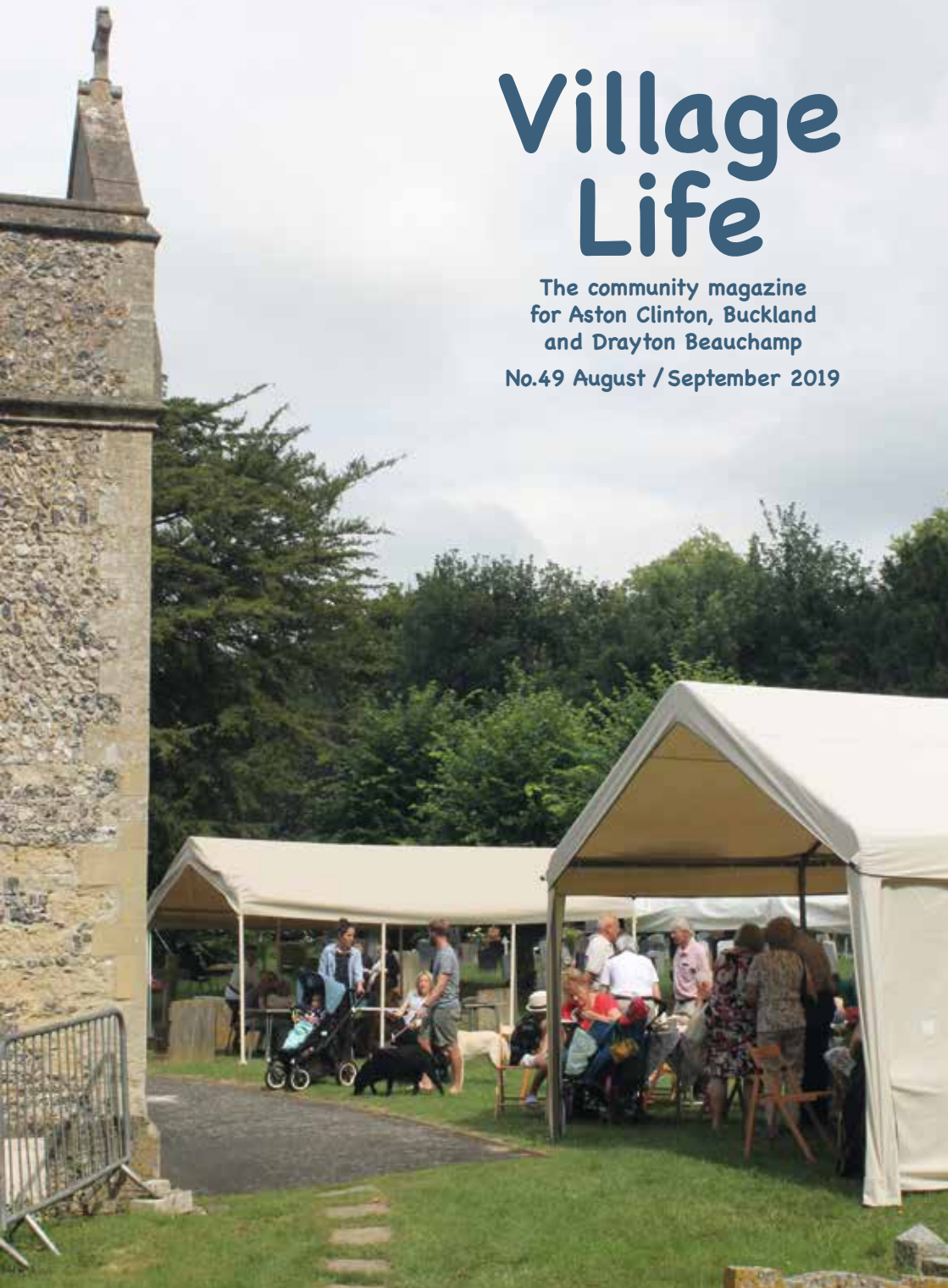


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to receive local news of people,
clubs and events.**

Village Life

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

A little over a year ago I took over the editorship of Village Life. It proved easier than it might have been and this was chiefly for one reason. That reason was Alec Just, who had edited the magazine since he reformed it from the old parish magazine in 2011. Sadly we have now lost Alec, who died in June.

Jenny and their family have put together a moving personal tribute to Alec, which you can read on page 6. I would like to add a few words from the Village Life perspective.

Alec completely re-invented the magazine and even from Issue 1 it had its own character. Working with a small team and hugely assisted by his wife Jenny, he produced a very professional looking publication which has been the envy of other similar villages to ours. From my first meeting with him I was impressed with his courtesy and how he was always keen to do the right thing. He was a principled man and always willing to see the other point of view. He made sure that when I took over that I had all the tools I needed to carry on.

In our next issue, which will be the 50th, we will look at the evolution of Village Life and that will highlight some of the developments that Alec introduced. For now, though, the VL team and I just want to register our thanks and admiration of a fine editor and a charming man.

As I write this I have just returned from the church fete, one of several regular summer events in the village. With half the summer still ahead of us there is still much to do in our villages. One of the highlights for the last couple of years has been our Astonbury festival at Aston Clinton Park, which takes place on 17 August. It has quickly become a fixture in the local calendar so do make sure you and the whole family go along. Details can be found on page 21 or at www.astonbury.biz

Richard Vincent

Ministry of Cake

When I began training at Cuddesdon Theological College in 2011 I was told to watch out for the 'Cuddesdon stone'. It wasn't long before I realised that the 'Cuddesdon stone' wasn't actually a dangerous trip hazard located in the college grounds but rather the 'stone' in weight I was going to put on due to the hospitality that the college oozed, with freshly baked cake morning, noon and night.



I soon learnt that the '*Ministry of Cake*' was going to be just as valuable a lecture to attend as all the other lectures on Doctrine, Worship and Theological Reflection!

And now, eight years on as a Parish Priest, I find that the Ministry of Cake continues to play a major part in my daily role. Once a month a small team from St Michael's Church and I pop into Aston Clinton Primary School carrying hoards of cake to serve to the staff in the staffroom during their break. We even take along the church coffee machine for that extra welcoming smell of freshly made coffee as they walk through the door. Feedback from teachers, classroom assistants, office staff and dinner ladies alike has been incredibly positive, and the initiative has become a vital part of the school's

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well-being project for the good effect it has on all who work there. It's such a simple way to join in with God's action of hospitality in the world and the mutual exchange that the school and the church share in our visits has made an enormous impact on our community life. It was through a conversation I happened to have with a teacher on one of these 'cake days' that we organised for the Reception Class to come and sing to our customers at St Michael's Rhubarb Cafe one Monday afternoon. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring young and old together and everyone had a good time. So much so, the Reception class has been back to Rhubarb to sing their hearts out, with actions of course!

You may have laughed when I called it The Ministry of Cake but as you can see cake does open doors to all different kinds of conversations and creates a moment to share in a '*safe space*'. The hospitality of God runs all through the Bible, and especially in Jesus in the New Testament. There are endless accounts of Jesus coming alongside people and sharing a meal together; He always had time to listen.

With the busy lives we all lead I think it's important that we try to make time for a cuppa and a chat, obviously with a slice of cake...it can make all the difference to our day. If you're looking for somewhere new to try out, do join us at **Rhubarb Cafe at St Michael's on a Monday afternoon from 2 – 4.30pm.** There we have oodles of cake, fresh coffee or tea and most importantly lots of lovely people to talk to. *I look forward to seeing you there!*

Rev'd Sally Bottomer



St Michael and All Angels

Regular Services:

9.15am Family Eucharist each Sunday except the 4th Sunday.

6.00pm Evensong every Sunday.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sun 25 August	10.00am	BENEFACTURE SERVICE	St Michael's Church
Sat 14 Sept	10 – 5pm	Ride and Stride	St Michael's Church
Sun 22 Sept	10.00am	BENEFACTURE SERVICE	St Mary's Church
Sun 29 Sept	9.15am	St Michael's Patronal Festival	St Michael's Church
Sun 6 Oct	9.15am	Harvest Festival	St Michael's Church

REGULAR EVENTS

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

Aston Clinton Baptist Church Harvest Celebrations

Scarecrow Competition

5–6 October, 2019

I am delighted to announce that as part of our Harvest celebrations we will be running another Scarecrow Competition with entries invited from families and organisations from the village as well as church homegroups.

Scarecrows can arrive between 10am and noon on the Saturday, and if the weather is kind they will be displayed on the lawn. As before, judging will be via a public tally with two categories, one for adults and one for children, with prizes of livestock and seeds sent to communities in Africa via Operation Agri (www.operationagri.org) to help people feed themselves. There will also be prizes for the winners of the two categories to keep. The announcement of the winners will take place during our Harvest Thanksgiving service.



There will again be lots of family friendly activities, refreshments and a display of the work of the Craft group.

Some of you may recall seeing Sid the Scarecrow popping up around the village advertising the event. Sadly, he was disqualified from entering the competition last year due to doping allegations. I'm pleased to report he is a reformed character and he should be returning to the village so please keep your eyes peeled!

Nick, Minister ACBC

Alec Just 1933 –2019

Former editor of Village Life Magazine



On leaving school in 1951, Alec spent two years in RAF Air Traffic Control in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland. His love of aircraft and weather forecasting made this experience a life-long pleasure. In 1953 his father died and at the age of twenty he took over the family business, requiring many hours of study in order to learn both the practical and business side of the operation.

From 1985 to 2011, Alec and I were closely involved with the setting up and running of Bushey Museum and Art Gallery. Alec's experience in the legal and printing world along with his interest in photography and graphic design, was put to good use in presenting to the public the countless acquisitions which had been collected by the Museum over many years.

In 2011 we moved from Bushey to Aston Clinton, and Alec took on the task of creating the Village Life Magazine, formerly the Parish Magazine. He saw this as an opportunity to achieve another of his ambitions – to produce a local newspaper, although it wasn't quite that.

He continued to edit and produce Village Life until 2018, when he felt it was time to hand over to a younger man.

One of Alec's early interests was in Medicine and had his father lived, he might have pursued a career in that field; but life has its twists and turns and I'm sure that his many faceted interests and experiences gave him as much, if not more satisfaction. He took great pleasure in talking to people and was always willing to listen, even if they appeared to have views differing from his own.

He died peacefully at home as he had wished, surrounded by his family, and had been courageous in facing death. He wanted no fuss and no admiration, but I have received numerous letters and cards praising his many qualities and his caring and noble character. He leaves his wife of 60 years, his three children and five grandchildren, all of whom he adored. He was generous, courteous, kind and loving and will remain in our hearts forever. *Jenny Just, Rosemarie, Philip, & Peter and their families*

Understanding Autism

We have all been judgemental of a child's or adult's behaviour while out shopping or in the community. But have you ever stopped to think why that person may be behaving in that way?

Usually there will be a reason for a person behaving in a different way. It may be that they are confused due to sensory overload or difficulties with communication and social interaction.

Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) also known as Autism Spectrum Disorder / Asperger Syndrome, is a development condition. ASC impacts more than 700,000 people or about one in 100 of the population. This can be children or adults (source National Autistic Society). Girls and females are often not diagnosed. However, as there is no register or exact count kept, I personally suspect there are possibly many children and even more adults that are undiagnosed. As ASC is a hidden disability, the condition is not visible by just looking at a person and cannot be detected by blood tests or scans.

Everyone with autism is different and will experience different difficulties and strengths.

A person with autism may take things literally. For example, if you say *"it's raining cats and dogs"* they might expect real cats and dogs to come out of the sky. Say *"pull your socks up"* they might actually pull their socks up. They may also have limited eye contact and be unable to make and maintain a conversation, unless it's about their special interest.

They may have difficulties with social interaction and partaking in social situations; even family gatherings can be difficult. Children may have difficulties with interaction with other children and maintaining friendships.

Raining cats and dogs

They may fixate on objects, colours and textures, they may also have special interests that can be absorbing and intense (e.g. dinosaurs, railway timetables, coding, buses, recycling, street names, historical figures, fashion, dates, to name but a few).

Any unexpected change can cause people with autism to experience severe anxiety, stress or panic, not knowing what to do. This may lead to behaviour that is seen as difficult or unusual.

People with autism also experience sensory processing difficulties. They may find loud noises, like fire alarms, car alarms or hand driers in public toilets difficult. They may be over sensitive to smells and touch or have difficulties wearing different textures of clothing. Hence, when children are seen having difficulties out in the community or in supermarkets, they may be experiencing sensory overload.

Paulette Hunn. Med (autism), BSc (Health & Social Care) Dip HSC.

Simply Walk



The Simply Walk group pauses during its first approved walk through the Green Park estate. Edward Kempton

Our local Simply Walk Group is now in its third year and has been developing rapidly over the last six months. The return of the fine weather has led to some excellent walks around our lovely countryside and we are now able to provide the following options:

- **Level 1 (typically 45mins)** gentle walk, ideal for new starters, less-able walkers and those recovering from recent illnesses or injury.
- **Level 2 (typically 1 hour)** ideal for those looking to improve their walking range and ability.
- **Level 3 (typically 90mins)** ideal for those who already have some walking experience.
- **Level 4 (typically 1½-2½ hours)** a cycle of three progressive walks, ideal for those looking to further their walking skills in order to participate in longer walks run by organisations such as the Ramblers or Chiltern Society.

So far this year we have provided 51 walks for some 856 walkers, which averages out at about 33 walkers each week. Our walks regularly take us as far as Drayton Beauchamp, Halton village

and up into Wendover Woods. We have also recently negotiated special permission to walk through Green Park, giving us even more lovely acres to walk through and enjoy.

In July, old friends and new joined us for our annual summer 'Picnic in the Park' and in November we shall be celebrating our 3rd Birthday Party there. With a number of new local leaders in the pipeline, there's never been a better time to get up out of your armchair, make some new friends and make the most of the summer days.

All walks are free and please make sure you wear stout footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather. All walks start at 10.30am prompt every Thursday and start and finish at the car park in Aston Clinton Park. To join us, simply turn up on the day about 15 mins early, look for the person in the Hi-Viz jacket and introduce yourself. We look forward to meeting you.

For further information on Simply Walks in Buckinghamshire, talk to one of our Leaders, or take a look at the Simply Walk website: www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk or contact **Fiona Broadbent** on 01494 475367, email fbroadbent@buckscc.gov.uk.

British Legion, Aston Clinton Branch

*Not so long ago the country remembered
"D" Day ; that day in June 1944 when Allied
troops landed on the beaches of Normandy.*

Whilst we remembered the success, particularly in the technical field with floating tanks, building of the mulberry harbour and laying a fuel pipeline across the channel that were achievements that need to be celebrated, we also remembered the heavy cost in the thousands of lives lost - and that is what the Royal British Legion and Remembrance Sunday are all about. It's not just about the First World War or even the Second World War but all the other conflicts around the world. We remember the Falklands War in 1982 (I can even remember where I was when it started) but do we remember Korea and the Glorious Gloucesters or the Malaysian insurgency? *Lives were lost. We will remember them.*

June the 29th was "Armed Forces Day" when across the country our military put on displays. This year, members of our branch volunteered to support the event at Wycombe airfield. It gives us, the public, an opportunity to say thank you to all our servicemen.

One of the ways we remember the service of our airmen is with an annual Battle of Britain Service at Westminster Abbey. This year it will be held on **Sunday 15th September**. Once again, our branch has been given the opportunity to attend this service and we would like to open the invitation to the village.

A coach has been arranged, departing from the Café in the Park at 8am. After the service there will be time to go around the Abbey and watch any flypasts.

If you would like to join us, please contact *Emma Bone* on 07597944223.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



The Poppy appeal will soon be launched, but in the meantime, we are looking for people to volunteer to be collectors or to man one of our stalls that are to be put up around the village.

Again, if you can help please contact Emma Bone.

Aston Clinton Ladies' group

Wednesday August 21st A Summer Evening at Pollensa, Marion Richards home. This year it will be a Cheese and Wine Party. **£5.00 per head. 7.15 for 7.30pm.** and there will also be a raffle.

Wednesday September 18th Guide Hall **8pm.** A talk by Mel Rees entitled. *A Funny thing happened on the way!*

For further info contact *Sue Sanders 01296 630740* or *Janet Watson 01296 631014.*

New members are very welcome.

Thanks from a grateful motorist

I would like to take this opportunity through Village Life to thank Mike who stopped to help me following a road traffic accident in Stablebridge Road at the end of June. If anyone deserves a medal for Samaritan of the Year, it is he. Thank you so much Mike. I would also like to thank the couple who took me into their home to await the breakdown lorry which arrived some hours later.

My grateful thanks to you all - Pat



Aston Clinton School

Head: Mrs Helen Shepherd



Year 6 trip to Wales



Learning to body board

We believe that children benefit considerably from residential trips. They learn as much about themselves as they do about the activities. To this end the school arranges two residential trips each year. Amelia Brine told you about the Year 5 trip to London, and in June it was the turn of the Year 6 children who went to an Activity Centre in Wales.

The Wales trip is a week's residential stay and the children participate in many outdoor physical activities including walking up Pen Y Fan, climbing, surfing, body boarding and gorge walking. Many activities enable the children to face their fears of these very adventurous activities, whilst in a safe, secure environment. This can contribute significantly to their personal development, self-confidence, self-esteem and resilience, and that can all help to improve performance and relationships back in school. This can best be demonstrated by the comments of some of the children who took part in the trip:

'Whilst climbing Pen Y Fan we reached new heights and persevered when the going got tough.' Luke



Climbing at Adventure Wales Activity Centre

'Gorge walking was a new experience for all of us. We jumped off different heights and climbed through caves. As we accomplished this, we learnt to trust one another.' Ishani

'Whilst surfing on crashing waves we co-operated with each other to make sure our group members had a great experience whilst being safe. During the week we discovered new abilities within ourselves whilst having the best week of the year.' Molly

Pupils may feel that they know their classmates and teachers well from day-to-day contact in school, but the experience of living with them in a residential community can add a completely new dimension. It raises the whole area of interpersonal skills, including leadership, teamwork, trust and respect.

School trips can also make a major contribution to the acquisition of knowledge and development of skills. Studies of the natural and man-made world, the present and past, science and arts, language and music can all be enhanced outside the classroom. Adventure activity and sports skills can form the foundation of lifelong interests, as well as address the health and obesity agendas.

The Wales Trip is almost the final experience our Year 6 children have at Aston Clinton School and it is so pleasing to hear from them how much they learnt and that they had a great time!

*Carole Green,
Chair of Governors*

Charity Ceilidh

Saturday 2nd November, 7.30pm

Anthony Hall Aston Clinton

It's the Barn Rat Band playing and caller Ali Heywood. All the proceeds will go directly to the Chilterns MS Centre. *Tickets £10*

For further details and tickets please call

Nigel on **01296 631010** or via **Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/BarnRatBand/



History in the making for Buckinghamshire

For the people and businesses of Buckinghamshire, there will be one, brand new council from April 2020, delivering all local government services. The new council will replace the current five councils which will cease to exist on 31 March 2020.

- The new council will be known as **Buckinghamshire Council**
- It will have 147 elected members; elections to the new council will take place in May 2020
- A temporary Shadow Authority will be formed, with all current county and district councillors having a seat on this body
- Leadership will be provided by a 17 seat Shadow Executive of county and district members
- An implementation team will be established to manage the smooth transfer of services and staff to the new council

The Shadow Authority will be responsible for setting the 2020/21 council tax and first budget of the new unitary council which will take place in the new year.

A statement from the five Buckinghamshire council leaders said:

"One council will reduce duplication and running costs of five councils so we will be better able to protect local services and focus on services we know are important to our communities. As the second largest non-metropolitan unitary council in the country, we will have a stronger voice to speak up on behalf of the county with government."

The Buckinghamshire Structural Changes Order can be found at: www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2019/9780111183717/contents

U3A cruises the romantic Rhine

Was it late spring or was it early summer?

It was certainly scorching hot as we sailed up the Rhine and the Mosel in June.

We sailed with Saga on the Rex Rheni, a friendly ship with fun, happy staff. Many of us had not been on a river cruise before and it was wonderful to glide along past the quaint small towns and the patchwork of vineyards on the hillsides. Some of the slopes of vines were so steep that we could see not only the trailing watering pipes but also the kit for abseiling down to look after and to pick the grapes.

Those hillsides that were in the shade were covered with trees so it was all sunlit vines or forests – not a tomato plant in sight!

We stopped at Koblenz, where the huge equestrian statue, The Deutsches Erk, guards the river junction of the Mosel and the Rhine, and we took the cable car high over the river to the Fortress. At Koningswinter, we took the rack-rail train up to the Drachenfels Castle where the view over the Rhine valley was breath-taking.

We stopped at small towns along both rivers and we sailed through the gorge guarded by the Lorelie, sitting on her rock alongside her seven sirens and listened to her haunting song. At Rudesheim we went to the famous Siegfried's Museum of Mechanical Music and then shopped in the all year Christmas Shop. We tasted local wines, including in Zell where the Black Cat guards the famous Black Cat wine.

The ship docked back at Cologne where we visited the Cathedral and also bought chocolate directly from the factory.

The whole trip was a great success. Colin and Dawn had done all the preparations and Saga took over looking after us and keeping us well informed about the places we could visit.

We had delicious food all week and enjoyed the Captain's Cocktail Party and Dinner.

Victoria Pollard

U3A Art Group

Every Monday morning a dedicated band of about 15-20 artists meets at Buckland Hall.

The U3A Art Group was started by Joyce Meek about 12 years ago and is now co-ordinated by Miriam Windeatt.

For some, art has been a lifelong passion but for others it has become a new interest that, now they are retired, they can start to develop. Whether using water-colour, oils, pastels, pencils or various other media the artists explore their ability and come up with some excellent results.



U3A artists hard at work

People work individually but also help, encourage and support each other in a very sociable environment. There's even time for a cup of tea, biscuits and a chat.

Richard Vincent

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St Michael's Summer Fete

We had another successful fete at St Michael's on a dry but slightly overcast day in July. There were several excellent entries from both professional and amateur artists in the various art categories.

Elsewhere, 12 dogs competed for prizes in the dog show. The various category winners were Minnie, with owner Julia, Leo (Steph), Ossie (Sally) and Millie (Leo). All this and an array of tea and cakes to tempt everyone.

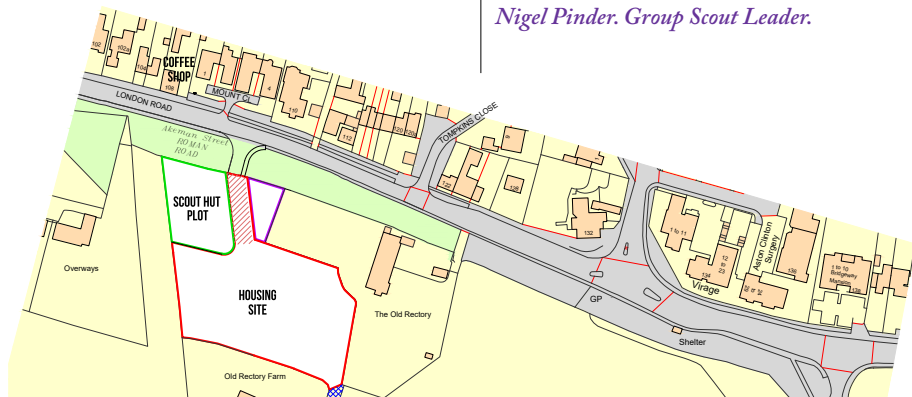


Local artist Pat Rozental with some of her etchings

Scouts

Aston Clinton Scouts is one of the oldest established groups in the UK with the first section in the village registered only two years after Lord Baden Powell started the scouting movement, but we still don't have our own headquarters in the village. Hopefully that may be about to change!

We've been working hard to find land for the scouts for over a year now and meeting everyone from the Parish Council to Green Park and many in between. About six months ago we met Professor and Mrs Peile as part of our search and they have offered to gift the scouts some land and hopefully leave a lasting legacy in the village.



It's not a done deal quite yet as there are many hurdles to cross. We need planning permission and for Bucks County Council to allow us to access the site across their land. Laxton Property has agreed to help us secure the permissions in conjunction with its plans to develop the adjacent plots. The site already has planning permission for new houses and an access on London Road.

The site is located almost opposite the coffee shop by the back entrance to the park and it is planned to have the hall at the front by the road.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Peiles and Laxton Property and hope we can gain the support of the village community to secure the future of scouting in the village.

Nigel Pinder. Group Scout Leader.



It's been another busy season at Aston Clinton Colts. We've welcomed lots of new players and coaches, in fact, we are proud to say that we now have more players in the younger age-groups than ever before! We also said goodbye to some of our more experienced players and coaches in the U18 age-group as they move into the senior game.

We took delivery of a new container at Aston Clinton Park enabling us to store the equipment we need to deliver grassroots football to as many children and young people within the village and the surrounding area as possible. We were very pleased that our request for a grant from the Gib Lane Fund enabled us to make this important purchase. We were delighted to introduce girls' football to Aston Clinton Colts this season and this is something we hope to build on in the coming year.

The early part of 2019 was spent planning our biggest event of the year, our annual football tournament which took place in June. We worked closely with the Parish Council to ensure that we delivered a fun, inclusive event for all park-users. During the weekend, we welcomed over 1500 players and their families from Bucks, Beds and Herts with some teams travelling from Milton Keynes and London to take part. The emphasis was on football and fun and we were proud to field at least one Colts team in every age-group. There were outstanding performances from all our teams, notably the U12's who won their age-group and the U13's who reached the final in theirs.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the companies who helped to make this year's tournament a success. Special thanks to Artisan Print Solutions, Wren Construction Ltd, Veiola Waste Management and Your Café in the Park.

Thanks also to NR Green Builders, D Hewitt Building Services and Armourdog for your support through the season.

So now it's time for us to look to the future. Whilst the children and coaches are taking a well-earned rest from football, the Committee is busy working on some exciting plans for the new season. We're putting the finishing touches to our new website, we'll have a new group of U6's to welcome and we are already planning how to decorate our Christmas Tree at St Michaels Church in December (we really are!)

If you'd like to follow our progress, you can find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/astoncolts or on Twitter @astoncolts or #astoncolts

The bowls season is nearly over – where did it go?

For Aston Clinton Bowls Club it's nearly the end of the season for bowling outdoors – and by the end of September, it will all be over!



As ever, the season has flown by and it only seemed a few weeks ago that it was the end of April and we were looking forward to getting out on the green and enjoying matches.

As always, we have been playing in rain or shine and only a few matches have been cancelled or curtailed because of the weather. Bowlers are a hardy bunch and as far as possible, we just don our waterproofs and carry on, unless it becomes too slippery to continue.

The club held a very successful Open Day at the beginning of May and welcomed a number of new members to our ranks. They have since played an active part in our friendly and competitive games and entered the club's numerous competitions.

The annual Villagers v Borderers game was a keenly-fought affair with much fun and laughter on the green, and this year the contest was won by the Villagers.

In June, the club hosted a Buckinghamshire Bowls Association ladies friendly against Bedfordshire and the match was followed by a three-course meal in the clubhouse. The weather stayed fine and dry and the BBA ladies won the match by over 20 shots.

County competitions are in full swing and the winners of the finals will qualify for the national championships, which are in Royal Leamington Spa during August.

Club competitions are also taking place and will culminate in our **Finals Weekend on 7th/8th September** – *if you're free, why not come along and watch?*

The last game of the season is the President's Day on Sunday 22nd September – a chance to have a fun afternoon and celebrate the successes of the season.

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

New members are always welcome. A course of instruction can be arranged for novices when the season re-starts in April. Please contact our secretary [Brian Clark](mailto:brianp.clark29@gmail.com) on 01844 351461 or by email brianp.clark29@gmail.com for further information about any of our winter social events. Our website is www.astonclintonbowlsclub.org or you can follow us on

Facebook www.facebook.com/Aston-Clinton-Bowls-Club-1587338421538006/ for all the latest news.

WI



Mary Tyrrell

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

Our speaker in August will be Alice Home who will tell us more about her travels in Colombia and in September Geoff Davis will speak about *"The National Service."*

At our June meeting we were pleased to help our long-standing member, Mary Tyrrell, celebrate her 90th birthday. Mary has been a member of our WIU for over 50 years and had been President for at least eight of those years.

Our walking group will complete the Aylesbury Ring in August and we will then have to put our thinking caps on to decide where we are going to walk next.

We look forward to welcoming new members at any of our meetings. Come along and try us – you will be most welcome. For more information, please contact me by email b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com *Claire Castle, Secretary*

Lindengate Thanks Our Local Support

Lindengate mental health charity wishes to thank local residents and businesses for their continuing assistance and marvellous support for its annual fair, which raised a whopping £7000!

The annual event, which was opened by astrologer, Russell Grant, showcased the beautiful site which enhances mental wellbeing. Russell shared with us how important the role of Lindengate's Memory Pathways programme is for those living with dementia and we were delighted to share with him that it would be expanding to three mornings a month from September. To attend please contact Frankie.mitchell@lindengate.org.uk

Many of the Gardeners (service users) who attend Lindengate visited the fair. It was wonderful to receive their feedback.

We heard of one young man with mental health issues who was working on his recovery and aiming to return to employment. His mother told us that he now has a part time job in a garden centre. She wanted to thank us for all the support he has had at Lindengate when he was in a difficult place and struggling with his mental health. She believes that Lindengate played an important part in his recovery, particularly the way he was allowed to "just 'be' here, with no questions asked, at a time when his confidence and energy levels were very low... it gave him the space and time to think and to build his confidence back up again".

If anyone wishes to attend, volunteer or support Lindengate please contact info@lindengate.org.uk It's only with the support of local residents that this work can continue.

Thank You!



LINDENGATE

Service Veterans' Survey

Lindengate Mental Health Charity is reaching out to veterans and their families to ensure that they provide the support and services that will help veterans improve their wellbeing.

Many studies have found links between active service and mental health problems and so Lindengate is asking local veterans and their relatives to complete a short 3-minute survey to help Lindengate plan its services.

They recognise that veterans often face difficulties accessing the vital help and support they need to improve their mental health. Lindengate Director Jan Webster says

"The wide variety of therapeutic nature-based activities and our peaceful private garden make Lindengate an ideal place to help improve wellbeing".

If you are a veteran or are immediate family of a veteran please fill in Lindengate's online survey at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/69GZBGD

Playing the Tromboncino

Those readers who attend Aston Clinton, Drayton Beauchamp and Buckland's excellent Summer Show may recall that there is a class for 'One misshapen vegetable, judged for comical effect.' Or at least I think that was the class the tromboncino was in. It's a kind of courgette, a cultivar of Cucurbita moschata, and is supposed to be harvested and eaten young and small.

But not everyone does the obvious thing. Last year several gardeners, including Sue Lipscomb and Dave and Ann Elkins, let theirs grow and grow, and by the show day several huge, serpentine vegetables, some looking very



much like the trombone I presume they are named after, sprawled along the show benches.

As everyone was clearing up, these vegetables sought new homes. Never one to resist a challenge, I took one home and put it in the garage, having read that it could also be stored and used as a winter squash.

We grow butternut squashes, and find we can often keep them until after Christmas, so it was no surprise to find in early February that the tromboncino was still in good condition. We decided it was time to eat it. We made soup out of the first third, then more soup out of the second third. The bulbous third end is full of seeds, so we scraped those out and dried them, to grow our own this year. The third lot of the golden flesh became a beautiful vegetable tagine.

I wouldn't say they have quite as much flavour as a butternut, but they are a very useful ingredient. And there's always the chance to try and play them, as shown in the photograph – not a peep though! Your chance to get your hands on one may be at this year's show – Saturday 21st September, so do have a look: you never know what you might find!

Alison Beck

Aston Clinton's Surgery News

At Westongrove Partnership we have looked at different ways to manage patients who need on the day care, in order to better manage the increasing demands we are experiencing and ensure timely access to care.

If you have accessed the surgery recently you will be aware that, on 1st July, we launched a brand new 'Same Day Service' (SDS) to manage on the day urgent appointments. It is held at Wendover Health Centre. We have introduced this service to ensure that patients are managed by the most appropriate healthcare professional in a timely manner.

If you need to access an urgent, same day appointment please call our **Surgery on 01296 630241**, the receptionist will add you to the SDS telephone triage list and one of our clinical SDS team will call you. This may be with advice given over the telephone, an appointment that will be booked for you at Wendover Health Centre between 8am – 6pm, or a routine appointment at your usual surgery with the most appropriate member of our team, if this is clinically appropriate.

The SDS service will ensure that those patients who need urgent on-the-day care receive it swiftly. It will also allow greater continuity of care for those patients who require routine appointments with our wider clinical team.

Please be patient with us as we will be making improvements where we can and, as with all new services, it will take a little time to become embedded into our systems. We also hope that this service when fully fledged will allow more flexibility at our surgeries for patients who do not require on the day assistance but more ongoing care. *Many thanks, Aston Clinton Surgery*



Prevent Your Home From Becoming Hot Property This Summer

The summer is a time when there is an increase in residential burglary. This is due to opportunist thieves taking advantage of doors and windows being left open in hot weather, and properties not being left secure while residents are away on holiday.

It only takes seconds to steal valuables that are within easy reach. Window opening restrictors can be fitted to ground floor windows to allow ventilation while preventing burglars from being able to climb through. If going out, even just in the garden, you should always close and lock your windows and doors.

The consequences of being burgled reach far beyond the cost and inconvenience of replacing stolen items. It is also the emotional impact of having your summer holiday ruined, and the feeling of being violated, after an uninvited stranger has been in your home.

If leaving your car at home when you go on holiday, remember to remove any valuables and check the windows are closed and doors are locked. If your vehicle is stolen you could lose your motor insurance excess and no claims bonus. You will still be responsible for any vehicle finance owed and likely to pay higher insurance premiums in the future.

Avoid checking-in on social networks at the airport and wait to post your holiday photos until you get home. Some home insurance policies become invalidated if you post that you are away from home.

Holiday Checklist:

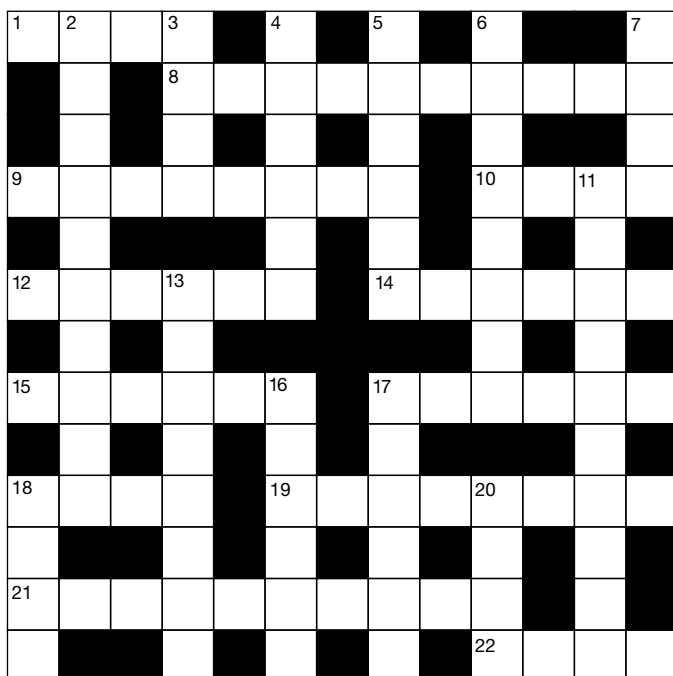
- Lock all windows and doors.
- Check side gates, sheds and garages are locked and tools and ladders are not accessible for burglars to break into your home.
- Store all keys out of sight and away from your letterbox.
- Use a RFID pouch to store fobs for keyless entry vehicles.
- Make your home look occupied by using a timer switch to turn on lights at night.
- Ask a trusted friend to look after your home while you are away.
- Invite a neighbour to park their vehicle on your drive while you are away.
- Don't post details of your holiday on social media until you return home.

For more burglary prevention advice, download your free Home Security Guide from the Thames Valley Police website here: www.thamesvalley.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/thames-valley/advice/home-security-guide.pdf

By working together we can build community resilience to deter burglars from targeting homes in the area.

Village Life crossword no.34

Crossword compiled by **Helen Lonsdale** (SOLUTION ON PAGE 21)



CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Tip-off (4)
- 8 Chewed (10)
- 9 Lovable (8)
- 10 Tot (4)
- 12 Branching horn of deer (6)
- 14 Drinking vessel (6)
- 15 Giant tropical grass with hollow stem (6)
- 17 Ornament for lower leg (6)
- 18 River dam (4)
- 19 Burrowing Insectivore (8)
- 21 Amass (10)
- 22 Fine particles (4)

CLUES DOWN

- 2 Garden charity in Wendover (10)
- 3 Male descendant of Mohammed (4)
- 4 Line on a map (6)
- 5 Cut in half (6)
- 6 First animal in the dictionary (8)
- 7 Dutch cheese (4)
- 11 Frivolities (10)
- 13 Golden rain tree (8)
- 16 Not transparent (6)
- 17 Of the stars (6)
- 18 Erode (4)
- 20 Matured (4)

Aylesbury Food Bank

Thank you for all your generous donations to the food bank. A total of 1146.33kg was donated in the year from April 2018 to March 2019. Please leave any gifts at St. Michael's, Aston Clinton or at All Saints, Buckland.

We started collecting for the food bank about two years ago and have been delivering our donations for the last year. We collect all kinds of long-life food and drinks, toiletries, household goods such as toilet rolls, baby products such as nappies,

wipes etc., sanitary products, confectionery and bags for life. Food items suitable for people who are homeless are also needed, particularly items which need no preparation and can be easily opened without implements. All food items must be in date by several weeks as we cannot use anything which is out-of-date.

For further information contact
maggiebeaujeux@outlook.com

Picnic for Pepper

Local charity, The Pepper Foundation, is asking the community to host picnics this summer to help fund children's hospice at home care in Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire in its first campaign – Picnic for Pepper.

All the money raised from these picnics will help children in the area receive hospice at home care at no cost to the families.

The Tring-based Charity also organises family fun days for the children and their relatives to help them make lasting memories.

Chair of The Pepper Foundation, Pat Daley, said:

"Picnic for Pepper is a fun, easy and cost-effective way to get your friends and loved ones together for a good cause, some fresh air and yummy food, too. Your Picnic for Pepper can be as big or as small as you like, in any location you like, for whatever price you like – and we have a free downloadable picnic pack for everyone with printable invitations, posters, social media graphics and more.

And if you are hosting a child-friendly picnic, it will be a great way to get the next generation thinking about charitable causes and how raising money can be lots of fun. And Teddy Bears should always be welcome!

At Pepper, we understand the importance of making precious memories with our children – no matter how long we have with them. Our hope is that the families in our community will take the Picnic for Pepper as an opportunity to make moments that will last a lifetime with their loved ones."

The Pepper Foundation would be very grateful if you would consider gathering your friends and family to help raise money for a local cause this summer.



Please visit www.pepper.org.uk/picnic or email sobrien@pepper.org.uk for more information. Call us on 01442 507324. Thank you.

The Pepper Foundation is a small, local charity that helps to fund hospice at home care for children in the Bucks & Herts area.

We believe that during this terribly frightening and difficult time, children and their families should be given the option to be cared for at home, surrounded by the people and belongings they love.

The nursing team we help to fund provides free 24/7 on-call care from home for children in the area with life-limiting conditions. This service has been described as a 'lifeline' to parents and relatives of these children. Without this care, these families would have limited support, or may have to take their poorly child into hospitals or hospices, away from family life.

The Pepper Foundation also arranges family fun days for the children, which gives the families priceless memories and helps to reduce isolation. The unusual name comes from the first fund-raising effort by the charity which was a concert to celebrate The Beatles' Sgt Pepper album.

ASTONBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Aston Clinton Parish Council is pleased to announce that Astonbury is back for its third year! This free music festival in the park is on **Saturday, 17th August** from **noon to 11pm**. We will be joined by some excellent local bands. There will be food stalls and a bar. From noon to 5pm there will be plenty of activities for the kids to do. These will include arts and crafts, face-painting, fairground rides and inflatables. www.astonbury.biz



CROSSWORD No.34 SOLUTION

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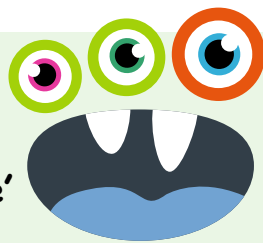
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Anteater 21. Accumulate 22. Dust

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AVDC launches 'Let's fight food waste' campaign



This summer, Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) is launching its latest food recycling campaign featuring 'Create your own Munch Monster' – an exciting initiative to encourage all residents to reduce and recycle their food waste.

Every household in Aylesbury Vale is being sent some insightful food recycling information within the council's residents' magazine, Aylesbury Vale Times. This will include a range of colourful 'Munch Monster' stickers which AVDC is inviting all its recycling savvy residents to use to spruce up and decorate their green outdoor food bins.

The fun and light-hearted campaign aims to raise awareness of the importance in reducing, reusing and recycling food waste, and is available and accessible to all. In Aylesbury Vale and across Buckinghamshire, food waste collected for recycling is turned into both energy to power our homes and a high-quality fertiliser for use on local farmland. And this isn't the only good news.

To make recycling food waste even easier, AVDC is giving away FREE food waste bins/caddies (while stocks last) to residents as part of the campaign. As an extra incentive, there's also a social media competition where residents are invited to send in photos of their mischievous Munch Monsters.

To find out more, visit www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/munchmonster

Village People

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

Mike Parsonage is Chairman, 1st team Captain and a Colts coach of the Buckland and Aston Clinton Cricket Club.



Q. When was the Buckland and Aston Clinton Cricket Club formed?

A. A decision was made to merge Buckland Cricket Club and Aston Clinton Cricket Club in 1948. The club in its current format was formed in 1951. The ground is behind the church at the end of Church Lane.

Q. How long have you been a member of the club?

A. I joined the club at the beginning of the 1993 season and was made captain for the first time for the 1994 season.

Q. What do your roles involve?

A. Since I joined the club, I have held several roles, initially as first team captain

and club treasurer to now chairman and currently first team captain, and lead colts' coach. I've been chairman for the last 12 years. The chairman role involve moving the club forward, encouraging growing our membership, promoting diversity and developing our facilities and playing standards.

Five years ago I qualified as an ECB cricket coach so that we could re-start colts cricket at the club. This will enable us to develop the future of the playing membership as well as swelling the ranks of families who want to enjoy the matches at what is often considered to be one of the most attractive grounds in the area. We can now boast several

coaches and qualified helpers, which supports the future of the club.

Q. How many teams are there at the club?

A. We have two teams playing league cricket on a Saturday, a midweek league team and two colts' teams for under 11 and 13-year olds. We used to play many Sunday matches, but like many cricket clubs, player availability over two days at a weekend is difficult, especially as matches can last seven hours. With a large number of colts now nearing senior playing age it is hoped that we can restart Sunday cricket again in the years to come.

Q. Do you have training sessions and if so, how often?

A. Due to the amount of midweek games that we play across all age groups at the club, training sessions for the senior teams are usually ad hoc once the season starts. Colts training takes place every Friday evening at 18:30, between May and mid-July.

Q. Do you have teams for boys and girls?

A. Yes, we have mixed colts' teams.

Q. Do you live locally?

A. Yes, I lived in the village since 1992.

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

A. I'm a football fanatic and follow Wrexham FC in the winter and am an avid watcher of American baseball. In previous years I was the coach and manager of two of the Aston Clinton colts football teams, during a period that spanned a total of 14 years. There were many highlights with trophies won and one unbeaten season for one of the teams.

Q. What's your favourite music?

A. I like music across many genres, from disco, Queen, Fleetwood Mac and right

through to Take That.

Q. What's your favourite film?

A. The Holy Grail - Monty Python and action films.

Q. Which cricket team do you support?

A. Just England.

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

A. My first car was a brown Austin Allegro! I now drive a Nissan Qashqai.

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

A. The loss of many of the public houses is a noticeable change to the village. The park now looks so much better than it did many years ago, which is a real plus. I feel the village needs a centre that can integrate both old and new members of the village. About ten years ago the parish council held a Sunday village event where all clubs and village residents met for a day at the park with events open to all such as team tug-of-war, races for young and old, stalls from each club showing their histories and encouraging new membership etc. The park was full that day, but the event was never repeated.

We boast several coaches & qualified helpers to support the future of the club.

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Interview Andrew Andersz

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

All Saints' Buckland

Regular Services:

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

11am Family Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays

11am Messy Sunday each 2nd Sunday

10am Midweek Communion each Wednesday



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat 3 August	10.00am	Produce Stall	All Saints' Church
Sun 25 August	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	St Michael's Church
Sat 7 Sept	10.00am	Produce Stall	All Saints' Church
Sat 14 Sept	10-5pm	Ride and Stride	All Saints' Church
Sun 22 Sept	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	St Mary's Church
Sun 29 Sept	11.00am	Pet Service	All Saints' Church
Sun 6 Oct	11.00am	Harvest Festival	All Saints' Church

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

A bridge too far? Not necessarily

*One Heart, two Clubs, two Diamonds,
two Spades, Pass, Pass, four Hearts, Pass, Pass,
Pass – and so the game begins.*

Playing bridge is one of the most enduring and popular pastimes in the world and for over 100 years it has fascinated people of all types and from all walks of life. It is one of the most popular leisure activities in Britain, with around 300,000 people playing on a regular basis, many of them every week at Aston Clinton Bowls Club.

Bridge, often recognised as a mind sport, is played by four people who form two partnerships with the partners sitting opposite each other. There is an auction and then the play. The bidding (called the auction) – as shown in the introduction – is the way partners communicate with each other to indicate what cards they have in their hands. The more tricks



a partnership correctly predicts it will make, the better the score. If it doesn't make as many tricks as it predicts, then the opponents score points instead. So, everyone's a winner!

It isn't too hard to learn, and once you've mastered the basics of bidding, you'll start enjoying it, no matter how good you are. Bridge is very addictive. It's an enjoyable, social pastime played in a friendly environment. After a summer break play starts on **10 September** so why not just turn up at Aston Clinton Bowls Club at **9.45am on a Tuesday** morning to join a friendly group for a taster session or to find out more about learning to play? *You would be made very welcome.*

Andrew Andersz

Buck Pub 2019



A huge thank you to the many volunteers and those who came along to the village hall. You all helped to make this year's Buck Pub a success. See www.thebuckpub.co.uk

The purpose of the Buck Pub is to contribute to a strong sense of community in and around Buckland, by bringing neighbours together. Some highlights:

- We were packed out for lunch on Friday which was a wonderful way to start the weekend. Our special thanks to Rennie Grove Hospice Care for arranging their staff lunch with us
- The 'fun' quiz on Saturday evening really was a lot of fun. The hall was full to bursting with music and laughter
- The rain stopped on Sunday and we had great festival of music in the garden. Our special thanks to Graham Stanmore aka Elvis for calling in and giving a great performance. *He was brilliant!* You can contact *Graham* at www.g-elvis.org or 07782 172667

It's a real bonus that while we were all having so much fun we are also able to raise funds for a range of local charities. ***In total we have donated over £2,500 from the proceeds of the weekend:***

- **£1,140** has been donated to Rennie Grove Hospice Care
- **£910** has been donated to All Saints Church in Buckland
- **£450** has been donated to the Youth Concern charity in Aylesbury

Buck Pub 2020 will be from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th June. If you would like to be involved in any way then do please contact *Anne* or *Nigel Kippax* on 01296 631010 or email nigel@kippax.org.uk. We'd love to have a few new faces to help! *Nigel Kippax*

Buckland Open Gardens

I would like to thank everyone who supported Buckland Open Gardens in June. We were lucky to have a fine day and people came from many nearby villages to enjoy the variety of the nine gardens on offer. Thanks to the gardeners who opened and the ladies who made delicious teas in the church.

£906 was raised for All Saints'

Kate Eckett.

Community Bereavement Group

Meets once a month on the first Thursday at St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton. 2 - 4 pm.

All are welcome!

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

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Horticultural Society



Summer is here; How is your garden growing? Good is the answer.

Though we experienced very hot weather at the end of June and early July, my garden, along with many others, is doing well. The roses have been particularly spectacular and many shrubs have done well. In comparison with last year, the rain we had in early June did us a favour. I picked over 3lbs of raspberries recently and other soft fruit such as gooseberries and blackcurrants have done well. However, it is not all perfect and my plums have not done so well.

Elsewhere in the garden I am suffering from unexplained "*die back*" amongst several shrubs and trees including my Judas tree that had its usual crop of blue flowers in the spring but failed to produce any of the leaves that usually follow and it has now died. I seem to lose one or two trees every year now.

This year we have had to move the date of our summer show, so please note our **62nd Annual Summer Show will be on Saturday 21st September** starting at **2pm** in the Aston Clinton School Hall. Entry is still £1, children free. We would like as many people as possible to enter the competitive classes in the show.

There are classes for everyone and not just in growing flowers and vegetables.

If you would like a copy of the schedule please contact *me* on **01296 630456** or *Maureen* on **01296 633376** and we will save you a copy. **Entry Night is Wednesday 18th Sept in the Anthony Hall from 6.00 – 7.45pm.**



Because of the new date several changes have been made to the schedule. In particular, sweet peas have been replaced by two classes for Chrysanthemums. Other classes include the floral arrangement whose theme is 'A nursery rhyme'. In the popular photographic competition the subjects are:- Children's photograph - 'Sports/Action'; Mobile phone photograph - 'Capturing the moment' and Digital/non digital - 'Depicting the past'.

We have also introduced a few new classes for children including 'A paper aeroplane', which will be judged by flight distance.

So, there are plenty of opportunities to show your skills and to encourage your children and grandchildren to have a go. Even if you cannot enter, do come and visit as we shall be holding a raffle and having a plant stall outside.

Ralph Weston
muchpottering@btinternet.com

Kypriaki Tyropita (Cypriot Savoury Cheese Cake) *Antonia Charalambous*

My traditional Cypriot savoury cake is getting better known in our small community in Aston Clinton. I know that in the beginning most of you were a bit shocked when you tried it, as a cake in England normally has to be sweet. But I am really glad because most of you who have tried it like it, as our Cypriot traditional halloumi cheese is getting more popular in England.

Cypriot Tyropita is a savoury cake which we make in Cyprus with halloumi and mint. Tyropita, pronounced ti-RO-pee-ta, means cheese from tyri and pie from pita.

The cheese we usually use is aged, homemade halloumi but of course you can use any kind of halloumi, provided you can grate it. I don't say that the halloumi we get in the supermarkets is not good but if you have tasted homemade halloumi, made with ewe's and goat's milk, only then will you know the difference. When halloumi is made fresh, it is soft, creamy and rubbery in texture and mildly salty and minty in taste. As it ages it becomes harder and saltier, with a robust texture, which makes it easier to grate and the taste improves as it ages.

Here's a 'breakfast' we have in Cyprus. It's a halloumi bread or cake, with lots and lots of mint in it. When you think you've added enough mint, just add some more.

This tyropita is easy to make and you will surely please any guests. No mixer is required, you just mix everything together and bake.



Ingredients: 1 large or many mini cakes

1	halloumi
150g	cheddar cheese (grated)
200ml	sunflower oil
5	eggs
100ml	milk
50ml	cognac
300g	self raising flour
3 tsp	baking powder

Secret ingredient! Some dry mint, preferably chopped fresh mint leaves, sesame seeds to decorate if you like them. **Optional:** If you like you can also add some raisins. They mix well with the halloumi and it's a sweet version of the bread.

Method:

1. In a big bowl whisk the eggs (no mixer required), add the grated cheese, the oil, milk, dried mint (be generous with it) and the flour.
2. Make the texture of a cake and also bake it as a cake. When a toothpick comes out clean, then it's ready.
3. Grease and flour a rectangle form or a 26 - 28 cm round baking tin with a whole in the middle and sprinkle in some flour.
4. Pour in the mixture and bake in a preheated oven to 180°C / 350°F and bake for about one hour until the crust is golden brown.

St Mary the Virgin Drayton Beauchamp

Regular Services:

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



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sun 25 August	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	St Michael's Church
Sat 14 Sept	10-5pm	Ride and Stride	St Mary's Church
Sun 22 Sept	10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	St Mary's Church
Sun 6 Oct	4.00pm	Harvest Evensong	St Mary's Church

Rev Canon Alan Bennett

At the end of June, a special service was held at St Mary's, Drayton Beauchamp. It was led by the Reverend Alan Bennett to celebrate his 50 years as a priest.



Rev Alison Robert, Rev Alan Bennett & Rev Sally Bottomer

Alan came to us in 1987 and remained with this benefice until his retirement in September, 2008. He was also Area Dean for five of those years and was appointed a Canon of Christ Church, Oxford in 2006. He still has the ability to preach without any notes.

After he retired Alan went to live in Spain where he continues his work as a priest, filling in for appointed incumbents when necessary. This keeps him busy and as he said during the service, he learns something new every year.

Ralph Weston

Drayton Beauchamp for the quiet life

*Life in Drayton Beauchamp
Can be quite charming,
Especially if you like the countryside
And are interested in farming.*

*Sitting in the fifteenth century church,
You can hear lambs bleating.
Maybe you'll say a prayer there
While the time is fleeting.*

*The concerts, the acoustics,
Can raise admiration, maybe a grin,
Hear the bass of a cello,
Or the magical strains of a violin.*

*Everything is gentle,
No Earth shattering sensation.
Just the Love from former generations
Left to the current congregation.*

*Why not pop to Drayton,
Just a charming stroll along the canal.
Don't put it off to tomorrow,
Discover the magic now.*

*Drayton Beauchamp St Mary's,
Nestled beneath the Chiltern Hills
Maybe Peace, Quiet tranquillity,
May ease your rushed life ills*

*Pip Rance, after hearing a concert at
Drayton Beauchamp, June, 2019.*

Emergency

HEALTH

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

ENERGY SUPPLIERS

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

CRIME

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

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EDUCATION

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

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Aston Clinton Colts Junior F.C.	07786 908219	coltsclubsecretary@outlook.com
Aston Clinton F.C.	07930 925840	www.astonclintonfc.co.uk
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Aston Wine Club	01296 630531	www.astonwineclub.co.uk
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Back to Netball	07545 033986	weststandmolly@aol.com
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Aston Clinton Beavers	01296 708158	ac.beavers@yahoo.co.uk
Aston Clinton Youth Club	01296 298682	

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All Saints, Buckland	01296 632488	www.allsaintsbuckland.org.uk
St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp	01296 632488	www.s-marys.org.uk
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Baptist Church	01296 630303	www.astonclintonbaptist.org
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Green Park / Adventure Learning Charity	03303 030101	alfvillages.org.uk

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Aston Clinton U3A	01296 436403	http://acu3a.weebly.com
Horticultural Society	01296 633376	www.astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Royal British Legion	01296 632039	
SSAFA Forces Help	01296 631030	
Churchill Lunch Club	07921 172642	
Turpins Charity	01296 630162	www.turpinscharity@outlook.com
Wendover Heights Veterinary Centre	01296 623439	www.whvc.co.uk
Women's Institute	01296 706908	b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com