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(formerly The Parish Magazine)

BY THE TIME most of you read this, our local
Jubilee celebrations will have come and gone.



Nevertheless, it is still worth
reflecting on the significance
and value of the example set
by Queen Elizabeth II over her
long reign to date. She has
dedicated her life to the service

of this nation as its constitutional monarch and
head of state. She has carried out her innumerable
duties conscientiously, always with the highest
standards of probity and fidelity. As the world has
changed around her, she represents in her life
those enduring values of grace, courtesy and
constancy, the very basis of a civilised society.

Human values are the topic of Helen Shepherd's
article as headteacher of Aston Clinton School.
On page 5 she tells us why, from early years, the
children in her care learn that a good life involves
more than being adept at reading, writing and
arithmetic, vital though those skills are.

Many of those unifying qualities symbolised by
the Queen were shown by the way everyone came
together in a spirit of open-hearted generosity to
make such an extraordinary success of the Village
Market on that sunny day in May. Kelly Cornish
tells us on page 9 just who and what it took to
raise the amazing sum of around £5,000 in just a
few short hours.

Human compassion and generosity are what
prompt people from our villages to give their time
to the service of sad folk whose lives have fallen
apart. Ralph Weston writes on page 11 about how
happiness can be given and found by serving
breakfast to those in need at the Whitechapel
Mission in east London.

Alec Just
Editor

Message from the Baptist Minister

Dear Friends

I hope life is treating you well. All around us Spring is deepening into Summer. We all appreciate the blessing it provides, as another cycle of ecological life unfolds. For every tree and plant, phases and cycles are inherent to their development. Without them we would live on a dead and barren planet.

One of the most important things I have learnt in my life, is to not simply look at the 'now'. Cycles and phases matter to humanity too. To focus purely on the 'moment' alone, can sometimes lead to overt self-interest. Yes there are occasions when we need to focus on particular moments, but those need to be shaped by how things can be, as well. We also need to prevent that which is past, being all that defines us too.

As a Christian, seeing things from God's perspective—his future angle—gives me great hope. It means that not only can he

work in the present hour and make changes, but even if he does not, his supreme plan affords me the belief that this is not all there is. His hand on world affairs, even my own past, present and future, means that, in God, there are always possibilities and determined outcomes. In my own family at this time,

many difficult situations have to be borne, but God's cycle and his phases means that there is reason to have hope.

I recently told my congregation that without the leaves on a tree dying, there can be little colour. The

beauty of the reds and oranges at Autumn are truly wonderful. Likewise, without the dying there can be no new life and greenery the next Spring. My hope is that we can have faith in the Creator and see our world and our lives from his perspective. He will make all things new.

May you have faith in him over these coming days.

Rev'd Simon Downing



Aston Clinton Baptist Church

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Sun 14–Mon 16 July	11am-4pm	Flower Festival	St Michael's Church

There will be a short course studying St Paul on Wednesdays, 27 June and 4 and 11 July.

More details about all these events on the church website www.s-michaels.org.uk

Aston Clinton Parish Meeting

IT IS a statutory obligation for a Parish to convene an Annual Parish Meeting. This year it was held on 2 May in the Parish Council meeting room and was very well attended.

The meeting is an opportunity for the Council to engage with the local community. In addition to the Chairman's report on the activities of the Council and what the Council proposes to do in the coming year, representatives of the leading organisations in the village reported on their activities. Four organisations made verbal reports and others submitted written ones.

This year the Chairman, Richard Maskell, reported on the official opening of the Parish Council meeting room by David Lidington, MP, the two evening consultations with residents on the Arla development and the Neighbourhood Planning consultation. The Chairman stated that the Council would pursue one of the main issues which came out

of that consultation, namely the provision of affordable housing. He also reported on the development of a new parking area in Aston Park and the addition of new skateboard equipment. The Chairman also reported that the Council had granted permission for the Aston Clinton Scouts to build a Scout Hall in the Park. There has been a scout group in the village for over a hundred years but they have never had their own premises.

The Chairman was thanked by other councillors and a member of the public for all his work and the time he has given throughout the year to Council business, also for his detailed report.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting which followed the Parish Meeting, Richard Maskell was re-elected Chairman and John Watson Vice Chairman.

Claire Hill

Clerk to Aston Clinton Parish Council.

If you are the chairperson or secretary of a local club or society, **Village Life** is your platform to tell the rest of us about what you are doing. Active local voluntary organisations catering for a wide spread of interests are a sure sign of a thriving and healthy community. Don't be shy! Share the good news! – Alec Just, Editor. Email him at: alec.just@btinternet.com

Letter from Kathryn Sykes

Chair of Aston Clinton Pre-School

IT IS ALMOST TWO YEARS since I became Chairperson of the Aston Clinton Pre-School. Prior to joining the committee, I had no idea how the Pre-School was run.

It is actually a charity run by parent volunteers and we receive no grants from the education system to pay for equipment or extra activities for the children. Instead we rely on our own fundraising efforts.

When I joined the committee, there were two fundraising events each year – a Fun Day in October and the Christmas Concert. Needless to say with them being just two months apart, a large proportion of the year saw no income and no events to help the parents and community feel part of the Pre-School. With my band of willing and very hardworking volunteers, we set about coming up with some new and interesting fundraising ideas. Last summer we ran a Ladies Pamper Evening which was so much fun and so successful that we repeated the idea in March. It is sure to be a permanent fixture in our calendar.

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So now we have the Fun Day for the kids, the Pamper Evening for the Mums (and Grannies and Aunts!) and we realised that what was missing was something for the men in our lives. I had heard about a successful Beer Festival and with the committee, decided to add a Hog Roast and some free children's activities, such as a Bouncy Castle and Face-Painting and so the first Aston Clinton Beer Festival was born.

Preparations are now well under way and excitement amongst us organisers continues to grow. The focus of this festival is 'Local'. The beer, wine and cider are produced nearby, the 'hog' reared locally, suppliers and sponsors are all local and we even have a local Band booked too. We hope to make this the first of many festivals to come but for that to happen we need YOUR support. Please come along and help make this the best local Beer Festival around.

Kathryn Sykes

Aston Clinton Beer Festival 23-24 June 2012

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Aston Clinton School

Head: Mrs Helen Shepherd



Aston Clinton School believes very strongly that education has many roles to fulfil. Ultimately, they all can be summed up in our aim to develop 'a well-rounded person who will contribute positively to society'.

There is, of course, a strong focus on high quality learning and teaching at school. We strive constantly to find the most effective ways to help children learn. Some of these are different to how we were taught as children. For example the use of number lines enables children to see how they got answers to sums and over time they can visualise these number lines in their heads to help them during mental maths. They are also a stepping stone to the more formal, traditional forms of recording sums.

However, to be well-rounded, we believe it is important to develop, amongst other things, the child's moral and other values. This underpins the kind of adult they become. Eighteen months ago we embarked on a journey to actively develop an understanding of values for our children. Every four weeks we focus on a specific value – recently it has been honesty. During these four weeks the chosen value is discussed in assemblies; lessons in classrooms take place; parents are informed on our website and in our Friday Flyer, of the area we are focusing on. The children hear the vocabulary related to values and are shown how they overlap. So, during this unit of work on honesty, we discussed how dishonesty breaks trust (another school value) and can stop people respecting you (yet another one!).

Over the last eighteen months, it has been a delight to see that the children are using the vocabulary in their own talk during lessons. They understand what these values mean. Of course we are all human and so they are not always able to demonstrate the value, but they try hard to do so and recognise when they don't. It has made it 'easier' to accept consequences when they don't use their values and get into trouble. Feedback from our parental body suggests that they are very pleased with the values work we are doing, as it is helping their child develop as a person.

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We aim to equip our children, when they leave us, to make the most of their secondary and further education and later to acquire the skills to get a job, to build successful relationships with others and to be positive citizens of the world. These are not just academic skills, but emotional and personal ones too.

Helen Shepherd

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

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The Temperance Movement in Aston Clinton

(with extracts from Aston Clinton Parish Magazine, June 1882)

Selected by Tilla Adam

THE Temperance Movement started in America in the early 1800s but was becoming popular in England in the 1830s. The Church of England Temperance Society, founded in 1862, was the largest of the several societies formed to control the widespread drunkenness which plagued Victorian society.

"It may interest some of the readers of our Parish Magazine to hear a little of the work that has been done by the promoters of the Aston Clinton branch of the Church of England Temperance Society".

At the first meeting of the Temperance Society in Aston Clinton on 6 February 1880, in the National School, people were asked to sign the pledge book for the first time.

"Six of the audience resolutely signed the pledge, Miss Annie Keene, of Rose Cottage, being the first on the list. But the meeting was a small one and the subject was not very favourably looked upon in this parish. The society was divided into two branches, that of total abstainers and that of non-total abstainers or moderate drinkers. Although there are two distinct pledges and two distinct sets of rules for the members of these separate branches, yet the society holds out precisely the same advantages and the same friendly hand to both".

However, towards the end of 1880, the Society suddenly took on a new lease of life. As interest grew, general meetings were held and invited speakers addressed them in speeches "full of energy, brightness and humour". By 1882 there were 109 abstainers.

"It is to be hoped that the members will not neglect these meetings, they are most important in bringing this little band together. Throughout Great Britain the cause of Temperance is growing. Hundreds of thousands are signing the pledge and enrolling themselves under the various societies (bearing banners and devices of different orders) but all fighting in common against a common foe. It is the fashion to be a total abstainer.

Mr Gladstone, in making his speech on the Budget, said that the revenue from spirits had decreased during the last three years and that the money thus saved had found its way into the savings bank.

Coffee palaces and Temperance Hotels are springing up in cities, towns and hamlets of the kingdom".



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Aston Clinton had its own Temperance bar known as the Swan Coffee Tavern. It was at 12 London Road on the corner of Brook Street. The Band of Hope was a temperance organisation for working class children founded in Leeds in 1847. All members took a pledge of total abstinence and were taught the evils of drink. Members were enrolled from the age of six and met once a week to listen to lectures and participate in activities. There was a strong Band of Hope group in Aston Clinton.

The article in the 1882 magazine ends with this stirring exhortation:

"Summer is here with its exhausting labour, its equally exhausting games, and its many temptations. An army of total abstainers throughout the breadth and length of the land have resolved to keep true to their pledges; in the hayfield, the cornfield and in the cricket field. They have all tried the cooling drinks that are being so largely invented and so widely spread, and they have agreed that hard work can be done, and hard play can be carried on without the stimulus of alcohol; the members of the Aston Clinton branch must not lag behind. They must show they can toil 'from dewy morn 'til dusky eve' not only in spite of, but probably much better for their pledges, which they signed so courageously, and which they are keeping at first with self-denial, but which they will keep with ease".

These extracts are from an article in the 1882 Parish Magazine written by Constance Flower. She was the daughter of Sir Anthony de Rothschild and married Cyril Flower MP who later inherited the title of Lord Batterssea.

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Aston Clinton Ladies' Group

ASTON Clinton Ladies' Group was founded as the Young Wives Group in 1961 by June Lewis, wife of the then Rector. Two of its founder members, Mrs Olive Shehan and Mrs Eve Proctor, are still members today. The Group offers its members a varied programme of talks and events and through their fund-raising activities the Group provides support to many local organisations.

Every November at its AGM, the Group donates the money raised back into the village. Last year £600 was distributed among the following:

- The St Michael's Church Flower Fund
- Old Friends
- Aston Clinton Luncheon Club
- 1st Aston Clinton Brownies
- 2nd Aston Clinton Brownies
- Aston Clinton Guides
- Aston Clinton Cubs, Scouts and Beavers
- The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.

Meetings are held at 8pm on the third Wednesday of every month in the Guide Hall,

Aston Clinton, unless otherwise stated. Meetings arranged for the next few months are:

June 20 "My life in Kenya" by Danielle, with an opportunity to buy jewellery from Dignity Designs. Proceeds from these handmade products help to provide dignity for disabled children and their mothers at Heshima Children's Centre in Nairobi

July 18 "An evening with Lavinia" – a fun evening that will surprise you!

August 15 Garden Party to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee with Bring and Buy (venue to be confirmed)

You are invited to come along as a guest to any of our meetings or events. You can be sure of a warm welcome. New members are always welcome to join the Group.

*Some members of the Aston Clinton Ladies' Group,
l-r: Anne Holman, Brenda Wheeler, Janet Watson,
Pat Whelan, Joan Collins, Sue Sanders and
Maggie Taylor*



Lately, I've been thinking about things I've done that I'm not proud of. There's the everyday stuff like dressing my youngest two children in the school playground, throwing away cake in the bin and then retrieving it, polishing my shoes with a baby wipe (almost daily and probably most offensive of all to my Very Orderly Husband). Then there was the time I went running and my multi-way sports bra strap 'unsnapped'. Finding myself at the furthest point from home, and unable to reattach it without actually undressing, I asked a passer-by to do it for me.

Result for me: back in time for preschool pick up. Less pleasant, I suspect, for the poor woman who found herself rummaging around under my sweaty top that day.

Worse still, last summer I told my five-year-old to lie about his age in order to participate in a holiday activity with his older sister. When asked, he replied "Mummy said to say I'm six". That was a real parenting low point.

But actually, is any of this worse than being pictured in a tabloid newspaper wearing a 'Free the Weatherfield One' T-shirt, back in the days when Deirdre was banged up behind bars?

As a game sort of girl in the Marketing



Department, I was also roped in to appear in the agony aunt's Photo Casebook in that same red-top, bringing enormous shame to my Orthodox Greek grandparents. Possibly, it was the shot of me in bed with 'my womanising boss' that tipped them over the edge. Telling them that it wasn't real didn't make much difference nor did my exclamation "I got £50 for it!". They never did think much of my "Promotions" career.

I managed to claw back some respectability by marrying before the age of thirty, very important to the Greeks, who genuinely felt that getting 'off the shelf' was a far greater

achievement than climbing the professional ladder. And here I am now, a housewife with four children. They couldn't be more pleased.

So as I muddle my way through raising a family, I'm starting to wonder, am I setting the right example to my children by staying at home? I never intended to return to the anti-social hours that working for a newspaper brings but with the youngest a year away from starting school, is it time to think about going back to work in some other capacity? What on earth would I do? More importantly, will it make the kids proud?

Kelly Cornish

ACS Village Market

THE 4th annual Aston Clinton School Village Market on Sunday 13 May was once again a HUGE fundraising success.

Thankfully April's incessant rain finally eased up and the sun shone on the day bringing over 2000 people through the gates to eat, drink and shop with us. This year's record number of stalls offered some beautiful items for sale and as for the food ...?

Let's just say most people left with a very full stomach.

The organisers wish to thank all the stallholders for taking part and the residents around the school for their patience and understanding on the day, with so many extra cars and vans outside. Also, the Parish Council for allowing us use of the Park Car Park and On Yer Triumph too.

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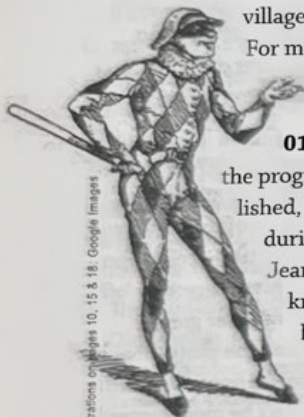
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Theatre in the Villages

Theatre in the Villages is getting ready for its Autumn Season. The choice of performances is now available for any promoter who would like to participate in this wonderful scheme which brings professional theatre to your village.

For more information, please contact Jeannette Baxter on **01296 630902**. When the programme has been published, which will be during the Summer, Jeannette will let you all know so that you can book your tickets for what promises to be a really good, varied and fun-packed season

covering drama, comedy, opera and children's classics, all of which will be performed across Buckinghamshire.



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Violinists having fun

A Special Charity Fiddle Concert is being held on Sunday 17 June at 7.30pm at Victoria Hall, Tring, following the previously highly successful event, held in a packed Anthony Hall in 2010.

Don't let the description put you off, as the range of instruments played by **The Oxford Fiddle Group** include: double bass, Celtic harp, guitar, mandolin, viola, cello and a concertina. There will be side singers, tap dancing and plenty of humour.

They will perform a variety of tunes and songs from their repertoire, with material from England, Scotland, Ireland and USA.

This concert is once again in aid of The Hospice of St Francis in Berkhamsted, founded in 1979. The Hospice aims to provide excellent palliative care to all those with terminal illness in this area.

Tickets are available at £10 and can be obtained from David Lonsdale, either by email: lonsdales@hotmail.co.uk or **01296 631791**.

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Bramley Engineering, MJ Electrical Engineering Ltd, Time Management Support, Orange Coconut, Caremark and Saferoute. Also our thanks are due to POP Design Inc for our eye-catching artwork, Mike Winfield for designing our website and MediaPort Solutions Ltd for the fantastic printing. We would like to thank Hafiz the Ice-Cream Man, Jo Jameson and the Ponies and Sweet Memories Swing Boats for kindly donating a share of their profits. Thank you to La Vita Hair Design and Hyatt Studios for so generously donating all of theirs.

We'd like to thank David Young, Ernie Mendies and Hunton Bridge Brass for providing such fantastic musical entertainment on the day. Also, thank you AVDC for supplying such excellent rubbish and recycling facilities.

The organisers would also like to thank their husbands and parents for stepping in to make signs, move tables, direct traffic and look after the kids – we couldn't have done it without your help!

And finally our biggest thanks go to everyone who came along to support not only the school, but the incredible array of businesses, services and organisations we have on our very doorsteps.

At time of going to press the final amount raised for the school is expected to be in the region of £5,000 which is a truly impressive achievement.

We would welcome any feedback you may have. Contact us via the Village Market website: www.acvillagemarket.co.uk

We hope to see you next year.

Kelly Cornish

Serving breakfast at the Whitechapel Mission

On Maundy Thursday five members from St Michael's had the privilege of preparing and serving breakfast to the homeless and rootless of the East End of London. The Whitechapel Mission was set up in 1876. It is dedicated to providing a lifeline to the men and women caught in the cycles of poverty, hopelessness and dependencies of many kinds, and to seeing their lives transformed to hope, joy and lasting productivity. The Mission is open every day of the year.

We had to get up before 5am in order to drive into London to be there by 6am. The Mission is a nondescript factory-style building with few, if any, windows. We arrived at the back entrance to find a couple of rough sleepers in their sleeping bags sheltering in the overhang. On entry, we were given aprons and name tags, followed by strict instructions from a Latvian lady who was our supervisor for the day. The Mission doors open at 6am for people to come in out of the cold even though breakfast is not served until 8am. The customers are given tea or coffee and biscuits along with soap, disposable razors, toothbrush (plus a squeeze of toothpaste), and Shower Fresh so that they can use the showers and ablutions that are provided. They then sit in the dining room until breakfast is ready.

In the meantime, we had to lay out hundreds of sausages in a large tray and similarly a second tray of top quality bacon. These were placed in the oven for cooking. Large tins of tomatoes, beans and mushrooms were emptied into saucepans and put on the gas rings. I was then tasked with buttering loaves of bread and toast. (I lost count of the quantities.) A deep fryer cooked 'hash browns' and a tray of beefburgers was also cooked. Eggs were fried in a large pan on the gas ring.

As breakfast time approached, the sausages, bacon, beans, mushrooms, tomatoes and 'hash browns' were all moved to a serving hotplate. At 8am, we started serving, continuing till 10am. This was the hectic time, satisfying the wants of our customers. For 50p they can have bacon, egg, sausage, beans and tomato. For an extra 20p they can have mushrooms and 'hash browns'. Each item can be bought separately. This helps Muslims and others who don't eat meat. Many ask for their breakfast to be put into a polystyrene 'carryout' and a carrier bag. I now know why they ask us to help the Mission with carrier bags. Some had funny requests like four sausages or three fried eggs. They can have as much bread or toast as they wish; there is no charge for these.

The supervisor knows many of the faces and so recognises who are new and have probably just arrived in this country with no money. They are given a free breakfast – no-one leaves hungry. All too soon,

it was 10am; breakfast was over and we had the task of washing up and cleaning up the kitchen. We were excused having to wash the floor as local volunteers had arrived. The kitchen has to be left spick-and-span.

We didn't have time to count the number of breakfasts served but the average is nearly 300 per day. It was quite an experience. We are planning to send teams of volunteers to serve breakfast throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact Frank Wagner at frank.wagner@dlh.de. Though persons of any age are welcome, Frank would like to encourage young people to come along.

The Whitechapel Mission does a lot more than serve breakfasts, as can be seen from their website of the same name.

Ralph Weston



RBL ladies visit WWI trenches at RAF Halton

ON THURSDAY 5 March 2012, five ladies from the Aston Clinton Royal British Legion Branch were invited, along with other community organisations, to RAF Halton for an open day. As part of the programme we spent about an hour in the World War I trenches at RAF Halton.

The event was held in one of the large buildings on the Station where we met representatives from different branches of the RAF and their supporting charities. We were introduced to the Station Commander, Group Captain C R Elliot MA BSc RAF. This was followed by the Royal Air Force Presentation Team of 2012, who showed a video about air power and the RAF's capabilities.

We were given the opportunity to walk around some exhibits including demonstrations of weapons. The trenches were open to the representatives of our Branch and others. The adventurous five from Aston Clinton, whose ages ranged from 30 to over 80, clambered into the trenches along with others.

"They had been dug originally when the Army first came to Halton at the invitation of Lord Rothschild in 1913."

A talk was given by personnel from both the Army and RAF who had been instrumental in getting the trenches unearthed. They had been dug originally when the Army first came to Halton at the invitation of Lord Rothschild in 1913. The trenches were part of the first training areas used by young soldiers in preparation for going into battle in the First World War which was raging in Europe.

Having taken advice, it was decided to dig the trenches to the depth that was used on the front line in France during World War I. The original trenches at Halton were only for

training purposes and most of them were not dug any deeper than four feet. The fact that the front-line trenches had been dug deeper gave us a real insight into the horrors that our young men faced during WWI and many of us could not imagine how they survived in such conditions. The young men ate, slept and fought in these trenches for many days at a time in water above their ankles, through the depth of winter and the heat of summer. If you are interested in visiting the trenches, arrangements can be made for private parties by phoning RAF Halton Heritage Trust.

The visit to RAF Halton is an example of just one of the activities our Branch has arranged during the summer months. The Branch is keen to attract new members and we are also keen to remind potential members that we are active and not in hibernation throughout the year. Our regular activities are in addition to those running up to Remembrance Sunday in November. Future events planned include a Halton House visit, arranging flowers at the Village Flower Festival in July and a stall at Aston Clinton Horticultural Show in August. We also plan to view Graduation at Halton, attend Westminster Abbey for the RAF's Battle of Britain Service and visit the 11 Group Bunker at Uxbridge. We also have visiting guest speakers who will talk on a variety of entertaining subjects.

You are very welcome to join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except January) in the Aston Clinton Sports and Social Club. Our July meeting will be on Tuesday, 10 July at 7.30pm. For further information, please call the Secretary, Mrs Janet Tye **01296 434866**.

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All Saints' Church, Buckland

Regular Services:

11am Morning Worship – First and Third Sundays

6pm Choral Evensong – Fourth Sunday each month

10am Midweek Communion each Wednesday



Forthcoming Special Events

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Sun 3 June	11am	Jubilee Family Service	All Saints' Church
Sat 9 June	10am-4pm	Quiet Day	St Leonard's Church Hall
Sun 24 June	3-5.30pm	Cream Teas for Open Gardens	All Saints' Church
Sat 7 July	9.15am	Produce Stall	Buckland Hall Lych Gate

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Springtime WI Meetings

Summer meetings of the Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp and Aston Clinton WI are as follows:

Wednesday 6 June

"Fabric, Fashion and Furniture" – Dru Ellis will be showing us the changes in the use of fabrics from Elizabethan times to the present day.

Wednesday 4 July

"Designing a Garden for Chelsea" – a talk by previous Silver Medal winner Patricia Thirlon. There will also be a plant stall.

We meet in the Anthony Hall at 7.45pm. If you are interested, please contact Linda Mephram on **01442 823562** or Anne Floyd on **01296 434372**.

Buckland Village Hall

To make Buckland Village Hall bookings, contact Paula Graves on 01296 630310.

Parish Council Meetings

The next planned meetings at Buckland Hall will be held on Mondays 11 June, 9 July and 13 August. Meetings commence at 7.45pm sharp. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Open Gardens

There are many new gardens to visit in Buckland this year, 12 in all for everyone to enjoy. Open on Sunday 24 June from 2-5pm, entry is £2.50 and children are free.

Teas and cakes are available in All Saints Church from 3pm. All proceeds will be split between All Saints Church and the Buckland Society charity, the Chilterns MS Society.

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6pm Evening Worship each Monday



Forthcoming Special Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun 3 June	10.45am	Jubilee Family Service	St Mary's Church
Sat 9 June	10am-4pm	Quiet Day	St Leonard's Church Hall
Sat 23 June	7.30pm	Summer Concert	St Mary's Church
Sun 8 July	10.45am	Dedication with Bishop Alan	St Mary's Church

There will be a short course studying St Paul on Wednesdays, 27 June and 4 and 11 July.

More details about all these events on the church website www.s-marys.org.uk

Footpath re-opened

THE path runs from Drayton Beauchamp to the Wilstone Reservoir and Wildlife Sanctuary, including the bird hide, which is managed by the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust.

It was re-opened to the public on 7 May and provides easy access to magnificent views and a spectacular walk around the reservoir.

The Drayton Beauchamp Parish Meeting

was concerned that the path was obstructed by two high stiles which restricted access.

These have been replaced by kissing gates.

The Parish Meeting would like to thank:

- Rights of Way
- Buckinghamshire County Council for supplying the gates
- London Luton Airport Fund for financing the installation
- Matthew Nicholls for doing the work.

Summer Music

at St Mary's Church

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Drayton Beauchamp Book Launch Celebration

THE SUN shone (almost) and the rain stayed away to allow over 100 people to enjoy the party at Beauchamp Barn on 22 April organised to mark the publication of the book ***Drayton Beauchamp: The Village That Time Passed By***. Tom and Margaret Ross welcomed to their home many former residents of the parish who had returned from far and wide to revisit the place where they had spent happy years and to meet those who live here now. Old neighbours and childhood friends met again too, sometimes after a gap of more than half a century. Those who had contributed information or photographs about the village but had never lived here were also welcomed.

County Councillor Bill Chapple, who had secured a grant for this project from the Community Leaders' Fund, was there, as were District Councillor Carole Paternoster and John Smith, proof reader *par excellence*. David Lonsdale, photographer for the book, had created a display of fascinating and nostalgic photographs. John and Evelyn Seaton, residents of the village and professional caterers, provided a buffet which was praised (and enjoyed) by all. The trampoline

in the garden proved a big attraction for the children, but four young ones were kept otherwise busily engaged – Margaret's and Tom's granddaughters, Jemima (12), Martha (10), and Ines (6) helped John, Evelyn and Clare as waitresses and Barney (16) sold copies of the book. Margaret was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by members of the Parish Meeting and David with a bottle of wine. Margaret and David have made a good team and have enjoyed working together over the past four years. It is good finally to have completed the project and to have been able to give Drayton Beauchamp a book which will hopefully be read and enjoyed both now and in the future.

There are now fewer than seventy of the books remaining from the 300 printed. If you would like to purchase one (price £10), contact **Margaret** on **01296 630098** or **David** on **01296 631791**.

County Councillor Bill Chapple OBE proposes a vote of thanks to author Margaret Ross and photographer David Lonsdale at the launch party at Beauchamp Barn on 22 April.

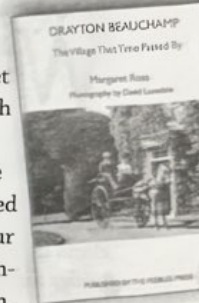


Photo: David Lonsdale

Three-Parish Summer Walk

A 5-mile walk from Drayton Beauchamp Church to Drayton Manor, then through Buckland Hoo Wood to Aston Hill and along the canal back to Drayton Beauchamp. Approx. time: 2½ hours

Walk or drive to Drayton Beauchamp Church [1]. Park outside the church but remember to shut the gate! Enter the churchyard and walk round the left hand end of the church and up the grass path to the canal. At the bottom of the steps, turn left onto the tow-path. At the first bridge climb up to the road and turn right over the bridge and up the road to Broadview Farm [2].

Turn left up the farm track through the gates and on to the farmyard, veering left over a stile and into a field. Proceed up the right hand edge of the field and turn left at the top until you reach a stile on your right.

(At this point, if you haven't already done so, turn round and admire the view of Aylesbury Vale) [3]

Over the stile, follow the middle grass path to another stile and, having crossed this, aim half left between the buildings at Beeches Farm. Follow the footpath signs through the copse to the Upper Icknield Way. Turn right along the verge for 20 yards and cross the road with care into Hertfordshire.

Walk straight ahead onto a footpath with a field to your right with a hedge on your left.

This leads down to Akeman Street (the road leading into Tring). Cross the road and go up the concrete track marked 'Drayton Manor only'. Go over the bridge over the A41 and (safely back in Bucks!) carry straight on ignoring the Public Byway signs.

At the gates to Drayton Manor [4], turn left and continue to the end of the field and then turn right along a broad grass path. Drayton Manor can be seen on your right. After about half-a-mile, the path narrows and enters a wood where it soon meets Dancers End Lane [5].

Turn right down the road for 100 yards, then cross the road onto a marked footpath leading into Buckland Hoo woods. Follow this path uphill for about a mile until you reach a house on your left called Long Meadow (not Aston Hill Farm as shown on the map [6]). Join the metalled track for half-a-mile until you come to a three-armed footpath sign on your right [7].

Veer right following the middle sign post between post and rail fences and follow the broad path downhill to the golf clubhouse. Turn left and cut through the car park to Aston Hill [8].

Walk on down Aston Hill and cross the Upper Icknield Way with care. Go straight ahead into Cobblers Pits wood and follow the path down to the canal [9]. Follow the towpath for 1½ miles back to Drayton Beauchamp [1].

James Adam

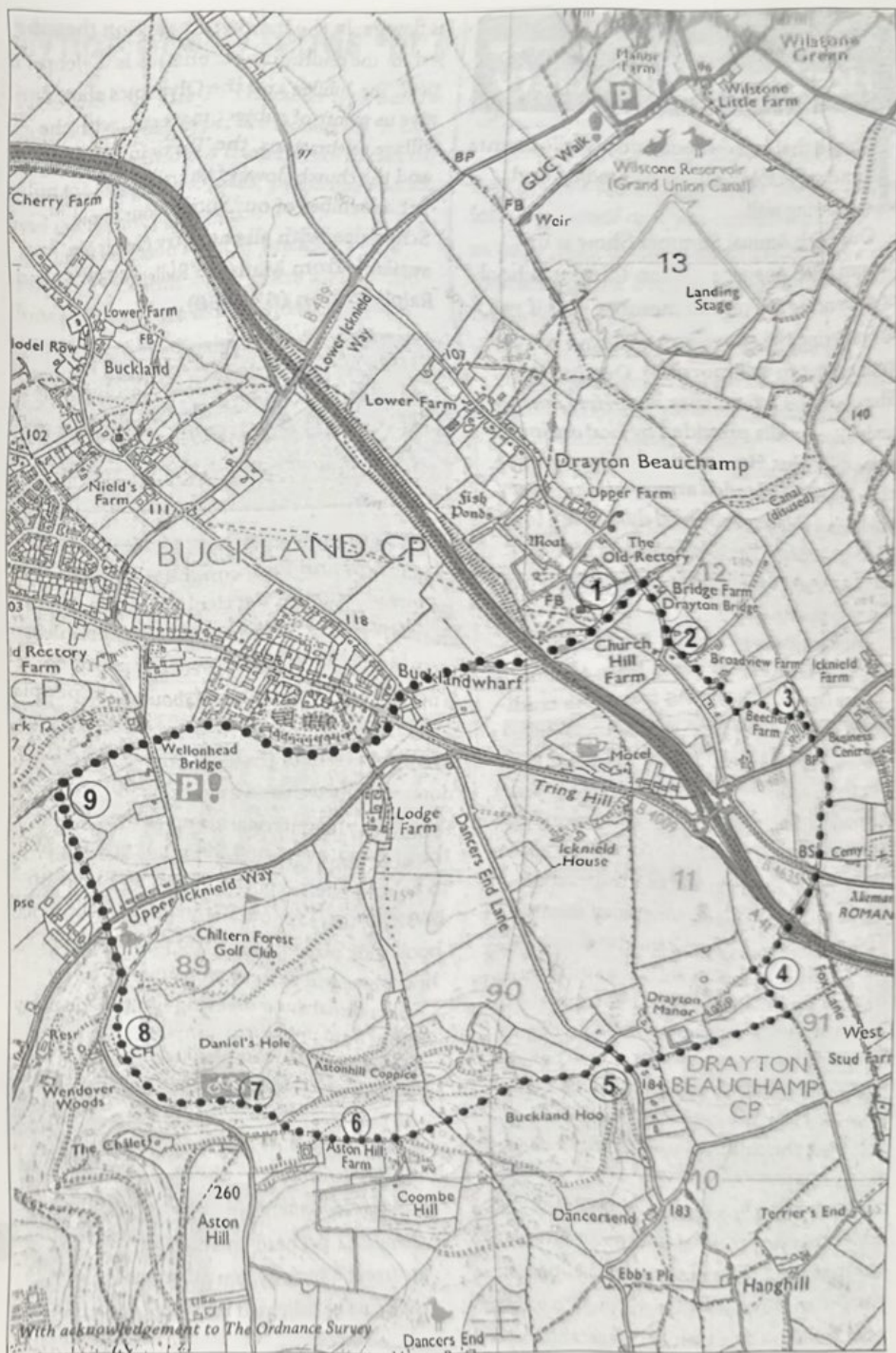
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We want you, your children and friends to enter the show competitions. There are many classes (approx. 120) ranging from the traditional vegetable and flower sections to domestic, handicrafts and two children's sections (for those aged 8 to 14 and aged 4 to 7). To encourage the children, we give out plenty of rosettes together with prize money for those who achieve a first, second or third place! This year we have been giving away sunflower seeds for children to grow for the show. They are not the tall sunflowers but a squat variety that can be grown in a pot. If you are growing them with your children, just bring them along on the morning of the show, before 10.30. They should make a brilliant display. There is a fancy dress competition as well. This year the children are invited to dress as scarecrows.

If you enjoy flower arranging please do enter this year. One class requires an arrangement to be made using a cup and saucer and another is titled 'kitchen garden' and could include fruit and vegetables as well

as flowers. In the handicraft section the subject for the photographic entries is 'Celebration'. The Jubilee and the Olympics should give us plenty of subject material, with the village celebrations, the 'Party in the Park' and the church flower festival. If you are not yet a member of our Society, our Show Schedules, with all the entry details are available from Maureen Ridler (**633376**) and Ralph Weston (**630456**).

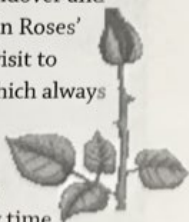
"There'll be a children's
fancy dress competition.
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All this requires a lot of organisation by a small Show and Fete committee and we rely on lots of helpers, particularly on the day of the show. This year we are looking for volunteers in the morning to erect our marquee. It is not difficult but we need about eight people to lift it into position. We are also looking for volunteers to man the stalls during the afternoon. Finally we need as many people as possible to help in clearing up at the end of the afternoon (about 4.30pm). If you are able to help us please contact Maureen Ridler on **633376**. Gifts for our 'Grand Draw', tombola, book stall, plants, cakes and produce and bric-a-brac will be very welcome.

Our normal June meeting is on Wednesday 13th at 8pm in the Anthony Hall. Our speaker is Edwin Rye from Wendover and his illustrated talk 'David Austin Roses' will be followed by an evening visit to Edwin's garden in Wendover, which always delights the senses.

All are welcome, visitors are charged £2 per head, members are free and you may join at any time. We would be delighted to welcome you into our Society.

Ralph Weston



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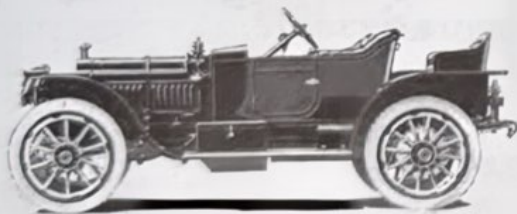
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