** at [smaa\\_fete@yahoo.com](mailto:smaa_fete@yahoo.com) or watch out for leaflets and forms being distributed locally, early in June.

# St Michael and All Angels

## Regular Services:

9.15am Sung Eucharist 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday  
4th Sunday Benefice Service (see below for times and places)  
6.00pm Sung Evensong every Sunday



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sun 23 June	10.00am	BENEFACTICE SERVICE	St Mary's Church
Sun 13 July	2 – 5pm	St Michael's Summer Fete	St Michael's Church
Sun 28 July	10.00am	BENEFACTICE SERVICE	All Saints' Church

## REGULAR EVENTS

Monday	2 – 4.30pm	Rhubarb Café (Closed on Bank Holidays)	St Michael's Church
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## A Failed Retirement

There I was, looking forward to retiring from my job as a Family Therapist when suddenly I got a call. Not the usual sort of phone call, but an

overwhelming feeling that someone was trying to get through to me. I realised eventually that it was God calling me to come and work for him in our community; the same community where I've lived for nearly forty years.

So here I am, eight years later, about to be licensed by Bishop Alan as an Associate Minister in our benefice of three churches. This will be on **24 July at 7.30pm** at St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp. And you are all invited.

What an eight years I have had! Firstly, two years of discernment, to see if my calling was genuine. This involved a lot of interviews and discussions including being interviewed by our three Parochial Church Councils to check there would be a job for me if I was successful in my application. Imagine having a job interview

before you've even been accepted for training. The most daunting part was the three-day residential interviews, known as BAP (Bishop's Advisory Panel). This process is something every prospective priest in the Church of England has to go through. Somehow, I got through and success meant that I embarked on three years training at Theology College near Oxford. College work was relentlessly demanding with massive studying and a brutal demand for essays. Most of this was under the mentorship of Rev Elizabeth Moxley, who supported my early practical work in the church.

After I completed my training, I was ordained at Christchurch Cathedral in 2016, and finally got to wear my dog collar. A year later I was ordained as a priest, which meant that I could officiate at weddings and preside at communion. For the last three years my title has been Curate. Although post-graduate, curacy is a training role and the demands have continued for me to produce regular academic work alongside my work as a minister.

I'm very excited to be crossing the line into being a fully-fledged minister. At the age 67 this has to be both fabulous and crazy!

*Much Love, Rev Alison Roberts*





## Two 'Aston Clinton Gardens' open for the National Garden Scheme



*Last year, Jackie Connell, who also lives in Green End Street, used all her powers of persuasion to get me to join her in opening my garden for the National Garden Scheme. Finally, I agreed as the idea of being able to donate money to the array of medical charities supported by the NGS was appealing and I was secretly pleased with my little garden, which I had developed from scratch over the last three and a half years since moving here.*

Jacki's beautifully mature garden is much larger than mine, with lawned area, flower borders and a recently added greenhouse where she indulges her passion (*some might call it an obsession!*) for the propagation of new plants from seeds and cuttings.

Last year our April opening was bitterly cold, but as usually happens with newly opened gardens, the visitors poured in. This year, when we opened on Easter Monday, it had a very different feel, as the weather was really warm and our visitors wanted to stop and chat and sit and enjoy the surroundings. Jacki, with the more spacious garden, had the room (and good friends to help) to produce tea and cake. There was nowhere to serve teas in my tiny garden so

I decided to focus on a large array of plants to sell, some of which were given by Maureen Ridler who also handled the plant sales and entry tickets. I was then free to walk around the garden, chatting to the visitors.

The preparation for such an event is time consuming and exhausting but since both garden owners would rate gardening as one of their favourite pastimes, it does also involve an enormous amount of enjoyment and satisfaction. We were so delighted that thanks to our 335 visitors we raised £1288 on ticket sales, which when added to the £243 from teas at Jacki's and £311 from plants at mine gave us a grand total of £1,860 to send to the NGS. Jacki sold plants in aid of Tiggyswinkles (as she does on her stall outside her house throughout the year) and was also able to send them £160. This meant that £2020 in total went to charities.

We shall be opening again on **Sunday June 23rd between 2 and 5pm**. Do please come and visit our gardens then. And since we are the only gardens that open for the NGS in this area, why not consider joining us next year by opening your garden and really put Aston Clinton Gardens on the horticultural map!

*Sue Lipscomb*

## Aston Clinton Ladies' group

There will be no meeting in June.

**Wednesday July 17th** Guide Hall at **8pm**.

A talk by Anne Burroughs on Parkinson's Disease

For further info contact *Sue Sanders 630740* or *Janet Watson 631014*. New members are very welcome. *Janet Leech*

## AC Litter Blitz

*On Sunday 17th March villagers came together to take part in the Great British Spring Clean.*



It's a nationwide initiative aimed at encouraging communities to get together to help clean up local areas. So, on a dry and pleasant morning we met outside the school gates armed with litter pickers and bin bags raring to go!

It was lovely to see a mix of ages and families come out to take part. The children were all eager to have a litter picker and set off. We spent an hour collecting litter before meeting back at the school to see how much rubbish we had managed to collect in total. It was an enjoyable hour and we were all very pleased with the results. An incredible amount of litter was collected in just an hour.

**We hope to repeat the event later in the year and it will be advertised on the Aston Clinton Facebook page and by word of mouth for anyone wanting to take part.**

*Corinne Bonnett*

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## The season starts for Aston Clinton Bowls Club

*Bowlers from Aston Clinton Bowls Club, based in Aston Park, started their season at the beginning of May and will continue until the end of the season in September.*

Thanks to the hard work of the members (and also our contractor) throughout the winter, our green is looking superb and was given a full 'starring' following a visit from the county's Green Starring Committee at the end of April. The committee – four experienced bowlers from other clubs in Bucks – visit every green in the county to assess the playing surface and draw the club's attention to any problems. This ensures that the high standard expected of the greens is maintained and if any work is needed to ensure its suitability to play friendly games and county and national competitions.

The club held its Open Day at the beginning of May, but new members are always welcome at any time during the season. *If you see us on the green, why not come in and watch?* You will find us most welcoming and, if you time it right, you'll probably find a cup of tea or coffee thrust into your hand!

Recently, our national governing body, Bowls England, announced a collaboration with the Federation of Women's Institutes, to try and encourage more women to become involved in the sport of bowls. Most clubs suffer from a lack of lady bowlers and Aston Clinton BC is no exception. So, whether you are a WI member or not, we'd love to hear from any ladies who might be interested – you would be most welcome!

A course of instruction can be arranged for all beginners at a time convenient to you – please contact our secretary *Brian Clark* on **01844 351461** or by email [brianp.clark29@gmail.com](mailto:brianp.clark29@gmail.com)

## Aston Clinton Baptist Church



*2020 sees the 200th anniversary of Aston Clinton Baptist Church and I am currently researching its history. I am wondering if, through Village Life, I might be able to find any relatives of the first members or any memorabilia that might be available from anyone in the village.*

A group of believers in Aston Clinton who did not want to worship in the Catholic way, or in the prescribed manner of the Church of England began walking to Tring to worship.

They were called Non-conformists, believing among other things that priests were not necessary for individuals to be able to communicate with God.

In the early 1800's a group of these people in Aston Clinton decided to start a church in the village and ground was purchased in Green End Street. There have been 3 buildings on this site since 1820.

The names of the first members were

Thomas Fountain, Job Bunce, Lot Ginger (Farmer), Joe Weldon, Thomas Bishop,

Job Thorne, John Fountain. (I believe the Fountains had a grocery shop in the village).

The Ladies were Martha Wells, Sarah Fountain, Elizabeth Wells, Hester Ginger, Elizabeth Wheeler, Hannah Axtell' Mary Bates, Mary Stevens, Sarah Morrills, Elizabeth Ginger, Rachel Chowns, Lydia Bishop, Anne Thorns, Mary White, Sarah Hearn.

I am looking for any information on these people, (some of the names still exist around the area) and any photos or postcards.

*Any help would be appreciated* [Alan Cookson](#)  
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## Bible Misquotes!

During a Roman Catholic school examination children were asked about the Old and New Testaments, here are some of their responses:

- Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- When the three wise guys from the East End arrived, they found Jesus in the manager.
- The epistles were the wives of the Apostles.

- Solomon, one of David's sons had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- Christians only have one spouse. This is called monotony.
- St Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached the holy acrimony which is another name for marriage.
- The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
- Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraception

*Andrew Andersz*

## Take Heart

*I bet you know someone who has, or has had, heart trouble. We all do. It's frightening having any problems with the body's engine. Harder to fix than the car when that doesn't run well: so many different malfunctions, so many varying symptoms, so many possible diagnoses.*

When I first met my partner in 2010, he had always been a walker: he had walked many of the country's long-distance footpaths and trails, camping in his little tent, often in adverse weather, usually alone. He'd even walked most of the Pennine Way under snow in December. We met at an organised walk locally, and I recall thinking he was an unusual man.



Photo by Alison Beck

Not long after we met, he walked the 200 miles of the Coast to Coast path with a friend, carrying all his kit and a tent in a 35lb backpack. He commented later that he couldn't walk if he had eaten breakfast. I thought that was a bit odd, but he said 'gastric reflux – runs in the family.' As time went on, the 'reflux' problem worsened, and he was prescribed tablets for it that didn't help.

'You don't think it's angina, do you?' I asked, knowing that his elder brother had had bypass surgery in his 40s.

'No!' he said emphatically, 'Just reflux.' He's a stubborn man. And so it continued, and worsened. Stops on walks became more frequent; what was permissible to eat before and during a walk became ever more restricted.

Eventually I persuaded him to go back to his GP, where an ECG was performed. The efficient nurse called the doctor in, the astute doctor called an ambulance, and off he went to High Wycombe Cardiology. Here further tests revealed that something needed to be done, and fast, and he was transferred by ambulance to the John Radcliffe hospital in Oxford.

There he had a triple coronary bypass, and caught pneumonia. I recall visiting, seeing him pale, full of tubes and looking every bit of his 64 years. Long walks in future looked pretty unlikely.

But I didn't bargain for his determination: a positive facet of stubbornness I suppose. The point of this story is to persuade people not to despair. He came home, slowly recovered, attended an excellent cardiac rehabilitation programme at Stoke Mandeville, and settled down to changing his lifestyle and doing those recommended 10,000 steps a day as often as he could. Although he wasn't overweight, he was found to be pre-diabetic, so part of the new regime involved changing to a low carbohydrate diet and dropping a stone or so. Gradually, his ability to walk long distances returned, and last year he walked the 122 miles around the island of Anglesey, again alone, carrying a backpack and wild camping.

This year he plans to do the 130 mile Chiltern Way. The fact that he can do so is a tribute to his alert GP, the excellent surgeons who performed his surgery, all the health care professionals who cared for him, and his own determination to get his life back on track.

*So take heart! Alison Beck*





## Aston Clinton School

Head: Mrs Helen Shepherd



### Community support

*Schools are judged, when inspected, on many things- academic results; how good the children's behaviour is; how well we keep them safe and a myriad of other things. However, OFSTED does not measure every aspect of school life.*

Whilst our recent OFSTED inspection gave us plenty of clear areas to work on, it did recognise and praise our strong pastoral team and the support it offers to the children. This is something we have always worked hard to provide as we believe a child cannot learn if they are not in the right place emotionally. We also work hard to develop our children into caring human beings and recently we have seen just how wonderful they can be.

In May our whole school community came together to support a family in their hour of need. Dylan Mitchell is a little boy at our school who desperately needs specialist cancer drugs to maintain his current levels of health. Dylan's older brother, Jake, and a group of his friends in years five and six organised and ran a brilliant Superhero / Super villain dressing up day as well as a High 5 Mexican Wave. This involved the whole school passing a high 5 along to the person standing next to them. Dylan high fived the first person and received the last high 5. The support was amazing.



A minimum donation of £1 was requested, but many people gave significantly more than this. We collected over £1100 that day.

We had an amazing Superman cake donated by one of the parents on the same day and that raised even more money as the children tried to guess its weight. This is going to be followed up by our own cake sale at half term.

Our school community's reaction has been overwhelming. It makes me so proud to see the caring individuals who will do all they can, not for themselves, but for someone who needs it. To me, this is a measure of a school that is at least as important as all the other OFSTED measures.

*Helen Shepherd*

## Dylan Mitchells Story

Dylan is a seven year-old boy from Buckland who has been battling a particularly aggressive brain cancer since he was two. He stuns his doctors time and again as he continues to enjoy life with his family and does not display typical signs of what was discovered recently: a relapse of the cancer to his spine. Unfortunately, this is the third time that this cancer has come back, and this time the NHS doctors have said there is nothing further they can do for him. He now needs urgent treatment on a trial called MEMMAT, which the NHS will not fund, and which will have to be delivered at Harley Street Hospital in London. The treatment will cost £135,000 for the first year and started in May.

Dylan's Mum, Jess, has a small group of friends who have already raised over £16,000, but still need help to spread the word. They are organising fun days, helicopter days, and raffles, as SO many companies have offered prizes.

**To follow Dylan's amazing story of hope, like his page on Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/dylanscancerdiary/](https://www.facebook.com/dylanscancerdiary/) **hear Dylan's song at** [www.facebook.com/716418008394315/posts/2108245309211571/](https://www.facebook.com/716418008394315/posts/2108245309211571/) **or visit his GoFundMe page:** [www.gofundme.com/f/dylan039s-cancer-treatment-fund](https://www.gofundme.com/f/dylan039s-cancer-treatment-fund)



## Plastic Free Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp

*I'm sure many of you will have seen David Attenborough's documentaries about plastic and how much of it is ending up in the oceans and harming our marine life. The work he has done to bring the problem of single-use plastic to the attention of the public is fantastic but there has actually been a 'plastic-free' movement for quite some time now.*

There is no doubt that plastic has meant we have been able to make advances in science, technology and medicine, and improving our quality of life, but it is our consumerist, single-use, throw away culture that is becoming a real problem and threatening the health of our oceans and wildlife.

Plastic Free Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp is an informal group of like-minded people who are finding alternatives to plastic and trying to move away from the 'single-use' way of living. Avoiding plastic can seem like trying to climb a mountain as it is ingrained into every part of our modern day living, but by making small changes over time it can really add up and make a big difference.

If you would like to know more or to get involved then please find us on Facebook (search *Plastic Free Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp*) or email Coral on [coral-rose@hotmail.com](mailto:coral-rose@hotmail.com). There will also be a stall at a few local events over the summer so come along and say hello or, if you run a local group and would like someone to come and talk to you about plastic, please do get in touch.

*Coral Simpson*

## Aston Clinton U3A Spring Trips

*We have taken trips to The London Docklands and to HR Wallingford over this Spring, both related to water but otherwise fascinating each in their own way.*

### The London Docklands Museum

*Have you visited The London Dockland's Museum? If not then please put it on your 'To Do' list.*

The museum is in one of the two remaining buildings of the original West India Docks where sugar arrived. Within minutes of arriving you are completely absorbed into the life of the workers. They worked so hard in difficult conditions and that was just on the days that they managed to work. In fact, work was so hard that a shift was only a long half day and started with a meal paid for on the promise that money was coming. Otherwise there may have been no food. We could have spent half a day on each of the two main floors.

The 2nd floor housed an example of an original street, dark and dingy. There was also an amazing experience about slavery. The triangle of boat trips was explained. British goods were taken to Africa, traded for slaves who were then taken to America and traded for goods which were then brought back to London. Through half-darkness, the horrors of slavery were more haunting than we had come across before.

In the afternoon we had a guided tour around Canary Wharf which has been built on the site of the old docks. In amongst the financial buildings is a beautiful garden protected by glass side panels, warm enough for semi-tropical plants and with birds singing and lots of seats. It was a paradise where local workers can come for a break and we appreciated it too.

### H.R.Wallingford

The Science and Technology group were lucky to get a private tour of the Hydraulic Research at Wallingford. Most of us did not know this large laboratory existed and yet it researches and trains pilots of ocean liners and helps to design large ports and harbours. We piloted a ship into Dover Harbour and a smaller boat up the Thames Estuary. We could have rain and storms at the flick of a switch and found ourselves holding onto the rails as though we were to be thrown from the vessel even though of course we were actually stationary on the simulator.

Scaled down models of harbours from Japan to South America were housed in a huge building and had impressive wave machines to give readings of the effect of the sea on the harbour. These models were large and can produce reports on the viability of designs and their safety in use.

This is a research centre which is very important to Britain and to the rest of the world helping to keep us all safe at sea.

### Victoria Pollard



U3A walking group visiting a bluebell wood at Ashridge Estate. Picture by Eileen Robinson.

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# Aston Clinton Beer Festival 8

2 – 4 August 2019 at Aston Clinton School

*Raising a glass for local charities.*



The ACBF team has always managed to get hold of the best cask and keg beers in the country and this year is no exception. The beer roster will cater for traditional and contemporary tastes. Not many beer festivals have their beer list curated by a qualified Beer Sommelier! Cider and Perry will also be available and Craftyard will be present with its artisan Gin bar and of course, it wouldn't be ACBF if Prosecco and Pimm's weren't on tap!

The organisers have managed to book an amazing line up of musical acts. The most prominent of these being Love Distraction the UK's foremost Human League tribute act, who will open the festival, supported by Soulmates.

The Saturday sessions take on a rockier edge with classic Grunge specialists Stonegarden and local lads Vandavils. In the evening Punk/New Wave aficionados Dogmattics are not to be missed during their warm up slot for classic Pub Rock headliners The Dirty Dog Band.

Sunday will be time to chill with sassy sounds from the 60's and Motown with The Estrellas, a classic soulful trio who are sure to bring the festival to a smooth conclusion.

Kids won't miss out on the entertainment either with face painting, poetry and lots of other activities on site.

To finish off the line up, there's a wide variety of food concessions available. Firm festival favourite 'Mozzarellanation' with its delicious woodfired pizza will return alongside some new faces including 'Spitfire BBQ' and 'Amor Nachos'. The ACBF team is also delighted to welcome back village favourites 'The Oak', who will be serving up their famous hanging kebabs alongside a tasty hog roast.

Tickets available soon, so look out for news online: [www.astonclintonbeerfestival.co.uk/](http://www.astonclintonbeerfestival.co.uk/)

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## Aston Clinton Surgery

*If you are planning to travel abroad this summer, don't forget to allow yourself enough time to get whatever travel vaccinations you may need.*

On our website there are links to access information to help decide if you need vaccinations. Our travel nurses are very knowledgeable and can help you with which ones are necessary. Forms are also available on our website to apply for this non-NHS service. You will need to submit your form at least eight to ten weeks before your travel date to be sure you can receive the vaccinations in the correct time frame as some of them need to be administered at specific intervals before travel.

It is already hay fever season; please take care in the sun and remember that you can buy sunscreen, medication and nasal sprays that may help your hay fever symptoms. The pharmacist can also give you good advice on alternative methods to deal with the symptoms. When you are properly sun screened and medicated you will be better prepared to go out and get some natural Vitamin D and enjoy some healthy exercise - not forgetting to take your water and stay well hydrated. Drinking fewer sugary drinks and moderating alcohol consumption is also advisable in hot weather. *Best wishes for a lovely summer from all at Aston Clinton Surgery*  
[www.westongrove.com](http://www.westongrove.com)



## Cricket is Back

*Last season was a difficult one for Buckland and Aston Clinton Cricket Club. The 1st XI found themselves struggling near the bottom of Division 3 of the Four Counties Cricket League, but finished strongly to pull clear of trouble. The 2nd XI did the opposite in Division 5, starting strongly but fading in the closing weeks. A common theme was variable availability and a lack of consistency.*

We also sadly lost President and long-time club stalwart Allan Briggs during the year. However, there were bright spots, with the Colts section continuing to flourish and the long, hot summer making our beautifully situated ground (and licensed bar) a lovely place to spend time.

2019 began on a challenging note with bare patches on the outfield created during last year's heatwave attracting our resident badgers to dig more holes than ever before. However, countless hours of hard work from our volunteers ensured that the ground was safe to play on.

There are lots of reasons to be positive for the new season and beyond. Mike Parsonage continues to lead the 1st XI with the enthusiasm of someone half his age and Casey Dawson has taken on the 2nd XI captaincy. The Colts section has good numbers again and we are fielding U-11 and U-13 teams (as well as a senior side) in the Aylesbury Midweek League. We will also be staging a memorial match for Allan Briggs and hope to bring together as many of his old teammates as possible to celebrate the huge contribution he made to the club.

Recently we have constructed a new mobile net, will be replacing and extending our patio area and have funds available for significant upgrades to our ground and equipment. You can follow our results on our website <https://bacc.play-cricket.com> or keep up to date with the latest news via our Facebook page. We are always on the lookout for new players, umpires or any other volunteers so if interested please do get in contact. *Phil Samuels*





## AC Colts 6-a-side Tournament

*Aston Clinton Colts will be hosting their annual, junior 6-a-side tournament again this year.*

The competitions run on **Saturday 29 12.30 – 18.30** and **Sunday 30 June 9.30 – 18.30** at Aston Clinton Park. There are competitions for all ages from under 7 to under 15 and around 1500 players and spectators are expected.

In addition to the football, there will be barbeques, wood-fired pizzas, inflatables, fairground attractions and a bar.

The Colts want to remind everyone that the park will be much busier than normal on the tournament weekend and car-parking will be particularly restricted.

## Wendover Arm Trust Restoration Open Day

**Sunday 7 July, 12.30 – 4pm**

Drayton Beauchamp Church HP22 5LS

Guided tours of restoration site

*(approx 30 minute walk)*

Sales stands, teas and cakes for sale. Talk and videopresentation in the church. Canoes /paddleboards on restored canal section. Herts and Bucks Wildlife Trust stand.

**Free Entry And Car Parking**

*(donations welcome)*

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## Ollie's Gravestone



A new headstone is now in place for 13-year old Ollie Gardiner who lost his battle with cancer on 19th November 2017.

Ollie was a huge fan of Marvel super-heroes, particularly Ironman, who had been an inspirational character to him and had helped him be strong through his long and gruelling treatment. The new headstone features an image of Ironman following permission being granted for its use by Marvel Entertainment. Jane and Peter Gardiner would like to express their sincere thanks to Marvel and to the Dean of Oxford, St Michael & All Angels church and the parish council, who have been incredibly supportive and helped to make this happen.

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## Morris Men at The Oak

*On a bright Spring evening at the end of April, The Oak played host to a group of Morris Men (and one Morris woman). The Whitchurch Morris Men were founded in 1948 at a time of a renewed interest in the dance form and it is their proud boast that they can turn almost anyone into a dancer if they are willing to give it a go. This certainly looked the case at The Oak where several people joined in – with only the minimum of persuasion.*



The origins of Morris dancing are not clear, but it certainly dates back to the Middle Ages when dancers were paid to entertain the rich. Morris soon spread to the countryside and was especially popular in the Cotswolds. Not everyone approved, though, as it was felt to be pagan and irreligious. It was in serious decline by the end of the 19th century but was saved by a small band of enthusiasts who recorded the dances before they were lost for ever. It was as a part of this revival that the Whitchurch group was formed.

New members are always welcome and you can find more information, and details of where the group will be performing this year, at [www.whitchurchmorris.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchmorris.org.uk)

## Aston Clinton Census 1851

*Official censuses have been held in Britain since 1801. The idea is to help Government planning.*

In 1841 the basic head count of the early censuses was replaced by a more detailed analysis. This census came soon after the introduction of compulsory registration of births, deaths and marriages. From 1841 onwards names and ages were recorded along with occupations.

By 1851 the village of Aston Clinton had a total of 928 people. There were 145 aged 0-5 years, 115 aged 6-10, 93 from 11-16 and 88 from 16-20. At the other end of the age range, there were nine people aged over 80.

Not surprisingly there were many people involved in agriculture but the most common employment was in the straw industry. In total, around 200 of the 928 inhabitants worked with straw. There were various occupations but the vast majority were straw plaiters. Plaiting was normally done at home and, in the days before compulsory education, children as young as four or five were able to help supplement the family income.

The straw was chiefly used for the milliners in Luton and this was a thriving industry. However, in the 1870's cheap imports started arriving from the Far East. Consequently, straw plaiting in Aston Clinton died off by about 1900.

In the mid-19th century, lace making was common locally and we had a range of other trades but perhaps we can end with William Ricketts, a 29 year old living in Green End Street. He was the village rat catcher!



## Susanna Lamport

(27/8/69 – 30/3/19)

*As you may be aware, my wife Susanna passed away on 30th March 2019 after a short battle with cancer.*

She was a great asset to this village and was an active member of the local community since we moved here in 1993.

Both our children, Chloe and Craig, attended the local primary school, and Susanna was involved with Aston Clinton Baptist Church for many years as well. For the past ten years, she was the youth worker here, and worked hard to build relationships with so many 11-18 year olds in the village.

She launched and ran youth cafes and groups every week, providing a place for young people to hang out and be themselves. She went above and beyond her job role, giving many local young people opportunities of a lifetime. This included organising mission trips to Mexico, building houses from scratch for those with very little. The most recent trip was in 2016, which she attended herself, and she even helped plan another, which the young people will go on next year.

She led a group at the holiday club 'Allsorts' every year, and since 2016 she also helped to run 'Totspot', a parent and toddler group at the church.

It is fair to say she has played an important and energetic role in our community over many years. We as a family are very proud of all that she accomplished, and how many people's lives she has changed and touched. She gave her best to anything she did, and everyone she came into contact with. She will be missed by anyone who ever came across her, be it through the hours she put into her job or as a smiling face at the heart of our community

*Nick Lamport*

## Lindengate Fair

Lindengate Mental Health Charity is opening its garden, next to the World's End Garden Centre in Aylesbury Road, Wendover HP22 6BD, for a Summer Fair on **Saturday 8 June from Noon to 4.30pm.**

This fun day out for all the family will have craft and conservation stalls, children's activities, donkeys, mini ponies, archery, food and drink plus plants and produce for sale and lots more. *It promises to be even better than last year.*



## Buck Pub 2019

Buckland Village Hall  
HP22 5JB

**Friday 14th, Saturday 15th  
and Sunday 16th June**



*The annual community pub  
returns to Buckland for the 24th year,  
run entirely by volunteers with all  
profits going to local charities.  
Do come and join us.*

We need lots of volunteers to make the event a success, so if you could be available to prepare food, serve behind the bar or help in any way over the weekend then that would be fantastic. Look out for special events during the weekend.

### *Can you help?*

We need lots of volunteers to make the event a success so if you could be available to prepare food, serve behind the bar or help in any way over the weekend then that would be fantastic.

More information: [www.thebuckpub.co.uk](http://www.thebuckpub.co.uk)  
or call 01296 631010

### *Opening times*

#### **Friday 14th June:**

- Lunch time 12.00 – 15.00  
Including lunch for the Rennie Grove  
Hospice Care charity
- Evening 18.00 – 23.00

#### **Saturday 15th June:**

- Lunch time 12.00 – 15.00
- Evening 18.00 – 23.00. To include a quiz  
night. More details to follow

#### **Sunday 16th June:**

- Lunch time 12.00 – 16.00. Including a  
mini-music-festival with open mic and  
raffle draw

### *Food and drink*

Food will be served during all sessions with **main courses for around £6**. There will be a limited number of tables available to reserve. Please contact us to book. A full range of drinks will be available at the bar including local ales @ **£3/pint**

### *Entertainment*

Musical entertainment (weather permitting) will be provided by various local musicians on Sunday afternoon in the garden. If you would like to be part of the music (open mic) then let us know.

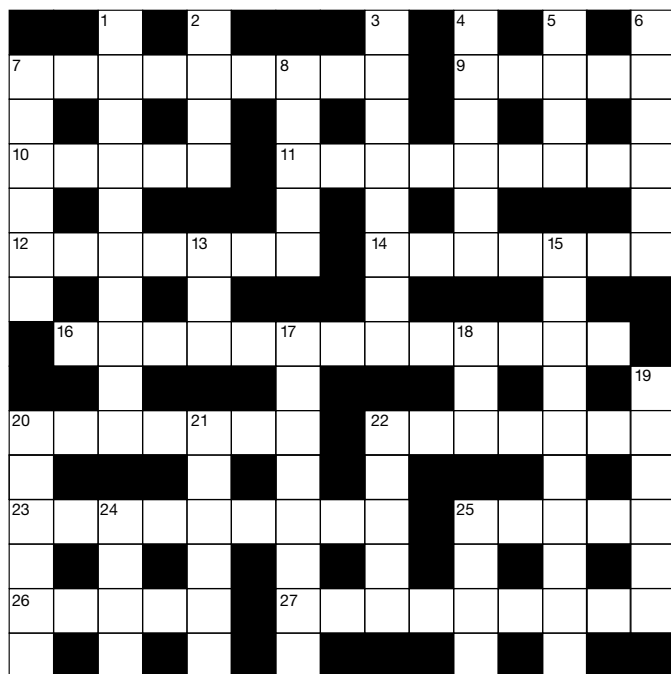
### *Charities*

This year we will be supporting three local charities:

1. All Saints Church, Buckland  
<https://allsaintsbuckland.org.uk/>
2. Rennie Grove Hospice Care  
<https://www.renniegrove.org>
3. Youth Concern Aylesbury  
<http://youthconcern.org.uk/>

# Village Life crossword no.33

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



## CLUES ACROSS

- 7 Lawyer (9)
- 9 Pierce (5)
- 10 Go away (5)
- 11 Elevation (9)
- 12 Enrage (7)
- 14 10th Month (7)
- 16 Without conscious thought (13)
- 20 Operate (7)
- 22 Two days we all enjoy (7)
- 23 Kidnapping (9)
- 25 Courageous (5)
- 26 Kit out (5)
- 27 Primroses (9)

## CLUES DOWN

- 1 Polynesian Tree (10)
- 2 Nibble (4)
- 3 Green vegetable (8)
- 4 Cupboard (6)
- 5 Against (4)
- 6 Slimmer (6)
- 7 European sea (7)
- 8 Easy way to draw (5)
- 13 Fuss (3)
- 15 Plausible (10)
- 17 Yankee (8)
- 18 Wonder (3)
- 19 Snakes (6)
- 20 Lessens (6)
- 21 Receive (6)
- 22 Bet (5)
- 24 Rap (4)
- 25 Sanction (4)

## Buckland Open Gardens

A number of Buckland gardens will be opening to the public on **Sunday 23 June, from 2-5 pm**. £5 gives you entry to all the gardens. Just pay at the first one you visit and get a complete list to follow. Any profit is in aid of All Saints' church. Participating gardens, starting at the top of the village are:

- *Canal Cottage, 11 Wharf Row*  
(See picture)
- *14 Blackmore Gate, off Buckland Road*
- *Rannoch House, Lower Icknield Way*
- *Inglands, next to Rannoch House on Lower Icknield Way*
- *Church Leys, next to All Saints'*
- *The Old Rectory*
- *Yew Tree Cottage, near the Old Rectory*
- *8 Model Row*

Tea and home-made cakes will be available in All Saints' church from 3pm.

More information from  
*Kate Eckett 01296 630461*



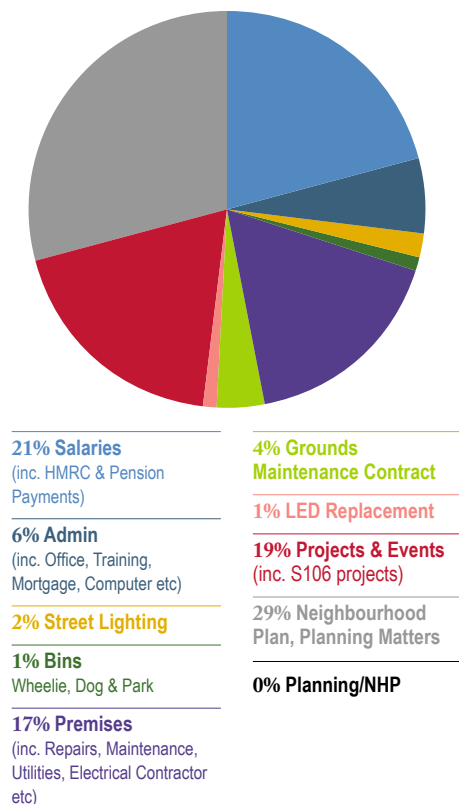


## Parish Council News

*It is with some sadness that I am writing this, as it will be my last report for Village Life, as Clerk to the Parish Council. By the time this comes out, I will have taken up a position as clerk to a parish in Milton Keynes.*

I have enjoyed the last five years tremendously, especially being part of the numerous exciting developments the PC has instigated, such as Astonbury, Your Café in the Park, the M.U.G.A. and the planned new community centre. That the PC works tirelessly for the village, is borne out in this graph, with figures taken from the financial year just gone.

### Aston Clinton Parish Council - Expenditure 2018-19



This shows that only 27% of your money goes on salaries and admin. with the rest going on maintenance of the park and village and projects that benefit everyone. Parish councils are uniquely placed to provide value and benefit to communities, operating, as they do, largely on voluntary time.

The PC strives always to make life in the village as good as it can be and for the first time in a long time, we now have a full complement of 11 councillors. This is a good opportunity to meet some of the newer ones:

- **Corrine Judge** has brought up two children in the village and most days can be seen walking her spaniel, Flo, in the park. Her interests are leisure activities and the park, and she sits on the Sports and Recreation and Grounds Maintenance sub-committees, as well as the Finance and Staffing committee.
- **Sam Howard** is a well-known stalwart of Aston Clinton F.C. and can be seen most Saturdays roping-off the pitch in the park, running the ACFC bar in the Churchill Hall and maintaining the Synthetic Turf Pitch. Sam is also an occasional barman in the Rothschild Arms, though he does have a 'day job' as well! Sam sits on the Sports and Recreation sub-committee and the Facilities Committee.
- **Andrew Duffield** is relatively new to the village. He is a pharmacist by profession and runs his own pharmaceutical consultancy business. Andrew sits on the Finance and Staffing Committee and the Grounds Maintenance sub-committee.
- **Coral Simpson** is well known as a leader of the village Rainbows group and, as a devoted environmentalist, runs the group 'Plastic-Free Aston Clinton, Drayton Beauchamp and Buckland'. Coral is also a locally-known

singer and naturally is on the Astonbury sub-committee, as well as the working group organising 'Play in the Park'.

- Our newest member, **Aafke Watton** is a retired VAT lawyer and can also regularly be seen in the Park walking her puppy, Molly. Aafke came to the PC at just the right time, as we were becoming VAT registered and so far, sits on the Finance and Staffing committee.



Skamungas, Astonbury 2018

We have a great summer ahead, starting off with **Play in the Park on Monday July 29th from 2-4pm**. Children from four years are welcome to come and join the activities for free, with craft in the Churchill Hall (courtesy of the local childminders), large inflatables and rides in the park for the more adventurous ones.

This is followed by **Astonbury on Saturday 17th August from noon until 11pm**, with more rides and inflatables in the afternoon, as well as the bands from 5pm onwards. We look forward to welcoming back headline act Skamungas this year, and to seeing you all there. For more information, please go to [www.astonbury.biz](http://www.astonbury.biz)

*Gill Merry*

## Win a thrilling weekend with Vale Lottery's special prize draw!

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) is celebrating the continuing success of Vale Lottery with a thrilling new prize draw in time for the summer holidays. Vale Lottery players who are signed up before **8pm on Saturday 29 June** could be in with the chance of winning a two day pass and an **'all inclusive' overnight stay for a family of four at Chessington World of Adventures Resort**.

The success of Vale Lottery just keeps growing. Now in its fourth year, it continues to prove an excellent way to support local good causes, having raised nearly £250,000 for sports clubs, animal charities, theatre groups, disability charities and more than 50 schools. Over 200 good causes are already registered to Vale Lottery, each benefitting from the invaluable funds provided by players' support.

AVDC Chairman, Councillor Sue Renshell commented: *"Vale Lottery has proven to be a fantastic and easy way to support the local good causes in our community. By launching this special prize draw, we're keeping our fingers crossed that we will soon surpass the incredible milestone of a quarter of a million pounds raised!"*

Tickets for Vale Lottery cost just £1 a week, with 60p from every ticket going directly to local good causes, and the balance going to running costs and prizes. Players can choose a cause and buy tickets at [valelottery.co.uk](http://valelottery.co.uk), where organisations can also find out more and register.

# 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.*

**Ralph Weston** is ever present in the daily life of Aston Clinton.



**Q. How long have you lived in Aston Clinton?**

A. Since 1977 when the Ministry of Defence transferred me from one of its London offices to Halton. I have known this area for a long time, ever since my scouting days which brought me to the Wendover monument in the 1950s. I met my wife-to-be up at the monument. I threw a stone in a puddle and Elizabeth chased me around the monument. It must have been a good omen since we were married less than a year later.

**Q. How long have you been involved in the Horticultural Society and the Royal British Legion?**

A. I've been involved with the Horticultural Society since we moved to Aston Clinton. I was show secretary when the show was in marquees in the park and since then I've been on the committee and am responsible for obtaining the plants that we sell at the shows and at the village market.

I've been a member of the Aston Clinton Branch of the Royal British Legion for over 10 years and have taken part in the various Remembrance Day services at the war memorial and in the church.

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

A. Mostly with the church. I'm a founder member of the local U3A and originally ran the walking group.

**Q. You spent some time with the RAF. Where were you stationed?**

A. I first joined the MoD, as a scientific civil servant, at RAF Kelvin House in London, close to the Post Office Tower. In 1976 I was transferred to the RAF Institute Health and Medical Training at RAF Halton from where I retired in 1999. I also served three years on the Royal Signals.

During my two years of National Service (I still

remember my number - 23454712!) I was posted to RAF Gatow, in south western Berlin before the Berlin wall, which eventually ran alongside the western side of the airfield, was built.

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

A. My main hobby is my garden. One of the attractions of the house my wife and I bought was that she liked the kitchen and I liked the garden and I have spent the last 40 years developing it.

I've been an inveterate DIY person though at the age of 81, I don't do much now. I like reading, mostly 'who done its' or family sagas but not sci fi. I also like walking but can't now join in with the U3A walking group as I am too slow. I go to the gym and do Pilates once a week.

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

A. My first car was an Austin Cambridge bought from my uncle that I nearly crashed on the way home! I now drive a Ford CMax automatic which has a relatively high roof so I can climb in and out easily.

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

A. The biggest change is of course all the building that has been going on. I miss the fields that the footpaths used to cross and are now built over. The wildlife has changed too. The Rectory used to host house martins and we didn't have the red kites that are so common now.

I've watched the development of the park, which is good for the youngsters, but it is too good as it attracts families from further afield.

The closure of so many pubs is also very sad. I remember the original Bell with the wine shop and Pavilion. I once went to a whisky tasting in the Bell Pavilion. How I got home I'm not sure except I know I wasn't driving.

*Interview **Andrew Andersz***

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*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***

**My main hobby is my garden.**

**“**

## All Saints' Buckland

### Regular Services:

8am Holy Communion, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sunday

11am Family Communion, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday

10am Midweek Communion each Wednesday



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sun 23 June	Afternoon	Buckland Open Gardens and Teas	All Saints' and Buckland Village
Sun 23 June	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	St Mary's Church
Sun 28 July	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	All Saints' Church

More details about these events on the church website: [www.allsaintsbuckland.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsbuckland.org.uk)



## Music Under the Stars

The charity evening, *Music under the Stars*, will be held on **Saturday, 29 June** at Lower Farm, Buckland. There will be the usual line up of acts, including a family céilidh and a feast of folk, blues and rock. Proceeds, along with money raised from the raffle, will be split equally between All Saints Church and the national charity for disadvantaged children, Youth Music. You can find out more about it at [www.youthmusic.org.uk](http://www.youthmusic.org.uk)

*We look forward to seeing you on the night!*

The gates open at **4.30pm**. Tickets are £10 for adults and children under 16 have free admission. No dogs, please.

Bring a chair, bring a picnic, bring a drink. There'll be a communal barbecue on the go for those who wish to bring a burger or two.

## A message from Frances Farley

*I would like to let everyone know that I am much better, but progress is slow. I am still under the hospital having tests but so far, all good.*

A huge THANK YOU for all your get well wishes, flowers, visits and little surprises found on the doorstep on my return from hospital visits.

I have also received over 100 cards which has really brought home how lucky I am to have survived this ordeal and to have so many friends thinking of me.

My family, too, are so grateful for all the support, good wishes and help they have received.

I try and walk every day to help my hip and build up my strength, so look forward to seeing you out and about. Rob says that he will be organising an "OPEN HOUSE" later in the year. Watch this space!

*With love from Frances and Family.*

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## We're doing it again!

**Marsworth Steam & Classic Vehicle Rally**  
*is to be held on Sunday 16th June 2019 at*  
**Startup Farm, Marsworth, HP23 4LL.**

**11am-5pm** And this year's show promises to be bigger and better than ever!



A great day out for all the family. See historic steam engines, vintage tractors, classic cars, motorbikes and trucks at this fun day out – arena entertainment, stalls, sideshows and refreshments, live music, beer tent with local real ales and Pimm's, tea and home-made cakes, ice creams, fish and chips, children's entertainment, bouncy castle and fairground, steam engine rides for children (of all ages) and much more.

**Tickets: Adults £5.00, children £3.00** (*All proceeds go to local fundraising and charities*).

**Treat dad to a fun day out on Fathers' Day!**

For more information visit:  
[www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk](http://www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk)

*We're looking for enthusiastic people to help on the day. Can you spare a few hours? It would be very much appreciated. Volunteering can be fun and a great way to meet new people. Register your interest via the form on our website.*

## The Art of the Insult

**Mark Twain**, the American author of *Tom Sawyer* and *Huckleberry Finn* probably spent hours thinking up his insults and then had to wait months to be able to use ones like *"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."* And another of his, *"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"*

**Dr Johnson**, who wrote the first Dictionary in 1755 said of one poor fellow, *"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others."*

**Oscar Wilde** was famous for his bon mots like the one he is said to have used at the Customs *"I have nothing to declare but my genius!"* His barbed comments were equally as clever. Two of his are, *"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."* And, *"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."*

Comedians may have theirs written for them like **Groucho Marx**, *"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."*

The Hollywood director, **Billy Wilder** said of one poor musician *"He has Van Gogh's ear for music."*

**Benjamin Disraeli** used to trade insults with William Gladstone and accused him of *"Addressing me like a Public Meeting."* A member of Parliament is said to have told Disraeli: *"Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."* *"That depends, Sir,"* said Disraeli, *"whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."*

**John Bright**, another 19th Century politician, is most famous for his opposition to the Corn Laws, but he also was a great orator and wit. I think his best insult is *"He is a self-made man and worships his creator."*

*James Adam*

# Horticultural Society 23rd Spring Show

*The Aston Clinton, Buckland Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society held its 23rd Spring Show and plant sale on 6th April at Aston Clinton School.*



It was another difficult year for exhibitors to get the timing right for the daffodils especially as we had a very unseasonal warm spell two to three weeks before the show (mine were past their best). However, members defied all the odds to put on the most spectacular show. It was a wonderful spring day, if a bit chilly at times. However, all turned out well in the end!

The most prestigious award in the daffodil section, The Violet Rolfe Daffodil Shield was won by Richard Marriot and the best bloom in show was also awarded to Mr Marriot. The complete list of winners can be found on our website, [www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk](http://www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk). The trophies and awards were presented by Reverend Sally Bottomer, Rector of our Parish.

The Spring Show is not just about daffodils and there were classes for floral art, Spring cut flowers and potted plants, Domestic, including the traditional Simnel cake, handicrafts, and an expanded photographic section which was as popular as ever. Possibly because of the start of the school holidays, the children's section

was not very well supported this year. All children get a rosette to wear and there are a range of classes for all children. Grandparents, please encourage your grandchildren to enter next year.

The plant sale went very well, and we sold nearly all our plants, taking over £500. Thank you for supporting this venture and all profits help keep the show going for another year.

The Show Secretary, Graham Thirkettle, would like to thank our trusty band of very willing helpers who organise, set up and run the show. Also, a very big thank you to John and Evelyn Seaton for all the lovely food and to all the exhibitors and general public who supported us. All these people ensured the success of the Show. I think that events like this should make Aston Clinton very proud.

Ken Halls was a brilliant Spring Show Assistant and we are grateful to Aston Clinton School and the governors for letting us hire the hall. We look forward to seeing you all back again on 4th April 2020. Please add this to your diary.

## Forthcoming events:

**Wednesday 12th June**, Clive Johnson: Talk – *History and Restoration of the Wendover Arm Canal*

**Wednesday 10th July**, Outing to Hidcote Gardens (optional visit to Kiftsgate Gardens). There are still a few places left.

**Wednesday 11th September**, Andrew Mikolajski: Talk – *Pin Me to the Wall!*

**Wednesday 18th September**, Entry night for the Annual Summer Show Anthony Hall 6 – 7.45pm: **Saturday 21st September**, 62nd Annual Summer Show, 2pm in Aston Clinton School hall. *Entry £1*

*Ralph Weston [muchpottering@btinternet.com](mailto:muchpottering@btinternet.com)*

## Chocolate Brownies

*Cate Lomas, Rhubarb Café*



### Ingredients:

300g	dark chocolate
225g	butter or margarine
2 tsp	vanilla essence
200g	caster sugar
3	beaten eggs
150g	ground almonds
100g	of chocolate chips or chopped nuts or chopped glace cherries.

### Method:

Preheat oven to 170°C /gas 3. Line a 24cm square baking tin with greaseproof paper.

Very gently heat the chocolate and butter/ margarine in a pan over a low heat or in a microwavable bowl on low.

Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla essence and sugar. Add the beaten eggs, ground almonds and the 100g of either choc chips/ chopped nuts or cherries.

Pour into the baking tin and bake for 25-30 minutes. The top should have formed a crust; the middle will be gooey. Allow to cool. I chill mine in the fridge, it makes them much easier to cut neatly. Sprinkle with icing sugar and enjoy warm or cold as a pudding or, just because you can, straight from the tin!

## Tea Towels

Last year, shortly after Rev. Sally Bottomer became Rector of this Parish, I was asked if I could make drawings of St. Michael's, Aston Clinton, All Saints, Buckland and St. Mary's, Drayton Beauchamp.

Sally wanted images to use on the cover of the new Order of Service being created for a monthly Benefice Service intended to bring the three church congregations together on a regular basis. I'm pleased to say the drawings I produced were well received.

We are so fortunate to have such beautiful, ancient churches in our villages at our disposal for baptisms, weddings and funerals. However, they cost an enormous amount to run and towards the end of last year Tilla Adam had the idea of using the drawings to produce a tea towel which could be sold to raise much needed funds for St. Michael and All Angels.

As an active member of St. Michael's, I am so delighted that my drawings can contribute towards the upkeep of this cherished church.

*If you would like to buy one of these unique, lovely cotton teatowels at £5 each please contact me on 01296 630124 or [pat\\_rozentel@hotmail.com](mailto:pat_rozentel@hotmail.com)*

*They will also be available at the Church Fete.*

*Pat Rozental*



## St Mary the Virgin Drayton Beauchamp

Regular Services:

10.45am 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri 14 June	7.30pm	Summer Concert (The Bell Quartet)	St Mary's Church
Sun 23 June	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	St Mary's Church
Thurs 18 July	12 noon	Charity Bridge Lunch, Puttenham	St Cecilia Hall
Wed 24 July	7.30pm	Licencing of Rev'd Alison Roberts	St Mary's Church
Sun 28 July	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	All Saints' Church

More details about the church on the church website [www.s-marys.org.uk](http://www.s-marys.org.uk)

## Drayton Beauchamp Litter Blitz 2019



Our annual Litter Blitz took place on Saturday 6th April and keen villagers proceeded to collect the usual array of discarded items by the sack full. Although the village itself is less tarnished, the quiet approach lanes act as a magnet for feckless drivers.

This year we extended our area along to the bypass bridge on Lower Icknield Way and were appalled at the waste dropped on the slip road. The stretch of nearly a mile down to Puttenham Bridge is also a favourite dumping

ground. To complement this social gathering, the pickers well deserved their coffee and bacon butties, served by Helen Lonsdale and Meryl Nodes at The Old School House.

With councils in England spending more than £700 million on street cleaning every year, surely there must be an effective solution to solving this abhorrent eyesore and expensive habit.

The new signage in Tring saying: *'Littering is Illegal – Take your Litter Home'* is a good variation but I am working on a device that closes all car windows as they approach our 3 villages! *David Lonsdale*

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## Emergency

### HEALTH

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

### 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	<a href="http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk">www.thamesvalley.police.uk</a>
Childline	0800 111	

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### EDUCATION

Aston Clinton School	01296 630276	<a href="http://www.astonclintonschool.co.uk">www.astonclintonschool.co.uk</a>
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Totspot (AC Baptist Church)	01296 631824	<a href="http://www.astonclintonbaptist.org">www.astonclintonbaptist.org</a>
Marsworth pre-school Group	07506 179658	<a href="http://www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk">www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk</a>

### SPORT AND LEISURE

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

## YOUTH GROUPS

Aston Clinton Guides, Brownies and Rainbows		<a href="http://www.girlguiding.org.uk">www.girlguiding.org.uk</a>
Aston Clinton Scouts	01296 708158	<a href="mailto:ac.scouts@Yahoo.com">ac.scouts@Yahoo.com</a>
Aston Clinton Cubs	01296 708158	<a href="mailto:ac.cubs@Yahoo.co.uk">ac.cubs@Yahoo.co.uk</a>
Aston Clinton Beavers	01296 708158	<a href="mailto:ac.beavers@yahoo.co.uk">ac.beavers@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Aston Clinton Youth Club	01296 298682	

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All Saints, Buckland	01296 632488	<a href="http://www.allsaintsbuckland.org.uk">www.allsaintsbuckland.org.uk</a>
St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp	01296 632488	<a href="http://www.s-marys.org.uk">www.s-marys.org.uk</a>
Aston Clinton Baptist Church	01296 631824	<a href="http://www.astonclintonbaptist.org">www.astonclintonbaptist.org</a>

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Buckland Village Hall	01296 630310	
Green Park / Adventure Learning Charity	03303 030101	<a href="http://alfvillages.org.uk">alfvillages.org.uk</a>

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Aston Clinton Parish Council	01296 631269	<a href="http://www.astonclinton.org.uk">www.astonclinton.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:parishcouncil@astonclinton.org.uk">parishcouncil@astonclinton.org.uk</a>
Buckland Parish Council	01296 626073	<a href="mailto:bucklandpc@googlegmail.com">bucklandpc@googlegmail.com</a>
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Aston Clinton Ladies Group	01296 630740	
Aston Clinton U3A	01296 436403	<a href="http://acu3a.weebly.com">http://acu3a.weebly.com</a>
Horticultural Society	01296 633376	<a href="http://www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk">www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk</a>
Royal British Legion	01296 632039	
SSAFA Forces Help	01296 631030	
Tuesday Lunch Club	07921 172642	
Turpins Charity	01494 758843	<a href="mailto:www.turpinscharity@outlook.com">www.turpinscharity@outlook.com</a>
Wendover Heights Veterinary Centre	01296 623439	<a href="http://www.whvc.co.uk">www.whvc.co.uk</a>
Women's Institute	01296 706908	<a href="mailto:b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com">b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com</a>