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The bi-monthly community news magazine for
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(formerly The Parish Magazine)

Village Life, as a community magazine, has
grown out of the old parish magazine and is now
distributed to every home in Aston Clinton,
Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp.

The words 'community' and 'values' figure
prominently in this August issue. On page 3 the
Rev. Simon Downing invites us to consider the
importance of those two words in our lives and
to experience their meaning in his church.

Helen Shepherd, the headteacher of Aston
Clinton School, writes on page 5 on 'Values
Education', a new name for a process we hope
happens informally in all schools, perhaps with
varying degrees of success. She reminds us that
children learn from what they hear and see; they
mimic adults – much like the young of many of
our fellow creatures.

A pointer to what can be achieved when good
people get together for a common purpose is to
be found on page 10. I recall involvement in a
similar project back in the late Sixties and the
fun we parents had in the process.

A central aim of education is to equip our
children with the tools needed to live happy and
successful lives. The happiest people seem to be
those who gain fulfillment by being active in
their communities, particularly in the service of
those less fortunate than themselves. On page 15
Frank and Angela Wagner tell us of the work and
needs of the Whitechapel Mission, another
especially worthy example of values-in-action.

We know that life is going to get increasingly
tough for many of us over the coming few years.
Let us hope that within our own community, the
values we hold in common will be reinforced,
not threatened, by the challenges of difficult
times ahead.

Alec Just
Editor

Diary dates for August & September

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 12 August	7.30pm	Quiz Night organised by the Benefice Churches	Aston Clinton Social Club
Sat 20 August	2-5pm	Aston Clinton Horticultural Society Summer Show	Aston Clinton School
Sat 20 August	1pm	Barbecue, Picnic and Games organised by the Baptist Church	Wendover Woods
Sun 4 Sept	11am	Harvest Family Service	All Saints' Church, Buckland
Sun 4 Sept	6pm	Harvest Choral Evensong plus Bring & Buy Supper	All Saints Church, Buckland
Sat 10 Sept	10am-5pm	Bucks Historic Churches Ride & Stride	Benefice Churches
Sat 17 Sept	7.30pm	St Michael's Harvest Supper	Anthony Hall
Sun 18 Sept	9.15am	Harvest Festival	St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton
Sun 18 Sept	6pm	Harvest Songs of Praise	St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton
Sat 24 Sept	11am	Baptist Church Annual Fund-Raising Marathon	Baptist Church, Aston Clinton
Sun 25 Sept	4pm	Evensong for Harvest Festival	St Mary the Virgin Drayton Beauchamp

For more information on church-related events please contact:

St Michael & All Angels
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www.s-michaels.org.uk

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www.bucklandvillage.com

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Drayton Beauchamp
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for Events
organised by
Aston Clinton
Ladies' Group

Letter from the Baptist minister

Dear Friends

Villages are important places, because the potential of them is such that bonds and community can occur in them more readily than larger towns, cities and conurbations. The numbers of people within a village enable there to be a greater focus on things that matter to that particular group. Recent issues to do with industry and housing plans would be examples.

Indeed our villages are situated in a beautiful part of the country. All of us are grateful for the tranquil surroundings of this area – the rolling hills, the trees in their variety and the sense of the freshness of the air in the early mornings. We have a communal interest in these things too.

The word community has been given many definitions. One of them is 'a group of interacting people, possibly living in close proximity, and often refers to a group that shares some common values'. That seems a little 'cold', as definitions sometimes can be. The Bible uses the word 'community' which literally means 'common, belonging equally to several'. The word 'commune' is derived from this

too, a word that implies a feeling at one and togetherness.

In the Church we try so hard to make sure that we exhibit the better qualities of this word. We endeavour to be in harmony with one another in our worship of God.

Like the villages here, we have values we hold dear and many will be in accord with those of people generally – there will be a crossover. Yet we also have other values because of our beliefs. I believe that every person needs 'communion' with God, after all he is the greatest expression of community there is – one God as Father, Son and Spirit.

With that in mind I open the doors of our Church to you, and I welcome you to experience this type of community with us too. But whether you take up this offer or not, let us make sure that we do all we can to honour the better qualities of the word 'community'.

Thank you.

Simon Downing, Minister
Aston Clinton Baptist Church-



Aston Clinton Baptist Church

Church Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8am–4.30pm
Simon's contact details are:
office 01296 631824; home 631823

Activities for the Young

Weekly Totspot
For people with babies or very young toddlers: Tues and Thurs 10–12noon

Activities for Youth

Weekly – in term time
Youth Café – 3-6pm on Wednesday
Youth Group – 7.30-9.30pm on Friday

Monthly

Youth Church – 6pm on 3rd Sunday
Escape – 10.45am on 4th Sunday

What's in a name?

ASTON CLINTON, you'll be glad to know, is the only settlement of that name in the world! There are dozens of Astons in England alone and hundreds of Clintons most of which are in the USA.

A Saxon 'ton' was a small settlement usually centred round a farm. Aston was, therefore, east ton as opposed to West ton at Weston Turville. It is believed that Aston originally grew up at the intersection of the Roman Akeman Street (now the A41) and the ancient Icknield Way. Excavations which took place as part of the by-pass construction revealed a Saxon burial site at the top of Tring Hill.

William Clinton was, it seems, a Saxon rather than a Norman, who somehow managed to ally himself with the ruling Normans in the 11th century and was granted the land in and around Aston. Either he or one of his descendants adopted a 'de', possibly to sound more Norman, and in 1232 the list of Rectors in St Michael's Church shows the appointment of the first rector by Sir William de Clinton.

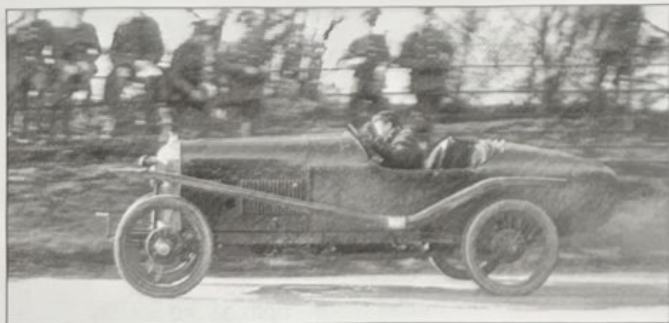
Jumping ahead to the 20th century, our village became world famous as a result of the Aston Hill Climb. From 1904 until

1925, when hill climbs on the public highway were allowed, the event held at Aston Hill became a classic over the 20 years of its existence. Lionel Martin made his first ascent of the hill – which started 20 yards from the junction with Upper Icknield Way and stretched for a mile up the hill – in April 1914. He went on to be extremely successful and built his own 'sporting light car' in 1915 which he called the Aston Martin after his success in the Aston Hill Climb. Thus started the legend of a brand of English cars, world famous and built in Bucks at Newport Pagnell and proudly bearing the name of our village.



More recently, in the 1960s and 70s, The Bell attracted world wide attention as the place where the stars wanted to be seen. Michael Harris played host to Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, Mick Jagger, Margot Fonteyn and Roberto Arias. Your writer was almost run down in Green End Street by Bruce Forsyth in a Rolls Royce!

So whilst we live peaceably in an historic village set beneath the Chiltern Hills in rural Bucks, remember also that the whole world, including James Bond, knows of Aston Clinton! *James Adam*



A competitor in the Intervarsity 1925 Hillclimb at Aston Clinton.

Lionel Martin was a regular competitor and went on to build Aston-Martin internationally celebrated cars with a name commemorating the famous Aston Hillclimb.

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Aston Clinton School

Head: Mrs Helen Shepherd



What are Values?

At Aston Clinton School, we believe that our role is to develop the whole child. What does that mean? I hear you ask. Aren't schools all about subjects, test results and grades? If we are to develop the whole child we need to help children become happy, stable people who are resilient and have the skills they need for their future life, both in work and in their leisure time.

A recent development in school has been to introduce Values Education, emphasising the education of the whole child and high personal moral and academic standards.

Values Education is not a new subject to be added to the curriculum. Rather it is an educational philosophy, an approach to teaching and learning that underpins the way a school develops good relationships and promotes positive human values.

Values Education aims to promote a common set of values that will positively affect behaviour and contribute to the peace and well-being of society. It also aims to inspire individual children to choose their own positive personal, social, moral and spiritual values and be aware of ways of developing and deepening them as citizens of the world.

Our Values determine our thinking and behaviour. They are the principles that act as the guides to our behaviour. Our Values

are the internal standards we use when we decide if a particular belief or action is good, desirable or not. They help us to make decisions and evaluate the actions of others.

As a school we are growing rapidly. This brings welcome new members to our community. Our challenge is to ensure our school ethos and the positive, calm atmosphere in school is still evident. Values Education enables us to make explicit the kind of behaviours we believe are important and introduces a moral vocabulary through the explicit and regular consideration of values words. It will help us maintain a calm, peaceful and purposeful climate in the classroom where there is mutual respect. Talking about Values supports the development of emotional intelligence as it positively affects children's self-confidence and self-esteem. We know that when children feel good about themselves they do better in school academically too.

By talking with the children about their guiding principles, or Values, it helps them to appreciate difference in others and to appreciate and understand themselves more. This raised self-awareness then allows them to take greater responsibility for their behaviour and learning and develop self discipline.

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Overall, it allows children to think about the kind of life worth living and what they want for themselves. This is not a quick fix initiative, but a long term focus for the school. As a school community, the Values we feel are the most important for our children to develop are: honesty, trust, friendship, tolerance, caring, appreciation, respect, happiness, co-operation, humility, responsibility, courage and quality.

Each value has been allocated time during the school year when it will be the focus for the whole school community.

Through the Friday Flyer and the school website everyone will know what Value we are actively thinking about. Everyone needs to be involved because Values need to be modelled as well as being taught. Children learn by what they hear and see; they mimic adults. Therefore all adults who come into contact with our children have a rôle to play by 'walking the talk'—demonstrating that the Values we feel, and have identified, are important in life. Can you 'walk the talk' and join us in helping our children become successful citizens of the future?

Helen Shepherd, Head

Aston Clinton Surgery Patient Participation Group

Aston Clinton Surgery is establishing a Patient Participation Group (PPG) and is looking for a mix of patients to become a part of it.

A PPG aims to give patients the opportunity to:

- Offer feedback about their experiences
- Help the practice improve its services
- Improve communication
- Influence decisions about which services are provided ...
- and a whole lot more.

A PPG is not:

- A forum for complaints
- A fundraising organisation
- A time consuming activity

It is hoped to have a core group that will meet with the practice team a few times a year, and another, much larger group of patients who can be contacted via email periodically in order to answer a question or two and for the surgery to gain valuable feedback.

You are invited to contact the surgery on 01296 630241 or call in to collect a form to fill in to register your interest.

Westongrove Partnership is a member of National Association for Patient Participation

New Chairman of Aston Clinton Parish Council

AT THE MAY MEETING of Aston Clinton Parish Council, Richard Maskell was elected as the new Chairman. Councillor Maskell was born in Aston Clinton in 1944, twenty-two years after the Maskell family moved to the village when Richard's father was 15. However, he can trace his maternal family living in Aston Clinton and Weston Turville back to the 18th century.

As a youth Richard was a chorister and a bell ringer at the village church, which he still attends. He was educated at Aston Clinton School as was his grandfather, mother, brother, sister, all of his three children and four of his eight grandchildren.

On leaving school he joined the local police force serving across the whole of the Thames Valley from Reading to Milton Keynes in a number of departments, rising to the rank of Inspector. He received three commendations from the Chief Constable for the arrest of armed criminals as part of the Armed Response Team.

On retiring from the police Richard was

employed in the transport section of the County Council. For his last four working years he was seconded to Buckinghamshire Community Action as a rural transport officer. There he set up a number of transport projects which are still operating today: Wheels to Work, The Youth Bus and a number of community bus services.

He became a Parish Councillor twelve years ago aiming to work with his fellow



councillors in representing the views of the residents and to improve the quality of life in the village.

Richard has been married to Janet for 44 years. He is interested in history and is a member of the National Trust and English Heritage. He is a Trustee of the Turpin's Charity and

Aylesbury Vale Dial-a-Ride.

He hopes to continue the good work of the previous chairman and widen some of the services the Council provides. The Council has spent money provided from housing development mainly in the park and he feels that further money could be spent in the wider community. The Council will consult the residents of the village for ideas on how this should be implemented.

James Adam

The Anthony Hall

The Anthony Hall is our village hall. It belongs to the village and is run on behalf of the village by four Trustees and a Management Committee of six elected representatives and a Secretary.

For the last two years our Secretary has been Jo Drury who has done a sterling job in a time during which the Hall has undergone an almost total transformation both

inside and out. Jo has had to resign for family reasons and the Committee now needs someone to take over her post.

If you feel that you could help by undertaking this important job in the community, do please contact the Chairman of the Trustees, James Adam, by phone on 01296 623239 or by email: james@jamesadam.co.uk. He will be delighted to hear from you!

The Parish Council

A CONTESTED ELECTION was not called this year. The following candidates were elected unopposed:

Mr Richard Maskell	Mrs Marion Richards
Mr John Watson	Mr Brian Harrison
Mrs Teresa Kirtland	Mr David Wallis
Mr Martin Watson	Mrs Lindy Mooney
Mr Mike Parsonage	Mr Geoff Plowman

There is one vacancy on the council. If any local resident is interested in serving the community of Aston Clinton as a parish councillor would they please apply in writing to:

The Clerk, Aston Clinton Parish Council,
The Parish Meeting Room,
Aston Clinton Park, London Road,
Aston Clinton, HP22 5HL

Parish Council Meeting Room

Earlier this year, thirty people were present when David Lidington MP officially opened the Aston Clinton Parish Council meeting room in Aston Clinton Park, next to the Youth Club. In an address to those present, Mr Lidington acknowledged the work of the council and the numerous activities it provided. He wished the council well for the future.

Aston Clinton Parish Council is one of the largest village parish councils in Aylesbury Vale. Aston Clinton has a population of over 3,500. The Council is not only responsible for the village but also for the maintenance of Aston Clinton Park: 43 acres with its numerous sporting facilities and the main buildings. It is also responsible for other properties in the village, including the churchyard, because it is designated as a cemetery.

Until recently, the Council hired village halls for its meetings and the clerk had to

work from home. With the expanding development in the village this has proved to be impractical. The new meeting room now provides an office for the clerk, and a place for the residents to meet councillors and view development plans.

Funds for Community Projects

The Parish Council is seeking the views of the residents of Aston Clinton as to how certain funds are spent in the village. Planning authorities are allowed to enter into a legally-binding agreement or planning obligation with the landowner as part of the granting of planning permission.

The agreement is a way of making a development more acceptable in planning terms. They are increasingly used to support the provision of services and infrastructures such as recreational facilities, education and affordable housing.

Aston Clinton Parish Council has used some of this money to replace bus shelters, provide more play equipment in the children's play area in the park, the skateboard facility and providing a water supply for the allotments.

However, the Parish Council is seeking to broaden the use of these funds, but they have to be used for the village community as a whole. If you would like to offer an idea, please put it in writing to Claire Hill, the Parish Clerk, whose email address is: parishcouncil@astonclinton.org

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Aston Clinton Bowls Club

THE EARLIEST RECORD of competitive bowling in the village is from December 1905 when the newly-formed Tring Bowling Club held its first annual dinner at the Rose and Crown Hotel and listed amongst its guests the secretaries of both Aylesbury and Aston Clinton bowling clubs. In 1978 the Parish Council allocated land in Aston Clinton Park to the club and work began on the long process of constructing a full six-rink green. The move to the park was completed in 1986.

The aim of Aston Clinton Bowls Club is to promote and foster the game of Flat Green Bowls and provide facilities for the social needs of its members. Full membership is open to men and women over 18 years, Junior members between 14 and 18 years and Social members who enjoy the non-playing facilities of the Club.

The Club caters for both beginners and experienced players with three qualified coaches. It fulfils a programme of friendly matches with neighbouring clubs, both at weekends and weekdays from April to September each year. Members can elect

to play in these matches, Club competitions or 'roll-ups'. Experienced players can represent the Club in competitions organised by the County.

The Club has a thriving social side with fund raising events including Quiz Nights, Race Nights and Lunches. In the summer months a newsletter is distributed to Members. The Club has a reputation for its friendly atmosphere and in the manner that it plays bowls. There are no paid employees and, whenever possible, Members carry out any maintenance tasks but are not put under any obligation. The Club has a licensed bar and catering is provided as appropriate.

For more details, visit the Club's

website at www.astonclintonbowlsclub.org or contact Vernon Western, Membership Secretary on 01296 631023.



The green from the Clubhouse

Aston Clinton Ladies Group

On **Wednesday 17 August** we are holding a 40s-50s themed Garden Party.

Venue: Marion's, Pollensa, Chiltern Way, Aston Clinton.

Party food from the 40s-50s era will be available. Also we'll have a Bring and Buy. Always a fun evening.

On **Saturday 20 August** we have a stall at the Horticultural Show and Fete.

We shall be selling home-made traybakes, cookies and sweets.

Make sure to come and see us!

On **Sunday 21 September** we present Amusing Monologues by Betty Paige.

Venue: The Anthony Hall at 8pm.

Cost incl. coffee & biscuits:

Members £1, Guests £2. We'll also have a Raffle with Prizes.

An evening not to be missed, Betty is hilarious and always extremely popular.

New members are always welcome and we will make sure one of the committee meet you as soon as you arrive, so there is no need to feel awkward if you come alone. Interested? Please contact Sue Sanders on 630740 or Monica Ellison on 630999.

Aston Clinton School DIY SOS

ASTON CLINTON School Association has been raising funds to refurbish the infants' playground to create an exciting outside learning space that will be used, not just at playtime but throughout the school day, to support the curriculum. Aimed primarily at the infants, the project will involve the whole school and a large number of Year 5s will be trained as Playground Leaders to support and lead the many new activities the playground will offer.

For the next stage of the playground refurbishment, we need help with the tasks below:

- Building an archaeological-type dig
- Building a wooden seated surround for the sensory garden
- Sanding down and painting the shelter, tables and benches in various colours
- Building signs and target boards
- Cooking burgers
- Making refreshments

We have decided to have a DIY weekend on the 10 & 11 September. All abilities are welcome: just turn up with a willing open mind and we'll make good use of you.

We will also be very grateful to receive any donations of plants, wind chimes etc as well as any brightly coloured outdoor paints and suitable paintbrushes. We would also love to hear from you if you have contacts where we could get any of the above at cost/discounted.

In return ACSA will provide a burger and beer!!

If you can help on the day or if you can help by supplying materials, please contact Mandy on 07989 511381 or Emma on 07983 650235.

A happy scene at the Art and Craft Fair and Fête held on Saturday and Sunday 9/10 July at St Michael and All Angels. The weather for the popular annual event was mixed but clearly warm and sunny when this photo was taken on the Sunday afternoon. ▼



Photo: James Adam

The Arla proposal

As you are no doubt aware, the plans have now been submitted for an industrial complex on 150 acres of agricultural land.

Planning application reference numbers are as follows:

11/00962/APP - Land to east of College Road North, Aston Clinton. Proposed dairy (1.3BN L), associated offices, pallet store, energy centre, cool corridor, three gatehouses, vehicle maintenance unit, transport office, wash enclosure, drivers' store, car & commercial parking spaces. Balancing pond, engineering works to create landscape bund & diversion of Drayton Mead brook, landscaping and new priority junction from College Road, external works to include vehicle wash, fuel island & weighbridges and associated access.

The other three applications are in outline form with details reserved for subsequent approval.

The reference numbers are:

11/00963/AOP. To the north of the dairy site is the proposed B8 development comprising a regional distribution centre of 23,226 square metres, with associated access, parking and landscaping.

11/00964/AOP. To the south of Drop-short Farm and to the south and east of the dairy site is proposed a B1c/B2/B8 industrial development of 22,297 square metres with ancillary offices and associated areas, parking and landscaping.

11/00965/AOP. To the north-west of the dairy site is the proposed B2/B8 development of 41,806 square metres with associate access, parking and landscaping.

It is expected that the application(s) will be referred for decision to the Planning

Committee before the end of the year.

In view of the significance of the Arla proposal, objections and comments on the applications will be accepted by the Council up to the date of the hearing, despite the expiry of the three-week period normally allowed.

Parish Council vacancy

Members of the Parish Council regretted the resignation of Andy McIntosh as a parish councillor. Andy is moving jobs, and we would like to thank him for his invaluable help over the last 10 years, and wish him well in his move.

If you would like to join the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk, Christine Jensen, who will provide you with further information.

Telephone 01296 626073 or email clerk@bucklandpc.org.uk or write to: The Parish Clerk, Village Hall, Halton Village, HP22 5NG.

Goods deliveries - a plea

Buckland Parish Council is a village with only one access; problems are caused when large lorries use the road, only to find that they cannot turn round. Unfortunately, once in the village, desperate measures are then taken to try to get out, resulting in damage to residents' gateways. It would help if residents ordering goods could impress upon their suppliers the restrictions that their drivers will face, and suggest they use smaller delivery vehicles wherever possible.

Dog litter in Buckland

There is still a problem in the parish with 'doggy bags' being abandoned inconsiderately. The problem is particularly noticeable along Lower Buckland, between Cherry Farm and the canal. The owner of Cherry

Farm is extremely generous with his time in clearing along this area, but it is a job which should not be necessary.

Please ensure you pick up your dog litter and take it home. Do not throw the bag in hedges or ditches, they have a more important role to play than act as dog litter bins.

Please note that there is a fine of £1,000 if you are caught in the act.

Dog owners' responsibilities

The following email arrived recently in the *Village Life* editorial office:

"Recently, I have had my early morning walks in the local fields and Buckland Wharf canal towpath ruined by unleashed dogs jumping up on me, last week it was by two white labradors who not only nearly knocked me down but hurt my back and covered my clothing in mud. Their owners just laughed and said it was because I was eating something and the dogs wanted some. I was clearly very distressed but the owners didn't even apologise, it was as if it was my fault for being there. Whilst most dog owners are considerate, I'm afraid I have encountered those that are not. It must be very frightening for those who have had issues with dogs in their lives. I feel I can no longer enjoy my much needed peaceful walk in the mornings."

This sounds as though it might have been rather an extreme case. Nevertheless dog owners should remember that, common courtesy apart, they are legally accountable for the behaviour of their dogs – Ed.



Neighbourhood Plan

As part of the new Localism Bill, preparations are in hand for local communities to prepare their own Neighbourhood Plan, which could eventually become a part of the Aylesbury Plan. It is important that this is led by residents, not just the Parish Council. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested in becoming part of a group to 'get the ball rolling'.

Contact details – phone: 01296 626073; email: clerk@bucklandpc.org.uk; or write to: The Village Hall, Old School Close, Halton Village, Aylesbury, HP22 5NG

N.B. This is a different plan from the Community-led Plan, which was discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

ACRID

At a meeting held by ACRID (Aylesbury Chiltern Resistance to Inappropriate Development) on 19 July at the Chiltern Archery Centre, Buckland, residents were reminded to keep up the pressure on Arla's planning applications, overcome any complacency that may have set in, and encourage further objections to be made to assist the campaign.

The objective of the meeting was to provide an update and spread the word to all residents throughout the Aylesbury area who will be affected by the development. The different ways of achieving this goal were also considered.

It is hoped that Arla's applications will be called in for consideration by the Secretary of State.

If you would like further information, please contact Nigel Hayward on 01296 626073, or visit www.acridarla.co.uk.

[If you wish to learn more about this issue, the *Bucks Herald* website has much to offer, both for and against.]

Village Archive Project

I am now hard at work preparing the final version of the account of each parish property, its history and its residents. Please check yours when it arrives, let me know if there are corrections needed, and then sign and return the permission slip to me as soon as possible. Contact David Lonsdale if you want to discuss photographs with him. His email address is: lonsdales@hotmail.co.uk. That will let us move on without delay to the next phase of the Project – organising the production of the book.

Margaret Ross

Pony Express

Don't be surprised if you see Erica Godman delivering some of the copies of **Village Life** around Drayton Beauchamp. She has kindly offered to help with delivery so there may be ponies and a trap heading your way from now on!

A Christening

On a gloriously sunny Sunday July 3rd at St Mary's, Drayton Beauchamp, the Revd. Elizabeth Moxley baptised Harry John William Nodes (who thoroughly enjoyed the experience as Elizabeth has been holding him since he was very small and considerably lighter!) The Church was filled with relatives, friends and neighbours from far and near. Harry's Great Aunt Sarah had flown in especially from Rome where she has lived for many years, and a jolly party of Welsh relatives had journeyed from Cardiff.

After the service everyone proceeded to Buckland Village Hall where a magnificent buffet prepared and served by John and Evelyn Seaton was waiting. Without fail, all the guests remarked on the attractive setting and interior of the village hall. The children had a wonderful time playing outside: another bonus! William, Harry's grandfather, proposed a toast and thanked everyone for the help and support for the family in the two previous difficult years. It was a joyous occasion and Harry would like to recommend being baptised as he loved receiving the gifts and having a party.

Margaret Ross

Master Harry John William Nodes on his Christening Day



The Editor is always pleased to receive news of local events in both Drayton Beauchamp and Buckland. Unfortunately **Village Life** cannot afford teams of staff reporters able to scour the area for news. Instead, we rely on you to let us have information you feel will be of interest to other members of the community. You will understand that publication is at the discretion of the Editor and subject to the limitations of space.

Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society



54th Summer Show and Fête Saturday 20 August at 2pm

This year, our annual Summer Show is back to its normal Saturday, the third Saturday in August. Once again, it will be held on the playground and in the Old Clock School at Aston Clinton School. As always, this is very much a village event with a range of stalls and fête games. Teas and refreshments are available; admission is £1 with children free. For those not away on holiday it makes a pleasant break in the summer holidays. We want you to join in and there are plenty of classes – 143 in total – so there is something for everyone to have a go. All the classes are open, that is anybody may enter, except for two classes that are restricted to those who live in our three villages.

The show is divided into nine sections: vegetables, Novices, Flowers, Floral Art, Novices – flowers, Domestic, children aged 8 and under, children aged 9–14 and handicrafts. This range of classes makes this a truly 'Old Style' village show and fête. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbours, children and grandchildren to have a go. Entry is free but there is no prize money, just the joy of winning a certificate and perhaps a cup

or shield. The Show Schedule is available from Ralph Weston (630456) and Maureen Ridler (633376). Wednesday 17 August is entry night for the Summer Show; at the Anthony Hall; from 6 to 8.30 pm.

The Show, and particularly the Fête, take a lot of manpower to make them run smoothly. We need lots of helpers to set up, act as stewards, man stalls and to clear up afterwards. The Fête helps the Society raise funds to defray the cost of putting on the Show. The major cost is the hiring of the school premises, so the stalls such as the Raffle and Tombola are very important to us. We are looking for gifts for both the Tombola and for the Raffle. If you can help in anyway please contact Maureen Ridler on 633376 or Ralph Weston on 630456 and thank you.

We also run a book stall and a plant stall – please let us recycle your books; donations of plants, flowers and produce from your gardens will be gratefully received. Finally, if you won a cup last year, please will you return it to Sue Lipscomb on or before Wednesday 17th August.

Ralph Weston

En passant ...

'Isn't nature wonderful!' is not an unusual exclamation when one is confronted by yet another of nature's miracles. I have often said those words to myself at the sight of a withering plant whose dying effort is to sustain single flower to

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Each year the people of Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp work together to collect clothes and food for the mission, usually at Harvest time, when we are reminded of how much we all have compared to someone who is homeless.

The Whitechapel Mission welcomes any kind of donation but at the moment they are most in need of the items listed below.

We would really appreciate it if you could donate any of these items and bring them to St Michael & All Angels' Church before Harvest Sunday on 18th September. The church is open and all items can be left at the back of the church. Whether it's just one bag of sugar or a pair of old jeans - it will truly make a difference to someone in need!

If you would like more information or would like to become a volunteer to cook breakfast at the mission, call Frank and Angela Wagner on 01296 630029 as we will be regularly organising volunteer trips to help at Whitechapel.

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- **20%** have been in the armed forces
- **30%** have been in care at some point



Useful telephone numbers

for Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp

Name	Contact/Line status	Telephone no.
1st Aston Clinton Brownies	Tracey Howe	01296 630099
2nd Aston Clinton Brownies	Cheryl Muirhead	01296 630827
Amersham Hospital		01494 434411
Anthony Hall (Bookings Sec)	Valerie Owen	01296 630303
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Aston Clinton School	Helen Shepherd	01296 630276
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Aston Park Tennis Club	Luanda Bury	01296 630169
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Baptist Church Hall	Jo Drury	07813 106205
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Buckland Society	Nigel Hayward	01296 632094
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Football: Aston Park FC	Ken Workman	01296 631504
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John Radcliffe Hospital		01865 741166
Ladies Group	Irene Wharton	01296 630195
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Aylesbury Vale	David Thompson	01296 425656
Aylesbury Vale	Phil Yerby	07769 621507
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MP for Aylesbury	David Lidington	020 7219 3432
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Neighbourhood Watch, Buckland	Edwin Domican	01296 630467
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Royal British Legion	Janet Tye	01296 434866
Stoke Mandeville Hospital		01296 315000
Tot Spot (Baptist Church)	Nicky Downing	01296 631824
Trading Standards		0845 4040506
Veterinary Centre		01296 630600
Women's Institute	Sylvia Darling	01296 631574

Police information

The Police Community Support Officers who have been assigned to the area are Mandy Aplin and Christina Pringle. Wendover Police Station is open to the public: Monday to Friday, 9am-1pm. The non-emergency number is 0845 8505505.

Errors and omissions

Any errors or omissions in the above lists should please be notified to the Editor.

Support for the elderly



AFTER 65 years supporting older people, local charity Age Concern Bucks has now changed its name to become Age UK Buckinghamshire.

Age UK Buckinghamshire will still be the independent charity helping local older people to have a better quality of life. It will continue to provide tailored support and services for people living in the area, including Information and Advice, Advocacy, Welfare Benefits, Befriending and Rural Day Care.

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Therefore we have decided not to take a summer break and continue meeting every Monday during July and August between 7.30pm and 9.30pm at the Holiday Inn, off Aston Clinton Road (A41), near Aylesbury. The French Club is free to attend and welcomes all adult French language speakers and learners.

For further information contact Simon on 07738 512 664. Alternatively, email: poetsimon@aol.com

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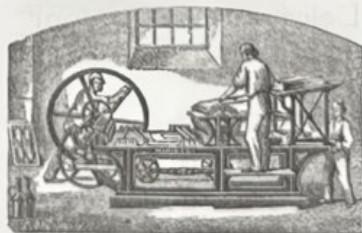
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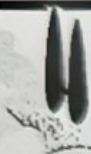
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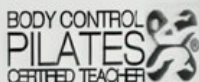
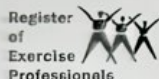


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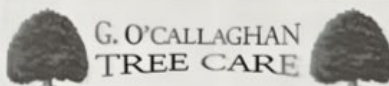
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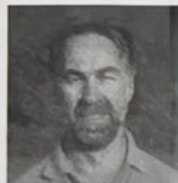


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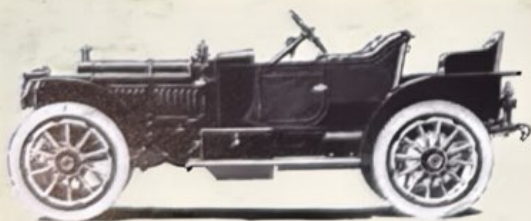
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