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THURSDAY 7th May is an important day for everyone. On that day, those who govern us must step down and defer to the power of the rest of us to choose who we want to run our government and councils. We will be bombarded with promises from all sides, most of which will be taken with more than a pinch of salt if we believe what the public are said to think of their politicians.

Have you noticed how many people still say that the UK is one of the best places in the world to live? Despite all our problems, those who can afford to live anywhere will often choose this country above all others. We are hardly a tax haven, so there must be other attractions.

Despite all its faults, the UK is one of the most fair-minded, peaceful and tolerant countries in a world full of fear, suffering, corruption and intolerance. Whatever we may think of our politicians, they are answerable to us at election time.

The rising number of us who confess to having no interest in voting should remember the sacrifices made in two world wars by countless numbers of our fellow citizens in order that our country should remain free from tyranny. We should also remember that appalling inhumanity is to be found only a few flying hours from our shores and *not* take our freedom for granted.

There's a lot at stake on May the Seventh. Whatever your political leanings, ensure that you do your civic duty.

In the meantime, there's plenty to read in this issue of **Village Life** when you've had your fill of listening to politicians exchanging insults instead of debating the things that really matter.

Easter will soon be upon us. For everyone, it is a time of joy as Nature re-awakens, the sun rises ever higher in the sky and we all celebrate the renewal of hope, despite all that is wrong in the world.

Alec Just
Editor

Ebola fund-raising event

Friends and acquaintances from Aston Clinton, Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp and further afield, responded enthusiastically to Margaret Baynes' invitation to attend her fund-raising event on Thursday 12th February in aid of the Ebola Crisis in west Africa. The day raised an amazing £460.

With great generosity, Margaret opened her home for the whole day, taking only short breaks for meals, and extending a warm welcome to all who attended. We were offered refreshments, much of which was provided by friends who had made cookies and scones. Others donated raffle prizes and bring-and-buy items. Another friend was on hand during the whole day to brew tea and make



Photo: Alice Just

coffee for the visitors. By the late evening, just a few visitors remained, so with scrupulous fairness, Margaret arranged for the raffle to be drawn publicly at church on the following

Sunday. By Wednesday, most of the winners had received their prizes, delivered by the tireless Margaret in person!

The whole event drew attention to the dreadful suffering of those who have already succumbed to the disease. It also highlighted the frightful difficulties experienced by the courageous medical staff in dealing with patients and their families, whilst at the same time being aware of the possibility of becoming infected themselves.

Jenny Just

The Royal British Legion

THE Aston Clinton Branch has now moved its meeting venue to the Parish Office in Aston Clinton Park. This is with the kind permission of Aston Clinton Parish Council, to whom we are very grateful. We meet on the second Tuesday in the month, at 7.30pm. Our next meeting will be on 14th April. The Parish room is larger than the one we have been using and the car parking is much easier and safer in the Park.

Our annual informal dinner will be held again this year on **Thursday 7th May** at the Crows Nest restaurant on Tring Hill. Members who wish to come should contact Janet Tye (01296 434866). There will be a trip to Westminster Abbey for the Battle of Britain service as last year. Details will be circulated later.

The sum raised by our branch, so far, towards the Poppy Appeal is £3,529.47p. This is less than recent years; however, we thank all those who either gave to the appeal or helped by selling poppies. It was a magnificent effort.

In the last magazine, I described the opening

of the Regional Centre located at the top of the High Street in Aylesbury. They are currently looking to recruit advice, information and administration volunteers to help in the South East Midlands Centre, in Aylesbury. If you are interested, either call in or apply for details to: southeastmidlands@britishlegion.org.uk or call the area office on 0333 011 4480.

Ralph Weston

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Sun 10 May	11am-4pm	Village Market	Aston Clinton School
Sun 17 May	3pm	Prosecco and Scones	St Michael's Church

Every Monday 2-4.30pm Rhubarb Café at St Michael's Church.

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

The Rector's Easter message

Dear Friends

Christians are an Easter people!

When St Augustine said that, back in the 4th century, he was claiming that what has changed history is that Easter is not just a once-off experience of resurrection for Jesus.

Being an Easter people means that resurrection is a Christian experience too. Easter celebrates how Jesus dies and rises in each of us: life defeats death and goodness is stronger than evil in our personal lives, among our family and friends, and in our communities.

When the women arrived back from the empty tomb, breathless, speechless, shocked yet full of joy, the male disciples weren't sure how to react. They had witnessed the facts of death. They had seen body of the dead Jesus taken from the cross and laid in the tomb. They had seen the tomb sealed and a

guard set. Now they were told that the tomb was open, that it was empty and that some claimed to have seen Jesus alive. We can imagine the rush of adrenaline felt by these sceptical men as they ran to the tomb to verify what they had been told. And they find it just as the women had said.



Today's Christian confidence in the resurrection of Jesus isn't based on wishful thinking either. It's founded in the factual truth of that first Easter, and it's honed in the experience of our lives. We, Easter people have a story to tell of light following dark, of joy following pain, of hope out of defeat, of warmth beyond cold, of life out of death.

I hope you have a blessed and a life-long Easter.

With love
Elizabeth

Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals.

Charles M Crowe 1877-1936, American Methodist pastor

The care we take with our patients

(My 20 years at Aston Clinton)

SOMETIMES it seems like only yesterday that I that started here at the surgery as a fresh-faced newly qualified GP. However, the whole shape of general practice has changed almost beyond recognition during that period of time. The model of care in those days was one looking at a much more reactive type of service which responded to illnesses and injuries.

Now, the main focus is on preventative care. There has also been a big transfer of workload from a hospital setting into the general practice envelope. For example, in 1995, the majority of diabetic patients were looked after in hospital. Now, nearly all of them are looked after in-house, as it were, by our practice. Also, due to the increased screening we offer, we have picked up a lot more diabetics, so the number of patients with diabetes we have has increased. And this is mirrored across the country.

We also now offer heart disease, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease clinics that run throughout the week by our expert chronic disease nurses. These all run to prevent

There has been an increase in general practice workload of about 30% ...

worsening of the clinical conditions, reduce unnecessary hospital admissions and procedures and improve the health and well-being of our patients.

The number of variety of vaccinations we have to provide has also increased, with the expansion in the childhood immunisation programme and the recent addition of the shingles vaccine. As part of our contract with the NHS, we are measured annually on how we perform against nationally agreed targets in these and other disease areas. I am very proud to say that our practice scores very highly in all of these areas. There has also been an increase in general

practice workload of about 30% since I joined the practice.

We have to deliver the above alongside the very important acute care that is required by our patient population. We attempt to achieve this by offering appointments you can book in advance and some that are released for acute conditions, so that you could be seen within 48 hours. We also offer a call-back triage system where one of our clinicians responds by telephone, offers advice and/or treatment over the telephone or, if necessary, an urgent appointment on the day.

To give you an idea of how I spend a typical day at the Surgery, here is my diary for Wednesday 17th February 2015:

8am Arrive at the surgery: Look at and action results that have come in overnight. Make non-urgent phone calls to patients, complete insurance reports, fit for work requests. Sign urgent prescriptions and start the morning triage calls.

8:50am Begin morning surgery which involves seeing 14 patients and making the triage telephone calls.

11:30am Begin the urgent clinic for those patients that need to be seen from the triage calls.

12:30pm Look at the duty doctor box which has hospital letters that need actioning and also urgent prescription requests. Sign the morning's and repeat prescriptions and deal with any medicine queries.

1pm Meet the two medical students who are with us for the afternoon.

1:15pm Aston Clinton partners' meeting.

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A Neighbourhood Plan for Aston Clinton

AROUND 100 years ago or so, Aston Clinton was still predominantly a small agricultural village with most of the population engaged in farm-related and small trading activities. It was very much a working village and would never have claimed to be chocolate-boxy, like the picturesque village of Hambledon at the southern end of the Chilterns, for example.

Our village has other enviable attractions, valued both by long-established residents and newcomers alike. Aston Clinton is a calm and peaceful place in a beautiful setting below the Chiltern Hills. Why did Sir Anthony de Rothschild choose to build his country house here?

The last 50 years or so have seen the change from a centuries-old, largely self-sustaining village to a mixed community of established families finding themselves sharing their village with increasing numbers of newcomers. You will have noticed that there has been much consternation recently over the apparent tidal wave of planning approvals for large numbers of new homes to be built in and around Aston Clinton. This surge of applications has followed the failure of AVDC's Local Plan, a framework

against which new developments have to be adjudged. Concerned people believe that Aston Clinton needs its own Neighbourhood Plan (NHP), now permitted under the Localism Act 2011.

Under the new rules, local communities have the right to shape development in their areas through Neighbourhood Plans which, when accepted by the Local Planning Authority (in our case AVDC), will form part of the planning policy for the Vale. To find out more about NHPs, copy the website at the foot of this article (p 9) and paste it into your web browser.

Winslow, a few miles to the north of us, was the first community in Buckinghamshire to

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BUCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB

Absolute beginners' bridge lessons starting Thursday 10th Sept. 2015 at Buckland Village Hall, Buckland from 7.30-10pm. Interested? Contact Viv Barton on **01296 630776**.

The care we take ... cont'd.

1:45pm Take the medical students on a home visit where we look at how to perform an abdominal examination.

2pm Take the medical students to the patients that they are studying through the year.

2:15pm Start the afternoon triage telephone calls, medication requests, look at my laboratory results (56), look at the hospital letters (35).

3pm Start afternoon surgery which consists of 14 patients again; deal with the triage telephone calls.

5:45pm Start the urgent extras clinic which runs until 6:40pm.

6:40pm Start my evening surgery which finishes at 7:50pm.

7:50pm Sign the afternoon's prescription requests and the urgent hospital letters, make the routine telephone calls to my patients who have requested them.

8:45pm Leave the surgery.

Dr Craig White

MBBS, MRCP, MSc(SEM), MFSEM, DRCOG
GP Partner, Aston Clinton Surgery.



Aston Clinton School

Head: Mrs Helen Shepherd



Community links

OUR SCHOOL is very much at the heart of the community and we try to be involved in village issues when we can. Recently, the children submitted possible road names for the estate being built on Stablebridge Road. There were many thoughtful entries and currently there are four possible names being considered. The children thought about the history of our village, which included the recent archaeological dig at Stablebridge Road and the village's connection with famous cars. Final decisions will be made once the building starts. The winners of the road name competition will have the pleasure and satisfaction of knowing they chose the name for a road in our village.

Some other children were unhappy about the amount of dog mess on the pavements and produced some posters for the Parish Council who were also addressing the issue. The children felt strongly that walking to school and around the village was spoilt by having to dodge the uncollected mess left by dogs. The Parish Council were also unhappy about the amount of dog mess in the park and so the children's posters have been put up around the park to hopefully encourage those dog owners who may need reminding, to pick up after their dog. I do hope they are successful as the whole village

will benefit from this.

Finally, during half term a group of our children collected litter from around the village after becoming concerned for the local wildlife due to the amount of litter they see on their walk to school; particularly in the alley way between Green End Street and Yorke Close. They borrowed the litter pickers from the scout group for the day and, under strict instructions not to pick anything up with their hands, quickly filled two black bin bags.

They continued to put litter found in the play park in the bins provided and fished four items of footwear out of the stream. They even found a garden knife in the alley way. I became aware of the litter pickers from an email sent to me which commented on the children's impeccable behaviour as well as their care for the local environment. I was delighted to hear of their good deeds and felt it deserved some recognition in this publication!

Part of our role is to prepare children to be good citizens. This, I believe, includes looking after and acting on behalf of their local community. Certainly, over the last few weeks alone, we have evidence that they are being well prepared and this can only be for the good of everyone.

Helen Shepherd

For the young at heart

On Saturday 9th May from 3pm at St Michael's, a fun and games afternoon – suitable for all ages. Bring along your favourite games. Tea provided in return for a donation.

To vote, or not to vote?

That is the question.

WHETHER it's better to stay at home and let others decide who shall govern and spend our hard-earned cash on welfare, health and education? Or whether to take up the pencil and make our mark on the ballot paper and so have an influence on our future?

There may be some who regard MPs and councillors as all the same—'in it for themselves'—or that their own vote will make little or no difference—and would take the view that there would be no point in voting.

But think on this . . .

In Greece in the year 507BCE, the right to vote was granted to adult men only, and to those whose parents were both Athenians. It was not until the mid-19th century that anything like this right was achieved in the UK, and even then not as we know it today.

Voting in this country was seen, not as a universal right, but as a privilege for the wealthiest members of society. As in Greece in 507BCE, under the so-called Great Reform Act of 1832, voters had to be adult, male, and owners of property over a certain value. The powerful élite argued that only those who owned property and paid taxes should have the right to vote. Voting was at that time not secret and so open to bribery and corruption.

The Chartist Movement in 1838 called for the right for every man to vote, regardless of class or property; for secret ballots; for annual elections; and for MPs to be paid, thereby eliminating the chance for only the wealthy to stand for Parliament.

From 1867, following pressure during the 1840s and 50s, all voters had to be male and at least 21 years of age, but still based on certain property qualifications. It was not until 1872 that the secret ballot was introduced.

Various Parliamentary Acts were passed between the 1860s and 1880s and in 1918,

following WW1, the Representation of the People Act finally gave the right to vote

to all men over the age of 21 and to all women over the age of 30, (subject to certain property qualifications).

It was not until 1928 that women were given the franchise on the same terms as men, after the famous struggles of the Suffragette Movement and of the many others before that time. Since 1969, both men and women over the age of 18 have had the right to vote.

There is no doubt that this democratic right to vote has been hard won and over those many long forgotten years, the people who won this right for all of us with their determination and courage, are to be admired and should earn our gratitude. Whatever the outcome of the forthcoming elections, those of us who choose to exercise that right will know that we have played an important and influential part in an historic process that we, in turn, will pass on to future generations as vital to the health of our democracy.

Jenny Just



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The Cricket Club story

BUCKLAND and Aston Clinton Cricket Club was formed back in the 1930s. The original ground was the field adjoining the 'old Chapel Cottage'. The wicket itself was fenced by barbed wire, which had to be removed and replaced after every match because the field was used for cattle grazing. The current ground in Church Lane was purchased by the Club in 1950. The pavilion was built in 1970s and later renovated and modernized.

The land itself, located at the bottom of Church Lane was formerly a kitchen garden for the Rothschild family in the 1920s when they resided at the former mansion (now Green Park). Indeed, during very dry summers the outlines of the old foundations of the green-houses can still be seen.

The first match (versus Dinton) was played at the ground in 1951 on a matting wicket and ended in a draw. In 2001 the club celebrated the original match with a replay.

Much work has been done on the ground over the years. The Sharp family passed down the groundsman duties between generations with able support from Alan Briggs. Today, the ground is in the capable hands of two local people (James Wood and Tom Walker) who continue to tender the ground with care.

In 1993, the Club ventured into league cricket having previously only played friendlies. The then chairman, Howard Scott, steered the club into some of its most successful years, winning the Morrants Four Counties Premier League and the Coronation Cup after 50 years of trying, in which Alan Briggs had played in 40 years of matches. Mervyn Ramsay and John Roberts formed the first Colts team in 1992 and in the years that followed Mike Parsonage and James Wood brought two further teams through the age groups that now form part of

the current teams.

During Season 2005 the club entered a second team into the League following many years of developing youth players through the club. Under the current chairmanship of Mike Parsonage, the Club has seen the Colts alumni now form the core of both teams that during 2014 won both of their respective championships and the first team is now back in the



Photo: Mike Parsonage

The all-conquering 2014 First Team

Premier League for the first time in seven years

Over the years there have been many players from the village and surrounding areas who have played for the Club. As is often found with 'village' teams, many families contribute players with fathers, sons and brothers playing in the same teams. Aston has been no different; there have been the Scotts, Charltons and the Devlins, with the Shepherds, Parsonages, Khans, Lockyers, Buchorskis, Sharps and Roberts all still having several family members playing together.

Over the last few years there has been a noticeable decline in participation in the game by younger players which is a national problem.

Aston Cricket Club need more volunteers to help launch new Colts' teams and new players are wanted for the forthcoming season both for League and Sundays. Sunday friendly cricket is

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 adopt a Neighbourhood Plan. You can download a copy of the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan by googling those three words. You will see that the process of producing an Aston Clinton NHP will involve a lot of work, only possible with the active support of the parish council, local residents, and a small executive team of volunteers, assisted by consultants. Grants may be available to pay for professional consultancy fees.

The process starts with an application to the Local Planning Authority (in our case AVDC), defining the area to be covered by our NHP. This is followed by the preparation of a detailed plan setting out a vision of the future of Aston Clinton, reflecting an informed consensus of what the whole community wants to see. The

<http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/The-Power-of-NP1.pdf>

plan would be based partly on the results of questionnaires sent out to all residents and partly on the conclusions reached from positive engagement with the entire community throughout the process. The final Plan would be subject to approval by a majority of those voting in a local referendum on the subject.

Those of us with a concern for the future of Aston Clinton, need to think carefully about how we would like to see our village develop and change over coming years, given that 'no change' is not an option in a changing world.

If you have particular skills or interests relevant to the production of the Plan please send an email with your name and address to: **parishcouncil@astonclinton.org** typing 'NHP' in the subject box. *Alec Just*

Cricket, contd.

very limited now and the Club wants to re-start the Sunday friendlies.

The First Team umpire has now semi-retired and the Club is looking for a new umpire to share the duties for the new season ahead. Anyone interested do please contact the Club.

We are pleased to announce that local firm Dayla has agreed to sponsor the teams for the 2015 season. We have the facilities to cater for developing players but attracting more players is always a challenge when faced with competition from Tring, Long Marston and the many

Aylesbury-based teams. Hopefully, the sponsorship funds will help us to further improve our facilities and attract new faces.

We were also recently awarded a grant from the AVDC Treasure Chest fund that we have used to purchase new netting for our two outdoor practice nets. These will be installed before the start of the new season.

If you are interested in becoming a Club member, player, umpire or simply want to help, contact Mike Parsonage on **07710 301486** or email: **parsonagem@yahoo.co.uk**

Mike Parsonage

The Colts turn out to practise in the sunshine



A village under siege?

ISN'T IT ODD how history repeats itself? Who would have thought that almost 1500 years ago, the village of Aston Clinton was subject to the same battles and pressures that it faces today. Iron-age people followed by the Romans first built dwellings near the crossing of Akeman Street and the Icknield Way. Then the Saxons took up residence and developed the area further. During the 10th century the land on which our village lies was the catalyst for many arguments as the Earl of Salisbury, the de Clintons and the de Havershams all battled to build and maintain their manors.

Skip forward a thousand years and the aftermath of two world wars left the UK desperately in need of housing. The local authority housing programme was initiated and the newly-formed parish of Aston Clinton took its fair share of houses, with developments behind London Road and Lower Icknield Way, no doubt raising a few eyebrows as the village grew.

Moving on to the present day, our village is once again the subject of discussions and arguments about housing; this is because Aston Clinton is under siege, not from marauding Saxons or advancing Romans, but this time from an army of housing developers!

As we have already discovered, Aston Clinton has always embraced development—the variety of housing styles is testament to this. Many of you will no doubt be asking what all the fuss is about, a few houses here and there won't do any harm; and you'd be right, a few houses never hurt anyone. But that is exactly the point, we are not talking about just a few houses.

To put matters into perspective, in 2011 the number of valid planning permissions totalled 22 dwellings. In 2014 we have applications that total in excess of 400 new houses (that's not a typo: FOUR HUNDRED new houses!). To make matters worse, at least 200 of them have already been given outline approval. In short,

our village is about to grow by about 20%. I'm sure that you'll all agree, this is not a viable proposition for the village, especially if any of you have recently tried to get a doctor's appointment or a place at the village school (not to mention a parking space when dropping off your children at the school).

The key to successful housing developments is sustainability and this is the reason why concerned locals have formed a residents' society called PACVE (Preserve Aston Clinton Village Environment).

PACVE's main aim is not to stop house building, but to make sure that the character of the village is preserved with sensible and sustainable development. I don't think anyone

ASTON CLINTON Bucks, 1992. Map 17E
LH 10-2: 6-1030 § 12-2: 7-10. LP 515 § 245. EC.
Wed. LONDON 36, Aylesbury 4, Tring 3.
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An entry in the AA Members' Handbook for 1959/60 wants to live in an overcrowded village, with restricted access to local amenities, and no-one can possibly argue that a 20% increase in housing in such a short space of time is a positive step forward and certainly not the direction in which our village needs to travel.

PACVE needs your support! Fighting developers isn't cheap: lawyers, expert witnesses, barristers etc, cost a lot of money and this is why a fund has been started with a target of £50,000. We appreciate this is a lot of money, but with everybody helping it is achievable.

In early January this year, plans to build 3,000 homes on land between Weston Turville and Aylesbury were quashed by Eric Pickles (Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government), largely due to the hard work and tenacity of the Hampden Fields Action Group. This goes to show what can happen if the money is raised (in that case £65,000) and what

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Could St Michael's bells fall silent?

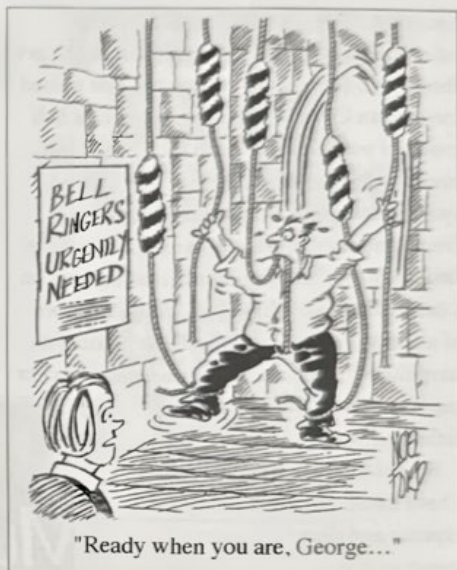
HOPEFULLY NOT! However, without enough trained bellringers, it could happen.

If this ancient British tradition is to be maintained, we need **you**! We have an excellent ring of ten bells, a small friendly band and are a centre of excellence in the locality.

Anyone can learn. You just need to have a sense of rhythm and good co-ordination. It's not about strength but balancing skills—so all ages can have a go. Just like riding a bike.

So, would you like to try something different? If so, get in touch with us today. Please email: roger.powell@willowend.net or ring me on 01296 415532, or just turn up to our practice at 8pm on a Friday evening. Teaching can take place at any convenient time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Roger Powell



Round-the-world with Becca

Readers will recall the regular column in **Village Life** by our erstwhile teenage contributor Becca Harty. In February she jetted off on the first leg of her three-months' global backpacking adventure. Her first stop was Thailand where she met up with her friend Gaby, then together they journeyed on to Laos. Becca then travelled on alone to Cambodia (where she plans to volunteer at a school) and Vietnam.

After East Asia, she flies down to New Zealand where she will tour both North and South Islands. Then she crosses the Pacific to see the USA, ending up in New York "for a glamorous shopping spree with my mum". Look out for her travelogue in future issues of the magazine.



Village under siege? *contd.*

residents' groups can achieve when they work together and have the backing and support of their community behind them.

If you can help, then please do so. Details of how to make donations, along with details of all the planned developments, can be found on the PACVE website: www.pacve.co.uk

Only if we all stand together can we make

sure that Aston Clinton continues to thrive as a village and does not become consumed by unconstrained development happening in the face of planning committees, half-blind to the negative impact their planning decisions have on the daily lives of existing residents in terms of road safety, healthcare and schooling.

Paul Van Danzig
Committee Member, PACVE

I HAVE NEVER had much luck with attempts at professional pampering. My husband once bought me a Sports Massage that was so painful I had to use my labour breathing to get through it. There was the spray tan that turned me into an Oompa Loompa, except for a half moon of pure white beneath each breast (no need for the pencil test here). I was offered eyelash extensions from a newly qualified friend and they all fell out, three days into my "make-up free" holiday, mostly into my dinner. I can guarantee to chip a nail within minutes of a manicure and I once paid good money to have three different types of mud smeared over me, for reasons I still haven't fathomed.

Since becoming a Mum though I have found it hard to justify the expense and time for beauty treatments so it was a huge treat to be taken for a Facial at the Cowshed Spa in Primrose Hill, during half term. As if the Yummy Mummies of North London weren't intimidating enough, my therapist appeared looking like a 16-year-old supermodel.

"So what's your normal routine?", she asked leading me past a row of Gwyneth Paltrow look-alikes languidly being filed and buffed. I took a guess that she didn't want to know about homework, swimming, Cubs and hockey but before I could answer she went on "Do you Cleanse? Tone? Exfoliate?" "Oh yes" I said, because I do wash my face most days – sometimes with soap, sometimes shampoo,

whatever is nearest that foams up, to be honest. But tone? Who has time for that sort of thing? And exfoliate? Isn't that what happens when you use a towel that hasn't been tumble-dried? She frowned. In such glamorous surroundings, I couldn't admit to using Aldi face-cream, giving credit instead to the sample tube of Clarins I blagged when Christmas shopping last year. She seemed satisfied and the facial began. A large steam machine was booted into action and she wafted some lavender oil to "relax" me. Of course I'll relax I thought, lying down, in a quiet room with no kids in sight or earshot.

I was wrong. With my eyes shut I didn't see the piping hot flannel coming and began to suffocate and gasp for breath like a seal. Then she asked if I wanted any "extraction".

"Well, if you find anything," I replied nonchalantly. I may be naive in these matters but I

thought I'd know if I had blackheads. Wrong again. I actually thought she was going to break my nose she was digging so hard. On the upside she told me I had "good collagen" which reading between the lines, I think means my face is a bit plump. And the inclusive Arm & Hand massage must have been good, as the next thing I knew, I had woken myself up with a snore.

Back upstairs, the quinoa salad was surprisingly tasty and I was glowing – though whether that was down to the facial or the two hours "off-duty", I'll never know. *Kelly Cornish*



Tring Charter 700

Watch out for lots of events this year to celebrate the 700 years since Tring was granted town charter status.

- Tring Carnival Saturday **27 June**
- Charter Day Monday **29 June**





YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

ELECTIONS

MAY 7th

2015

Residents of Aston Clinton and environs are invited to put themselves forward for election to Aston Clinton Parish Council. Meetings are held once a month and it's a real chance to have a say in the future of your village! For further information email the Parish Clerk at: **parishcouncil@astonclinton.org**

Useful information about who can stand as a Councillor and how to do this is also available at:

<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales>

**The deadline for delivery of nomination papers is 4pm on
Thursday 9th April**

Quote for the spring:

"It's not *what* you have in your life but *who* you have in your life that counts." – J. M. Laurence

Aston Clinton, Buckland & Drayton Beauchamp

Horticultural Society

By the time you read this the "darkest and most miserable time of the year" will be past. The days will be longer, we will have changed to Summer Time and the warmth will be back in the sun. Despite the February "blues", I had a magnificent display of snowdrops and I have been able to repair my trellis and removed loads of common ivy

We are pleased that so many members took advantage of our D.T. Brown seed order. Maureen Ridler has handled £1,700 worth of orders and we thank her for the time and effort she puts into this each year. As usual we were given a 60% discount on all seeds and 15% discount on non-seed items and this entire discount goes directly to those who have placed an order, with no benefit to the Society. If you wish to join us to order seeds, plants or garden sundries for next year, please contact the Society or keep in touch via the website.

Once again this year's programme of talks and social events is as varied as ever and where possible has taken account of members' preferences: for instance, we have a talk on composting. We have some new speakers as well as asking back those who have proved popular before. On **Wednesday 8 April** we have a talk with slides 'May West-West Country Gardens' by John Cornwall. **Saturday 11 April** is our 18th **Annual Spring Show and Plant Sale** at 2pm in the Aston Clinton School Hall. Entry £1, children free. We would be grateful to receive any plants for us to sell.

Our monthly meeting on **Wednesday 13 May** is 'Home Composting' by Baird McClellan. On **Wednesday 10 June** we have a talk with slides: 'Dig for Victory' by Russell Bowes. All talks are held in the Anthony Hall, Aston Clinton and start at 8pm. They are all free to members, and there will be a raffle and produce

and plant stall to defray costs. Non-members are charged at £2. Coffee and tea are served in the interval.

A local garden visit has been arranged for the evening of **Wednesday 24 June** to Montana, Shire Lane, Cholesbury at 6.30pm. Entrance cost is £3.50 plus £2.50 for a glass of wine and nibbles. Expressions of interest please to Frances Farley.

Last year, the Society arranged a successful coach visit. This year a trip to the RHS garden at Hyde Hall has been booked for **Thursday 9 July**. Further details as to cost etc will be published later. Expressions of interest please to Diane Kolonko. Use the society email: info@astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk to make contact.

Plant and Produce Stall at School's

'Village Market' Sunday 10 May from 11am

This is a village market organised by the School Association. It is a good opportunity for the Society to raise funds to support our Spring

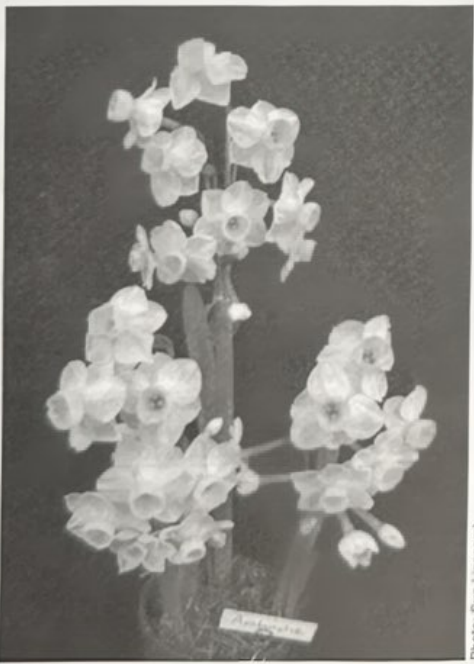


Photo: Sue Lipscomb

and Summer shows and also enable us to buy items such as additional tables. Since this Village Market has been running, our Society has always managed to sell a wide range of plants. By May, many young plants grown from seed are saleable. We would be grateful if members would grow plants from seed this spring for us to sell. Examples are tomato plants, lettuces, cabbages, brussel sprouts, marrows, courgettes and bedding plants. Please bring as many plants as possible.

Spring Show & Plant Sale

Our Spring Show this year will be on **Saturday 11th April** at Aston Clinton School. It is not just a daffodil show but has classes for all the family to display a range of skills.

The schedule of classes will be similar to that in previous years and the full schedule is available on our website. Please try to enter the show as a competitor, and encourage your children, grandchildren, and friends and neighbours also. Entry night is on Thursday 9th April, 6-7.45pm at the Anthony Hall. Those of you who have trophies, please return them to Ken Halls by entry night at the latest.

If you have not entered before, there are a

number of novice classes. If you need help to know what to enter and how to stage, please ask Ken Halls, Graham Thirkettle or one of the committee.

We are always very grateful for gifts for the raffle and any spare plants you might have for our popular plant stall. We also hope to have the usual commercial stalls.

We need volunteers as always, to help put up show benches on the Friday afternoon (from 4pm), to help on the day as stewards etc. and to help dismantle everything at the end of the show. If you would like to learn to be a steward on the Saturday morning of the show, the committee would be delighted and you will get one of John and Evelyn's superb lunches, but please let a member of the committee know before the show date so that you can express a preference for which section interests you most. You will then be able to shadow the steward of that section.

Ralph Weston

Aston Clinton Ladies Group

Forthcoming meetings:

Wed 15 April at 8pm at the Guide Hall:

A saucy look at social history by Phil Storr

Wed 20 May at 8pm at the Guide Hall:

Forever Living Products demonstration by Sonia Lyon

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

Please mention Village Life when responding to our advertisers.



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Telephone: 01296 625188

Email: enquiries@leonardpulham.co.uk

Website: www.leonardpulham.co.uk

Green Park – an inspiring place

Spring is all but upon us and where better to enjoy the changing colour of our landscape than at Green Park—a wonderful local resource which desperately needs you to use and support it.

Green Park is now operated by the charity Adventure Learning Foundation who have shallow financial pockets but deep moral ones, and are keen to see this beautiful natural space used by thousands of local people. The charity's aims are all about helping vulnerable young people, and they operate under a 'Robin Hood'-style business model, with every penny they make from businesses using the centre going towards a wealth of programmes that aim to engage and educate all of our youth.

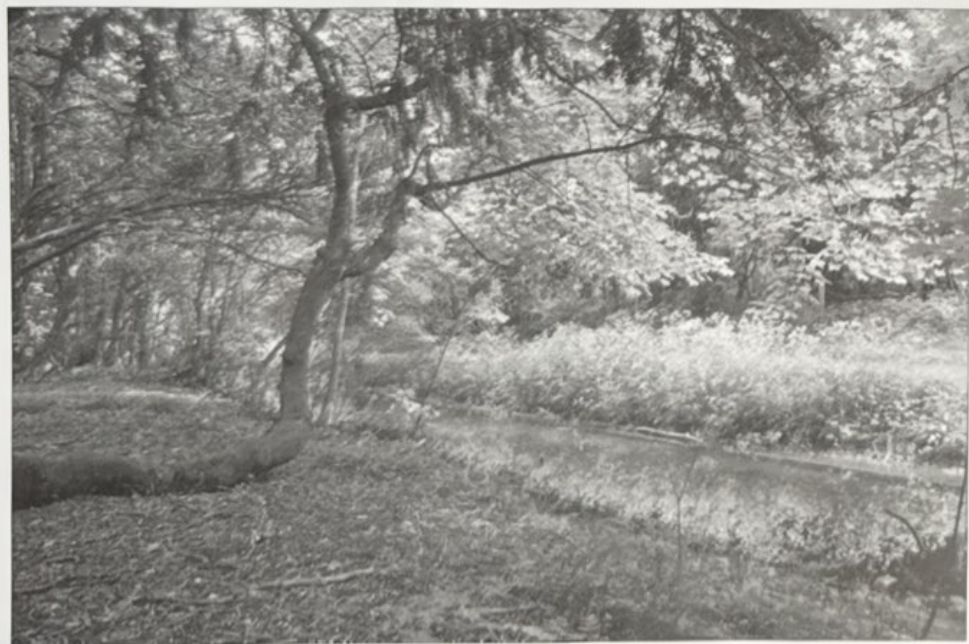
You can use the centre in a number of ways:

- *After-School Courses for Young People*
- *Family Activity Days*
- *School Holiday Activity Days*
- *Activity Birthday Parties*
- *Meetings and Training*

They have an incredible suite of meeting and training rooms for hire. The rooms range from the larger hall that will take 240 people, right down to smaller rooms ideal for an intimate meeting. With decent onsite catering and a small café opening there soon, coupled with the added benefit of being able to do team-building activities at the same location – this is a very special local meeting point.

The décor of the rooms is a little tired, so ALF would love to be able to redecorate to make them more appealing. The charity invites local businesses to take up the challenge and sponsor a room, either by paying for the decoration or by volunteering a team to do it. They can in return name the room and put in it a display about their organisation. The CEO of the Adventure Learning Foundation, Amanda Foister, said: "It would be great, with local support, to transform our rather dull rooms into a range of quirky, original spaces – how

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The natural beauty and the some of the challenges of Green Park are obvious from these photographs. To fully appreciate what the site has to offer, you are invited to contact the Adventure Learning Foundation at one of the points of contact given below and arrange a visit.

Photography: Carly Sayell

Green Park, *contd.*

lovely it would be if, for example, Arla Foods – arguably our most prestigious local employer – took on the room challenge and made one like the inside of a cow barn or dairy.”

If you've yet to visit Green Park, go to their website www.green-park.org.uk or give them a call on 033 0303 0101 for more information.

Savannah Catharine

The Dennis Davies Supper Quiz

THE EVENING of 14th February saw the annual Dennis Davies Supper Quiz take place at the Anthony Hall in Aston Clinton. This is an extremely popular event on the social calendar, and great fun is usually had whilst raising funds for St. Michael's Church.

This year was no exception; 82 people attended and the amazing sum of £733.25 was raised.

The questions were set by the Weston family, and Roger Hughes was a very able and entertaining quiz master. The categories ranged from Food to General Knowledge and even included a bonus question at the end of each section based on St Valentine. However one category in particular, 'Bible or Shakespeare', in which quotations had to be identified as being from the Bible or in Shakespeare, proved very taxing for us all, including our two rather perplexed clergy!

As usual on these occasions there was a lot of hard work going on in the background, all very ably co-ordinated by Rev. Sally Bottomer who led a team of ladies: Maggie Beaujeux, Grace Spiller, Margaret Stacey and Pat Rozental,

in preparing a scrumptious meal of Hungarian Goulash, the first time a hot supper has been served at the quiz.

A big 'Thank You' to those who hosted tables, set up the hall, washed up and cleared away or indeed helped in any other capacity.

A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Pat Rozental

The cup-winning team



Photo: Ralph Weston

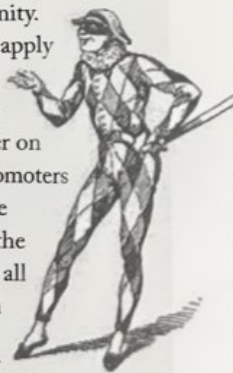
Theatre in the Villages

The annual 'Theatre in the Villages' programme brings professional performances to rural locations across Bucks, giving villages the opportunity to host and co-promote events for the enjoyment of their community.

Local organisers are invited to apply for a chance to participate in the scheme. Anyone interested should contact Jeannette Baxter on 01296 630902. The menu for promoters to choose from is now available

We need decisions made by the end of June so that we can put all the promotion and publicity in place ready for the autumn.

This will be the 17th year of the scheme, which is supported by AVDC in partnership with Wycombe and South Bucks District Councils. It is hoped that some really good shows will be on offer this year.



St Michael's flowers

Do you enjoy flower arranging? We are looking for new people to join our team of flower arrangers. You do not need to be experienced, just enthusiastic. All are welcome.

The weekly arrangements are done on a rota system, but we especially need people to help with the flower festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Also every two or three years we hold a flower festival in July.

We would love to hear from you. We are a friendly, welcoming group and there is always someone to give help and advice.

If you are interested please call either: Janet Watson on 01296 631014 or Janet Leech on 01296 630563.

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
Sat 4 April	10am	Produce Stall	All Saints' Church
Sun 5 April	11am	Easter Fire Family Service	All Saints' Church
Fri 24 April	7.30pm	Film Night	All Saints' Church
Sat 2 May	10am	Produce Stall	All Saints' Church
Thurs 14 May	10am	Holy Communion for Ascension	All Saints' Church

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

Decorating our lovely old church

Thank you all for your help with decorating All Saints for Christmas. Thanks too for all those who supported my coffee morning. We now have £125 in the kitty, so I can order more oasis for our Easter Decorating on **Saturday 3rd April at 10am**. All are welcome to help or just watch with a coffee. Any donations of greenery, twigs and eggs are welcome. The theme being any spring flowers, yellow, white, pink, orange and blue. Contact Frances on **01296 630072**

Buckland's Charity Pub 20th Anniversary Weekend 2015



THE BUCK
AT BUCKLAND
VILLAGE HALL



Spring Bank Holiday Weekend: Friday 22nd May–Monday 25th May

Old-fashioned pub hours: 11.30am–2.30pm and 6pm–11.30pm.

Home-cooked food with a full range of alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages in a friendly pub setting

Once a year the village community uniquely transforms its beautiful Rothschild village hall into a pub. Over the years an average of 50 people have helped set-up, cook, serve, clean and tidy up, raising over £60,000 for local charities and good causes.

Come and Eat and Drink for Charity!

St Mary the Virgin, Drayton Beauchamp

Regular Services:
10.45am each Sunday



Forthcoming events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun 5 April	10.45am	Easter Communion	St Mary's Church
Tues 21 April	8pm	Civil Parish Meeting	St Mary's Church
Fri 1 May	All Day	Simulated Driven Clay Shoot	Painesend Farm DB
Sat 16 May	7pm	Aurora Trio – Flute, Harp, Viola	St Mary's Church

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

Drayton Beauchamp Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st April at 8pm at St Mary's Church, Drayton Beauchamp.

Annual Litter Blitz

The Annual Litter Blitz will take place on Saturday 11th April. Meet at Lower Farm at 10am wearing rubber gloves, wellies/sensible footwear and colourful clothing (so as to be easily spotted by passing cars). The customary bacon rolls and coffee will be provided for the volunteers.

The book of Drayton Beauchamp

You don't have to live in Drayton Beauchamp to buy a copy of the definitive book of "The Village That Time Passed By" as the sub-title so aptly describes it.

Margaret Ross and David Lonsdale have between them created a comprehensive account of the story of the village and its inhabitants, past and present. The book is the result of painstaking research and is profusely illustrated. A few copies remain available from Margaret Ross, still at only £10. You can reach her on 01296 630098.



Solution to Crossword No.9

Across 1. Agenda 4. Camped 9. Fit 10. Eccentric 11. Realm 12. Obesity 14. Abnormality
17. Bigoted 18. Nappe 20. Spaghetti 22. Oak 23. Cheese 24. Bedsit
Down 1. Afford 2. Extra 3. Dreamboat 5. Awn 6. Persist 7. Decay 8. Accommodate 13. Eglantine
15. Baggage 16. Becket 17. Basic 19. Pious 21. Has

A Casualty of World War I

MY paternal uncle, David Reid Dewar, died in 1941, six years before I was born. He never married and was only 48 years old when he died.

Of what interest is David in 2015 and to people who live in rural Buckinghamshire, you may ask? David was born and died in Scotland; indeed, the first time he left the family home for more than a night and the only time he left his native country both occurred in December 1915 when he went overseas to France as a private with the Royal Army Medical Corps. He had enlisted in Edinburgh on 13th August 1915, two months before the introduction of the Derby Scheme which was halfway between volunteering and conscription, and well before the introduction of conscription in March 1916.



Perhaps he attended and was inspired by the public meeting in Peebles in late 1914 addressed by highly respected speakers such as Lord Glenconner, John Buchan, and the wealthy owners of the local tweed mills, all of whom appealed to the men of Peebles and the surrounding areas to join up. This meeting seems to have been the resounding success that the organisers had hoped for as 1764 Peebles men had enlisted by the end of 1915, a huge number from such a small town (with a population of fewer than 5500 in 1911) and its rural surroundings.

David managed to survive the war, but within only a few days of the Armistice he was being assessed by psychiatrists and was admitted straightaway to the local asylum with a diagnosis of "war strain" which was deemed to have started nine months earlier. He was said to have no interests or desires and was refusing food. It was noted that he kept to himself, indifferent to his surroundings and doing nothing. Despite this (or perhaps because of it), his elderly father – the local Baptist minister – was keen to look after him at home and he was

... he had developed a "hatred of religion" which grieved his parents deeply.

discharged to his parents' care on Christmas Day, 1919. Sadly, his parents discovered that he needed to be supervised day and night and that he had developed a "hatred of religion" which grieved them deeply. After his father's death in 1929 his mother found it increasingly difficult to cope with his odd behaviour and brooding silence. He was readmitted to the asylum in 1931 and died there ten years later of a cerebral haemorrhage.

I know virtually nothing about what kind of
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A Casualty of WW1, contd.

person he was before he enlisted, but as a son of the Manse in the early 1900s, David is likely to have been brought up in a quiet, reserved and devout household—a million miles from the hell he must have experienced during his three years and 119 days as a private in the RAMC. David's face looks out at me from many photographs taken in the 1920s but only one captures him working as he sits in his parents' garden chopping small logs for kindling. In every other photograph he stands or sits, his gaze fixed straight at the camera, serious and unsmiling.

In truth, time seems to have frozen for David when he returned from France. His three "Pip, Squeak and Wilfred" medals and their ribbons remain in pristine condition in the boxes in which they were mailed to his father, and the King's Certificate which confirmed that he had been discharged on 9th December 1918 after serving with honour and

being "100% disabled for life" in the Great War is still rolled up inside its cardboard posting cylinder. David himself seems to have been paralysed into permanent immobility—unable to work, to marry, or to enjoy the freedom he had enlisted to preserve, a bystander in the post-war world. David spent a quarter of his life incarcerated in the cold, regimented ward of an asylum—given food and shelter, but never fêted as the hero he was nor recognised for the incalculable sacrifice he had made.

There must have been many "Davids" who returned from the Great War—physically unscathed but with deep and permanent mental scars. As we think about the Great War during the next few years and remember the many casualties from Peeblesshire, Buckinghamshire and so many other places, we would do well to think also about the "forgotten casualties" like David who returned from the battlefields without visible scars or disabilities but sadly and permanently changed.

Margaret Ross

Drayton Beauchamp Annual Concert

St Mary's Church
Saturday 16th May 2015 at 7pm

The Aurora Trio

Emma Halnan *flute*
Heather Wrighton *harp*
Joe Bronstein *viola*

Do join us for an evening of enticing music by the talented Aurora Trio and for supper afterwards. Their diverse programme will include works by Debussy and Bax and their own arrangement of the dance suite from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*.

Admission:
£22.50 (for concert, supper and wine) or
£12.00 (for concert and wine)



Tickets available from:
Rosemary Brooke (01296 630446)
Anne Eardley (07890 798476)
Guy Moores (01442 826241)

Stop the drop!

IT IS SAD to think that since the Women's Institute initiated a conference to establish the Keep Britain Tidy environmental charity, way back in 1954, litter still remains an ever increasing scourge on our countryside.

A variety of slogans, such as 'Bag it & Bin it', 'We are watching You', 'Love where you Live' and 'Don't be a Tosser' have all failed to convert the culprits.

Litter is one of the first signs of social decay. If we don't care about litter on our streets and in our parks, we are unlikely to care about other environmental issues that have a negative impact on our lives, our community and society.

With the total of 852,000 incidents of fly tipping in 2013-14 and more than two million pieces of litter dropped every day, we have a long way to go to lose our appalling image throughout the world. Hopefully, more detailed analysis of the material dumped, will bring more and heavier prosecutions. It is rather ironic that we have one of the most beautiful and varied landscapes on this planet, yet it's still ill-treated in this manner.

Sadly, home-cooked family meals are either dead or dying, replaced by convenience foods, grabbed from the shops and consumed in our workplace, in front of the TV, or increasingly, on the street itself.

Our Litter Blitz in Drayton Beauchamp, supported by the usual band of volunteers, collects an unbelievable assortment of discarded waste, despite our having the excellent facilities at College Road North. Not believing that readers of **Village Life** are the culprits, it's hard

to know how to discourage the outsiders.

A recent survey by The British Security Industry Authority estimated there are nearly six million CCTV cameras throughout the UK; that's a camera for every 11 people. Surely if these were also placed in litter 'black spots' and the fines raised to £1000, the message might get through. If the guilty struggle to pay, let them join the many who should be redirected from 'community service' duties.



Photo: David Lonsdale

With litter cleaning costing we taxpayers almost £1 billion pounds a year in England and the Keep Britain Tidy £10 million annual campaign to clear up our streets, when can we see the tide starting to turn? The efforts of KBT's impressive 100,000 volunteers are highly commendable, along with the incentives of their Blue and Green Flag schemes and RiverCare, WaterCare and BeachCare programmes.

Everybody can see the point of a neat home, clean kitchen, clean food and healthy children. But responsibility stops too often at the doorstep. We must create a public awareness of everyone's duty to keeping our community clean.

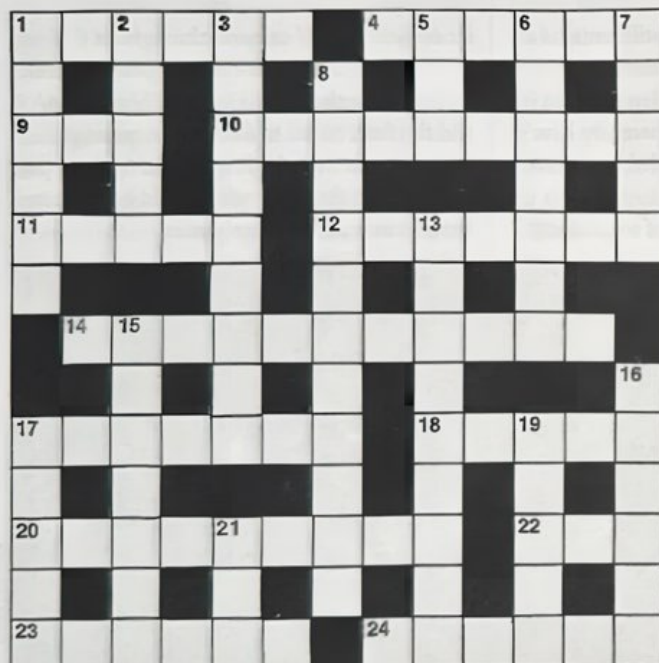
If Singapore can do it, surely we are up for the challenge!

David Lonsdale

Village Life crossword no.9

Crossword compiled by Helen Lonsdale

Solution to this crossword on p.20



ACROSS

7. Order of business for meeting (6)
4. Took canvas shelter (6)
9. In good health (3)
10. Not conventional (9)
11. Kingdom (5)
12. Health problem that grows on you (7)
14. An irregularity (11)
17. Intolerant (7)
18. Sheet of water flowing over a dam (5)
20. The original inter junction near Birmingham (9)
22. Quercus (3)
23. Made from pressed curd of milk (6)
24. Single room for living (6)

DOWN

1. To have enough money to pay (6)
2. Additional (5)
3. Romantic ideal (9)
5. A stiff bristle (3)
6. To hold firm (7)
7. Rot (5)
8. Oblige (11)
13. The sweet brier (9)
15. Carried whilst travelling (7)
16. Made Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162 (6)
17. Fundamental (5)
19. Devout (5)
21. Owns (3)

Can you help Gemma get to Rio?

Recently, you may recall that we featured Gemma Collis, a British Women's Wheelchair Fencing Champion who grew up in Aston Clinton. She competed in the 2012 Paralympics, later suffering a series of injuries from which she has now recovered. She is currently ranked at No. 4 in the world in the qualifying rankings for Rio in the Women's A Class for the Epee.

Sadly, her UK Sport funding was stopped in the 2014 round of cuts. This means that she is desperately short of funding needed for her to enter the remaining qualifying international competitions leading up to Rio 2016.

You can donate to her Fighting Fund at: www.gofundme.com/GemmasRoadToRio and you can follow her on Twitter @GemmaCollis

MENTMORE Arts FESTIVAL

**Bank holiday weekend
23-25 May, 11am-5pm daily**

Adult admission £2; under 16s free

Village Hall & St Mary's Church, LU7 0QF

*Light lunches, home baking, teas, coffees,
Pimms bar and local beer
Paintings, textiles, photography, ceramics etc*

Website: www.mentmore-arts-festival.co.uk

Local history revisited

I WONDER WHERE, within five miles of Aston Clinton, you might find a perfectly detailed Lancaster Bomber flight deck? Where, too, could you find a reconstructed Victorian kitchen, a set of early livestock and crop farming implements, a gauge 1 model railway that shows a typical Chilterns scenario of the early 1950s and a 27-litre single cylinder gas engine?

All these things and more are on display at the **Pitstone Heritage Park** (formerly Pitstone Green Museum). This site passed into the ownership of the National Trust on the demise of Jeff Hawkins, whose family had occupied the farm since the early 1820s. The museum society have a lease from the NT in order to guarantee a home for the social history heritage of the area.

Our volunteers come from a wide spectrum and have, over the years, transformed this location from a working farm into a place where it

is possible to span two hundred years of local history. As well as artisan workshops covering such trades as blacksmithing, cobbling, wheel making and plumbing, there are rooms with dedicated themes such as the 1940s, the development of radio and television and the traditional craft of lace-making. On our open days, these are supplemented by "hands-on" pottery, craft fairs, country dancing and basket weaving. The site has a refurbished catering area where home-baked cakes are available amongst the usual fare and also a pocket-money shop.

We are open on the following dates:
6 April, 4 May, 25 May, 14 June, 12 July,
9 August, 31 August, 13 September and
11 October. Opening hours are 11am-5pm
and admission charges are £6 for adults and
£2 for children (dog-friendly too).

Postcode for your sat nav is LU7 9EY.

Dennis Trebble, Secretary



Photo: Dennis Trebble

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	
Aston Clinton U3A	John Bullard	01296 436403	
Aston Clinton Youth Club	Brian Churchill	01296 630142	
Aston Park Tennis Club	Luanda Bury	01296 630169	
Aston Wine Club	Penny Ginger	01296 630383	
Ballet, Tap and Jazz Classes	JoAnn Latus	07800 518654	
Ballroom Dancing	Yvonne Domican	01296 630467	
Baptist Church Hall	Valerie Owen	01296 630303	
Bowls Club	Rosemary Stratfull	01296 631339	
Buckland Bridge Club	Viv Barton	01296 630776	
Buckland Village Hall (Bkings Sec)	Paula Graves	01296 630310	
Buckland Parish Council	TBA	01296 626073	
Buckland Society	Kelly Cornish	01296 632119	
Childline	—	0800 1111	
Citizens Advice Bureau	—	0870 126 4056	
Cricket Club	Mike Parsonage	01296 631788	
Crimestoppers	—	0800 555 111	
Dentists' Surgery	—	01296 323090	
Dial-a-Ride	—	01296 330088	
Doctors' Surgery	—	01296 630241	
Drayton B'champ Parish Meeting	Meryl Nodes	01296 630396	
Electricity emergency		0800 7838 838	
Environmental Health	Out of hours	01296 585093	
Environmental Health	Helpline	01296 585605	
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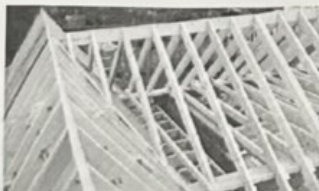
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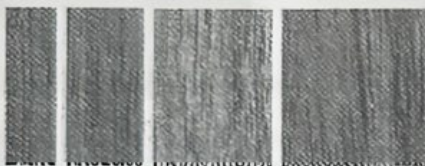
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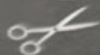
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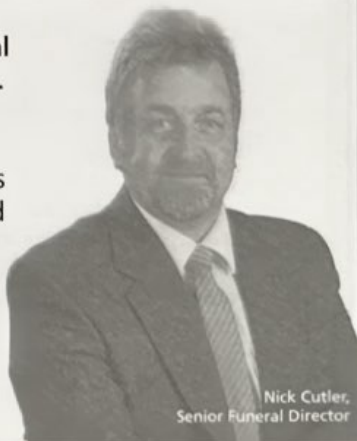


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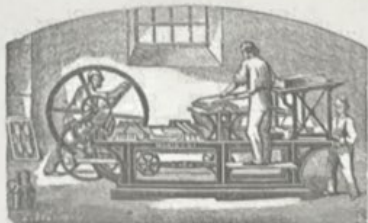
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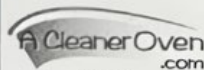


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