

A fencer in a wheelchair is shown in a dynamic pose, leaning forward with their foil raised. The fencer is wearing a silver protective jacket, a white mask with a red cross, and white breeches with a red stripe. The wheelchair's large rear wheel features a prominent Union Jack design. The background is blurred, showing a blue and red striped floor and spectators.

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The bi-monthly community news magazine for
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Summer is behind us now but for many this has been a memorable Summer of sport. In a slightly altered form, Wimbledon and Test cricket were back, there was a Lions tour and England nearly made it in the football Euros. Over in Japan they held the delayed Olympic and Paralympic Games. We are delighted to say we had a local representative at the Paralympics and you can read her story on pages 6-7.

Now the leaves are changing colour and the nights are drawing in, and there are changes in our sporting calendar. You can read later about the successes of our local cricketers and bowlers and there is news about the new season for our football clubs.

This is also the time of year for Halloween and, more seriously, Remembrance Sunday. There will be the usual Royal British Legion parade and church service on 14 November and on page 11 you can see an interesting reflection on the war in Afghanistan from the Parish Magazine in 2001.

Our youth organisations are thriving in difficult times and the scouts have made progress towards their new scout hut. Congratulations to our Guide group which is 100 years old. Anyone associated with the group in the past, as a Guide, a leader or a parent, will be interested in the feature on page 12.

Britain's favourite mammal is the hedgehog, and they will soon be going into hibernation. If you would like to know more about our prickly friends and how to look after them make sure you see page 18.

For some while we have tried to feature a recipe in each Village Life (there's a good one on page 27.) and as our next issue comes out at the start of December, we have been thinking about something Christmassy. As a different slant on this we have been wondering about a Vegan Christmas recipe so if any of you vegans out there have a tasty suggestion we would be pleased to hear from you.

Richard Vincent

Mortality swallowed up by life

2 Corinthians 5.4b



A man was taking it easy, lying on the grass and looking up at the clouds. He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God.

"God," he said, "how long is a million years?"

God answered, *"In my frame of reference, it's about a minute."*

The man thought for a moment and then asked, *"God, how much is a million pounds?"*

God answered, *"Well to ME, it's just a penny."*

With this, the man thought a moment longer.

Finally, he asked, *"God, can I have a penny?"*

God answered, *"In a minute."*

Paul writes of 'mortality being swallowed up by life' which seems odd because we'd normally say 'mortality is swallowed up by death' for to be mortal is to be subject to death. Two very different frames of reference that present us with a paradox.

Paul the great apostle is writing about facing his own death. He compares his life on earth as living in a tent, temporary and unsubstantial in nature, and looks forward to an 'eternal house in heaven' built by God. His confident trust in this future dwelling enables Paul to live well in the present day facing various trials and tribulations.

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I've enjoyed camping holidays but I'm always glad when I get home to a hot bath and comfy bed. It's good to be away, its best to come home.

That's the outlook on life the Christian enjoys. For now, we're in temporary, fading accommodation with all its limitations and frustrations where decay and death hold sway. But a day will come when the tent is packed away, the homeward journey is completed and we enter our permanent dwelling place, when we come home. A day when our mortality is completely swallowed by life.

Christianity presents many paradoxes concerning the past, the present, the future, about life and death and much besides but to have such a hope as Paul expresses is surely worth every penny we possess.

Revd Nick Harris

Minister, Aston Clinton Baptist Chapel.

St Michael and All Angels Christmas Fair

Saturday 4th December 2021

11am - 3pm, at the Anthony Hall



Hopefully we will be able to hold our Christmas Fair this year after having to cancel it in 2020 because of Covid. We would be grateful for contributions to the following stalls: cakes, books, gifts, plants, produce, tombola, toys and the raffle.

Please contact *Marion Richards* on **01296 630577** if you are able to help.

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

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

St Michael and All Angels

Regular Services:

9.15am Family Eucharist every Sunday

6pm Evensong every Sunday.



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sun 3 Oct	9.15am	Harvest Festival Service	St Michael's Church
Wed 3 Nov	7.30pm	All Souls Service	St Michael's Church
Sun 14 Nov	10.45am	Short Service at War Memorial	St Michael's Church
Sun 14 Nov	11.15am	RBL Service for Remembrance	St Michael's Church
Sun 28 Nov	6pm	Advent Carols	St Michael's Church

EVENTS

Sun 31 Oct	4.30pm	Pumpkin Festival	St Michael's Church
Thur 7 Nov	11am	Dementia Friends Training Session	St Michael's Church
Mon	2 – 4.30pm	Rhubarb Cafe (Closed Bank Holidays)	St Michael's Church
2nd Sat*	9 – 12pm	Repair Café (*2nd Saturday of the month)	St Michael's Church

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

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

Dementia Friends Training

This session is being held at St Michael's church on Thursday 7th October at 11am. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact [Natalie](#) at the Benefice Office on either [01296 632488](tel:01296632488) or Benefice3@gmail.com

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 the churches for one of our volunteers to take to the foodbank.

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](tel:01296632488) or Benefice3@gmail.com

Aston Clinton's Paralympian star

Gemma Collis-McCann has just returned from Tokyo, having competed in her third Paralympic Games.



Brought up in Aston Clinton, Gemma Collis, as she then was, went to Aston Clinton Junior school and then Aylesbury High School. The young Gemma was always keen on sports, especially the triple jump, and had aspirations to compete in the London Olympics in 2012. Unfortunately, though, at the age of 15 she developed a serious condition causing great pain in her leg and she had to rely on crutches or a wheelchair. Later, though, Gemma discovered she was qualified to represent Wales in wheelchair basketball and a new future beckoned.

While at Durham University Gemma was approached by a fencing coach, Laszlo Jakab, to take up the sport and the very next year she qualified to represent Britain at the London Paralympics, for which she was also a torch bearer. Four years later she again qualified, this time in Rio.

In 2017 she married Craig McCann, another Paralympian fencer. He later changed sports to paracycling and is now a motivational speaker.

One of Gemma's finest achievements came in 2018 when she won the gold medal at the World Cup in Montreal, the first British woman to do this. In all, she has four World Cup medals.

Preparations for this year's Paralympics were disrupted severely by Covid, meaning 18 months without competition and Gemma had to move back to her parents' home for some months to train. Fortunately, the sacrifice and effort paid off and, now ranked 10 in the world,



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our local star again qualified for the British fencing team in both the sabre and epee classes. After a total of nine qualifying bouts she was eventually knocked out of the epee in the round of 16 by a Ukrainian fencer. When not competing, Gemma is vice-chair of the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation's Wheelchair Fencing Athletes' Council. And, like Craig, is a motivational speaker. She is also a sports journalist with the BBC.

With only three more years to wait for Paris 2024, let's wish Gemma every success in the next stage of her career. As she said in a recent interview "This sport is stuck with me for a while yet".

However, this will need a lot of support and sponsorship is vital to ensure Gemma can push towards the podium in Paris, and beyond. Gemma has been self-funding since 2013 and any contributions would be greatly appreciated.



If you would like to help with a one-off donation or a longer-term commitment, she can be contacted on social media, @GemmaCollis on Twitter or @gemma.collismccann on Instagram or via email on gemma.l.collis@gmail.com

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Aston Clinton FC

Our local football club, Aston Clinton FC, was formed 130 years ago and is one of the oldest in Buckinghamshire.

A new management team of Billy Harrison and Taylor Collins has taken over running the first team this season and they are looking forward to more success on the pitch.



Billy Harrison



Taylor Collins

During 2018/19, the last season to finish before the Covid pandemic, the side finished as runners-up in the Spartan South Midlands (SSM) League, division 2 and won the Wycombe District Cup, beating Holmer Green in the final. Since joining the SSM league in 2005 they have won the second division twice but have not been able to progress beyond that because of a lack of floodlights.

The other team in the club, Aston Clinton Sports, is run by Billy Harrison's father, Lee, and they play in the Hellenic league. The club chairman, Ian Middleton, owns Aylesbury Flooring Ltd, which is the club's main sponsor. Several of the rest of the committee are based in the village and the club has always attracted local players. Anyone interested in signing up as a player can contact the club at its website, www.astonclintonfc.co.uk

Home games are played on Saturday afternoons in Aston Clinton Park, the club's home since the 1970s. You can be assured of a warm welcome in the Churchill Hall where you can find teas and coffees and a licenced bar which generally opens at 12pm.

A successful season down Church Lane

After the severely restricted 2020 campaign it was lovely to have a largely uninterrupted summer of cricket to enjoy. It was a successful season with too many highlights to really do justice in a short report.

Our 1st XI came 2nd in Division 3 to earn promotion after three seasons at this level. In 14 completed games (Four were abandoned or cancelled) we won 11, tied one and lost just two. Talib Hussein was the top run scorer in the Division with 507 runs at an average of 46, with Safeer Ahmed coming 3rd with 418. Ageless Captain Mike Parsonage again topped the wicket taking charts with 27 at an average of 13 and Aqib Mahmood took 24 at a cost of 12 apiece (finishing 4th and 8th respectively in the Division 3 charts).

The 2nd XI came 5th in Division 5 despite a late burst of good form. A league high of six rain impacted games proved costly as we ended up less than a win away from a promotion place. Liam Smith led the Division 3 runs table with 557 at an average of over 50 but

in a fair reflection of where our weakness lies no one else managed over 200. Skipper Casey Dawson made it a team double by topping the Division's wicket chart with 27 at an average of 16, and Kris Greig's fine maiden full campaign was reflected in 24 wickets costing just 9 each.



Our midweek season was an unqualified success. We won the Coronation Cup for the 1st time since 2003, Mike Parsonage leading from the front with a scarcely believable 5 for 9 against Potten End. We also won the Aylesbury & District Midweek League Cup by defeating our good friends and previous holders IAS in the final, Neil Roberts making crucial contributions with the bat in both finals to nudge us over the winning line. We couldn't quite make it a hat-trick, losing to eventual winners Studham in the semi-final of the inaugural Village T20 Cup. There was some explosive hitting en route to Finals Day, with Mark Ludlow (91 off 30 balls), Pete Allam (98 from 43) and Neil Roberts (85 from 58) all producing outstanding knocks. Unfortunately we had a collective off day in the semi and our chance of an unprecedented treble had gone.

When all of this is added to the successful growth in the Colts section described in previous Village Life issues it has been a year to savour for BACCC. We can now focus our efforts on continuing to improve our facilities over the winter and recruiting more coaches for the juniors as we count down the days until the 2022 season begins. *Phil Samuels*



Planning Permission granted for New Scout Hall 'Ollie's Hall'

The Scouts are delighted that outline planning permission has been granted for a new Scout Hall in Aston Clinton to serve Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. The Scout Hall is to be known as Ollie's Hall in memory of Ollie Gardiner who was a very active Beaver, Cub and Scout. Ollie's Hall will be perfectly located next to Aston Clinton Park and will finally provide Scouts with a building they can call home after decades of moving between facilities (we currently have containers of kit dotted in different villages!).

The land for the hall will be gifted by Professor Ed Peile and his wife Linda, and forms part of a small development, including five new homes, that has been granted planning permission following an application by Laxton Properties and 1st Aston Clinton Scouts. The Scouts have already secured or been pledged circa £150,000 towards the construction of the hall but further fundraising will be needed in due course. Detailed design and construction work will begin as soon as possible.

All that is needed now is agreement from Buckinghamshire Council to grant access rights and to lift a historic restrictive covenant they hold on the land. We very much hope that Buckinghamshire Council will join the Parish Council and local communities in supporting this project and we will provide progress updates in future editions of Village Life.

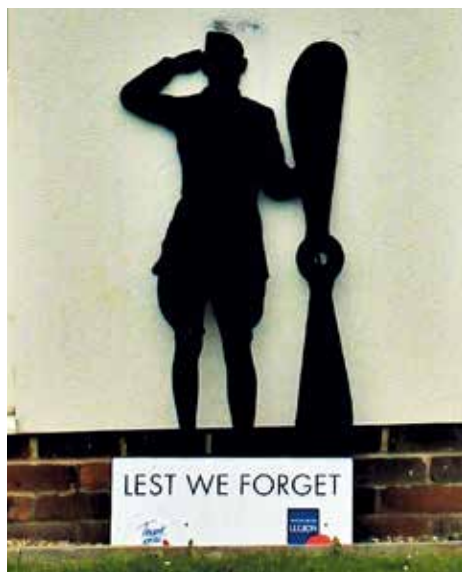


Aston Clinton Branch

The Annual Poppy Appeal. This year

Remembrance Sunday is 14th November.

We are planning to commemorate the fallen and all those who returned injured, not only from the First and Second World Wars, but including all conflicts since. Even today our armed forces are operating in conflict and war zones around the world.



We shall, depending on any covid restrictions, hold our parade of youth organizations, RBL, and a contingent from RAF Halton, at the War Memorial starting at 11am. There will be a short service followed by the 'last post' and the laying of wreaths. We will then march to St Michael's church for our Remembrance Service. The general public from the village

are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

We will not be going door-to-door with our poppies. All the poppies will be in the village shops, bars, and commercial premises for you to pick up and make a donation towards this appeal. Please make a positive effort to collect your poppy from one of the village outlets and be more than generous with your donation. The RBL has suffered like many other charities with a fall of income due to Covid and this is an opportunity to make it up.

There may not be a war on but the RBL still has a huge welfare task supporting our ex-servicemen in need from homelessness, mental health from military stress, and physical disabilities. Support may be available through the normal agencies but they sometimes need the RBL to steer them through the bureaucracy. The RBL may supply electric wheelchairs and the like.

Please support us. The Aston Clinton Branch may be small but is still running, whereas many of the village branches have had to close due to lack of support. Why not come and join us? It is not just for the elderly, and we have an association with the school. With more support we could extend our range of activities and visits. *Ralph Weston*

Readers may also be interested to learn that Village Life recently received the following email from someone from outside the village doing family research. You can see our village war stories on our website, www.acvillagelife.co.uk

I see that you have Arthur William Rolfe mentioned in the War Stories section of your website. I came across a photo of his grave in my uncle's (Harold Frank Gamblin) personal war time collection. It appears he 'Died as the result of being electrocuted whilst he was repairing a cable'. www.rafcommands.com/database/wardead/details.php?qnum=107044

My uncle was in the Army in Egypt and not in the RAFVR so it is unlikely he knew Arthur and I do not know why he took this photo. There are other graves with crosses in the background, so this was taken during the war before the CWGC put in their headstones.

Jenny Paterson

There are still members of the family in Aston Clinton and we can add to this story that Arthur was the oldest of three brothers (the others were George and Norman) living in Brook Street and their mother was Emily, known as Em.

'Plus ça change'

It may seem hard to believe, but there was a time before Village Life existed. In those far off days (before 2011 actually) there was instead a Parish Magazine. Fortunately, there are several archived copies going back to the nineteenth century but, thanks to Jane Preskett, some more recent copies have come to light.

They make fascinating reading, and I was particularly interested in an article by the then rector, Alan Bennett, written exactly 20 years ago. In the light of recent events in Afghanistan there are some interesting parallels. Here is the article as it appeared in 2001.

“World events mean that by the time we come to our Remembrance Day service many of our service men and women will be on active duty, and bases around the country will be on high alert. For the first time in many years, we shall be remembering those who died as a result of war when our country is on a war footing.

Not since the Falklands War have we been so intimately involved in a dispute. We know from war memorials in our own villages what a dreadful sacrifice some people have to make to preserve our freedoms and way of life. There was a time when people thought Remembrance Sunday was out of date; current events

demonstrate how important it is always to remember the enormous cost of war. We pray that this current dispute will be settled and the people of Afghanistan might find peace, security and prosperity.

The leaders of the nations need to remember that one war or dispute tends to breed victors and losers and those who feel grieved in defeat often go on to cause further trouble in the future.

Down the centuries nations have risen in power and influence and declined, and it is often one or two individuals who have spurred nations to greatness of purpose or orgies of destruction. Our own democratic way of life keeps potential power-hungry leaders in check, and we should be grateful that although most people will support our prime minister and President Bush in their actions we should welcome those voices of caution and dissent”.

The Rev'd Alan Bennett, writing in November, 2001.

Women's Institute

The WI hopes to continue meeting, Covid regulations permitting. We meet the first Wednesday of every month in the Anthony Hall at 7.45pm.

On **Wednesday 6 October** we will welcome Christine Farmer and find out about 'Masquerade' (history of masks) and in November we have planned a 'social' including fish and chips!

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*

1st Aston Clinton Guides 100th Birthday Party



On 5 December 1921

the 1st Aston Clinton Guide Unit was first registered. We have some amazing archives from the early days of Aston Clinton Guides showing the girls in calf-length skirts whilst on canal barge holidays in the 1920s. They were very enterprising and adventurous for their time. Guides in the 2020s prefer to wear shorts or leggings, trainers and proper waterproof coats! The programme, promise and uniform may have changed in 100 years, however the Guiding ethos remains:

“Through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure we empower girls to find their voices, inspiring them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community”

To celebrate, we will be holding a 100 year birthday tea for all who have been members of 1st Aston Clinton Guides either as Guides, Young Leaders or Adult Leaders. This will be on Sunday 5 December 2021 at the Guide Hall, Aston Clinton from 3pm to 5pm.

We are hoping that we can get in touch with as many ex-members as possible. Please RSVP by email to daswall@btinternet.com so that we can make sure that we have enough cake and

Centenary badges for all our attendees.

We are very much looking forward to catching up with our ex-members to see where their life has taken them since their time in Guides.

We know that we have a lot of parents, supporters and committee members within the community, so if you are also interested in coming to see our 100th birthday display but were not actually a member of the Unit, the Guide Hall will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 4 December. Please feel free to pop in for a cup of tea and browse through our collection of photos and archives.

If anyone has any memorabilia that they would like to contribute as part of our display, please let me know prior to the event. *Sue Wall* daswall@btinternet.com

Aston Clinton Ladies' Group

Thanks to Marion for hosting our tea and cake afternoon in August, it was lovely to catch up with our friends. Future events include:

Wednesday 20th October 8pm in the Guide Hall – Quiz night. This is a fun quiz and everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 17th November 8pm in the Guide Hall – AGM, followed by a Cheese and Wine Social.

For further information on our group, please contact *Sue Sanders* on 01296 630740 or *Janet Watson* on 01296 631014 New members are always welcome. *Janet Leech*

Five Minutes Peace...

In this children's story, mother elephant's considerable efforts to gain just 'five minutes peace from you lot' (her three boisterous children) results in only three minutes and forty five seconds of peace. This resonates with me having spent the last 18 months doing full time granny duties because of covid19. And when I have a little time at home the daily news assaults me with the impending doom of the climate emergency, the appalling unfolding disaster of Afghanistan and more. Where is five minutes peace to be found?

Of course, however exhausting or worrying life is, there are also many small wonders of daily delight which pierce the darkness and bring intimations of heaven - a hot drink put into weary hands, a line of gulls all spaced out and facing in the same direction on the roof opposite, unsought 'factoids' interesting or entertaining. That 'Mrs Oojamaflip had six lovely mugs of coffee today and for two of them she sat in a puddle of sun' is just not news worthy however many millions and billions of similar lovely moments there are.

There may be things we can do to reduce harm to the planet and to people near and far. If we can, we should. We can certainly pray. However absent and impotent we feel, we may be sure that God is present very particularly in the dark corners of the world loving life back into all peoples and situations. Try looking in the background and reading between the lines of news reports as well as counting your own blessings.

Belief and trust in an all-powerful, loving, creative God offers a path to, not five minutes peace from life's challenges, but an eternity of peace within them.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God at all times and in all places. *Rev. Jane*

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree" Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

Have you been to Rhubarb Café?



Our wonderful Rhubarb Café is open every Monday (apart from Bank Holidays) within St Michael's church from 2 – 4.30pm.

We serve homemade cakes (including gluten free) and hot refreshments, and our team of friendly volunteers would love to see you. We provide table service and at only £1.50 a slice of cake and £1.50 for a hot drink, it is really a bargain.

Rhubarb is such a friendly place where you can make some new friends, catch up with your neighbours or just sit quietly and enjoy your cake.

So, if you haven't been before, please come along if you can – bring your friends, relatives and children (there is also a children's corner full of toys and books). When the weather is kind to us, there are also tables outside.

We are always looking for volunteers to help serve (you will only be needed once every 4-6 weeks) or if you can bake then please contact me at Rhubarbcake1@gmail.com or call 01296 632488. I will be delighted to hear from you. *Natalie Fieldhouse, Rhubarb Café Manager*

The impact of Covid on early years' learning



Two years ago, if someone had described the last 18 months to me, I would have admired their incredible imagination and suggested script writing as a career. However, here we are tentatively emerging on the other side of the most devastating pandemic in modern history. The pandemic is still impacting our daily lives, but it goes deeper than this with unknown effects caused by significant disruption. As the manager of a Pre-school, I find myself thinking about the impact of the pandemic on the youngest children specifically. We will soon see a generation of children start attending who were born just before or during the pandemic. They have been born into a world with social distancing and masks, where natural exploration has been limited to protect their safety.

Early years curriculums are constructed around the vast array of historical research from renowned theorists that underpins the importance of a child's social capabilities, and the impact on future interactions and academic attainment. Early Years settings recognise that children develop at a high rate during their formative years both socially and cognitively and are tailored to support this, as well as promoting overall wellbeing.

All children aged three and four, as well as some two-year-olds, are entitled to 15 hours of government funding in Ofsted registered Early Years settings. Working parents of three - and four-year-old children may also be entitled to an additional 15 hours funded provision and there are also tax-free payment options. To find out what you may be entitled to, visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

Now is such an important time to start thinking about giving this age group



experiences as close to normal as possible. At Aston Clinton Pre-school we are accepting registrations for immediate start throughout this academic year, however if you feel a pre-school is not the right setting you can look at the Buckinghamshire Family Information Service (www.familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/) to find alternative provision.

If you would like to discuss the needs of your child, please contact me on **07928 309321** or acpsmanagement@gmail.com. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy every moment of the incredible journey you are on with your young children. *Charlotte Trustram*

The Barn Rat Ceilidh Band



Will be in action at a ceilidh at the

Anthony Hall on 20 November. Formed from a mix of folk and rock musicians, The Barn Rats bring a high-energy feel to their dances and are ready to play for your wedding, party, festival or charity event. Everything is kept informal, which is great for everyone of any age.

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

News from Westongrove Surgery

Flu Vaccination Information 2021-2022

We will be offering a flu vaccination to all our eligible patients this year. We will be running our clinics to ensure that we follow current COVID guidelines.

Our first delivery of vaccines is due week commencing 11 October. This delivery date may change, but we hope not! We will make appointments available to book as soon as we have confirmation from our suppliers as we don't want to have to disappoint patients and reschedule appointments.

The clinics will be busy and will be flu vaccinations only. We won't be offering any other services during the clinics and will be unable to deal with other queries. It's very important that we keep the patient flow moving.

Clinics will be held on Saturdays. Dates will be available once our delivery dates are confirmed, and you will need to book an appointment.

We will text our eligible patients, put up posters in our windows, update our website and Facebook page as soon as appointments are available to be booked.

We hope that patients will be able to book their appointment using the AskFirst app and are currently in discussion with them about this. This will mean that patients won't need to telephone us to book an appointment unless they don't have access to the app. More news to follow.

We will be giving flu vaccines at all our care homes and to our housebound patients and will schedule these around our stock and staff availability.

Children's flu vaccines will be given for those who are eligible and included in the GP vaccination programme.

There will be a COVID vaccination booster programme happening during the autumn running alongside the flu vaccines. Our plan is that the COVID booster vaccines will be given at the Guttman Stadium by our local team, with GP Practices running their own flu clinics due to differing delivery dates. Further information is required around the COVID booster programme before the details can be finalised, but we will keep you updated as information becomes available to us.

Aston Clinton Colts, come on you girls...



Aston Clinton Colts are delighted to be offering football for girls in season 2021/22. Initiated by coach Chaz and continued by Coach Mark, the Saturday morning sessions are informal with an emphasis on fun.

We have wanted to offer girls football for some time so we are really grateful to Chaz, Mark, Gemma and Rachel for launching this initiative for us and to all of the girls and their families who have joined in so far.

If you know a footy-mad girl in school years 3-6 who might like to join us, please message on Facebook or email committee@acolts.com.

We're so pleased to also offer football for Pre-Schoolers for this season in association with Street 2 Pro Coaching. Colts Kickers is run by Coach Liam and sessions are on Saturday mornings at Aston Clinton Park and are open to boys and girls aged 3-4. *Jo Davis*

Aston Clinton Bowls Club, the season draws to a close

The club has rebounded from its limited activities last year to enjoy a full and successful 2021. Despite restrictions until July, the club enjoyed a full fixture list of friendly games, and both county and internal competitions. Club Finals Weekend was held on 11/12 September with two days of competitions in different formats. – singles, pairs and triples.



We have a number of new members. and all are actively taking part in games, following their course of instruction. Learning to play is just the beginning – it's an easy sport to learn but a difficult one to master.

The men reached the quarter-finals of the Bucks Plate competition, only to lose to Chandos Park. The ladies also enjoyed success, reaching the quarter-finals of the Burnham Plate, and Carol Watson and Cathy Clark the quarter-finals of the ladies' county pairs. Elsewhere, the club has had some notable successes against strong clubs and there have been some lost by only a few shots. Three players are now regarded as "county colts" and playing in men's county matches against neighbouring counties. Once they have completed six games over three years, they will join Brian Clark as fully badged county players.

The green is getting a reputation as a welcoming venue for county competitions, having hosted four sets of semis and finals during the season.

Although the green was closed at the end of September (or "put to bed" as we refer to it), work on the playing surface, the surrounds and the premises continues. The green still has to be mown on a regular basis and other precautions taken to ensure that the grass is in tip-top condition, ready for the resumption of play in April.

Throughout the winter, there are a number of social activities in the clubhouse – a Grand Christmas Raffle (with carols) in December, and a luncheon in January. We also have a Quiz Night in February – so why not get a team together and come along and join us? There is a fish and chips supper included in the ticket price and all are welcome. Please contact [Rose Stratfull](#) on [01296 631339](tel:01296631339) for further details and to book tickets.

Bowls has so many proven health benefits – many of our members can testify to that! Being considered a "gentle" sport, even those with arthritic knees and dodgy hips find that the moderate exercise does them good. It is not a strenuous sport and many people with a variety of health issues are able to enjoy the game to the full. Perhaps the biggest benefit is meeting new people and being able to socially interact with them. "There are no strangers here – just friends you haven't met yet."

So, if you think bowls may be something you would like to try, new members are always welcome. A course of instruction can be arranged when the season re-starts in April – please contact [Brian Clark](#) on [01844 351461](tel:01844351461) or by email brianp.clark29@gmail.com for further information.

We will again be having our Open Day at the beginning of May (this time on the Early May Bank Holiday Friday) and during the Big Bowls Weekend at the end of May 2022 – it's an open invitation to all to just turn up and have a go. You never know – you might actually get the bowls bug.....

Astonbury 2021

What an amazing day. The event is managed and run by local volunteers and the event managers are Liz Tubb and Merv Ramsey, who have been running the event since 2017 with a gap for 2020 due to Covid. We had wonderful weather and the largest turnout ever.

The parish council contributed £7000 to the event and the rest is made up by sponsors, the fees from our concessions and Liz, who now underwrites the event.



Thank you, therefore, to all our sponsors and to our fabulous charity partners, Kirby's Herd, who litter pick the event and helped with the final clear up on the following morning. By midday you would not have known the event had happened! Kirby's Herd raised the highest sum ever - £2300! Quite fantastic!

Many thanks To Entertec, who put up the most amazing stage and sound, to DAYLA (thank goodness they didn't run out of drinks!) to all the bands (they were all fab!) and the concessions who worked so hard to keep everyone fed.

Thanks too, to Clare Edmonds and Heidi Carlisle who helped with security on Friday evening and litter picked the park with Liz. To Enterprise Skips who came and took all the rubbish (free of charge) for us, and a huge shout out for Neil Roberts who came and took all the fencing down early on Sunday morning.

This event couldn't happen without all these supporters - or the wonderful public who come! *We are already looking forward to Astonbury 2022!*

Pace Christmas Gift Fair

This year's Pace Christmas Gift Fair will be held at Buckinghamshire College, Oxford Road, Aylesbury on Saturday 20 November between 11 am – 3 pm.

A beautiful selection of gifts from some fabulous businesses including Christmas decorations, jewellery, food, homeware, skincare and more...

Entrance £3 / Concessions £1.50

Free parking

By supporting the Christmas Gift Fair, you will not only have the opportunity to wrap your Christmas shopping up early, but you will also be helping us to provide life changing support to the children and young people who access Pace services.



Helping Hedgehogs

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society

The hedgehog is the UK's only prickly mammal, but it's in trouble. Despite being voted Britain's Favourite Mammal, hedgehog numbers have been declining for many years. Many of you will have spotted hedgehogs in your gardens and parks, but sightings are becoming rarer! So rare, in fact, that hedgehogs have recently been classified as "Vulnerable to Extinction". Whilst this is a scary state of affairs, it is not too late to reverse the decline.

Hedgehogs are finding it harder to track down a good place to live and enough food. Hedgehogs like to eat bugs, worms and grubs. People have been busy boxing in their gardens with fences, blocking access for hedgehogs. There may be a brilliant garden at number 23 and another at number 27, but if number 25 has solid fences around it, the hedgehog cannot travel from one to the other. Because hedgehogs travel around a mile in a night, it's important that they have lots of joined up gardens to use.

Hedgehog-like creatures have roamed the earth for around 20 million years, outliving sabre-toothed tigers and mammoths! They are found over most of mainland Britain and do surprisingly well in our cities and towns, so long as they have enough connected areas to roam around. They are one of our most recognisable animals with their coat of spines (which are actually modified hairs) and the ability to roll into a ball at a moment's notice. They are often referred to as the "gardener's friend" and most people are thrilled to spot one in their garden.

If hedgehogs are in trouble it raises concerns about other species and the environment in general. Similarly, when we take action to improve things for hedgehogs, we will be helping lots of other wildlife too.



BUT it's not all doom and gloom! There are lots of ways we can help! *Why not try some of the following ideas:*

- Create 13cm x 13cm gaps in your boundary fence as a 'hedgehog highway' and ask your neighbours to do the same. Offer hedgehog food, or meaty cat or dog food, or some cat biscuits alongside a bowl of water at night.
- Make your garden wildlife friendly – stop using slug pellets or pesticides and leave one corner or the edges "a bit wild".
- Become a Hedgehog Champion! We run a project called Hedgehog Street with People's Trust for Endangered Species – see www.hedgehogstreet.org
- Create a log pile in your garden, this will provide natural shelter and food – don't disturb it.

- Make a point of asking everyone you know to check for hedgehogs before strimming or mowing. Check compost heaps before sticking a big fork in there too!
- If you've got a pond, make sure hedgehogs can get out if they fall in. Provide ramps or steps up steep sided ponds.
- Put up a display of posters at your local garden centre, shop, school, etc. – the British Hedgehog Preservation Society can supply poster packs for free! See www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk
- When we get near Bonfire Night ask your local organiser to “think hedgehog” before lighting a public bonfire.

All the above are great proactive ways of helping hedgehogs and hopefully you'll be rewarded by seeing happy, healthy hedgehogs out at night. BUT if you do see any hedgehogs out during the day looking lethargic, wobbly, injured or covered in flies, then they will need your help. Get them into a big, deep box and get them indoors. Keep them warm, calm and quiet until you can get help. Give them an old towel or similar and offer them a small amount of cat or dog or hedgehog food and water (don't force feed). Call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on **01584 890801** for the contact details for your nearest hedgehog rescue centre.

Although we all love hedgehogs, they don't have much protection under the law at the moment. Their classification now as vulnerable to extinction means something needs to change – we all love hedgehogs, and no-one wants to see them disappear. Please consider signing the government petition to give them better protection: petition.parliament.uk/petitions/550379
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What's on at Lindengate

It's been an incredibly busy Summer at Lindengate and as Autumn approaches, we continue to welcome people to take time to enjoy our five-acre gardens and wildlife haven.

We have a number of events taking place over the coming weeks, so why not take a look and come and see for yourself!

Saturday 2 October. 1pm – 4pm

Multi-Cultural Festivities – join us at Lindengate for a celebration of our amazing multi-cultural community. Bring family and friends to enjoy some time at our gardens and wildlife haven. There will be activities, food and refreshments available, with free entry for all. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2fmkhmrB>

Monday 15 November. Hand-made items for Christmas will go on sale.

Friday 17 – Sunday 19 December

Back by popular demand, we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting **Lindengate in Lights** again this year, over 3 nights. With handcrafted Christmas gifts, drinks and food available, as well as an illuminated walk through our gardens. Tickets go on sale at the end of September.

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

Come diving with us!

Now that life is returning to something approaching 'normal' it might be time to start thinking about all those things on your bucket list. If learning to dive is one of them, we can help you achieve that.

For the past 40 years Aylesbury Green Park Sub Aqua Club (AGPSAC) has been training divers of all ages and introducing them to the amazing underwater world. If you were inspired by Blue Planet I & 2 just think how much more exciting it would be to actually be in the water with seals or sharks or drifting over a coral reef or exploring the thousands of shipwrecks around the British coasts.

Anyone with a reasonable level of fitness (you need to be able to swim, of course!) can be taught to enjoy the delights of being weightless and moving almost effortlessly through the sparkling blue waters of the Red Sea or the slightly less sparkling waters off the Dorset coast. UK waters are some of the most fertile in the world and are teeming with life,

from tiny shrimps to 6m long basking sharks – a plankton eating giant often found feeding off the west coast.

AGPSAC meets at the Green Park centre on Wednesday evenings during school term time from 8 to 9pm. We have a team of qualified instructors (all DBS cleared) who will teach all from 14 years old. We are part of the British Sub Aqua Club (BSAC) which is the governing body of the sport in the UK and the largest dive club in the country with over 30,000 members.

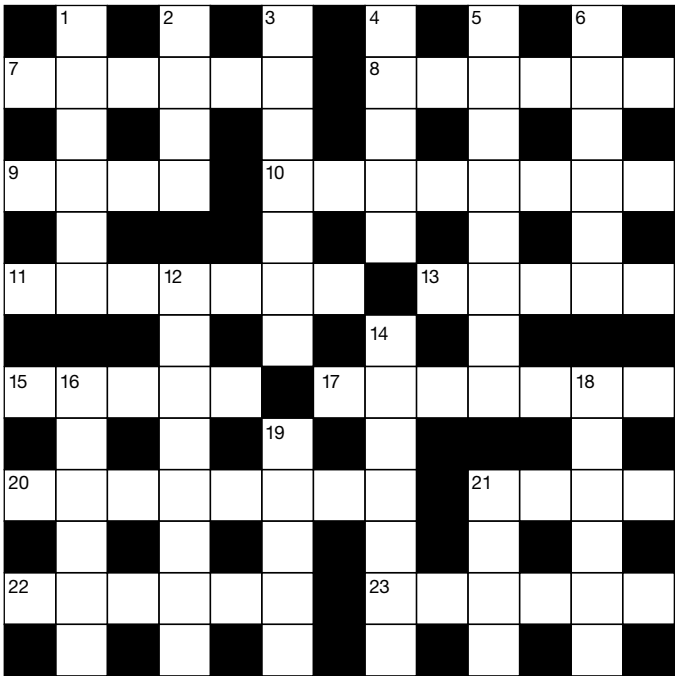
AGPSAC is a small, friendly club with a great mix of people who are just waiting to welcome new divers or those who may have trained elsewhere and want to get back in the water.

To book a try dive contact us at info@aylesburydivers.org.uk. The cost is only £25 and we supply all the equipment, plus insurance. Check out our website at www.aylesburydivers.org.uk or find us on Facebook.



Village Life crossword no.44

Crossword compiled by **Helen Lonsdale** (SOLUTION ON PAGE 25)



CLUES ACROSS

- 7&9 Long green vegetable (6,4)
- 8 U.S. Monetary unit (6)
- 10 Bloodline (8)
- 11 Round leafy green vegetable (7)
- 13 Unclean (5)
- 15 Tree (Fagus) (5)
- 17 Predicament (7)
- 20 From the East (8)
- 21 Herb (4)
- 22 Japanese garment (6)
- 23 A small bag (6)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 I have found it! (6)
- 2 Soon (4)
- 3 Organise (7)
- 4 Decree (5)
- 5 Dried berry of West Indian tree (8)
- 6 Orange root vegetable (6)
- 12 Unmarried man (8)
- 14 Without purpose (7)
- 16 Small elongated insect (6)
- 18 Lodestone (6)
- 19 Seat without back or arms (5)
- 21 Hessian bag (4)

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Sudoku

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

(SOLUTION ON PAGE 26)

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.

Carol Macdonald
is the Head Teacher at
Aston Clinton school.



Q. When were you appointed to the role of head teacher?

A. I was officially appointed in March 2021.

Q. How long have you been teaching at Aston Clinton?

A. I took the post of Deputy Head with a full-time teaching commitment in September 2008. Since then I have taught in every year group.

Q. What has been the biggest challenge for the school during this pandemic?

A. Keeping us together as a community with the obvious barrier that we were all in different places!

Q. What was your first role as a teacher and how has your career progressed?

A. I started teaching in September 2000 in Chesham. My first class was a Year 3 class and I still remember them as if it were yesterday. My career quickly progressed with the support of my Headteacher. Initially, I had leadership responsibility for Design Technology then Physical Education,

Information Communications Technology and Maths. My background in psychology also enabled me to take on the role of special educational needs coordinator. My Headteacher supported my next step into Deputy Headship. I successfully completed my NPQH (National Professional Qualification of Headship) in January 2012.

Q. Which role has given you the most satisfaction and why?

A. All my roles have given me satisfaction. I love working with children to ensure that they develop as individuals.

Q. How has teaching changed over the years?

A. Policy may have changed but ultimately quality first teaching has never changed. It is about ensuring that each child in your care achieves their full potential.

Q. What advice would you give to anyone wanting to train as a teacher?

A. It's an endless commitment which is as rewarding as having your own children.

Q. Do you live in Aston Clinton?

A. No.

Q. How long have you lived in the area?

A. I have lived in and around Buckinghamshire for the last 20 years.

Q. Are you involved in any activities/groups in Aston Clinton?

A. No

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

A. I like reading but end up reading children's books and cook books. As a full-time working mum, I struggle to make time for myself so I have just started the couch to 5K training programme.

Q. What's your favourite music?

A. Anything chilled.

Q. What's your favourite film?

A. Abominable - as my three-year old is fascinated by it and I love the sentiment behind it.

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

A. My first car was a Mini Metro and I now have a grown-up Lexus. My favourite car was my black Mini.

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

A. I love how the pandemic brought the village together. It was lovely having people ask for the school's support to help reach out to our vulnerable individuals and their families. It was heart-warming and touching.

*Interview **Andrew Andersz**
Photo **Aston Clinton School***

*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***

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Glamorous guests of Aston Clinton

Until recently I had little idea how many illustrious visitors and occupants Aston Clinton has had over the years.



Roger Moore opening the village fete, Aylesbury Archives Bucks Herald.

During its heyday of the 1960's and 70's the Bell Inn was renowned for its gastronomy. Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor were regular visitors, in fact Burton purchased the \$1.1 million Taylor-Burton diamond using the public bar telephone, whilst surrounded by locals sipping their beer. Other guests included Jackie Onassis and the Rolling Stones. In January 1977 when Keith Richards had to attend Aylesbury Crown Court, he and Mick Jagger gave a press conference at the Bell.

Aston Martin held a lunch at the Bell Inn in 1976 to preview their new car with members of the Lagonda Club, and Douglas Bader, the WWII Spitfire ace, was one of the guests of honour. In earlier years, a more infamous guest was the occultist Aleister Crowley. In 1944, after months of German bombing, Crowley

left London and moved to the Bell Inn, which he described as "a most delightful, really old inn, big open fire, food incredibly good. But nothing to do, and no one to talk to."

The Bell also has literary associations. In the 1920's it provided a welcome and frequent refuge to Evelyn Waugh. He was employed as a schoolmaster at the prep school that then existed in Green Park. He often walked to the Bell for a drink, dinner or just the warmth from the fire, a more pleasant alternative to the school food or bleak common room. Waugh's good friend Richard Plunket Greene, racing motorist, jazz musician and author, was also a schoolmaster there.

In more recent times, the Bell was even referenced in a comedy sketch in the TV series "A Bit of Fry and Laurie". "So, Sir Peter, where to from here? Well, I think probably the Bell at Aston Clinton for a spot of tea."

It is not just the Bell Inn we have to thank for some of our eminent visitors. The former mansion at Green Park was home to Sir Anthony de Rothschild and his wife Louise from the 1850's and then to Lord and Lady Battersea (nee Constance Rothschild). Their visitors included prime ministers Gladstone and Disraeli, poet Matthew Arnold and novelist William Makepeace Thackeray. After his visit, the author Henry James referred to "sweet old Aston Clinton".

Louise Jopling, a prominent Victorian artist was a frequent guest and became close friends with Sir Anthony's daughters Constance and Annie, whose portraits she painted in 1876 and 1878. She wrote "I was not idle at Aston Clinton. I painted there a background for a picture that I finished afterwards and exhibited and sold at the Grosvenor Gallery... I spent a happy day painting in the wood, sheltered from the autumn breezes outside. I remember many incidents of my Aston Clinton visit, especially my chagrin when, in having a lesson in billiards

from Mr. Montefiore, I cut the green cloth! However, nothing could have been kinder than the way my confession was received, and a man summoned from London quickly repaired the damage.”

In August 1887 a parliamentary cricket match took place at Aston Clinton. Players included Gladstone, Lord Curzon, Lord Lewisham and MPs from the House of Commons.

Guests to the mansion even included Royalty, and in her book “Reminiscences” Constance Battersea noted “I remember ... a dance we gave in 1873, when the Prince of Wales (Edward VII) honoured our house at Aston Clinton with a visit”. Another guest of the Rothschild’s was the future Czar Alexander III, while he was the czarevitch. He was the father of Nicholas II, the last Emperor of all Russia.

A later royal visit to the village was described by novelist Mrs Humphrey Ward in 1914. “Dorothy and I motored over early one morning last week to Aston Clinton Park to see the King inspect a large gathering of recruits. It was a beautiful morning, with the misty Chilterns looking down upon the wide stretches of the park, and the bodies of drilling men. The King must have been up early, for he had inspected the camp at ten (thirty-five miles from London) and was in the park by eleven. There was no ceremony whatever, and only a few neighbours and children looking on. It had been elaborately announced that he would inspect troops that day in Norfolk!”

Golden Globe winning director Roy Ward Baker of the 1958 film “A Night to Remember” about the Titanic disaster, lived in the village. Baker once recalled, that on a freezing November morning, he had to persuade his star, Kenneth More, and a dozen extras to jump into an icy open-air swimming pool at Ruislip Lido which was doubling up as the North Atlantic, as Pinewood did not have a pool large

enough to film the lifeboat scenes. It is perhaps thanks to Baker that Roger Moore opened the village fete in 1968. No icy swimming pools were involved on that occasion. *Helen Sharp*



GOSH Road Run

Scores of local residents lined the streets of Aston Clinton and surrounding villages when a fleet of over 100 vehicles paraded through in support of Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The Road Run had been organised by Ben Soden and Dominic King and there was an amazing collection of vehicles, including classic cars, vintage lorries and brand new tractors. In total, over £1800 was raised for GOSH.

CROSSWORD No.44 SOLUTION

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11. Cabbage 13. Dirty 15. Beech 17. Dilemma
20. Oriental 21. Sage 22. Kimono 23. Sachet

Horticultural Society

We have had a mixed summer in the garden including a heatwave that lasted a week interspersed with bouts of wet weather.

Consequently, the growth on trees, perennials and weeds has been phenomenal. It is particularly good to see the growth in perennials and shrubs.



The Society has managed to be active despite the covid restrictions. We held successful plant sales at both the Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp open garden days. We also held a society social at Buckland Village Hall. The weather was good, and we all sat outside. 49 members and friends attended, and we all enjoyed the platter of cheese with glasses of wine. A lot of conversations were had and it was a chance for members to get out and enjoy meeting up again.

Our Summer exhibition took place on 21st August at St Michael's Church. This replaced our normal Summer Show and took the form of an exhibition, rather than a competition, celebrating the "everyday". There were a wide range of categories based broadly on the ones from the usual Summer Show and catering for everyone from novice to expert and for all ages. It was a fun afternoon.

Coming up, we have the Horticultural Society Autumn programme. We will be returning to the Anthony Hall where we are planning a mix of live speakers and Zoom talks. At the **13 October** meeting, John Tyler will give a talk entitled "*The Forgotten River*". At the 10 November meeting, the talk (via Zoom) is "*The Market Garden Past & Present*", given by Liz Wright, and on 8 December, we are looking forward to a social evening at the Anthony Hall with a light supper and a glass of wine. All our meetings are on **Wednesdays and start at 8pm**. We are also hoping to start a 15-minute gardening question time session during the meetings, where members can seek advice from fellow members.

For 2022, we are planning Spring and Summer Shows, plant sales, garden visits, and our usual monthly meetings with speakers and a couple of socials.

You can join your local Society by coming to any of our meetings in the Anthony Hall, or at any time by contacting our treasurer, Ken Halls at info@astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Ralph Weston

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Lorna Price, founder member of the Horticultural society

It is with great sadness that we learnt of Lorna Price's passing on 17 August. We believe she was aged 98.

Lorna was elected president on the death of her husband Reg Price. They were both founder members of the Society and used to pay for the Great Horwood Silver Band to play at the society's shows. Together they were a team, especially at show time, when Lorna helped Reg mount his exhibits.

Their knowledge of fruit and veg growing and showing was extensive, as it was with Chrysanthemums and Dahlias, which were Reg's passion. At the end of the season, they used to carefully dry out the Dahlia corms above the kitchen stove. It was Reg that told me to plant shallots on the shortest day of the year and harvest them on the longest. And he was right because by the longest day the tops have keeled over. They knew which apples were best for showing too and these were grown in their orchard in New Road, which abutted onto Reg's father's abattoir in Green End Street.

Both Lorna and Reg were ardent cricket fans and regularly used to spend an afternoon at the ground in Church Lane watching Aston Clinton play. In his younger days Reg had played football for Aston Clinton, too.

It is an end of an era for our society.

Halloumotes

Back in August an enthusiastic crowd was entertained at a comedy evening at St Mary's, Drayton Beauchamp. Another attraction on the evening was the herby scones provided by Antonia Charalambous. They were an absolute triumph and Antonia has kindly agreed to share the recipe with us.



The real name of the scones is Halloumotes, meaning halloumi pies. The recipe is very easy, and you can make them so quickly. From now on I will rename them 'halloumi scones' so all my British friends can pronounce them.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups of flour
- 1 cup of oil (I use half olive oil/ half sunflower oil)
- 1 cup of Fanta or any sparkling orange juice
- 1 or 2 halloumi cheese it depends how rich you like it to be
- Fresh mint
- Fresh coriander
- Dry mint
- Pepper
- Salt
- Seeds - If you want some

Method:

1. Wash all your herbs, no need to dry them.
2. Blend with your hands the flour, juice, oil, salt and pepper. It will become a very soft dough.
3. Add all other ingredients.
4. You can make them into small scones or a big bread loaf.
5. Cook on 180°C till golden colour appears.

All Saints' Buckland

Regular Services:

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



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sun 3 Oct	8am	Holy Communion for Harvest	All Saints'
Sat 9 Oct	11am	Messy Sunday (moved due to a Sunday wedding)	All Saints'
Sun 14 Nov	12.20pm	Service for Remembrance	All Saints'

EVENTS

Sat 2 Oct	10am	Produce Stall	All Saints'
Sat 6 Nov	10am	Produce Stall	All Saints'

Flicks in the Sticks & Junior Flicks will be coming back to All Saints', launch date is to be confirmed.

St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp

Regular Services:

St Mary's is becoming a 'Festival Church' which means it can remain open for both worship and community use. Being a *Festival Church* means that St Mary's will be able to serve you, not only as a place of worship but also as a community centre by opening its doors and being used respectfully, regularly, and creatively by the community of Drayton Beauchamp.



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sun 3 Oct	4pm	Wild Harvest Sunday Festival	St Mary the Virgin
Sun 7 Nov	11am	Remembrance Service	St Mary the Virgin

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

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

Drayton Beauchamp parish meeting

A Parish Meeting is to be held in St. Mary's Church on **Thursday November 18 at 8pm**. All parishioners are welcome. An agenda will be circulated nearer the time. For more information contact the Clerk, *Meryl Nodes* on merylnodes2018@outlook.com

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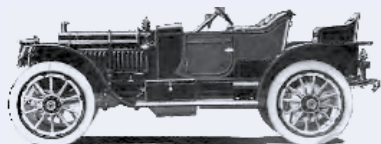


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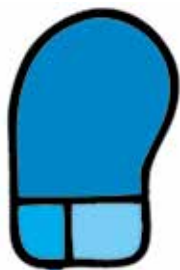
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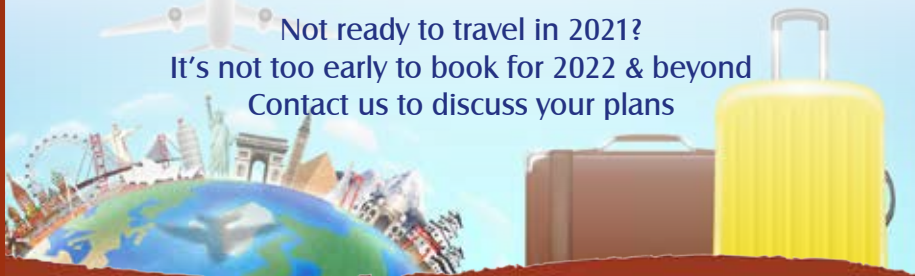
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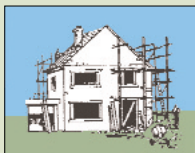
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