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## Village Life

The bi-monthly community news magazine for Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp (formerly The Parish Magazine)

ASTON CLINTON is much sought after, in estate-agent-speak. It is predominantly flat yet within walking distance of wooded hills in an area of outstanding natural beauty. From a nearby train station you can be in the heart of London in 35 minutes or so. What's not to like?

Not much – which looks like being a growing problem for those who cherish, despite the march of progress, the relative space, peace and tranquillity still to be found here. We are told that the worst effects of the recession are over, with GDP growth in the UK said now to be the highest in the western world. Property developers are already responding to the demand for more homes with planning applications filed which, if granted, will quickly lead to intolerable pressure on local infrastructure, schools and health services.

Change is inevitable. Many residents of Aston Clinton live in houses built on land which, a century ago or less, was farmland, unchanged for centuries. However, since WW2 successive governments have sanctioned house-building ahead of essential social infrastructure with illeffects on social cohesion and general well-being. Building houses is easy; building successful communities takes time and cannot be rushed.

The supreme challenge for planners in coming decades is to reconcile the preservation of the best of our natural heritage with the unstoppable need for new homes. On p.22 we reprint the words of the late Sir Arthur Bryant, a noted resident of Aylesbury Vale, in praise of the environmental quality of the Vale as it was when he knew it more than fifty years ago.

Again, in these pages, you'll find plenty of evidence that those who will inherit what we leave behind us are well up to the task of shaping the world to come with care, compassion and imagination. Don't believe everything you see and hear about a lost generation.

the Just

### How Aston Clinton Parish Council works

RUMOURS circulating that there may be some disharmony within Aston Clinton Parish Council may or may not be true. What is unquestionably true is that for local democracy to thrive, all of us need to take an interest in what is being done on our behalf.

Parish and town councils are the lowest tier of local government and are responsible for looking after common areas, parks, recreation grounds, footpaths, churchyards, and local street lighting etc. These third-tier councils also have the right to consider and express a view on planning applications within their area although they are not formal planning authorities.

Serving as an elected councillor is an unpaid, honorary civic duty requiring integrity, local knowledge, common sense and a wish to care for the well-being of the locality and its people. In practice, many local councillors also bring specialist expertise to their roles which can be very beneficial to the business of their council.

In some ways, parish and town councillors are akin to jurors in a court of law. They need to be responsible citizens, capable of making mature judgements, mainly over matters of everyday concern to local residents. Chief among their duties is the supervision of the Council's financial affairs, the setting of budgets and the proper control of income and expenditure. Most of the income of a town or parish council comes from a share of the council tax and government grants to the district councils.

This share is called 'a precept'. The amount is shown on our council tax demands.

The efficient conduct of parish or town council business relies on a chairman with organisational and leadership qualities, elected by the councillors. He or she doesn't, from the start, need to have an in-depth knowledge of the powers, duties and rules of procedure of the council. That role is the responsibility of the salaried Clerk upon whom all parish and town councils also rely for their efficient operation. When necessary, the Clerk can call on back-up support from the district council, the next tier up of local government: in our case, AVDC.

The Clerk is the business manager of a parish or town council. He or she is the official interface between the public and the council and is expected to understand, and ensure compliance with, most of the technical aspects of running the business of the council, both financial and legal. With national and local government legislation becoming more and more complex, the role of a parish or town council Clerk is now virtually a fully professional one. Councillors are elected to serve for four-year terms or until the next round of local elections is due.

To be elected as a parish or town councillor is a mark of honour. Next year, 2015, will be election year for Aston Clinton Parish Council. An injection of new blood and new ideas into ACPC could generate greater public awareness of its many activities.

Alec Just

### Aston Clinton Ladies Group

Forthcoming meetings:

Wed 15 Oct at 8pm at the Guide Hall: A talk on crime and security by David Wass Open to friends and non-members (£2) and Members (£1)

Wed 19 Nov at 7 for 7.30pm at the Anthony Hall: AGM and meal with friends

Please call Sue Sanders on **01296 630740** or Janet Watson on **01296 631014** if you would like to join us. New members are always very welcome.

### St Michael and All Angels

Regular Services: 9.15am and 6pm each Sunday and Evening Prayer at 7.30pm each Friday

#### Forthcoming events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat 11 Oct	7.30pm	Ceilidh	The Anthony Hall
Sun 2 Nov	6pm	All Souls -	St Michael's Church
		A Service to remember those who have died	
Sat 8 Nov	10am	Rehearsal for Remembrance	St Michael's Church
Sat 8 Nov	5.30pm	Bonfire Party	The Rectory
Sun 9 Nov	11.20am	RBL Service of Remembrance	St Michael's Church
Sat 15 Nov	7.30pm	Curry Evening	The Buckland Hall
Sun 30 Nov	6pm	Advent Carols	St Michael's Church
Sat 6 Dec	11-3pm	Christmas Fair	The Anthony Hall
Every Monday	2-4pm	Rhubarb Café	St Michael's Church

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



#### GP Corner

## Flu clinics at Aston Clinton Surgery and news of shingles vaccination

AS the flu season will soon be upon us again, walk-in flu clinics will be held at Aston Clinton Surgery in October and November. Letters will not be sent out. Instead, we will be advertising the relevant dates as widely as possible. There will be posters in the surgery, local pharmacy and in the post office giving the dates with reminders of eligibility. To see if you qualify, please check the posters or call the surgery. If you have a specific suggestion for other sites for display please let me know as it is helpful to know which spots we are missing.

We are also offering vaccination against Shingles. Due to limited supplies of vaccine, protection is being offered as follows:

Anyone who was aged 70, 78 or 79 years on 1st September 2014 is now eligible for the Shingles vaccination. Please contact the surgery for an appointment if you wish to have this vaccination.

Anyone aged 71–77 on 1st September 2014 will become eligible on 1st September 2015. Only certain age groups are being vaccinated each year, in line with our guidelines.

Best wishes for a healthy winter from Tina Moran, Site Manager and everyone at Aston Clinton Surgery

## 2000-year-old secrets revealed

ON FRIDAY 12th September, residents of Aston Clinton had the opportunity to stand on the site of a 200 metre portion of an unearthed Roman trackway. The SW-NE trackway is on the site of a forthcoming residential development off Stablebridge Road.

The Historic Environment Team at Bucks CC had required an investigation and report as a condition of planning consent for the building of 48 houses. Archaeologists from Leicester University—the team who famously discovered the remains of Richard III under a Leicester car

park- for much of this year have been excavating the 8-acre site.

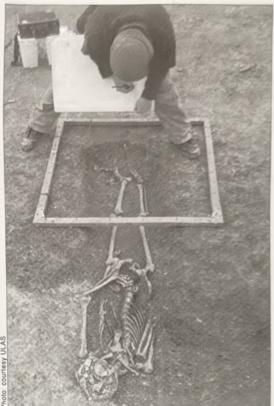
The trackway may have followed the route of part of the ancient Icknield Way, deviating slightly from the route we now call the Lower Icknield Way as it crosses Aston Clinton. As well as the trackway, the dig found the skeleton of a woman and child and other evidence of Iron Age/Roman human settlement.

A full report of the excavation's findings will be published in due course and should make fascinating reading.

Alec Just

Aerial view of the excavated site off Stablebridge Road. The alignment of an ancient trackway can be seen running diagonally across the site, from bottom-left to top-right. The parallel lines indicate the roadside ditches.







Above: Children from Aston Clinton School on their Open Day educational visit to the site. Their teacher, Miss Beaumont, shows them some of the tool and pottery fragments found on the site.

Left: The skeleton of a woman discovered during the excavations being assessed onsite prior to removal for radiocarbon dating.

Below: Project leader Dr Roger Kipling explaining the significance of one of the excavations to a group of local residents on the Open Day.

Photo: David Lonsdale



## Professor William (Bill) Mead 1915-2014

BILL MEAD died towards the end of July within days of his 99th birthday and the beginning of his hundredth year. Bill the churchgoer, the gardener, the horserider, the bus traveller, the U3A man, a son of Aylesbury, a storyteller and friend. We remember this unique, distinguished and wonderful man who has given us so much pleasure and has done so much good.

Bill was very proud of his ancestry in the farms of central Bucks. Bill's father, being the sixth son of a farmer, became a grocer in Aylesbury where Bill attended the Grammar School. After war service in the RAF he entered academia, first at Liverpool,

and then his second home, University College, London, heading the Geography department there for nearly 20 years. He had a long retirement based at Lower Icknield Way, Aston Clinton. He was an expert on Scandinavia, particularly Finland and Sweden. He regularly rode his horse locally and in his latter years took the Aylesbury bus almost daily. His last horse is still stabled in Puttenham. He was also Emeritus Professor William Richard Mead, FBA, DSc, PhD, etc

In his early twenties he went to Finland and before World War II he was writing papers on aspects of Finnish geography. He was a good linguist and apart from Swedish and Finnish, he spoke French and German. He became acquainted with Canada and the US during his time in the RAF in Canada in the war and later produced a textbook on North America. He joined the famous geographer, Clifford Darby at Liverpool and, when the latter moved to University College, Bill went with him and in due course succeeded him to the Chair of

Geography.

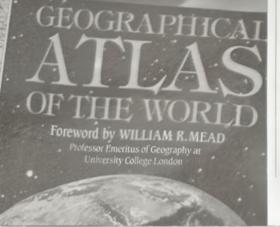
Degrees followed from London and honorary from Lund, Helsinki, Turku and Uppsala. He became President of the Geographical Association and of the Institute of British Geographers; Vice-President

and Honorary Secretary of the Royal Geographical Society and Fellow of the British Academy. He was awarded gold medals from the Royal Geographical and the Scottish Geographical Societies, and from the Geographical Societies of Finland and Sweden. He was a Fellow of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters; President of the Bucks Archaeological Society and of the governors of Aylesbury Grammar School, He was also Chairman of the Anglo-Finnish and Anglo-Norse Societies. He received national awards from Finland and Sweden. Over his life he wrote over ten books and scores of papers. He never married and possibly marriage and a family life would have hindered him in his research and writing. This was a man of our village and our friend.

Bill went to Finland partly in search of Sibelius; he was a musician and always listened to music on the radio in the evenings. He provided sponsorship for the summer concert at St Mary's, Drayton Beauchamp each year and attended this year's concert in May.

He was a great, kind and generous soul, a Christian, gentleman, teacher, scholar, teller of tales. And above all, a Friend.

Bill Willett



## Flower Festival and Fete, 12-14 July

THE HEADY perfume of a host of beautiful blooms filled St. Michael and All Angels over the weekend of 12-14th July as 1000 visitors flocked to this most ancient and historic church for the flower festival and annual fete.

This year the stunning floral arrangements marked the centenary of the outbreak in 1914 of the Great War, 'the war to end all wars', which claimed the lives of seventeen million people. At Ypres alone, half-a-million were slaughtered; this dreadful carnage was remembered in flowers by the bell ringers. A lovely blossom-filled arch was the Joan Collins interpretation of the Menin Gate Memorial which bears the names of over fifty thousand soldiers with no known graves and at which a daily minute's silence is still observed every evening.

The Ladies' Group honoured the nurses who served at the front and the local farmer recalled too the quarter of a million women who laboured hard on the land. Even the brave dogs and the million horses killed or left behind were not forgotten. On a lighter note the famous Christmas day truce and the patriotic songs, "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag" and "Keep the home fires burning" were represented in flowers. In fact there were in all thirty arrangements including a stunning display at the High Altar entitled, "War and Peace." Some of the visitors were visibly moved to tears by the floral tributes and exhibits of letters sent from the front, medals, rifles and even a poison gas cannister.

But if we had lost that war, would we also have forfeited the British way of life? Stepping outside into the churchyard, the visitor was met with a sight that couldn't be more British if it tried: a church fete on a perfect summer's weekend. Here, under the sunny skies, countless trestles, protected from the sun's rays by colouful canopies, boasted an array of food, fancy goods and irresistible bargains. In the middle

of all these, chairs and tables laid with pretty cloths and small posies of wild flowers were set out for lunch. By midday a queue was already forming eager to sample home baked pies, cheeses and roast meats, perhaps washed down



with a glass of Pimms. There were mouthwatering home-made cakes and preserves, always popular, and in the afternoons Cornish cream teas were served. The garden stall groaned with bushes and plants, many grown and nurtured from seed and there were books, bric-à-brac and children's toys to purchase as well as an array of gifts and jewellery.

On top of these there were games to play, a tombola which boasted hundreds of prizes and a first class raffle. During Saturday afternoon the Great Horwood Silver Band played a medley of patriotic tunes and the William Harding School Choir sang for a packed audience in the church.

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## Royal British Legion

Aston Clinton Branch

Legion stand at the willage WW1
Commemoration Flower Festival
In July, St Michael's and All Angels church
organised a flower festival in commemoration
of the centenary of the outbreak of WWI. The
Legion's contribution was based on the poem
'In Flanders Fields', featuring the Flanders
Poppy. By 1917, 157 local men had been enlisted in the services and were deployed all over
the world. Halton was an army training camp
and in the early days many of the recruits were
billeted in Aston Clinton until more subcamps were built.

'Lights Out' Vigil at the War Memorial

Over 100 local people, including representatives from the scouts and guides turned out just before 10pm on Monday 4th August at the Aston Clinton War Memorial for the 'Lights Out' vigil. Lee Lawson, our Chairman, opened the proceedings with the lighting of the candle on the steps of the war memorial. Our Chaplain, Rev Elizabeth Moxley, Rector of Aston Clinton, then led us in a short service of commemoration during which the names of those who died from Aston Clinton, Buckland, and Drayton Beauchamp were read out. At the close of the service a minute's silence was held in memory of all who died in the First World

War. There followed readings of poems and personal letters from that time after which there was a short sing-along with a couple of war-time songs. A number of the public remained until 11pm when, after another minute's silence, the candle was extinguished. The Aston Clinton Branch of the Royal British Legion thanks all those who came to pay their respects.

#### Other activities

The local branch of the Royal British Legion meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Buckland Hall. In August the scouts came and made a presentation about their summer expedition to Belgium where they were to walk part of the route of the British retreat from Mons in August 1914.

Members attended the Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service in Westminster Abbey.

On November 8th, we will be leading the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial, followed by marching with RAF personnel and uniformed youth groups back to the church. We will be selling poppies around the village in the run-up to Remembrance Sunday. If you wish to help as a poppy seller, please contact your correspondent on **01296 630456**.

The Royal British Legion is open to everybody and the local branch welcomes all new members. Not only do we remember those who died for our country, we also look after the welfare of local veterans. Ralph Weston

#### RAF Association . Aylesbury and Halton Branch

The bar in Building 259 at RAF Halton (first building on the right from the entrance to airfield) is open to all interested parties Thursday and Saturday evening 7.30–11pm. Ordinary meetings are held there on the first Wednesday in every month at 7.30 for 8pm.

#### Forthcoming events

Wed 5 Nov: Quiz Night with Raffle and Surprise Buffet

Wed 3 Dec: Christmas Dinner and Party; bookings open 1st Oct - book early, only 43 places! For further information please contact:

Ray Mockford on 07771 591 586 or Derf Mockford on 07775 664 064



#### Flower Festival, continued from p.5

On the Sunday afternoon Neil Gurney, a brilliant organist, entertained with songs from the shows and old favourites.

Overall this was such a truly British event, everyone enjoying the entertainment, the food, the sunshine and the good company. So without the horrors and true heroes of that terrible war would we still enjoy this way of life or would we have been invaded and our traditions swept aside? Of course, sadly, this wasn't to be the war to end all wars as we were reminded on Sunday afternoon by a magnificent flypast of three aircraft from the Second World War: a Hurricane, a Spitfire and a Lancaster. Mind you, how many sleepy English village churches can boast their very own flypast!

A big thank you then to the faithful band of organisers and helpers who made the fete and flower festival such a success and to all those who supported it. Readers will be pleased to learn that a record sum nearing £5,500 was raised towards church funds.

Your roving reporter



The Aston Clinton and District Branch of the Royal British Legion wish to increase their membership and invite you to join.

All are welcome as membership is not only for current, or ex-service personnel.

For further info call Janet Tye on

01296 434866



## Aston Clinton School

Head: Mrs Helen Shepherd



#### First day at school

THE START of a new school year is greeted by our established children in one of two ways. Either it's: "Thank goodness, I'm going back to school as I want to see my friends and get back into the routine of clubs, homework, etc." Or, it could be: "Oh no! I have to get up early and get back into the routine of school, clubs, homework."

However, there is one group of children who will be looking forward to school excitedly, although perhaps nervously. These are the children in reception. Starting school is a big change for these children-and their parents. For some children there is a revelatory moment when they realise that school is not something they can do every now and then, but instead they will have to come every weekday for the rest of their childhood! For parents, there is the pride of seeing their child looking very grownup in their school uniform, yet mingled with some sadness that the early childhood years at home are drawing to a close.

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Our job in school is to welcome these new children and their families into school and make them feel part of our school community. For some, this is a very quick process as there are older siblings in school already. However,

for some families, this is their first child in school or they do not live in our catchment area and so do not know anyone in the village.

ACSA, our school parent/teacher association, held an event in September for parents in reception. It is very informal and designed to give the parents time to get to know each other. This can help those parents who have moved into the village over the summer, but have not yet got to know other reception parents or those who are out of our catchment area.

Parents are also invited into school with their reception age children each morning. This can help the children settle, reassures parents and provides time for school staff and parents to liaise, if necessary. As the reception curriculum is very play-orientated, most children adapt very quickly to school. When a child takes a little longer, then staff are on hand to meet and greet the child and find an activity they enjoy. It is also a time where parents can meet the parents of their child's friends.

We meet with parents and their child in the afternoons of the first few weeks to find out what they can do and to know a bit more about them. These transition meetings begin the relationship between school and family that will continue until their child leaves our school.

Finally, we hold information meetings for parents about what their child will be learning. The phonics meeting is well attended and is another opportunity for parents to meet, chat and become part of our school community.

Helen Shepherd

## Mind the Gap

AT THIS TIME exactly one year ago I was having to make huge decisions in my life: whether I wanted to continue studying, work full time, or take a year off.

Taking a gap year is becoming an increasingly appealing choice for students across the country, as the cost of university fees minimises chances of travelling after leaving university.

My personal decision to take a gap year was based on the desire to take a break from study

in order to appreciate it more once I'm paying £9000 a year for it. After my fourth year of staying in over the Easter holidays studying for school exams, a year off seemed incredibly appealing.

Yet the variety of paths people choose to take once their school life is finished is incredible. I have one friend who is living in South America to teach for a year, with no wi-fi; contact possible only through letters and no family visits permitted until Easter. Others are going straight to university or into employment or apprenticeships, and some are re-sitting their final-year exams.

The transition time of a couple of weeksfrom the routine that has been life for the last 15 years of waking up to that dreaded grey morning to start a new school year every September—to everyone I know moving on to different paths and leading their separate lives, has certainly been a shock to the system.

Now, a few months into my year-off decision, I could be having one or two doubts. It's certainly tough, working at three jobs seven days a

week, not spending any money and having constant reminders, via social media, of friends partying at university.

On the other hand, I am in the fortunate position of knowing that I will be jetting off on my travels in a few months' time with a university place secured for September 2015. That position, I need to remind myself, is an incredibly privileged one.

Yet, the majority of my friends decided that

a gap year was not for them, and it's easy to see why. The excitement of university and new jobs, leaving home to move to a new city with new crowds, means that a year off would be a year holding them back, rather than being something beneficial.

The scale of the decisions facing students when leaving school cannot be over-estimated. Whichever path is chosen, whether it's further study, full-time work, or travelling the world independently, each is as terrifying as the other and a completely new stage in life. It

came as a huge shock to see my best friends move out and on with their lives, one that I was definitely not prepared for, but the Google-imagining of the places I am travelling to next year is a reminder that I made the right decision to take a year off.

Ultimately, the decision about what to do as a school leaver is potentially one of the biggest we have to make, yet the excitement of making that decision and moving on to a new stage in life is a maturing experience of great value.



PERSPECTIVE

by Becca Harty

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## A short history of The Bell

T WAS George IV, while he was still Prince Regent, who built what we now know as 'The Bell'. He was a frequent visitor to his friend Viscount Lake, who lived at Aston House (in what is now Green Park), but the house was not big enough to accommodate the Prince and all his entourage on their frequent visits there, so he built 'The Bell' as a shooting box, or hunting lodge. It has been enlarged and extended numerous times over the last 225 years to become the building that we all know today.

In the mid-1930s, The Bell was just a village pub with rooms, owned by Benskins, the Watford brewery company. It was managed by Michael Harris's aunt Eileen together with her husband. Michael's mother Daphne King would come with her fashionable friends from London for the weekend. Soon a young solicitor named Gerard Harris was to sign in the register



on those weekends. A year or so later a Mr and Mrs Gerard Harris were spending weekends at The Bell and when Daphne was expecting Michael in 1940 it was decided that she and the expected baby should leave London for the safety of the countryside. There began her life at The Bell and a few months later, Michael's.

After the war, Gerard Harris wanted to expand his interest in fine wines but could not do so whilst remaining a tenant of Benskins. A deal was made and the Harrises were able to purchase the freehold. Once free of the constraints of being licensees, Gerard and Daphne were able to set about transforming this village pub into an internationally famous restaurant with excellent food and personally chosen wines.

Great strides were made and The Bell became well known and frequented by many famous people. Laurence Olivier, who lived at Notley Abbey near Thame, loved to visit, sometimes bringing cream from his own cows in the back of his car.

But fortune was not on Gerard's side and in 1965 he suffered a stroke and died soon afterwards. Daphne needed help and their son, Michael, was summoned from Jamaica where he was managing a hotel. With an inherited love of good food and wine, an established clientele of the rich and famous built up by his parents, Michael was able to build on that base and attract the 1960s smart set to an even better experience at The Bell. En-suite bathrooms were added to the bedrooms and the old brewery across Green End Street was converted to add more bedrooms.

But it's the food which is the most important thing in a first class restaurant and Michael Harris was extremely fortunate to obtain the services of Jack Dick, who was recommended

Michael Harris with his Head Chef, Jack Dick

by a friend of his who was the Head Chef at The Connaught Hotel in London. Jack joined The Bell in 1966 and stayed for 26 years until 1992. His skills were legendary and helped to build The Bell's reputation as an hotel and restaurant of international repute.

Michael Harris's aim was to create an atmosphere where the guests felt at home. Well-known personalities knew that whatever happened at The Bell, nothing would ever get into the press. The guest list reads like a Who's Who: Princess Anne, Jackie Kennedy, Paul McCartney, Mick Jagger, Roald Dahl, Dick van Dyke, Stephen Spielberg, Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor and Bruce Forsyth – the list is endless. The only one who was ever asked to leave was Sid Vicious, the notorious member of The Sex Pistols.

Michael never disclosed to anyone just what went on at The Bell. One titled guest booked in for the night with a lady friend only to find

his wife at breakfast the next morning with a gentleman friend!

In 1972 Michael built The Bell Pavilion opposite the Hotel to provide for large functions. It was a huge success and brought even more prestige to an already successful enterprise. But just as it was getting going in December 1973 Michael suffered a devastating accident in the road between the Pavilion and the Hotel when he was run over by a car. He came round from a coma six weeks later in February 1974. Although he was told that he would never walk again, he confounded his doctors by not only walking but also getting back to work and continuing to run The Bell. A catastrophic fire which burnt down the Pavilion contributed to a downturn in business in the late 90s. Sadly, in 1999, The Bell was forced to close.

It stood empty, forlorn and abandoned for a short time before being bought by Bass, who called it the 'Duck-In', an unpopular name for a much-loved village landmark. The interior was much altered and the ambience totally changed. However, eventually it became very popular and has been a great success since. The welcome renaming of The Bell and the return of its iconic bell sign (which was made for Michael Harris at Pinewood Studios) has heralded a new era for this popular venue.

Michael Harris still lives in Aston Clinton with his wife Caroline and your correspondent is most grateful to them both for their kindness and hospitality in assisting him in compiling this article and allowing the publication of the photographs.

James Adam

Jackie Kennedy on a visit to The Bell in May 1965. Michael Harris is on the right of the picture.



REQUEST: Would those who would like their email addresses included in the "Useful Numbers" listings on the centre pages please contact the Editor with details at alec.just@btinternet.com

## The fun that is Guiding

DID YOU do the ice bucket challenge this summer? There is another way to help your community that costs you nothing but your time, commitment and talents. You get paid

Girlguiding

Wendover District

with smiles, satisfaction, new experiences and opportunities. That is Girl Guiding.

Brownies this year celebrated their centenary

and Wendover district held a pack holiday for over eighty Brownies in June. Aston Clinton has had Guiding almost from the start and 1st Aston Clinton Brownies celebrated their 90th birthday just this year. But Rainbows, the youngest members, is the only section of Guiding not represented in Aston Clinton. There is only one Rainbow Unit in the District with a waiting list of 90 girls.

Could you help and give more girls a chance to experience the fun that is Guiding with an



unbroken progression from age 5 to 26 (the upper age of The Senior Section)?

We are always looking for adults to don the uniform and join us in running units. Not only would a new Rainbow unit be welcome and Guide units re-opened, but a number of existing units are looking for extra adults. Brownies in Wendover and Aston Clinton are particularly needing help at the moment.

Unit Helpers (non-uniformed adults) can be male or female and are also invaluable. If you can't commit every week, maybe you can do alternate weeks with another adult.

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Within the District you can help in other ways. Wendover Friends of Guiding are looking for committee members to help with the running of the Guide Hut and the District is looking for a treasurer.

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, with 553,633 members. We are active in every part of the UK, giving girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities.

We build confidence and raise aspirations. We give girls the chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good. We give them space to have fun.

None of this would be possible without adult volunteers. Are you up for the challenge? If so, register your interest today at our website: www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested. Hilary Weston

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### Scouts visit WW1 battlefields

N AUGUST, members of 1st Aston Clinton Scout Group travelled to Mons in Belgium and joined up with scouts from Wiltshire, Belgium and Germany as part of the 100-year commemoration of the start of World War One.

We were hosted by the Mons and Le Cateau Town Councils and participated in numerous commemoration services. The scouts walked the route of the retreat from Belgium into France taken by the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry 100 years before. The trek took over three days and covered a gruelling forty miles with one day of constant rain.

The first day of the walk ended in total darkness as the scouts crossed the border into France for an overnight stay in the immaculate gardens of the Chateau at Gussignies. Our thanks go to the owners Monsieur and Madame Dewit for letting fifty scouts take over their property.

After this feat, the troop attended the Le Cateau commemoration service. They marched in the parade along with re-enactors and representatives of Belgium and France. The scouts had the privilege of laying wreaths at the ceremonies to honour the fallen, alongside prime ministers and ambassadors. They were also fortunate to meet with Colin Godley, the grandson of the first non-commisioned recipient

of the Victoria Cross in WW1: Private Sidney Godley of The Royal Fusiliers

The scouts also visited many cemeteries. On the route of the walk the scouts planted a cross at Forest Communal Cemetery on the grave of Lance Corporal Leonard Pauling from Aston Clinton and at Landrecies on the grave of Private Thomas Rance from Buckland. They both died on the 4th November 1918, a week before the armistice was signed.

The week of activities bought home to the scouts the sacrifice made 100 years ago by the residents of Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp alongside those from Commonwealth countries, not forgetting enemy forces. It also allowed the scouts to interact with scouts from other nations and better understand that, despite history and language barriers, friendship can blossom.

The scouts now have a better understanding of the history of WW1 and intend to share their experiences with others. This was a unique experience for the scouts and all have indicated that they would like to continue to discover more about those local residents who made the ultimate sacrifice.

\*\*David Wall\*\*, Leader\*\*

1st Aston Clinton Scouts www.acscouts.scoutsites.org.uk

Leaving the Chateau at Gussignies on day two of the scouts' 40-mile trek from Mons in Belgium to Le Cateau.



#### Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society

#### Flower Festival

We were delighted to be invited to take part in St Michael and All Angels church flower festival which was planned as a centenary commemoration of the outbreak of WWI. The theme we had selected was 'Digging for Victory' which we thought was very appropriate for a Horticultural Society. With further research we began to realise that this slogan was used mostly in WWII to encourage people to cultivate any spare soil in order to grow food. We therefore added the phrase 'after the men had gone' and the focus of our display became the role of the women left behind and their efforts to provide fresh food for their family.

We then set about growing vegetables in boxes and pots that could be transported to the church and one talented member provided us with a life-size model of one mother left behind when her men folk went to fight. Old implements were borrowed from Pitstone Farm Museum and our old china and black-and-white family photos were added to the display. We selected flowers from our gardens that we felt would have been found in cottage gardens 100 vears ago and really enjoyed making our contribution towards a very poignant and beautiful flower festival.

#### Summer Show and Fete

A few weeks ago I was asked my opinion as to whether it was a good year in the garden. Being a gardener who grows vegetables and flowers for the show I could not admit that it was a good year but I did manage to cobble together a good range of produce to show. The challenge with gardening or cultivating an allotment is that each year is different. This year we had the warmest and wettest winter for a long time. Without any frosts, as predicted, the slugs and

snails have been in epic proportions. I think that snails are the most damaging to plants. The surprising thing is that convention says that top fruit (apples and pears) do not crop well if there has not been a period of frost to make the buds swell. After the cold and frosts of spring 2013 we had a bumper crop. This year is the exception to the rule as once again there has been a good crop of apples and pears and plums.

The wet spring meant that preparing the ground and planting was delayed and I was late planting several crops. Writing these words in late August, I still do not have any marrows, courgettes or annual asters to pick. I had to sow peas twice but I have managed to defeat the carrot fly and have a reasonable crop.

Then came the hot dry summer. Many plants stopped growing and the ground surface hardened like concrete. However, with the water table very high, the ground below the surface remained damp, alleviating the need to water plants during June and July. The hot summer meant that the season for flowers was early.

Despite all the doom and gloom, the Summer Show and Fete was another great success. Our Rector, Rev. Elizabeth Moxley, presented the prizes. The weather, though cloudy, was kind to us and it did not rain. Attendance, at over 300 people, was up on last year with quite a number A stunningly beautiful display of orchids won the

Carol Chivers-Price cup for Rosemary Mojsak.



of families with small children. This was reflected in the large number of entries in the 'Under 8 years children's section'. There were 13 entries in class 111 – colouring a stone!

Overall the entries were down this year due to a clash in shows for one of our regular dahlia exhibitors, but the quality was good.

Congratulations to all the winners in each class; cup winners are listed at a prize table on our website. There are too many to mention by name but congratulations to Dave Elkins on winning the President's Cup and this year's Banksian medal. Also we must congratulate Marjory Stanbridge in winning again the Frank Mercy Cup for a bowl of mixed garden flowers. Hilary Weston is still trying to beat her!

The fete and stalls were well supported. This year Jacques Amand, the bulb growers and suppliers, put on a magnificent display of autumn and spring bulbs for the first time.

Putting on our Summer Show and Fete is very hard work and our many thanks go to all those who helped or supported us in any way. There are too many to name individually but I must mention Maureen Ridler, our secretary and Sue Lipscomb, our chairman, without whom we would not have had a show or fete.



The Rector, Rev. Elizabeth Moxley, presenting Benjamin Potton with a cup for the boy with most points won in the children's class

Finally our thanks go to the hardest workers of all - the refreshment team who were on the go all the time.

The Show and Fete is run on traditional lines for a village event and we trust that those who came will come again next year.

Ralph Weston

The Great Horwood Silver Band again entertained the visitors throughout the Show



## Action Group set up to preserve Aston Clinton village environment

AFTER a public meeting in the Baptist Church Hall, attended by over 200 people, it was decided to set up an action group of local people called 'Preserve Aston Clinton Village Environment' (to be known as PAcVE). The purpose of the group is to represent the views of the village and campaign for sustainable development in Aston Clinton.

There is an unprecedented amount of housing growth being proposed for Aston Clinton. In addition to the major development of 45 houses under construction in Stablebridge Road, there is currently an appeal underway for up to 47 houses on land off Chapel Drive. Another development proposal for 29 houses in Brook Street has already been approved by AVDC, despite very good planning reasons for refusal being advanced by many local residents. This led many to conclude that AVDC no longer represents the views of local people in the manner in which it should.

There are currently two major proposals, which have been subject to public consultation meetings in recent weeks. Ninety-one houses are proposed in Brook Street/Green End Street and another for up to 30 houses off Stratford Close, behind the Rothschild Arms. Both these proposals are breaches into open

countryside, have significant traffic issues and are of such density as to be completely out of character with the edge-of-village locations.

We are all aware that national population growth means we have to play our part in taking some growth. However, within the Local Plan, Aston Clinton was proposed as a 'Tier 4' village capable of sustaining up to 50 extra houses. We are now potentially looking at over 200 houses, significantly increasing the size of the village.

The main issue is clearly the pressure that is imposed on services such as the local primary school and doctor's surgery, as well as local traffic issues at specific points, especially in the Brook Street/Green End Street area.

The group is not "anti-growth". PAcVE seeks to preserve the character and ambience of the village through sustainable development as outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework, where those in power engage with local people before they take decisions which have a lasting effect on us all. The group has access to wide ranging legal and planning expertise.

You can find a lot more information and can sign up for our email updates by visiting our website at www.pacve.co.uk.

Phil Yerby, Chairman 'Preserve Aston Clinton Village Environment'



"... and the Emmy for Outstanding Lighting Design and Direction for a Variety Special goes to... the team from the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony."

Local resident Ross Williams (right of the picture) arrived home in August with a very special prize! Along with Al Gurdon, Peter Canning and Michael Owen, they had been awarded their Emmys for their hard work in Sochi on the Opening Ceremony of the Winter Olympics. It is an amazing achievement and one that his children Ellis and Leah who attend Aston Clinton School would like to share with the village. Congratulations Daddy!

WHEN I SAT DOWN to write this I was mentally, physically and financially broken. Eighteen miles walked over three long days, fourteen roller-coaster rides, one split lip and the sort of temporary plot-loss that only "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" played out on a loop can cause. That's right, Team Cornish have been to Disneyland.

Not the bright, shiny, have-a-nice-day cheesiness of the USA though. Rather the aloof, fag-smoking disdainfulness of the French version.

Returning to a chorus of "Did you have a wonderful time?", I had to think twice. Largely, because the expression "wonderful time" isn't generally one that springs to mind when describing intense periods spent with my kids. And the Magic Kingdom really is the ultimate test of us (parents) vs them (kids).

To be fair, the junior Cornish contingent weren't completely hideous in the face of over-excitement, over-stimulation and an overdose of junk food (why no other options, Disney? Especially given those narrow French turn-stiles which had even me feeling a bit too pear-shaped). Still, the squabbling and stroppy tantrums about which ride to head for next coupled with an inability to co-ordinate loo stops made for a challenging trip.

It didn't help that the hotel stank of sweaty feet and that our rooms were hotter than a sauna. That the bedding brought No.2 out in hives or that the service, even for a basic cuppa from a kiosk, was pretty atrocious ("you want milk with that? – No, we have no milk here". "BUT YOU ARE A HOT DRINK KIOSK HOW CAN YOU NOT HAVE MILK FOR TEA???) But mostly, I expected my children to be a bit more grateful and a bit less put out that they weren't allowed to buy vastly overpriced tat at every turn.

I soon realised that real life has sucked the Disney 'magic' out of me, and although the first sight of the pretty pink Castle at the end of Main Street is breathtaking even for

grown-ups, I was quickly irritated by the number of grown women in Minnie Mouse ears and balding middle-aged blokes overcompensating in Jack Sparrow hats. And it's hard not to resent the Evil Mouse empire for turning you

into the bad guy every time you refuse your kids a pint of candy floss or a soft toy. The pleasure of which lasts less than the average ride.

Still, the husband stuck a mental finger up each morning at breakfast as he squirrelled away ham rolls and pastries for lunch on the move. We heard that some friends who had been there days before us were all struck down with a vomiting bug and confined to the hotel for most of their trip. And at least No.3 saved his projectile vomit until after stepping off the Eurostar. Not all bad, eh? *Kelly Cornish* 



#### Theatre buffs please note:



The Vale Music Society are putting on a production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, running from 19th to 22nd November at Court Theatre, Pendley. Curtain up is at 7.30pm (Saturday matinée 2pm). Tickets start from £12 with concessions available. Purchase either from the Court Theatre website or from Pat Rose tel. 01296 662745. Her email address is: pirose@btinternet.com

#### All Saints' Church, Buckland

Regular Services:

8am Holy Communion each Sunday 11am Morning Worship – First and Third Sundays 6pm Choral Evensong – Fourth Sunday each month 10am Midweek Communion each Wednesday



#### Forthcoming events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 24 Oct	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks	All Saints' Church
Sun 2 Nov	11am	All Saints' Benefice Family Service	All Saints'Church
Sat 8 Nov	5.30pm	Bonfire Party	The Rectory
Sun 9 Nov	12.30pm	Act of Remembrance	All Saints' Church
Fri 28 Nov	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks	All Saints' Church
Sun 7 Dec	4pm	Christingle	All Saints' Church

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

#### Flicks in the Sticks

Once again, Buckland's successful *Flicks in the Sticks* begins a new season in October. Tickets remain the same good value, which includes the film, supper and a drink in the unique surroundings of All Saints' Church, Buckland. For details or to join the mailing list, contact Alison Roberts on 01296 630256 or email: alisonroberts999@btinternet.com

The organisers would like to thank all those who regularly contribute to *Flicks in the Sticks*, either by attending or by volunteering behind the scenes.

Our film-and-supper events are great fun but do require a number of people to work, cook and provide support. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch.

As the new season begins, we look forward to welcoming our regular enthusiasts and newcomers alike.



## St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp

Regular Services: 10.45 am each Sunday



#### Forthcoming events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat 11 Oct	2pm	Memorial Service for Jill Page	St Mary's Church
Sat 18 Oct	7pm	Jazz Concert	St Mary's Church
Sat 8 Nov	5.30pm	Bonfire Party	The Rectory
Sun 9 Nov	4pm	Evensong for Remembrance	St Mary's Church

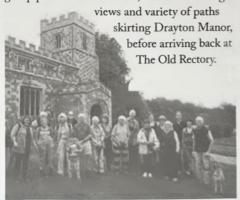
More details about these events on the church website: www.s-marys.org.uk

#### Village walk and lunch

A walk to explore our wonderful array of footpaths, tempted 17 villagers to meet at The Old Rectory in Drayton Beauchamp on Saturday 6th September.

We scaled the steps down to the canal and crossed Drayton Bridge, before walking up The Holloway. With the bypass fading behind us, we enjoyed the open country and weaved our way up a wooded path and across a field with its impressive views, before being welcomed by Guy and Elizabeth Moores at Terriers End, with much appreciated coffee, tea and nibbles.

On the return journey. Bob Woodman led a group past Painesend Farm, with its stunning



Marion Woodman and Helen Lonsdale prepared a generous finger spread with support from Margaret and Zamara Nodes, with their tasty desserts. Bob Woodman kindly supplied the wine.

Several other villagers took lunch and the opportunity to chat and share village news, whilst appreciating the special surroundings.

The sum of £60 was raised for St Mary's Church.

David Lonsdale

## **Jazz Concert**

St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Drayton Beauchamp HP22 5LS

Saturday 18 October at 7pm

Jamie Safirruddin & his Trio play a mix of his own compositions and classics from the Great American Songbook

Tickets £15 (Children free)
More information, and tickets, from:
Anne Eardley on 01296 434357
Rosemary Brooke on 01296 630446
Guy Moores on 01442 826241

## Wendover Arm Trust - 25 years on

HE WENDOVER ARM Group was formed in 1989 and later the name was changed to the present format.

The aim of the Trust is to restore the 63/4 mile arm of the Grand Union Canal which starts at Bulbourne Junction and ends at Wendover. The first 11/4 miles has remained open for navigation following the closure of the canal in 1904 but there was no adequate winding hole (a 'notch' cut out of a canal bank to allow long boats to turn) in the canal for full-length boats. This omission meant that any narrowboat longer than 50ft could not be turned.

#### Phase 1

In 1997 construction work to restore Phase 1 commenced in earnest following ground clearance and this had to include the building of concrete walls along both sides – a requirement of the Local Authority and of the then British Waterways. One of the major works was the rebuilding of Little Tring Bridge (see photo below) which had been demolished in 1973 and replaced by an embankment, thus completely cutting off the canal. This rebuild was totally financed by WAT, under supervision by British Waterways (now reborn as the Canal and River Trust), and was completed in 2001 at a cost of £223,000. Re-watering of the first Phase took place in 2005 which extended the

canal by approximately one quarter-mile, through Little Tring Bridge, and included a new winding hole. This was the first time in 100 years that boats had passed under the bridge. This Phase cost the Trust approximately £400,000 using entirely volunteer labour with the exception of the bridge rebuild for which contractors were employed.

#### Phase 2

In 2006 work commenced on Phase 2 to extend the canal from Little Tring to Drayton Beauchamp, a distance of about 11/4 miles. Two timber footbridges have been erected to carry footpaths over the canal since present use of the dry bed will not be possible once rewatering has taken place! Owing to difficulties with road access all plant has to be driven along the bed of the canal which is why we are working backwards from Drayton Beauchamp towards the Phase 1 restored section. The first 500 metres were completed and re-watered in 2010. A further section is due to be re-watered late this year or early next year, subject to no major delays over the forthcoming winter owing to adverse weather which has impacted on progress over the last two winters. Whilst restoration works are undertaken with 7-day working parties each month, archaeological investigations are being carried out at the old pumping station at Whitehouses.

To date over £400,000 has been expended on Phase 2 and fundraising for a similar sum is needed to complete this section, in addition to funds already banked, which provide working capital for materials, plant hire etc.

#### Phase 3

Work on Phase 3 is a longer term objective and entirely dependent upon substantial funding being raised—a figure in the region of £1.2m is needed based upon current costs. An applica-



tion to the Heritage Lottery Fund is proposed and other possible funding sources are being investigated.

The restoration works can be viewed from the towpath at any time but the Trust has Open Days once or twice a year when guided visits are arranged. Further details are available on Once complete the Wendover Arm of the Grand Union Canal will be one of the prettiest canal arms, completely lock free, and will benefit not only the boating fraternity, but walkers, anglers and wild life enthusiasts.

Nigel Williams, Publicity Director

#### www.wendoverarmtrust/restoration.

Annual membership is only £10 per annum or 5 years can be purchased for £40. We receive no government subsidy and all monies are raised through grants, donations, subscriptions and fundraising. More details can be found at www.wendoverarmtrust.co.uk. Please do become a member, volunteer or support us in other ways. We are urgently seeking volunteers to assist our Events Team. The Trust are currently revising their literature including leaflets and booklets. These will be available shortly.



These photographs show the scale and extent of the Phase 2 restoration work currently in progress.



stos: Chris Sarges

## Aylesbury Vale in the 1960s

Seen from the air, Aylesbury Vale remains a predominantly green tract of countryside, where south-east England borders the south Midlands. This paean of praise for its quiet beauty reminds us of what is at risk as pressure for housing development grows.

THE late Sir Arthur Bryant CH, CBE, historian, journalist and farmer, described the Vale as it was fifty years ago:

"No comparable area in southern Englandcertainly none within fifty miles of Londoncontains a greater extent of unspoilt scenic beauty and rural peace. From Thame in Oxfordshire to Woburn in Bedfordshire, there exists a galaxy of lovely villages unsurpassed anywhere twixt the industrial Midlands and the Channel coast - the three Brickhills, Stoke Hammond, Soulbury, Aston Abbotts, Cublington: and tiny secluded Dunton, Stewkley, Hardwick, Weedon, Hoggesden, Whitchurch, Oving, Pitchcott, Quainton, Dinton, Cuddington, the two Winchendons, Grendon Underwood, Chearsley, Long Crendon, Ashendon and the hill town of Brill. Quainton, by no means the most outstanding of the Vale's villages, retains its exquisite Winwood almshouses, windmill, grey church, tower, mellowed red brick houses beneath its sheltering hill.

"It is hard to define the beauty of the Vale, for it is compounded of ever-changing light, but whether seen from the Chiltern escarpment or from the hills which rise like islands in the midst of its undulating plain, that checkered landscape of soft greens and browns, reflected clouds and far blue horizons is unsurpassed anywhere in southern England. It is the landscape that Rex Whistler painted and the deeprooted countryside which A G Macdonell in his England Their England described with such affection and understanding:

'the loveliest of English names, the Vale of

Aylesbury. Pasture and hedge, mile after mile after mile, grey-green and brown and russet and silver where little rivers tangle themselves among reeds and trodden watering-pools.'

Sir Arthur Bryant went on:

"With the county's southern part now given over to suburbia, industrial Slough and the western approaches of Heathrow, and much of the north to be swallowed up in the projected new town of Milton Keynes, the survival of the Buckinghamshire landscape for future generations depends on the preservation of the Vale of Aylesbury.

"The Vale is as rich in history as in beauty. It lies at the heart of the famous political shire which was the home of Hampden and Burke, of Disraeli and Rosebery, of the Grenville cousinhood which governed England through its most brilliant member, Chatham at the apex of Britain's 18th century glory.

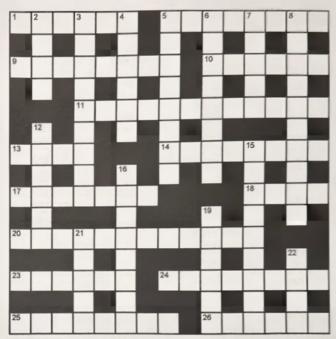
"Among the historic houses—in addition to countless humbler homes no less comely and ancient are Chequers and Hampden, Hartwell and the wonderful 14th century Doddershall—one of the oldest of England's habited houses. Oving, Ascott and Mentmore, Dinton, Tythrop, Dorton, Chilton and Wotton and the great National Trust properties of Claydon and Waddesdon with all their treasures.

"The villages vary in character and purpose but there can be no doubt that they provide a satisfactory way of life for their inhabitants—the families of many have lived there for generations. The villages represent a piece of man-made environment—the like of which we plan to achieve but seldom do."

Vogue words like 'environment' are lightly tossed around today. This passage points to something precious, the essence of which we must strive to preserve as we build homes for our ever-growing population.

## Village Life crossword no.6

Crossword compiled by **Helen Lonsdale** Solution to this crossword on p.14



#### **ACROSS**

- 1. A solution (6)
- 5. Not fit to eat (8)
- 9. Dismounted (8)
- 10. A breadwinner (6)
- 11. Out of wedlock (12) 13. A single quantity (4)
- 14. Fishing using bare hands (8)
- 17. American wild horse (7)
- 18. To locate (4)
- 20. Far from amateur (12)
- 23. To come into view (6)
- 24. A commercial establishment (8)
- 25. Pacified (8)
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- 2. A blue and white river (4)
- 3. One of the highest villages in the Chilterns (9)
- 4. A baby's toy (6)
- 5. Lacking or deficient (8)
- 6. Decision-making process (8)
- 7. Khan the cricketer (6)
- 8. Lower-level army officer (10)
- 12. An irritating bedfellow (6)
- 15. A palmist's reading material (9)
- 16. Facial hair (8)
- 19. Mint condition (6)
- 21. Ridiculous play (5)
- 22. Russian emperor (4)

## Would you know how to spot the signs of child sexual exploitation?

Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Board wants parents to be more aware of the signs of sexual exploitation of their children.

It's not always easy to spot the signs. Young people don't usually come straight out and tell us when something is upsetting them and they may not even realise they are being exploited.

Child sexual exploitation is a potentially very dangerous and harmful form of sexual abuse in which a young person is manipulated or forced into taking part in a sexual act, often in return for attention, affection, gifts, money, drugs, alcohol or accommodation. What you think is normal teenage behaviour could be something more. Knowing how to spot the signs can help to raise the alarm:

- · Unexplained gifts
- New friends, boyfriend, girlfriend
- Missing school
- Staying out late/not coming home
- Always online
- Moody, withdrawn or more secretive than usual

Any young person could become a victim of child sexual exploitation—both boys and girls—but they are most at risk when they are vulnerable.

For more information and what to do if you are concerned about a young person, visit: www.ruwise2it.co.uk

## Useful telephone numbers

Name	Contact	Telephone no.	Email address
1st & 2nd Aston Clinton Brownies	See below*	_	
Amersham Hospital	-	01494 434411	
Anthony Hall (Bookings Sec)	Janet Brassington	01296 630229	janet@goggle.plus.com
Aston Clinton Badminton Club	Maureen Davison	07958 479690	
Aston Clinton Baptist Church	Simon Downing	01296 631824	
Aston Clinton Parish Council	TBA	01296 631269	
Aston Clinton School	Helen Shepherd	01296 630276	AS A CONTACT
Aston Clinton U3A	John Bullard	01296 436403	TO A CONTACT
Aston Clinton Youth Club	Brian Churchill	01296 630142	PERSON, IF YOU
Aston Park Tennis Club	Luanda Bury	01296 630169	
Aston Wine Club	Penny Ginger	01296 630383	WOULD LIKE YOUR
Ballet, Tap and Jazz Classes	JoAnn Latus	07800 518654	HINE 1001
Ballroom Dancing	Yvonne Domican	01296 630467	EMAIL ADDRESS TO
Baptist Church Hall	Valerie Owen	01296 630303	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
Bowls Club	Rosemary Stratfull	01296 631339	BE INCLUDED IN
Buckland Bridge Club	Viv Barton	01296 630776	
Buckland Villge Hall (Bkings Sec)	Paula Graves	01296 630310	FUTURE ISSUES
Buckland Parish Council	TBA	01296 626073	
Buckland Society	Kelly Comish	01296 632119	PLEASE EMAIL THE
Childline	-	0800 1111	
Citizens Advice Bureau	-	0870 126 4056	EDITOR WITH YOUR
Cricket Club	Mike Parsonage	01296 631788	
Crimestoppers	-	0800 555 111	REQUEST.
Dentists' Surgery	-	01296 323090	
Dial-a-Ride	-	01296 330088	
Doctors' Surgery	-	01296 630241	
Drayton B'champ Parish Meeting	Meryl Nodes	01296 630396	
Electricity emergency	Brown Brown	0800 7838 838	
Environmental Health	Out of hours	01296 585093	
Environmental Health	Helpline	01296 585605	
Fly tipping	Hotline	0845 330 1856	
Football: Aston Clinton FC	Mark Foster	07831 765738	
Football: AC Colts	Ray Lucas	01296 630076	
Gas emergency		0800 111 999	
Green Park Life Saving Assocn	John Lesingham	01296 622613	
Guides and Brownies	See below*	-	
Halton Singers	Cherry-Ann Evans	01296 622097	
High Wycombe Hospital		01494 526161	
Highways on Call	9am-5pm	0845 230 2882	

Name	Contact	Telephone no.	Email address
Highways on Call	Out of hours	01296 486630	US THE PORT
Horticultural Society	Maureen Ridler	01296 633376	
John Radcliffe Hospital		01865 741166	STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PA
Ladies Group	Irene Wharton	01296 630195	
Local Councillors:			
Bucks County	Bill Chapple OBE	01296 426814	
Aylesbury Vale District	Carole Paternoster	01296 630710	
Aylesbury Vale District	David Thompson	01296 425656	The second second second second
Aylesbury Vale District	Phil Yerby	07769 621507	The second secon
Luncheon Club	Marion Richards	01296 630577	AS A CONTACT
Marsworth Pre-School Group		07506 179658	AL A GOLLIAGI
MP for Aylesbury	David Lidington	020 7219 3432	PERSON, IF YOU
Neighbourh'd Watch Administrator	Helen Thomas	01296 396262	T Elloon III 100
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Neighbourhood Watch, DB	Elizabeth Dutton	01296 631613	THE TOOLS
NHS Direct		0845 4647	EMAIL ADDRESS TO
Old Friends	Selly Clarke	01296 630207	- THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PART
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Pre-School	Jo Johnson	01296 632672	- III OF OF OF
RAF Association (local branch)	Selly Clarke	01296 630207	FUTURE ISSUES
RAF Halton (Mon-Fri)	0800-1700hrs	01296 656367	
RAF Halton	At all other times	01296 656211	PLEASE EMAIL THE
Rector	Rev Elizabeth Moxley	01296 632488	
Royal British Legion	Janet Tye	01296 434866	EDITOR WITH YOUR
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### Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally Sunday 15 June 2014

AROUND 3,500 visitors attended this one-day rally breaking all previous records and exceeding the organisers' targets and expectations.

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A big thank you to our sponsors, exhibitors and volunteers who helped to ensure the rally was a great success and thank you to all who visited on the day – we'll be doing it all again next year. Hope to see you there!

Visit: www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk for more info and photos. Graham Dickinson



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## Village Life grants 2014

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This makes it possible to offer our advertisers exceptionally competitive advertising rates, unchanged now for over three years, whilst also providing every home in Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp with local news, articles of interest and other useful information.

Now well into its fourth year, **Village Life** has attracted increasing volumes of advertising, resulting in a financial surplus. The management

group have decided that, as the remit of the magazine is to support our local community, part of that surplus should be distributed to local churches and other charitable groups. Accordingly, we are pleased to announce that the following grants have been made this year:

£500 to St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton £350 to All Saints' Church, Buckland £350 to St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp £350 to the Baptist Church Youth Café £350 to the Scouts £350 to the Guides

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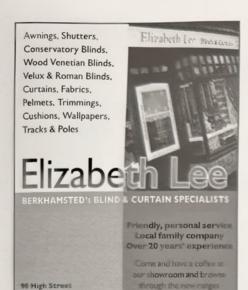
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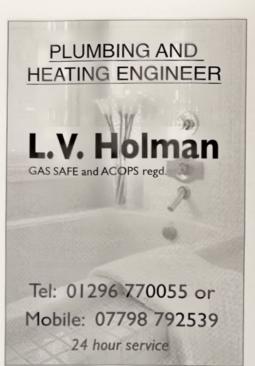
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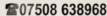
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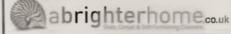
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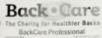
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