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

Village Life

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

Many local organisations and individuals have put a huge amount of effort into preparing a whole range of events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Let's hope everyone has a memorable time. You can read about several of the events in the following pages.

Joining us will be some of our new friends from Ukraine, who are being hosted by local families. The contrast to their recent history will be strange but they can be assured of the affection felt for them by the residents of this part of Buckinghamshire.

Here at Village Life, we have had a significant change as our advertising manager for the last ten years, David Lonsdale, has decided to retire. In addition to his advertising role, David is an accomplished photographer and has provided several of our front covers over the years. He is a keen supporter of local societies, organising May's concert by the Oxford Fiddle Group at St Mary's being just one example. We will be featuring David in a little more detail in our next issue when he will be the subject of our Village People feature.

Fortunately, though, we are not downhearted as we have been joined by Nigel Brown, who has taken over the advertising role. If you want any information about advertising with Village Life his details are at the top of this page. Some of you will remember an article about Nigel a couple of years ago recalling when he was the driver of the train that took the Queen on the official opening of Eurostar.

Finally, with increasing prices for all our basic needs, the article on avoiding food waste on page 16 comes at just the right time. I am sure we can all learn something from it which will help save money and avoid unnecessary waste. Leading on from that, Alison Beck gives a good practical example in her article on page 17. Enjoy the Jubilee and the rest of the Summer.

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Richard Vincent

VILLAGE LIFE JUNE/JULY 2022



Do as I do And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me' Luke 22.19

At the Baptist church we hold a monthly service of communion. We take the broken bread and eat as individuals who have accepted Jesus as Lord. The bread a symbol of Jesus' body broken for each one of us. We drink together, a sign of our unity in Christ (for reasons of health we drink from individual cups as the drink is not wine) the drink represents Jesus' blood shed for us.

Such is our way; many others exist forming a great variety of practices and patterns of following Jesus' command to 'do this in memory of me'.

I wonder though, if there is not another way of understanding these words, one that calls us to imitate the generosity of God. An understanding that Jesus isn't laying down a religious ritual to be observed when he commands, 'do this in memory of him' rather it is a request that we let the generosity of Jesus be the hallmark of our Christian life.

So the words of commemoration used just before our quote 'this is my body given for you' are understood as 'I've given myself for you now you do this for others; you give yourselves in the service of others because it is the pattern of life you have been shown by me.'

Understood in this way Christians are motivated to do as Jesus did and as he explained 'I am amongst you as one who serves' and he does so extravagantly and commands us to do likewise, to 'do as I do' - as the Spirit enables.

Another Gospel, John's, contains these words of Jesus, spoken after he had taken the servant's role of washing the disciples' feet before the last supper, 'I have set you an example that you should do what I have done for you... now you know these things you will be blessed if you do them'.

What would the world look like and what blessings would flow if we who would be Christian remembered to do as Jesus did?

Grace and Peace in these troubled times.

Revd Nick Harris Minister, Aston Clinton Baptist Chapel

Aston Clinton welcomes new Ukrainian friends



More than 1 million people have had to flee their homes during the current war and now the first families from Ukraine have recently moved in with families in Aston Clinton. They are very welcome, and we hope they enjoy a safe and happy stay with their hosts, however long they are here.

If you, or someone you know, speaks, writes or understands Ukrainian please contact Cllr Mike Collins on 07947 359081 as your help would be really appreciated by the new support group being set up.

St Michael and All Angels

Regular Services:

9.15am Family Eucharist every Sunday

6pm Evensong every Sunday.



EVENTS

Mon	2 – 4.30pm	Rhubarb Cafe (Closed Bank Holidays)	St Michael's Church
Wed	2pm – 4pm	Communi-tea Friends Group (FREE SESSION)	St Michael's Church
2nd Sat*	9 – 12pm	Repair Café (*2nd Saturday of the month)	St Michael's Church

For more information on these and other services and events, please look at Facebook or our websites:

Facebook: Aston Clinton Benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. Benefice Website (which covers all 3 churches) www.ac-buck-db-churches.org or www.achurchnearyou.com and search for St Michael's, All Saints' or St Mary's

Aylesbury Foodbank

St Michael's and All Saints' are collection points for Aylesbury Foodbank. If you can support these families in need by purchasing additional items in your shopping each week, it would be greatly appreciated. Please check Pews News, the Benefice Facebook page, or Aylesbury Foodbank to see what items are needed and you can drop them at either St Michael's or All Saints'. During the year to March this year a magnificent 1862 kg was donated from the benefice, but more is always needed!

St Michael's 100 Club

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

It is a monthly draw where you could win 50% of that month's takings – St Michael's church gets the rest. If you would like to take part in this fundraiser, please contact *Natalie* at the Benefice Office on either *01296 632488* or Benefice3@qmail.com

Bucks Art Weeks

As last year, St Michael's will be taking part in this popular Art exhibition. There will be eight local artists in residence within St Michael's church from Tuesday 21 to Sunday 26 June.

Please look at our Facebook page, website or posters for more information on times.

Jubilee Celebrations



3rd June:

All Saints' and Buckland Community, 4 - 7pm

5th June:

4pm St Mary's Jubilee Thanksgiving Service. 5pm St Michael's Jubilee Thanksgiving Service. Cake & prosecco to follow.

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Aston Clinton School

Head Teacher.: Mrs Carol Macdonald

Pets As Therapy

Pets As Therapy (PAT) is a national charity that enhances the health and wellbeing of thousands of people in communities across the UK. Their volunteers and friendly pets visit care homes, hospitals, hospices, schools and prisons, and bring smiles to many faces. People of all ages get the chance to chat to someone - and stroke and cuddle a dog or cat.



In addition, they support schools to help young people improve their literacy skills, encourage confidence and concentration in the classroom and help improve mental health and wellbeing.

We were lucky enough to have a PAT dog called Bridget who also taught how to show love and be non-judgemental. Paul (our site manager) saw the true Bridget and recognised the potential in her that others had missed. Her start in life was not as you would want for a dog that gave so much.

'I was in that kennel for one year and one day. No one wanted me as I was too big for them. I'm sure they thought I would eat them! Because of my size and loud bark I've been told that I'm scary, they don't know me, I'm big, loud and proud."

Paul saw beyond the size. He saw, that despite her size, looks and bark, here was a dog that listened, entertained, wagged her tail and made people smile. He could see that she could raise spirits when no-one else could. He put his faith and trust in her and together they trained to offer therapy and a smile to those in need.

As a school, we seized the opportunity to accept Bridget as our therapy dog. Initially, she came in so that the children could read to her. Her manner soon made them laugh as she would roll on her back, cross her paws and intently listen to them. Children who were initially scared of her soon learnt to relax and as a result they learnt that things are not always as you perceive them. She quickly became the most popular member of the school and staff would call for her when a child was distressed. She became the star of the show in whole school photos, she even sang with the school choir in Aylesbury and gave barks of encouragement when the children were about to sit exams. Bridget was there to welcome back the children after lockdown and ensure that nerves were calmed. She was our constant friend and companion.

Bridget became so good at bringing smiles, that after seven years the charity asked Bridget to represent them at Crufts, the dog that nonone had wanted, the dog with the big heart.

Bridget sadly died at Easter. She had been an integral part of the school and will be sadly missed. But between Paul and Bridget they leave a legacy. Big dogs are often judged due to their size. Bridget taught us all not to judge but to see the beauty and goodness beyond. We thank Paul for bringing Bridget into our lives and allowing her to enrich us all. She was true therapy.

Mrs Carol Macdonald, Headteacher

Whizzfizzfest returns for 2022 with exciting literary guests

Aylesbury's annual children's arts festival is back for 2022 and will be taking place on Saturday 2 July in central Aylesbury.

There'll be interactive arts, singing, dancing, a parade, performances and magical mayhem plus lots, lots more which will entertain people of all ages.

We are proud to announce that to celebrate children's literature, we will be joined by two acclaimed children's authors.

International best-seller Lauren Child MBE, author and illustrator of the Clarice Bean series. Lauren is also known for her other much-loved characters Charlie and Lola, Ruby Redfort and Hubert Horatio. Hear all about her simply delightful new summer novel, Clarice Bean: Scram! a story of seemingly endless holidays, sibling rivalry, domestic comedy, and the incredible excitement of a first pet.

Chris Smith is one half of a best-selling author duo with Greg James. Their award-

winning Kid Normal series is a best-seller around the world. Chris will be introducing his fantastically funny new book Frankie Best Hates Quests.

Come and meet Lauren and Chris, and get your very own signed copy of one of their books, plus you can take the opportunity to ask for tips on how to write your very own best seller!

New for 2022 is an interactive show called Book Club for Super-Spies which will launch at the festival and then tour various libraries across Buckinghamshire during the school summer holidays. The show is aimed at 5-10 year olds and their families and is full of music, mystery and mayhem. Check out the Super Spies trailer at: www.angelexit.co.uk/shows/book-club-for-super-spies

There will be bundles of free fun things to do on the day but some activities have limited availability and will require a ticket.

Paul Irwin, Buckinghamshire Council's Deputy Cabinet Member for Sports and Events, added:

"We are returning with a bang and promise a sizzling celebration of children's art and literature. We have lined up an abundance of different entertainment with artists, musicians, street performers and new activities and experiences to be part of. I hope you will all be able to join us on Saturday 2 July for an unforgettable day."

A full line-up of what's on and ticket information can be found on the WhizzFizz Festival's website at: www.whizzfizzfest.org.uk



Aston Clinton Parish Council



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It's been a very busy couple of months since our last article, and aside from the everyday tasks of running a busy parish council, we are focussed on our event in the park on Saturday 4 June, in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This free, fun-filled, family event runs from 12 to 5pm, with a whole host of attractions including side stalls, zorbs, bouncy slide, Punch & Judy and magic shows, stilt walker, the fabulous sounds of Ellesborough Silver Band, a raffle with donations from a variety of local businesses (all proceeds to our charity partner, Kirby's Herd), BBQ by Your Café in the Park, and a Hurricane fighter flypast! In addition, there will be a kiddies and adults' tug-of-war competition, a Jubilee cake competition, poster competition for youngsters, a fun dog-show and a children's fancy dress competition.

We are currently registering 7-person tug-of-war teams (adults & children), so please sign up asap! Also, entries are welcomed for the cake competition (Jubilee themed), as well as the children's poster and fancy-dress competitions. The dog show will have several fun categories with each entrant (canine) receiving a treat! For more information, and to register, please email: assistantclerk@astonclinton.org A full programme of timings will be published on our website and Facebook pages.

Aside from our exciting QPJ event, we are delighted to welcome our new Assistant Clerk, Mr Haydn Stephens, to ACPC. He is already a valued (and busy) addition to the Parish Council staffing team. Councillors have also been busy, recently undertaking a full survey of the streetlights throughout the parish, enabling us to keep a close eye on the function and maintenance of the lighting.

We have planted a tree in the park as an addition to the Queen's Green Canopy, for the Platinum Jubilee, and you will probably have noticed an addition to the outside of the new Red Kite Pavilion - local sculpture artist Paul David Barrett kindly created a red kite to complement the new building, do check it out! We are also excited to announce a comprehensive overhaul of our Playpark, which is a much-needed update and renewal of our popular playground equipment. This work is scheduled for the end of June/beginning of July and more updates on this and other important information can be found on our FB page and website.

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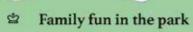






CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE Aston Clinton Park

Saturday 4th June, 2022 12.00 -5.00pm



☆ Zorbs & bouncy slide

😩 Ellesborough Silver Band

☆ Hurricane Flypast

Murricane Flypast

☆ Side stalls

Punch & Judy

☆ Magic show

☆ Stilt walker

BBQ plus food & drink by Your Cafe in the Park*



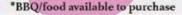
☆ Childrens' Fancy Dress competition

Kiddie's
Poster competition

Fun Dog Show

Charity Raffle

Register your Jubilee Cakes, Tug-of-War teams, posters and Dog Show entrants at: assistantclerk@astonclinton.org



Charity Partner: Kirby's Herd



Impressive season at Aston Clinton FC

Joint managers, Billy Harrison and Taylor Collins, can be rightfully proud of an excellent season in the Spartan South Midlands league. A superb run of 17 consecutive league wins only came to an end on the very last day of the season leaving Aston as runners up on goal difference. They also reached the semi-final of the Berks and Bucks Cup. Top scorer, Ryan McDonald, scored an impressive 33 goals at an average of over one per game.



The managers, with coach Trevor Hercules, put together a young side, with only one player over 30, which can look forward to an even better season in 2022/3.

ACFC also runs Aston Clinton Sports, which plays in the Hellenic league. The team is managed by Billy Harrison's father, Lee, and they also came second in their division. They have another goal-a-game scorer in Rob Jolly so it looks like there is plenty of potential and you will be seeing lots of goals if you go to the park next season.

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Buckland and Aston Clinton cricket club

2022 sees the return of the 1st XI to Division 2 of the Four Counties Cricket League and the 2nd XI keen to finally escape from Division 5. With the return of the Village T20 competition and entry into three other knockout competitions, it will be a busy summer for the seniors.

The Colts section is growing from strength to strength. In 2021 we had to start a waiting list for the first time as we did not have enough coaches and assistants to safely meet the demand for places. Thankfully a good number of parents put themselves forward to help and we will be welcoming around 65 juniors to the club this summer. With three teams entered in midweek leagues there will be lots of activity in between the weekly training sessions.

Off the field we continue to make progress with our improvements. The new scorebox with a digital scoreboard has been finished (with much of the work completed by committee member and local carpenter Jack Power) and we have a number of other projects in various stages of planning. We have a beautifully situated ground, and we will continue to work towards making Church Lane an even better place to play and watch cricket.



Let's love where we live

Aston Clinton is a great place to live, and it has a community with a big heart. Over the past few weeks, a small group of residents has been working to create a group with the aim of making improvements to the village and preserving its character and charm. This has been named the "Aston Clinton Society" and will work alongside the Parish Council and other village organisations



What will the "Aston Clinton Society" do?

- Organise "Tidy up the village" campaigns
 Bring your litter pickers and gardening tools!
- Provide more facilities and events for young people. We will be sending out surveys to find out what young people want.
- Work with organisations to repair and maintain public areas of the village including roads, verges, pavements etc
- Work and projects to restore the character and historical areas of the village
- Organise fundraising events to fund community projects

To have your say or to register an interest in joining, contact Sally Holder: sallylholder@ htinternet.com

St Michael's craft fayre

On Saturday 23 April, St Michael's held its annual Craft Fayre with over 20 local stallholders. Although the sun didn't shine and the weather turned chilly, it was a well-attended community event and it was lovely to see the church full of people.



Our amazing raffle of a Dayla Drinks Hamper raised over £200 with Kasey Cox (a stall holder) being the lucky winner. As always, our volunteers did a sterling job selling refreshments, homemade cakes, jams, and plants to all that attended.

The great news is that the Craft Fayre raised over £1100 which goes directly back to St Michael's so thank you to everyone who attended, supported, worked and volunteered – it is very much appreciated.

A C Colts annual football tournament

On **2 and 3 July** there will be two full days of football for age groups U6s up to and including the U16s. There will be a BBQ, stalls, inflatables and event photography.

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

Aston Clinton u3a

There are around 30 u3a interest groups which meet regularly in our area. New members are always welcome to apply to join any of them. This is best done by accessing the Aston Clinton u3a website, finding the appropriate group on the "Groups" page then clicking the 'pigeon' on the right-hand side of the screen to send a message to the group leader. The Groups page also includes a summary of all the groups including meeting day, time and venue and the group leader.

Here is just a small selection of the groups you could join.

Table Tennis: Every Thursday afternoon at the Churchill Hall (Youth club) in Aston Clinton, a group of enthusiastic retirees gets together to play table tennis. We are at various levels of competence but still somewhat competitive and enjoy friendly games in a very relaxed and fun atmosphere.

We have two tables and, because of numbers, usually play doubles which enables everyone to change partners to incorporate every level of play.



Film Studies: This group meets on the fourth Tuesday evening of every month in the Anthony Hall. We watch a selection of mostly older and sometimes classic films which are chosen by group members. Some of the

interesting films shown over the years include: Kind Hearts & Coronets; Mama Mia; The Godfather; Saving Private Ryan; The Reader; Passage to India; Taxi Driver and The Lady in the Van. Future films include Billy Elliot, Angela's Ashes and The Lunchbox.

Music For All: This group meets on the first Tuesday at the Anthony Hall. Each month a different member of the group puts together a choice of their favourite music, some of which also include video footage. This gives us a wonderful selection of all types of music including rock, choral, 60s, classical, jazz and much more. It is very interesting to hear and enjoy other people's choices, many of which we've never heard before. Another relaxing way to spend an enjoyable evening.

A Big Bed Linen 'Thank You!'

This note of thanks is to the many wonderful people who donated bed linen after my appeal in the last Village Life.

Our local Women's Aid refuge and I sincerely thank all of you who generously donated to this cause. We have been truly overwhelmed!

Thank you for your initial contact. Thank you for taking the time to find bed linen which you no longer require.

Thank you so very much for making the effort to ensure all was clean and ironed for the next person's use.

This simple act of kindness has honestly helped so many women, children and the dedicated team at The Women's Aid.

So, thank you!

Emma, Hygiene Bank volunteer

The last train has left **Aston Clinton**

Aston Clinton may not have a railway station, but until very recently it did have a model railway shop. Number 2 London Road had been the home of Transport Treasures since the early/mid-1990s, and before that of Railway Lines. The shop attracted many local model railway enthusiasts as well as those from further afield.



Sadly, health issues meant that owner Bill Lawrence reluctantly decided to retire, and Transport Treasures closed its doors for the last time on Saturday 19th March.

Bill, a model railway enthusiast since childhood, started his business from home when he retired after a career with Thames Valley police and in residential social work. When Brian Jones decided to sell Railway Lines, Bill jumped at the opportunity and Transport Treasures was born. Bill was helped by volunteers and by his dog Morris, strangely named after a car rather than a train!

Bill had other links to trains, a real one this time. While serving as a police officer, Bill was involved in the aftermath of the Great Train Robbery in 1963.

Bill tells the story: "I was on duty the night the robbery took place. The robbers stopped the train north of Cheddington Station. A colleague and I were sent to investigate together with the traffic crew.

I had a new sergeant at that time, and he decided to call us back to Aylesbury, which was a bit disappointing. However, we followed orders and returned via the villages, checking for abandoned vehicles. A few days later I was sent to keep watch overnight outside Leatherslade Farm. We were not allowed into the farm building itself so overall it was not a pleasant experience!"

Bill Lawrence would like to thank all his customers over the years and everyone that has helped in any way.



Turpin's Charity supports those in need, who live in the parishes of Aston Clinton and Cholesbury-

cum-St Leonards. The charity began in 1736 when Widow Turpin died, and in her will she bequeathed her estate for the benefit of those in need of support.

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

We recognise that currently, the rise in cost of living, is making it difficult for many, please do get in touch with us should you require support, all applications are dealt with confidentially and sensitively.

website: turpinscharity.org.uk, email: info@turpinscharity.org.uk, tel: 01296 630162

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Art at St Michael & All Angels returning June as part of Bucks Art Weeks

Come and enjoy our beautiful, tranquil church whilst browsing the very diverse work of Aston Clinton artists

Sue Bailey, Nigel Brigden, Paula Daddow, Terry Gardiner, Sonia Lyon, Di Oldfield and Pat Rozental work in a variety of mediums including glass, mixed media, pastels, printmaking, photography and painting in oils, acrylics and watercolour. Subjects range from portraiture, both human and animals, through landscape to still life - abstract to photo realism.

We are thrilled that this year we will be joined by Rev. Jane Nash with her amazing grass and mixed media paintings.



Opening times:

Tuesday 21st - Sunday 26th June, 10am - 5pm (late night, Thursday 23rd, 7pm - 9pm), Sunday 26th 11am - 4pm

Delicious homemade cakes with tea and coffee will be available - all proceeds to St. Michael's

We look forward to seeing you.

Aston Clinton Girl Guides tree planting at Bierton Crematorium

On Sunday 13 March, the Leader of Buckinghamshire Council, Councillor Martin Tett, was joined by Aston Clinton Girl Guides to help plant 25 trees at Bierton Crematorium, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy scheme and Bucks Tree Mission.



The Girl Guides worked hard planting the trees on site along with Councillor Tett. They also helped plant the Queen's Green Canopy oak tree on the same day. The Queens Green Canopy is a unique, national tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Bierton Crematorium is one of two crematoria owned by Buckinghamshire Council and was opened in April 2019. Peter Strachan, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment said: "We are very grateful to the children from the local community who all worked very hard to contribute to what will one day make

a beautiful landscape and mean so much to so many in the future."

Bucks Tree Mission is a 10-year scheme with the mission to create a greener, cleaner future for everyone in Buckinghamshire. The Council has committed to plant approximately 543,000 trees on council-owned land over the next 10 years.

Sue Wall the Leader of Aston Clinton Girl Guides said "The tree planting event was one of the first community engagement projects of the year at the Crematorium. Now Covid restrictions have lifted, other events are planned throughout the year."

Flower festival and Summer Fete

St Michael and All Angel's Parish Church will be holding a Flower Festival on 9 and 10 July from 11am to 5pm to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Village organisations are taking part by preparing an arrangement of fresh flowers to celebrate the occasion.

If you would like to sponsor a pew end as a celebration or a commemoration, please contact *Marion Richards* on 01296 630577 or *Tilla Adam* on 01296 623239

We are delighted to announce that on Saturday 9 July our church summer fete will be running alongside the Jubilee Flower Festival at St Michael's. We will have stalls, a prize draw, teas, a dog show, children's activities and much more.

If you would like more information about having a stall, helping or baking for our refreshment stall, please email Louise on *smaa_fete@yahoo.com* for more information. We are especially keen to hear from people who would like to organise and run our plant/produce stall. We look forward to welcoming you on 9 July.

Discover Bucks Museum

If you haven't visited this brilliant museum in Aylesbury for a while, you'll discover amazing changes have happened with the creation of new galleries that tell the story of Bucks people and landscapes from 200 million years ago to today. See bones of a ferocious sea monster dug up in Aylesbury, a 3000-year-old Bronze Age sword and the Lenborough hoard of Anglo-Saxon coins.

Discover Picasso

Don't miss the magnificent 'Picasso and the Masters of Print' exhibition which features seven original prints by Picasso as well as prints by Rembrandt, Matisse and Warhol. This year's Muir Trust Artist in Residence is Claire Willberg, a print maker and animator. See the work she has created during her residency. Both exhibitions run until 2 July.

Discover Science

This summer the Museum is celebrating science with a brilliant family exhibition called 'Feel the Force'. Get hands-on with interactive exhibits and discover the science of forces. A science festival will also take place in the Museum Garden with more activities to inspire and amaze. Feel the Force will run from 23 July to 3 September. Check website for Science Festival dates.



Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 2QP Tel: 01296 331 441 www.discoverbucksmuseum.org





Food waste woes

The food that we eat tends to be spoken about much more than the food we waste. An average household wastes around £700 per year on food that doesn't reach a plate. The time has come for us all to make a change!

Many people embrace filling their kitchen food caddies, whilst others pride themselves on producing quality compost, but is this really the answer to preventing food waste? There is a lot to be said about managing the food we buy better, with storage, meal planning and even freezer organisation.

There are 12 key areas to think about to help reduce your food waste; as well as not spending money on something that won't get eaten.

- 1. Date Labels Best before dates are purely a guide for quality but use-by dates are connected to safety. You can freeze or cook with these items to make them last longer.
- 2. Portion Sizes Cook less to reduce food getting wasted, ask for doggie bags in restaurants or freeze extra portions.
- 3. Freezing most food can be frozen, noting some, like vegetables, needs chopping or cooking first; freeze bread before it goes stale and use within 24 hours of defrosting. Label and date what you freeze. You can even freeze cake!
- 4. Batch cooking Use up items in a single dish and divide into portions to be used over a few days or cook and freeze and enjoy later. Meal planning for the week is also a great way to shop only for what you will use.

- 5. *Shopping habits* Write a shopping list before heading to the shops, buying what will complement what you have already. Don't be tempted by offers that you aren't sure you'll use, especially short-dated items.
- 6. Food Storage Some items like bananas, onions and potatoes are best stored out of the fridge for longer shelf life. Rotate the shorter dated items to the front of fridges to be used first.
- 7. Lists Keep a list of what you have in the cupboards and glance at it before you go shopping so you don't buy unnecessarily. Freezer lists can also stop you from duplicate buying.
- 8. Foraging Don't forget to look at what is growing around you, from apples, blackberries or other edibles in season. There may be certain times of the year there are gluts and you can try your hand at pickling or fermenting, and keep an eye open for gleaning events nearby.
- 9. Grow your own You don't need a garden to grow - patio tubs or windowsills can be utilised to grow your own vegetables, berries, herbs or fruit. Dry out seeds from tomatoes or peppers and then plant them somewhere warm.
- 10. Food Scraps Use fruit/ veg scraps in smoothies, save leftovers and make a soup or bake vegetable skins as crisps whilst cooking other dishes in the oven.
- 11. Composting Try a composting area in your garden, a great place for eggshells, peelings and other odds and ends and reuse the soil for your plants or gardens.
- 12. Share There are local neighbourhood sharing groups on Facebook or use the OLIO app to share items you won't use or donate to friends or foodbanks.

Keep on top of what you have so you know what can be used or redistributed in good time. Why not explore apps like www. recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/kitche or check the many cooking sites that show you great ways to use commonly wasted items, like banana meatballs or frittatas. Accept the personal challenge and reduce food waste in your home, as well as benefitting your budget.

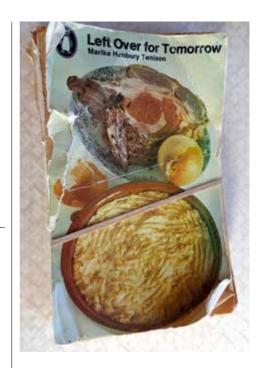
For the latest information on Food projects in Bucks visit www.bucksfoodpartnership.org

Recipe corner - a tale of topside

Have you noticed that after bank holidays like Christmas and Easter, our local supermarkets offer huge reductions on joints of meat? Like many people, we don't eat as much meat as we used to, and the days of cooking a joint every Sunday are long gone for us.

Just after Christmas we bought a beautiful joint of topside weighing 2.2kg, reduced from £9.99 to £4.49. We cooked it carefully and had roast beef and all the trimmings: two very generous servings. And there it sat, slightly underdone, waiting for me to remember all those leftover recipes I cooked years ago. I have a very dilapidated paperback called "Leftover for Tomorrow" which back in the 1970s was my standby. On Sundays I used to cook a rotation of beef, pork, chicken and lamb, and the book had excellent recipes to use up the leftovers from all of them. It was by Marika Hanbury-Tenison, wife of the explorer Robin. At that time, she was Cookery Editor of the Sunday Telegraph, and sadly died of cancer aged 44 in 1982. I'd like to think she'd be pleased to know that her recipes are still in use, the book held together by a rubber band.

So, first I cooked Beef in Miroton sauce, an old favourite where the beef is sliced thinly and



reheated in a simple sauce: two servings. There was still enough to slice more, so next came two servings of Beef in Bagatelle sauce, another easy but rather more piquant sauce. There was still a lot left, so next I went for Macaroni and Beef pie, a pasta dish. I made two servings for dinner, then froze another two servings plus three individual servings, so now we're up to 13 servings. Lastly, I cubed the remainder and made two beef curries, each serving two, so the joint had provided 17 meals for under a fiver! Before anyone throws up their hands in horror, I know you are not supposed to refreeze meat that has been frozen before, but I have been doing it for over 50 years and am still here to tell the tale.

On the same day we bought a half leg of lamb weighing 0.98kg, reduced unbelievably from £13.28 to £3.75. I've just got that out of the freezer, so shall be turning to Marika's book again. But that's another story. Alison Beck

Chiltern Society June / July events

Glow in the Dark (Choice of dates)

If you have never seen glow worms before, come and witness this magical display of nature's very own fairy lights with expert John Tyler.

Saturday 18 June 2022, 9.45pm - 11pm Saturday 2 July 2022, 9.45pm - 11pm

Whiteleaf & Brush Hill, Peters Lane, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire HP27 0RP Price: Adult £8, Child £4

Energy from Waste Facility - Overview & Tour

Greatmoor Energy from Waste takes household non-recyclable waste from throughout Buckinghamshire, diverts it from landfill and uses it to generate enough electricity to power 18% of the homes in the county. This visit will begin with a presentation in Greatmoor's fully accessible Visitor Centre, which is designed to promote and inform visitors about the benefits of using waste to produce renewable energy, as well as educating about waste reduction, reuse and recycling. This will be followed by a tour where you'll see waste being delivered, giant grab cranes moving the waste and then the waste burning in the grate, before visiting the turbine hall and experiencing the draught under the condenser fans.

Monday 20 June 2022, 10am - 12.30pm Greatmoor Energy from Waste, Greatmoor Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP18 0QE Price: Adult £3

HS2 across the Chilterns - 4th Update (Online Presentation and Discussion)

Following on from the event in January, we are pleased to invite you to the fourth in a series of updates, showing the impact as HS2 continues across the Chilterns. Construction is now well under way and there will be a full update on

progress across the Chilterns. 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 as well as the Chilterns.

Saturday 9 July 2022, 10.30am - 12 noon Online Presentation and Discussion, FREE

How to book:

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

Health and Wellbeing Coaching at Westongrove Partnership



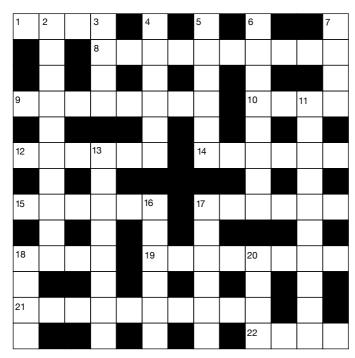
Aron is our Health and Wellbeing Coach, who recently joined our team at Westongrove Partnership.

Aron helps patients to make positive changes in different aspects of their lifestyle by having tailored conversations over up to 6 sessions. Health coaching is about looking at the person holistically, and supporting them in the journey of self-development to bring about real and lasting transformation.

If you'd like to learn more, please speak to your GP for referral.

Village Life crossword no.48

Crossword compiled by Helen Lonsdale (SOLUTION ON PAGE 28)



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- 8 Convulsion of earth's surface (10)
- 9 Sportsmen (8)
- 10 Ring (4)
- 12 Ten years (6)
- 14 Extent (6)
- 15 Shade (6)
- 17 Discolour (6)
- 18 Story of heroes (4)
- 19 Popular newspapers (8)
- 21 Wife or Husband (6&4)
- 22 Badgers home (4)

CLUES DOWN

- 2 Man of war (10)
- 3 Inform (4)
- 4 Wriggle (6)
- 5 Carpenters tool (6)
- 6 Tension (8)
- 7 Toppled (4)
- 11 Predecessor (10)
- 13 Give up (8)
- 16 Marshy (6)
- 17 American wild cat (6)
- 18 Recedes (4)
- 20 Louts (4)

Sudoku

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

(SOLUTION ON PAGE 23)

Village People

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

Ken Workman has an 'invisible' role in the village, he is the Park Keeper.



Q. How long have you been the Park Keeper?

A. I started last summer. before then I would occasionally provide cover for my predecessor.

Q. What does your job entail?

A. I report to Sam our clerk to the Parish Council and my job is to make sure our park remains clean, safe and tidy. My duties include cleaning up litter, emptying bins and undertaking various repairs and maintenance work. I work seven days a week, unlocking the barrier each morning at seven, and return to lock up at night.

Q. What did you do before you became the Park Keeper?

A. I worked for over thirty years in mechanical engineering. This all started for me at the age of fifteen with a six-year toolmaking apprenticeship. I later moved on to process and production engineering, mostly in the automotive sector. I then decided on a career change and have recently retired after eighteen years as an approved driving instructor.

Q. Can you share any stories (no names!) from your days as a driving instructor?

A. I always encouraged parents to sit in on one or two lessons. It can give them an

opportunity to monitor the progress. The parents of one pupil would turn down the offer time after time. Imagine my surprise when completely out of the blue, his dad climbed into the back of the car. He sat in total silence until we were about five minutes up the road, and then said, "this'll do". It's then I realised he had just saved himself a walk to the pub!

Q. Football was a passion of yours. Are you still involved in the game locally?

A. Since retiring from management ten years ago I have had little to do with local football. I don't know how I found the time!

This season I have marked out the pitch and helped with pre match setting-up for Aston Clinton F.C. I also look after the all-weather pitch.

Q. You are a member of the Concordia Lodge in Aylesbury. How would you best describe the work of the Freemasons?

A. I am proud to be part of one of the oldest social and charitable organisations in the world. Like many others I was very curious about freemasonry and was introduced on the recommendation of a close friend. It can mean different things for different individuals, however there are four important values that help define masons, Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Charity. Those values underpin the work we do, such as charitable giving, community work, fund raising and volunteering.

Q. How long have you lived in Aston Clinton?

A. Sixty-seven years, Aston Clinton born and bred.

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

A. Holidaying and socialising with friends and family. Spending quality time with my three grandchildren and winding them up! I love being outdoors. When at home it is

watching the only channel on tv, Sky Sports, home improvements, crossword puzzles and freemasonry.

Q. What's your favourite music?

A. Britpop and Ska.

Q. What's your favourite film?

A. Schindler's List

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

A. The first car I drove was my girlfriend's Mini which I customised by removing the driver's seat. Having broken my leg and wearing a full leg cast, this allowed me to drive from the back seat. I now drive a 'non-customised' Ford Puma.

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

A. I have seen so many changes over 67 years, we now have the addition of facilities such as the wonderful park, Redkite Pavilion, youth club, multi-use games area, all weather pitch, skate park, tennis courts, bowls green, community social events including the Astonbury Music Festival, the beer festival and pubs and restaurants that welcome families. One of the most significant changes, less traffic and congestion thanks to the by-pass!



Our village has grown out of all proportion in recent years, the development of further housing estates has put pressure on some local amenities but also provided housing for several generations of my family over the past 100 years or so. I still feel that there is strong sense of community spirit that lives on, and my family and I love living here.

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

Interview Andrew Andersz

All Saints' Buckland

Regular Services:

Holy Communion, every Sunday

Midweek Communion every Wednesday

Sung Eucharist every 3rd Sunday



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sun 12th June	11am	Messy Sunday	All Saints'
Sun 10th July	11am	Messy Sunday	All Saints'
EVENTS			
Sat*	10am	Produce Stall with refreshments & bacon rolls (*1st Saturday of the month)	All Saints'

For more information on these and other services and events, please look at Facebook or our websites: Facebook: Aston Clinton Benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. Benefice Website (which covers all 3 churches) www.ac-buck-db-churches.org or www.achurchnearyou.com and search for St Michael's, All Saints' or St Mary's

Buckland Parish Council

The Buckland Parish Council has land available in the Community Orchard in Buckland for you to plant a tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. Full details will be available on display at the Jubilee Celebration event or upon request from the Clerk.

The Buckland Neighbourhood Plan is currently being examined by an inspector, who will soon be submitting his report. The next stage will be a referendum to adopt the new Neighbourhood Plan.

Would you like to get involved in the life of our parish? Are you passionate about where you live and have skills which could be of benefit to your local community? We have two vacancies for Parish Councillors. We are a friendly welcoming team who are dedicated to improving our local environment and developing future plans for our parish.

Buckland Parish Platinum Iubilee Celebration Event



Come and raise a toast to her Majesty at Buckland Village Hall on 3 June, 4 - 7pm.

There will be cream teas, a cake stall, hot dogs, Pimm's and beer. It will be a great chance to catch up with your neighbours and meet your Parish Councillors.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact our Clerk, Mrs Fiona Richardson on 01296 630962 or email clerk@bucklandpc.org.uk Office Hours: Monday & Thursday: 9am -3pm



Come and enjoy an afternoon at Buckland Open Gardens

Sunday 26 June, 1-5pm

£5 entry to all six gardens:

- Canal Cottage, 11 Wharf Row
- 14 Blackmore Gate off Buckland Road
- Church Leys, next to the church
- Church Farm
- The Old Rectory
- 8 Model Row

Pay at the first one you visit, proceeds to All Saints' church, Buckland.

Cold drinks and home-made cakes in All Saints' churchyard, HP22 5HX from 2.30pm

Plant and produce/book stall in the grounds of the Old Rectory in aid of the Horticultural Society.

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Aston Clinton Ladies Group

There will be no meeting in June.

Wednesday 20 July 8pm Guide Hall

A talk on the homeless with Sarah.

New members are very welcome. For more information call *Sue Sanders 01296 630740* or *Janet Watson 01296 631014*

All Saints' 750th Anniversary

Remarkably, next year our beautiful village church will be celebrating its 750th anniversary. When it was built in 1273, Edward I was in the first year of his reign, and in total it has seen 24 monarchs.

In anticipation of this momentous anniversary, N. R. Green Builders will be redecorating the inside of the church between 20 June and 8 July. This is a major project that will take three weeks. Two recent generous legacies are being put towards this, and we can also reclaim both VAT and gift aid. The combined effect of these is a reduction in cost of more than half, to only £3,480.

An appeal was launched in April to cover this cost and remarkably the total was reached within a week. Those donating came from a broad cross-section of the community and were definitely not limited to churchgoers. Any further donations have, if agreed, been put towards the treatment of the timber and metalwork of the porch, which is being carried out at the same time.

We are most grateful for your support to enable this wonderful community building, which is used by so many of us for a wide variety of reasons, to be in tip-top shape for the weekend of 17 -18 June 2023, All Saints' anniversary weekend. *All Saints' Parochial Church Council*.

Clash of the village cricket titans to support charities

Dig out those whites, dust off that battered cap and get ready for the cricket contest of the year.

The gloves will be off – or preferably on, if you want to protect your knuckles - when mixed teams of cricketers from Buckland and Wilstone meet to compete for the Landstone trophy, in support of two international charities.

The midsummer clash between the Buckland Baggies and the Wilstone Wasters will take place at the attractive Long Marston cricket ground from 6pm on Friday, 12 August and there'll be a bar and barbecue with a £5 entry fee for all spectators over 16.

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

Apart from providing the ground for the game and opening up the clubhouse bar, Long Marston Cricket Club has kindly agreed to loan kit for the occasion.

As well as volunteers to play, both teams will need umpires, scorers and help to sell raffle tickets.

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

With charitable support, six of the boys have gained entry to university. A toilet and shower block have been built and a new kitchen. to replace cooking on an open fire with no chimney, has been agreed as the next project.



Nigel Hayward (left) and Lee Moran (right) with boys from the orphanage in India.

"There are three reasons for this event. To raise money for two very worthy charities, to increase awareness about Long Marston Cricket Club for both players and spectators - and to have fun!" said Nigel Hayward.

As well as contributions from the barbecue, there'll also be a raffle to help raise money for the two good causes.

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

Pilot programme to improve support for people with neurological conditions

A pilot programme has been launched by the Chilterns MS Centre to open its services to people with neurological conditions other than multiple sclerosis. Initially focussed on people with

Parkinson's Disease, the programme will make further use of the expertise the Wendover-based charity has built up over the last 36 years.

Being diagnosed with a neurological condition can be a daunting experience but the Chilterns MS Centre provides a wide range of treatments and services that help support people on their journey, services that go beyond what the NHS is able to offer. This support is also available to carers.

Physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and counselling, not to mention the provision of a supportive community, all help empower people with MS to thrive. 500 people benefit from the services offered by the charity every year.

Those diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease can often face the same or similar challenges, so the Centre is keen to use its knowledge and expertise to enhance their quality of life, too.

- "So many people with multiple sclerosis have benefitted from the lifeenhancing services we offer," said Catherine Golds, Chair of Trustees
- "This is a really exciting time for our charity as we expand our capacity to support many more people who desperately need it."

Should the pilot be successful then the Centre will look at expanding this further to include people with other conditions such as those who have had a stroke.

If anyone with Parkinson's Disease or MS feels they would benefit from the services offered, then they should get in touch with the Chilterns MS Centre by phoning *01296* 696133. Website: www.chilternsmscentre.org

Florence Nightingale Midnight Walk

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's annual Midnight Walk returns to Aylesbury on Saturday 16 July for the final time after a two-year hiatus.

Since it began in 2010, the Midnight Walk has seen hundreds of men and women come together and take to the streets of Aylesbury, walking over 50,000 miles and raising over £650,000 for the charity over the years. But this will be the last opportunity to take part.

The charity is hoping its local community will support the Farewell Midnight Walk, with walkers joining them to remember loved ones and support their local hospice as they walk the final miles for one last time.

Walkers can choose from 5 mile or 10 mile circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight on Saturday 16 July, with refreshments at pit stops along the way. Each walker will also receive a commemorative Farewell Midnight Walk 2022 T-shirt, as well as a Finisher's medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the walk.

For more information and to sign up, please visit www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk or call 01296 429975



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Horticultural Society

A constant subject of our reports in Village Life is the weather and April was no exception. After a long cold early part of the year Spring finally arrived and our trees and bushes burst into life, or did they? The weather has been so dry, my trees and bushes are suffering and even my pots of bulbs have been wilting. I have lost one tree from my front garden and two close to the house are struggling. They have been put under such stress that even though they are just coming into leaf, I am afraid they may not make it into full leaf. This makes it more important than ever, if you see any trees in the park either not coming into leaf or wilting, to let Ralph Weston or Graham Thirkettle know about it. We do need rain and a lot of it.



Despite the dry weather we had a very successful Spring Show, with thanks to Graham Thirkettle for organising. Not having had a show for two years certainly encouraged lots of people to come and enjoy what was one of the most spectacular Spring Shows for many years. Our thanks go to everyone who entered the show and the many hard workers in the background. The full report, including the trophy winners can be found on our website www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Our series of talks in the Anthony Hall restarted in April and the last before the summer break, will be held on Wednesday 8 June at 8pm. The talk, by Katharine Woods

is entitled "Alpine Gardening". Everyone is welcome but non-members are charged £2 entry. We resume our talks in September, after the summer break. Please see our website under "Events" for the full programme.

We will be supporting the village with its Jubilee celebrations on Saturday 4 June by running a plant stall in the park. We will be donating some of the proceeds to local charities and community groups including our local Food Banks. We will also be having a plant stall at both the Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp Open garden days on, respectively, Sunday 26 June and 3 July

Our summer visit is to the RHS garden at Hyde Hall in Essex. This will be an all day visit on Thursday 7 July. Hyde Hall is a fabulous garden and there have been lots of new developments since we visited it a few years ago. Cost per person is £13 for members and £15 for non-members. This includes garden entry, coach travel and a tip for the coach driver. There is the option to join a group guided tour - we need a minimum of 10 people to do this; the extra cost is £3 each. The staff are very knowledgeable, and this is a good way to find out more about the background of the garden.

We will be holding our **Summer Show on** 20 August at Aston Clinton school at 2pm. It will be a great community event with exhibits that include flowers, floral art, vegetables, children's classes, and handicrafts. There will be a plant sale, stalls, raffle and homemade teas. More information including the full schedule and entry form, will be made available on our website nearer the time

Finally, let's hope that June and July are better months weather wise for our allotments and gardens. Happy gardening. Ralph Weston

Better health & wellbeing for all, through nature



With the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations upon us, we are delighted to be a part of the Queens Green Canopy Initiative, which invites people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Everyone is encouraged to get involved to enhance our environment by planting trees, with the focus on planting sustainably.

In the Autumn we will be running workshops for anyone who would like to find out how to plan, plant and protect their trees with our team of experts. Please see our website for details, dates and costs.

In addition to our wellbeing services, our conservation programmes have national reach, supporting the reintroduction of endangered native species into biodiverse landscapes nationwide. Lindengate is home to the largest clone bank of black poplar trees in the UK and was recently honoured by a request to supply a black poplar and attend its ceremonial planting in Regent's Park in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Since opening, we have worked on significant projects with the Butterfly Conservation, Wildlife Trusts and RSPB, growing devil's bit scabious, the sole food source of the marsh fritillary butterfly, earning us extensive media coverage, but also recognition through our achievement of multiple National and Regional Awards for conservation initiatives.

Come and enjoy our gardens with friends and family – bring a picnic and sit amongst the wildlife – children can take part in a nature trail around the site, where we have plenty of new areas to explore. Please check our website before visiting.



Summer opening times:

(last entry 30 minutes before closing) Wednesdays 4.30pm – 7.30pm Saturdays 1.30pm – 4.30pm

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

Women's Institute

The WI has a full programme of events planned for 2022 and we meet on the first Wednesday of every month in the Anthony Hall at 7.45pm.

We welcome Yvonne Bell whose presentation, *Silk for Sundays*, takes place on **Wednesday 1 June** followed on **6 July** by Maria Greenhill, whose talk is about the *Power of Plants - Aromatherapy*.

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

We look forward to welcoming new members at any of our meetings – Come along and try us – You will be most welcome.

Or for more information please contact me by email b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com

Lin Mitchell, Secretary

St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp

Regular Services:

St Mary's is open every Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm for private prayer. There is a Church service on Sunday once a month.



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sun 5th June	4pm	Civic Service for Queen's Jubilee	St Mary's
Sun 10th July	4.30pm	Hymns and Pimms	St Mary's

For more information on these and other services and events, please look at Facebook or our websites: Facebook: Aston Clinton Benefice with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. Benefice Website (which covers all 3 churches) www.ac-buck-db-churches.org or www.achurchnearyou.com and search for St Mary's

Drayton Beauchamp Open Gardens

Drayton Beauchamp Open Gardens will be taking place on Sunday 3 July from 1-5pm. This was a very successful event in 2021 and we are looking forward to running it again this year.



Ten gardens will be open, with a plant sale which will be run by the Horticultural Society. Homemade teas will be served in one of the open gardens (available from 2pm). Entry fee of £5 per person covers all gardens and all profits will go to local charities.

The event will be sign-posted throughout the village. Parking and tickets will be available at the B489 end of the village and in the centre of the village.

Tickets will have the details of all the gardens that are opening. Contact: Chris Dunbar 07990 038434. Hope to see you there.

Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch in Drayton Beauchamp



Villagers in Drayton Beauchamp are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at St Mary's Church on 5 June.

Many thanks to those who have offered to provide food and drink for the occasion.

We look forward to seeing you there. Alistair Dunbar and Lucy Kibble

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John Radcliffe Hospital	01865 741166	www.ouh.nhs.uk/hospitals/jr/
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	01296 315000	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
Wycombe Hospital	01494 526161	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
NHS Direct	111	111.nhs.uk
Samaritans	116123	jo@samaritans.org

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Electricity Emergency	0800 7838 838
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
Water Emergency	0800 3169 800

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

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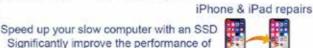
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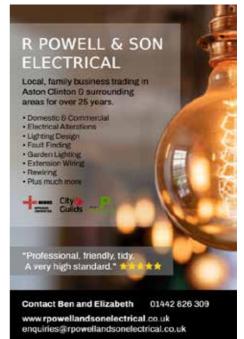
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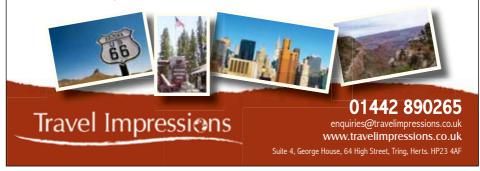


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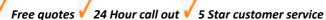


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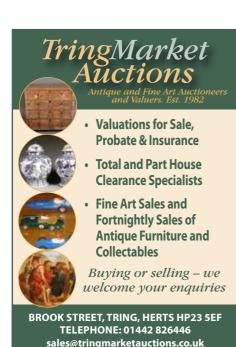
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