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

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

*Hey, December! The holidays are one of my favourite times of the year. You can't beat taking the dog for a walk on a crisp winter's day and then cozying up by the fire with a hot chocolate and classic Christmas film – it's not too early to watch Elf, is it?*

I'd like to start by welcoming our new co-editor, Jill Wallis, to the Village Life team. She joins me, Barbara and Lindy in the editorial team and her teaching background will be a valuable addition to the magazine. Find out more about Jill on page 15.

As Michael Bubl  began to defrost in late October, we started planning the Christmas issue. We asked the year 5 and 6 classes at Aston Clinton school to enter our Christmas Cover Competition, and Santa's sleigh delivering presents in the snow by Tia Wright was the winner (see page 15).

This issue is bursting with seasonal events for the whole family. Rock around the Christmas tree and enjoy the festivities at St. Michael's Christmas Fair on December 6; there may even be a surprise guest in the form of Old Saint Nick himself! I'm told the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear. Santa's sleigh will be lighting up the streets of Aston Clinton on December 13 and 14, so make sure you check his scheduled route on page 11 so you can sing to him as he passes by. And when the sweet dreams of holly and ribbon are over, you can sit back and relax knowing you booked your Christmas tree recycling slot with Aston Clinton Scouts well ahead of time – see page 27. Future you will thank you for being so organised!

In addition to all the festive fun, you can learn about some fantastic fungi with Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust on page 18, read about the recent success of local beauty salon Nailed That! (page 29), and go hunting for Hidden Gems with our new quiz (page 36).

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Village Life team looks forward to bringing you more news and updates in the year to come – see you in 2026! *Fiona Skeggs*

# Christmas Church Services

## St Michael & All Angels

Sun 7 Dec	4pm	Christingle Service
Wed 17 Dec	7pm	Aston Clinton Ladies Carols
Sun 21 Dec	6pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
Wed 24 Dec	5.30pm	Crib Service
Wed 24 Dec	8pm	Carol Service
Wed 24 Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Thurs 25 Dec	9.15am	Christmas Day Eucharist
Sun 28 Dec	10am	Benefice Service

## All Saints'

Wed 10 Dec	7pm	Ridgeway Chorale
Sun 14 Dec	11am	Messy Christingle
Wed 24 Dec	4pm	Crib Service
Thurs 25 Dec	8am	Christmas Day Holy Communion

## St Mary the Virgin

Sun 14 Dec	4.30pm	Celebration of Christmas
Thurs 25 Dec	11am	Christmas Day Holy Communion

## Baptist Church

Tues 16 Dec	6.30pm	Carols at the Partridge
Sun 21 Dec	5pm	Candlelight Carols at the church
Thurs 25 Dec	10am	Christmas Day Service

# St Michael and All Angels Aston Clinton, All Saints' Buckland and St Mary's Drayton Beauchamp

*On this page you will find the regular church services and community events that happen within our three churches.*

## REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

St Michael's, Aston Clinton	9.15am Family Eucharist every Sunday 6pm Evensong every Sunday
All Saints', Buckland	8am Holy Communion every Sunday 10am Midweek Communion every Wednesday 11am Messy Sunday every 2nd Sunday 11am Sung Eucharist every 3rd Sunday

## MONTHLY SERVICES

Sunday, January 4, 4.30pm	Service for Epiphany at St Mary's
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## WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

You can hold your wedding at any of our wonderful churches. Baptisms every 3rd Sunday 11.30am at St Michael's church and 1.30pm at All Saints' church, time tbc for St Mary's church. Please contact *Natalie Fieldhouse*.

## OPENING TIMES

St Michael's and All Saints' are open daily 9am to 4pm and St Mary's is open every Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm for private prayer.

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St Michael's, Aston Clinton, All Saints' or St Mary's

Benefice Website: [www.ac-buck-db-churches.org](http://www.ac-buck-db-churches.org)



## St Michael and All Angels Christmas Fair

**Saturday 6th December 2025**

*11am - 3pm, at St Michael's church.*



Look out for Father Christmas at St Michael's Christmas Fair, Aston Clinton, on Saturday, December 6 from 11am until 3pm. He'll be there to open the ever popular Christmas Fair, where you'll find so much on offer to tempt you, from delicious homemade cakes, seasonal plants, super gift ideas, books, toys, games, jewellery, and much more.

Have a go on the huge tombola and get a ticket for the top quality raffle!

It's all good fun, so make a note in your diary and drop in for coffee and a mince pie, a bowl of hot soup, or a glass of mulled wine.

*Contributions to any of the stalls would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Marion Richards 01296 630577 or Natalie 01296 632488*

## Aston Clinton Baptist Church



*Faith is being sure of what we hope for, certain of what we cannot see'.*

A nun who worked for a local home health care agency was on her rounds when she ran out of petrol. As luck would have it, there was a petrol station just down the street. She walked to the station to borrow a can of petrol to start the car.

The attendant told her that the only can he owned had just been loaned out!

As the nun was on her way to see a patient, she walked back to her car. Rummaging through it, she spotted a bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, she carried it to the station, filled it with petrol, and returned to her car.

As she was pouring the petrol into the tank, two men walked by. One of them said to the other, "Now that is what I call faith!"

What they thought was an act of faith, the nun knew was an act of reason. Christian faith is based on reason; it's based on evidence not emotion.

Historical evidence in both Jewish and Roman writings of the time, and in the

New Testament, state that Jesus lived and died and rose again. Once you've considered the evidence and chosen to believe it, like the nun in the story, things start moving for you.

That's not to say you need to have all the answers to all the things you face, rather you know enough to begin a relationship with the living Jesus.

As an archbishop of Canterbury put it, "I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather I believe in order that I may understand".

May you come to know the 'reason for the season' and discover joy in 2026.

*Rev'd Nick Harris*

## REGULAR EVENTS AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

*All services are live-streamed and available for viewing via catch up on the church YouTube channel. Follow the links on the website: [www.ACBC.church](http://www.ACBC.church)*

**Sunday morning worship** 10.45am – 12 noon.  
The Junior Church caters for children dropped off by parents/carers; pick up from the church.

**Monthly afternoon service 'Oasis'** – first Wednesday of each month 2 – 3pm in the hall with familiar older hymns, companionship and a short reflection.

Various **Homegroups** meet regularly for Bible study, fellowship and prayer.

**Lunch** is served in the hall every Wednesday 12.45 – 1.30pm.

**The Craft Club** runs on alternate Wednesday mornings 10.30 – 12.30pm.

**All-sorts after school club** with craft, games etc; weekly on Wednesdays during term time 3.30 – 5pm in the hall.

**Noah's Ark Baby & Tots** runs Tuesdays during term time 9.30 – 11.00am.

**The Foodbank** is most active on Friday morning (preparing parcels) and Saturday mornings (delivering parcels).

**Men's Full English Breakfast** every first Saturday of the month 9 – 10am  
Numbers are currently limited to 20.  
*Booking is required.*

**A bereavement group** meets alternate Wednesday mornings from 11.30 – 12.30pm.

**Youth group** meeting weekly on Fridays 7 – 9pm during term time.

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The hall is available for private hire.  
Please see website or call for more details  
**01296 631824 or 07972 770361**

## Bishop of Buckingham visits St Michael's

*On Sunday, October 12, the new Bishop of Buckingham, the Rt. Rev'd Dave Bull, visited St Michael's Church for the first time. He was accompanied by the Assistant Archdeacon, Rev'd Chris Bull.*



The Bishop of Buckingham with the assistant archdeacon, the Lord Lieutenant, trustees of the Francis Coales Memorial Trust, the Chairman of the Turpin Charity, a trustee of the Bucks Historic Churches Trust, and James Adam, the Fundraising Co-ordinator for the project.

The occasion was to celebrate the completion of the works to the south aisle of the church, including re-roofing, underpinning, stonework, re-pointing and the rebuilding of some high-level walls and a buttress.

As part of the celebrations, representatives from charities that made substantial donations, that together amounted to more than £300,000, were also present. One of those donors was the Francis Coales Memorial Trust who not only contributed financially but also made a presentation of their Founder's Chalice to the church to be held for a year. Rev'd Sally Bottomer is pictured receiving the chalice from

the trust's Chairman, Martin Stutchfield. Three other trustees were also present and a light lunch following the service was funded by the Trust.

Countess Elizabeth Howe was also present in her dual capacity as both the Lord Lieutenant of Buckingham and patron of the Bucks Historic Churches Trust, which also donated. The major contribution to the cost of the project was made by the Turpin Charity and the Chairman of its trustees, Richard Maskell, read a lesson.

In other news, fundraising continues. The church still doesn't have enough money to render the east wall where the Victorian plaster has fallen off, and the final stage of the Open House Project to extend the church by building on an accessible toilet and a catering kitchen has now commenced – led by Churchwarden, Steve Bowles, with fundraising headed up by Churchwarden, Liz Laurence-Blake.

*James Adam*

## Simply Walk Aston Clinton

*It's been another simply wonderful year for our Simply Walk group. With record numbers and our successful Summer Picnic and 9th birthday celebrations, we really have been a happy bunch, whatever the weather!*

As we look forward to our 10th year, the Leadership Team would like to thank all our walkers for making the walks such a pleasure to lead and wish them all the very best compliments of the season. We hope you have a happy and peaceful time and look forward to another year of walking with you in our beautiful countryside.

Please note that our Christmas and new year walking arrangements are as follows:

- December 18 – Last walks of 2025.
- December 25 – Christmas Day – No walks.
- January 1 – New Year's Day – No walks.
- January 8 – First walks of 2026.

## Christmas at St Michael's

### Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 6

### Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday & Sunday, December 13 & 14

## Aston Clinton Parish Council

*As we approach the end of the year, we have the opportunity to look back at a very busy 2025 and reflect on our achievements.*

The Grow to Give initiative, which has been operating with our park allotment growers for the fourth year, has now finished for 2025, and we sincerely thank everyone who has once again generously donated their excess fresh produce to the Aylesbury Vineyard foodbank. By the end of October, the Aston Clinton growers had donated over 175kg of fresh produce to the foodbank, an amazing amount for this vital cause, which is sadly more in demand than ever. The total for the whole county for the same period was 2,200kg, so Aston Clinton provided around 8% of the county total – well done to all of our super growers! While on the subject of allotments, any resident interested in taking on an allotment for next year can apply via the parish office. We offer half size allotments as well as full size.

Strengthening our initiative to work more closely with other local community groups, we held the second Harvest Festival Scarecrow Trail at the end of September, in conjunction with St. Michael & All Angels Church. This year, the weather was not as kind, but it didn't deter stalwart Trail followers who braved the rain to walk around the village viewing the 21 scarecrows and marking their top three best dressed. Donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank were requested, and we were overwhelmed by the generosity of participants who donated a whopping 224.93kg of non-

perishable food donations and £114.41 in cash. The scarecrows this year were even better than 2024, with the top spot being won by Barnowls Nursery with their scary Incey Wincey Spider! Runners-up were Your Cafe in the Park and the Aston Clinton Society. Our own dogwalker scarecrow attracted a lot of attention, including from a few dogs that barked at the scarecrow dogs wanting to play! Well done to all for a great effort ... the event will return in 2026.



Still on the subject of events, we ran the free Punch & Judy half term sessions again in the Red Kite Pavilion; both sessions were very well attended with children and adults alike enjoying fun entertainment with the addition of balloon modelling in the afternoon.

The annual Remembrance Sunday service took place on November 9 at the War Memorial. The mild sunny weather attracted

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a record-sized congregation, adding to the beautifully turned out groups of youngsters representing the Aston Clinton uniformed groups. Our sincere thanks go to Mr. John Disbrey, who does a wonderful job of keeping our memorial looking its very best every year, the volunteers who bravely steward the road closure points, keeping all attendees safe while sadly enduring some abuse from disgruntled motorists, and Sue Haycock who allows us to occupy her front drive each year for the event.

Our final event for the year is the visit of Santa's Float from the North Pole, which takes place over the weekend of December 13/14. On Saturday, Santa will start just before 4pm at Dayla's yard, finishing around 7pm at the Red Kite Pavilion and on Sunday, he will start from 4pm at Wenwell Close and finish at The Oak around 7pm. Full details of the route can be found on page 11, our website, noticeboards around the village and social media pages. We will attempt to keep a live feed going via Facebook on both days so that everyone will know where Santa is in the village. We are pleased to be collecting again for local charities – Aston Clinton Scouts, Chilterns Neuro Centre and the Rennie Grove Hospice – so please save your donations for our buckets and card readers.

In October we welcomed a new councillor, resident Gary Cleator, and we look forward to working together with Gary going forward.

In November, councillors were invited to join our new traffic warden around the village, checking for dangerous and yellow-line parking – particularly in key areas around the school at drop-off and pick-up times. Being highly visible, the traffic warden did speak with a number of drivers, and, perhaps unremarkably, there were only a few contraventions at the times of his visits. Residents are asked to park properly at all times, particularly around junctions, to avoid creating dangerous

conditions for pedestrians and drivers alike. Community Speedwatch has been absent in recent months due to a lack of volunteers – if you can spare an hour a month, then please do sign up and help us keep a presence against speeding in the village.

Buckinghamshire Council released its draft Local Plan recently. This legal document sets out how the county will meet its future housing, economic, and infrastructure needs up to 2045. It allocates land for new development, guides planning decisions, and protects the environment while managing growth. This plan is being developed to address the need for approximately 91,000 new homes by 2045 and was recently open for public consultation. Our planning committee recognises that Aston Clinton may have to take a certain amount of housing going forward, but by responding to the consultation, and in particular to the settlement hierarchy classification of Aston Clinton as a Tier 3 (small market town or other large settlement), which we feel is incorrect, we hope to influence what housing we are likely to be required to allocate, and where.

The new year is just around the corner, and 2026 will be a challenging year for all communities in Buckinghamshire, as central government funding cuts mean that Bucks Council will receive substantially less financial support next year. This will inevitably filter down to parishes and so managing our finances well will be key to keeping everything running smoothly here in Aston Clinton.

And finally ... to give our hardworking staff a well-earned break, the parish council office will be closed between Christmas and New Year, with an emergency contact number for councillors, should you need it. We wish all residents and businesses in Aston Clinton a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

*Aston Clinton Parish Council*

## Aston Clinton u3a

*As an active member of Aston Clinton u3a, I would like to give readers a flavour of what being a member is like and what is available to the over 55s in our area.*

Over the past 12 years, I have joined several groups. As I was scrolling through my iPad photos, I suddenly realised how busy and interesting the u3a has made my life, with many good friends and lots of good shared times. Here are a few examples.

**Book Group:** Over the last few months, we have read some amazing books, many I would otherwise have not bothered with. Our book group meets once a month rotating around members' homes – with tea and cakes to help the chat (which is not confined to the subject books).

**Garden Visiting:** During the spring and summer this group visits private gardens that are normally not open to general visitors. Once a month we have an afternoon visit and usually finish the tour with tea and cake with the owner/gardener to get more insight into the garden's development.

**History Group:** This group also meets monthly, either in the Baptist Church Hall or a visit to local historical sites. Recent trips have been to Amersham Museum and Little Missenden Church, which has spectacular medieval wall paintings.

**Science & Technology:** This is probably the largest of our groups and usually meets on the last Wednesday of the month to hear from visiting speakers on varied topics from 3D printing and HS2 to diagnostic radiology and Concorde.

In the summer, the group often goes on trips such as the Elizabeth Line, the De Soutter factory, and a modern milk farm where the cows have computer tags that allow them to be milked when the cows choose.

Apart from the specific groups, all members can attend the main meeting at the Baptist Church on the 3rd Tuesday of the month where we have visiting speakers and refreshments.

My own journey with Aston Clinton u3a was enhanced when I volunteered to join the Committee five years ago. I am now Vice Chair and Membership Secretary and will become Chairperson in February. It will be a hard act to follow Freda, our present Chair, but I hope, with everyone's support, we will have ever more enjoyable times and activities.

Finally, I appeal to all current Aston Clinton u3a members, your u3a needs you! Next year, several committee members will come to the end of their term of office, and we are seeking volunteers. Without a functioning committee, Aston Clinton u3a cannot continue to provide a fun, entertaining and educational facility.

Please contact me by email via our website ([astonclinton.u3asite.uk](mailto:astonclinton.u3asite.uk)) if you wish to join the u3a or, if you are already a member, and can help, then join our committee. *Claire Castle*  
*Vice Chair & Membership Secretary*

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## Wendover Choral Society

*Wendover Choral Society invites you to join them on Saturday, December 6, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Wendover.*

Come and celebrate the festive season with a concert of beautifully varied music by English composers including Elizabeth Poston, Gerald Finzi, John Rutter, and others. Tickets are available from Just on Wendover High Street, or online at [Ticketsource.co.uk](http://Ticketsource.co.uk) - £17.50 if bought in advance, £20 on the door and under 18s £5. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available to get us all in the Christmas mood.

# Santa's Route

## Saturday 13 December

- 16.00 Little Green, Hendrix Drive
- 16.15 Hyde Street junction  
London Road
- 16.30 Weston Road , Hammond Street  
& Sawdy Drive
- 17.00 Shell garage, Brook Street,  
Hewgal Way
- 17.15 Waring Crescent, Laker Street  
& Reeves Close
- 17.45 Brook Street, pause at College  
Road south junction
- 17.55 Green End Street to Long Plough
- 18.30 Green End Street, Twitchell Lane  
to Church Lane
- 18.55 Arrive at Red Kite Pavillion,  
join us and Meet Santa

## Sunday 14 December

- 16.00 Wenwell Close & Bishops Field
- 16.30 Flora Avenue Loop
- 16.55 Dean Way
- 17.25 Rosebery Road, pause junction  
Beaconsfield Road, on to Milton  
Road, Beaconsfield Road,  
Rosebery Road to Beechwood  
Way
- 18.05 Rothschild Avenue,  
The Peasaunce & Overstand
- 18.30 New Road, Green End Street
- 18.40 Chapel Drive, Barker Lane,  
Brandon Close
- 19.15 Arrive at The Oak, join us  
and Meet Santa

- All timings are approximate  
and subject to change at  
short notice.





# Aston Clinton School

Head Teacher.: Mrs Carol Macdonald



## To Smartphone or not to Smartphone?

*In the UK, children's happiness and self-esteem have been steadily declining since 2010 – around the same time that smartphones and social media became mainstream.*

- 1 in 6 children aged 7-16 now suffers from a probable mental health condition (*NHS Digital, 2023*).
- Girls aged 11-13 who use social media heavily are nearly three times more likely to struggle with body image and self-worth (*Ofcom, 2023*).
- By the time a child turns 13, more than 60% have already *had a negative or harmful experience online* (*Ofcom, 2023*).
- The average teenager receives 237 notifications a day (*Common Sense Media, 2023*).
- 1 in 3 parents of children with smartphones has cried over their child's phone obsession (*HMD Global, 2024*).

We are co-founders of One Childhood, based here in Aston Clinton. As parents of young children, we believe this is not a problem any of us should be making in isolation, nor should it fall solely to government, media, or overstretched schools to deal with the fallout. We are in an unenviable position; either we choose to delay giving our children

smartphones and risk social exclusion or we give one and risk exposure to harmful content. We want to build an open, supportive and judgement-free community to help parents navigate the growing pressure – both on us and on our children.

We're proud to champion the national Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) movement, which encourages families to delay smartphones until the age of 14, and social media until 16.

### But why?

Put simply: because they are children. Children should be playing, imagining, creating, developing language and building relationships through face-to-face interaction. They deserve a play-based childhood, not a phone-based one.

*In the UK today:*

- 89% of 12-year-olds own a smartphone.
- 25% of 5-7 year-olds already have one.
- the average age at which a child gets a smartphone is nine.

Smartphones weren't designed with children in mind, but childhood is being reshaped around them.

### The science

Jonathan Haidt, author of *The Anxious Generation*, puts it clearly: *"Play is the work of childhood. Through play, children learn the skills they need to become successful adults."*

Excessive screen time, especially in the early years, can affect brain development, impair executive functioning (focus, self-control, emotional regulation), and is already being observed by educators across all age groups. By age five, a child's brain is already 90% developed.

### **The big issues**

Some of the most serious concerns are: lost childhood opportunities, harmful online content, declining mental health, addiction, shortened attention spans, cyberbullying and grooming.

### **So, what can we do?**

We can begin by looking at ourselves. Take a moment to notice how often we, as adults, are on our phones: at bus stops, in queues, at dinner tables, during conversations. Our children are watching. We are setting the tone.

Smartphones are designed to be addictive. Every notification, like, or message releases a hit of dopamine, the brain's reward chemical. But as Haidt explains, dopamine isn't satisfying. It creates craving, not contentment.

Even children's games – like Animal Crossing – are built to keep them hooked with daily streaks, tokens, and progression loops. The longer they stay, the more the tech giants profit. And that's the business model.

### **Let's talk about it**

We believe the most powerful thing we can do is talk. Be curious. Ask other parents what they think. Together, we can reset expectations and take away the peer pressure.

Every family is different, and many children already have access to screens. That's OK. It's never too late to revisit boundaries, build healthier habits, or take small steps towards digital balance. We can support each other in giving our children more time to grow up – free from the pressures of constant connectivity.

### **Try the Parent Pact**

The Parent Pact, led by SFC, is a simple but powerful tool. It's a growing national movement of families choosing to delay smartphones and social media, and doing it together, so no one feels alone.

You can learn more and watch a short video on the SFC website. If it feels right for your family, we'd love you to sign the pact. Here in Aston Clinton, we already have 41 signatures and counting.

### **Alternatives to smartphones**

We know many parents want to keep in touch with children, especially as they begin walking to school. There are excellent alternatives available — basic phones that allow calls and texts, but no internet or social media.

### **What we've been doing locally**

Aston Clinton Primary School is fully behind this initiative. Most recently, we have been working with Aylesbury SFC and hosted a meeting at Aylesbury High School on October 6, convened by Laura Kyrke-Smith MP. This was an informative and thought-provoking evening led by a panel of professionals from police, education and medical backgrounds. In addition, there was a moving and passionate speech from a local teenager who shared his lived experience of smartphones. We were incredibly pleased to have a turnout of around 250 people which included parents and teachers. If you would like to view the recording and slides from the event, please visit the school's website [www.astonclintonschool.co.uk/smartphone-free-school/](http://www.astonclintonschool.co.uk/smartphone-free-school/)

### **Final thoughts**

Start talking. Be brave. Ask questions. Tell other parents your child isn't allowed screens on playdates – chances are, they'll be relieved.

*Come and find us. Join the conversation.  
Let's not lose our children to screens.*



## Aston Clinton School Association

### ACSA Shines Bright with Aston Lights Success

*Aston Clinton's skies were lit up in spectacular style on October 18 as the Aston Clinton School Association (ACSA) hosted Aston Lights, the village's first ever laser light show – and what a night it was! Families and friends gathered to enjoy a dazzling display, live music, and a wonderful community atmosphere. The event was an incredible success, raising over £8,000 for Aston Clinton School, with all proceeds going towards enriching the children's learning and school experiences.*

ACSA would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers, our fantastic sponsors ACBF, Goodie Two Shoes, Telnik Roofing, GP Renovate, Dayla, Tring Brewery, Coffee 108, NR Green Builders and Radley Windows and the fantastic bands Kalm, Laura Jane and Imo & Hus who supported the event. It will return next year on October 17.

Hot on the heels of that success, ACSA also hosted a Sparkly Spooky Disco, where pupils came dressed in their sparkliest costumes for an evening of dancing, games, and Halloween fun. The energy and excitement were infectious, and it proved to be another fantastic school event.

Adding a touch of festive creativity, the association also organised a Wreath Making Evening, when parents and teachers came together to craft beautiful handmade wreaths while enjoying mulled wine and good company. The event was a sell-out success and a lovely way to kick off the Christmas season.

ACSA plays a vital role in supporting the school through fundraising and community events, helping to provide extra resources and opportunities for the children. Parents and carers are warmly encouraged to get involved, whether by joining the committee, volunteering at events, or simply lending a hand behind the scenes. Every bit of help makes a real difference to the school and its children,

For more information or to get involved, parents can contact the school office or visit the ACSA's social media pages. Do not forget that we also partner with Michael Antony who donate £100 for every house they sell that has a connection with the school. If you are thinking of selling, contact them on 01442 891177 to arrange your no obligation valuation and do not forget to mention ACSA. We are also lucky to partner with Goodie Two Shoes; for every pair of shoes sold they will donate £5 to ACSA – take a look at [www.goodietwoshoes.co.uk](http://www.goodietwoshoes.co.uk).

*ACSA wishes you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to sharing our events next year.*

## A new co-editor for Village Life

I'm pleased to report that, following our request for new volunteers in the last issue of Village Life, Jill Wallis has joined the team as a co-editor. Jill, who has lived in Aston Clinton since 1980, is well qualified for the role, having been both an English teacher and university lecturer. She will join our other co-editors, Fiona Skeggs and Lindy Butters, as one of the team of three rotating editors of the magazine, with her first issue likely to be in April/May 2026. My role as editor will from now on involve general oversight of the magazine and chairing the production team.

Jill says, "Having enjoyed reading Village Life over many editions, and finding myself with a little more time on my hands these days, I thought it would be interesting to become involved in its production. I look forward to working with the team and finding out even more about my village and its neighbours."

We are delighted to have Jill on board and warmly welcome her to the Village Life team.

*Barbara Muston*

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## Aston Clinton Ladies Group

**Wednesday, December 17** – Carol service by Rev. Sally Bottomer at St. Michael and All Angel Church, 7pm, with tea/coffee, mince pies and a raffle in the church after the service. All welcome to join us, just come along

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026** – Lunch at The Oak, Aston Clinton. Meet at noon to be seated at 12.30pm to eat. As we are a larger group for this event all pre-orders will have to be in just after Christmas.

Any queries please contact me. *Wendy Perkins.*  
[ladyperkins27@aol.com](mailto:ladyperkins27@aol.com)

## Christmas cover winner

*The call went out again this year to the children from years 5 and 6 at Aston Clinton school for a cover design for the winter/Christmas issue of Village Life and once again, they gave us some great designs to choose from.*



Our thanks go to all of the children who made the effort to submit their designs; as ever, it was difficult for the judges – the Rev Sally, co-editor Lindy Butters and me – to choose just one. The winner this year is Tia Wright from year 5, whose design appears on the cover. *Congratulations Tia, and thank you.*

*Barbara Muston*

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[acvillagelife.co.uk](http://acvillagelife.co.uk)

## A message from Laura Kyрке-Smith MP

*It's been a busy few weeks both in Westminster and across the Aylesbury constituency. Parliament is now back in full swing following the conference recess, and I've been working hard to make sure residents from Aston Clinton are heard loud and clear in the debates and decisions that affect us.*

### **Congrats to the Oak Pub**

I wanted to start this column by congratulating The Oak Pub in Aston Clinton for being recognised in the prestigious CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2026. This is a fantastic honour and a real testament to the dedication of the team at The Oak. I was lucky enough to try their delicious food and drink myself earlier this year and I'm not surprised it's been acknowledged in this way!

### **Convening an event on the impact of smartphones on young people**

I was pleased to convene an event on the impact of smartphones on children and young people at Aylesbury High School. It was great to have so many parents, teachers and carers come together to talk about how smartphones and social media are impacting children's lives, including Carol Macdonald, Head of Aston Clinton School, who was one of our guest speakers, and several Aston Clinton parents. Technology brings so many opportunities but so many issues for young people too, whether that's their mental health, the impact on their sleep, or the development of their brains. It's something that I worry about for my own children. There are no easy answers, and every parent has to make the right choice for their family. But it was very helpful to hear people share their experiences of managing it.

Local stories by local people

### **Introducing "Sophie's Law" – better support for new mums**

One of the most important moments for me in Parliament was introducing my Private Member's Bill on perinatal mental health – something very close to my heart. The Bill, which I've called "Sophie's Law", would ensure that every pregnant woman receives a mental health assessment during pregnancy, with referrals for specialist support where needed.

It's named after my dear friend Sophie, who we lost to suicide after the birth of her third child. I believe such a measure could have helped her – and it could help thousands of mums in the future. I'm very grateful to local experts, including the Aylesbury PANDAS peer support group and the Buckinghamshire Community Perinatal Mental Health Team, for their input and inspiration.

### **Celebrating local heroes**



One of my favourite parts of the job is recognising the people who make our area special. Recently, I was delighted to present a Community Champion Award to Stephen Lott from Ivinghoe. Stephen has shown extraordinary dedication to keeping his village safe through the Speed Watch team, and he's always ready to lend a hand in community life. If you know someone in Aston Clinton who deserves recognition for their voluntary work, please do nominate them via my website – I'd love to celebrate more local heroes in the months ahead.

## Supporting families with SEND

I recently convened a roundtable with parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) from across Aylesbury and the villages. It was an honest and emotional conversation, highlighting the challenges around transport, delays to Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), and access to specialist support.

I'm so grateful to everyone who shared their stories. Their experiences will directly shape how I speak up for SEND families in Parliament and with local services.

## Remembering and reflecting

It was a privilege to attend the launch of this year's Poppy Appeal at Friars Square Shopping Centre. The event brought together veterans, cadets, and community groups in a moving show of remembrance and gratitude. My heartfelt thanks to the Aylesbury Branch of the Royal British Legion for their tireless work supporting veterans and their families.

## In Parliament

In Westminster, I've continued to speak up for our constituency and on national issues. In October, I voted for the Victims and Courts Bill – to strengthen victims' rights and improve support throughout the justice process – and for the Employment Rights Bill, which protects fair pay and conditions for workers.

It was also an honour to meet Ruslan Stefanchuk, Chairman of Ukraine's Parliament, and to reaffirm Britain's steadfast support for Ukraine. Ukraine's security is our security.

## Staying in touch

As ever, I want to hear directly from you about the issues that matter most here in Aston Clinton. Whether it's transport, health services, or community facilities, your feedback helps me represent you better.

If there's anything I can do to support you, please email me at [laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk). You can also sign up to my monthly e-newsletter or follow me on social media for regular updates. *Thank you.*

*Laura Kyrke-Smith MP*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Gentle Stretch Class at St Michael's

Monday 10 – 11am, £5.00 per person  
*closes December 15, reopens on January 5*

**Rhubarb Café at St Michael's**  
Monday 2 – 4pm (*Closed Bank Holidays*)  
*closes December 15, reopens on January 5*

**St Michael's Little Angels Toddler Group**  
Thursday 9.30 – 11am  
*closes December 18 and reopens on January*

**Aston Bridge Club at St Michael's**  
Friday 2 – 4.30pm

**Coffee & Produce Stall at All Saints'**  
homemade cakes, bacon rolls & preloved books on the  
1st Saturday every month 10 – 11.45am

**Repair Café at St Michael's**  
bring along your broken items on the  
2nd Saturday every month 9 – 12 noon.  
Refreshments available.

## Christmas at All Saints'

**Christmas Coffee Morning**  
All Saints' church, Buckland monthly coffee morning with special Christmas Raffle will be held on Saturday, December 13.  
10am – 11.45am.



**Berkshire  
Buckinghamshire  
& Oxfordshire**  
Wildlife Trust

## News from your local nature reserves

*What an autumn we've had! Every season brings its own wildlife features at Dancersend and Aston Clinton Ragpits, but this October and November has been very special, possibly even outcompeting the spring and summer displays of wildflowers and insects. After the long summer drought, rain arrived just in time to trigger one of the best shows of fungi we have seen for some years and helped to swell the hedgerow and woodland fruits, already prolific after all the sun and warmth.*

Phil Townsend reported several different colourful waxcap fungi in the chalk grassland at the Ragpits. A meeting of the Bucks Fungus Group at Northhill Wood, Dancersend in mid-October, recorded 112 different species, including nine species new for the reserve and one new for Buckinghamshire. We were also able to check on the condition of an extremely rare tiny cup fungus, *Aurantiolachnea solsequia*, discovered here two years ago – a first recording of this species for the UK and possibly northwest Europe. Less tricky to track down and identify were the fruits – cherry plums, sloes, blackberries and crab apples were abundant, taunting visitors with thoughts of jams and jellies, and layers of fallen acorns and beech mast made a stroll through the woods more like walking along a shingle beach.

With holly, wild roses and hawthorn bushes still weighed down by berries, hips and haws, I am now eagerly awaiting the arrival of our winter bird visitors. From now on, our volunteer work parties carrying out essential management are often enlivened by

the sight and sound of flocks of Redwings and Fieldfares, but it takes a more solitary, quiet walk through the woods to spot my favourite winter visitors – Woodcocks enjoying the feast of worms and other invertebrates in leaf-filled ditches and depressions. Other birding interests can be found around the chalk scrapes towards the top of the Dancersend Extension fields, only a few feet below the highest point in the Chilterns. Here we have already seen migrant Wheatears dropping in for a rest and expect to see Stonechats and Whinchats for a few weeks. If you miss them, it's always a good viewpoint for raptors like Buzzards, Red Kites, Sparrowhawks and Kestrels as well as Ravens which breed nearby.

Do try to fit in a winter walk at our reserves or at College Lake, between Tring and Pitstone, where there are often exciting wildfowl and wading birds to be seen through the winter. There will still be sheep, ponies or cattle grazing on parts of Dancersend so please keep dogs on a short lead.

Events at our reserves and activities for both children and family groups coming up at our flagship College Lake Reserve are shown on our website at [www.bbowl.org.uk/events](http://www.bbowl.org.uk/events). The wildlife-themed talks organised by the local BBOWT Chilterns Group continue through the winter on the third Tuesday evening each month at Great Missenden Memorial Centre. On December 16, local naturalist John Tyler will speak about woodland wildlife and on January 20, Catherine Moncrieff will cover chalk streams and conservation. The talks are usually accompanied by a second-hand book stall and sales of Dancersend Special Reserve Apple Juice, a perfect Christmas gift. All are welcome from 7pm for refreshments with the talk starting at 7.30pm.

*Mick Jones,  
Volunteer Warden at Dancersend*



Left: Ponies grazing at Dancersend Waterworks.  
*Aurantiolechna solsequia* at its only UK site, Porcelain fungus.  
 Below: Autumn colour, Bucks Fungus Group surveying,  
 Fly Agaric toadstools, Sloes. All at Dancersend – Mick Jones.



## Soulfools steal the show at Buckland Blast

*Soulfools, a London-based band playing Motown and Stax classics, rounded off a day which brought together all ages at Buckland Blast – the event held at Buckland Village Hall to celebrate its 25th year.*



The highly proficient musicians with a charismatic lead singer in Newton Brown, who joined in the dancing, created a joyful, fun-filled atmosphere and barely a seat was still occupied as they roared through a wonderful set of upbeat soulful songs.

They were preceded by The Jokers, an energetic teenage Tring band who played covers ranging from Pink Floyd to Dire Straits, demonstrating musicianship way beyond their years, and Little Edge, a local band showcasing their own material as well as blues standards.

The day began with a magic show where Simon Says enthralled and surprised both children and adults with his amazing tricks, followed by a senior citizen's lunch attended by more than 30 villagers who were able to revive memories and look through a storyboard recording the history of the Hall.

"It was great to see young and old enjoying the garden and the Village Hall," said Richard Peel, Chair of the organisers of the Buckland



Old School Trust. "We want to encourage local people to use the facility more, and this celebration was a way to raise its profile, as well as being a community party."

Other activities included a dog show and a ceilidh, which brought families onto the dance floor, before an open mic featuring a mix of folk, rock and ballads from Norman Mandry and Steve Porter, Ben Hamilton, Steve and Trish Porter, and Peter Callow.

A big thanks goes to sponsors and supporters: Cesare and Co, Dayla, Your Cafe in the Park, Ross Holkham photography, ARLA, Olleco, Chiltern Archery, Animal Support Angels and Buckinghamshire Council's Community Board for Wendover and Villages.

*Richard Peel*



Page 20: Soulfools, Simon Says, senior citizen's lunch. Above: The Jokers, Little Edge, Ceilidh.

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## Sudoku

All you have to do is fill in the squares so that each row, column and the nine small 3 x 3 squares contains the numbers 1-9.

(SOLUTION ON PAGE 36)

## Buckland Parish Council

*In the last issue of Village Life we mentioned the problems with speeding cars in the parish, particularly along Buckland Road. Traffic on this road has increased by 40% since the introduction of traffic calming in Aston Clinton, and with the higher number of vehicles, the number of speeding cars has increased. Recent traffic data showed that an average of 36,000 cars use this road in a week, with many travelling at over 40mph in a 30mph limit. Buckland Road has no pavements but is used heavily by walkers, runners, schoolchildren and dog walkers. We have been in regular contact with Buckinghamshire Council to look at ways of slowing the traffic down, but budgets are extremely tight, and at present, Bucks Council is reluctant to install traffic calming measures. So we will start with measures to try to alleviate the problem and improve signage along the road. We are also in contact with Thames Valley Police to see if there is anything they can recommend.*

Buckland Parish Council is receiving an increasing number of complaints about dog mess, particularly in the Burial Ground and Churchyard. We politely remind all dog owners to keep their dogs on leads within this area and take any dog waste home with them. It is very unpleasant for people visiting the graves of loved ones to find them covered in dog mess. There are a number of red dog waste bins in the village for dog owners to use. Failing to pick up after your dog is an offence and can result in fines.

Winter is now upon us and with that come the dreaded potholes. We urge any residents to report potholes on [www.Fixmystreet.com](http://www.Fixmystreet.com). Bucks Council is notified of all reports and will follow up and repair them. If you are unable to report using the internet, please contact the Parish Office on **01296 630962** and we will make the report. Salt bins have now been filled for the winter. If you live in Buckland Village near a slippery area, please feel free to use some of the

salt and spread it on the road. Unfortunately, Bucks Council does not do this and it falls to members of the community to help.

As previously reported, there have been many changes to notifications of planning applications and the planning portal online. Buckland Parish Council is now displaying any planning application notices on orange sheets on the parish noticeboards and on the website and Facebook pages. Bucks Council has revamped its planning portal over the summer months. We encourage all residents to sign up for email alerts on planning applications for their neighbouring area. This can be done by simply visiting [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk). If you had previously signed up for email alerts you will need to re-register and sign up again.

Since the establishment of the ARLA/Ollecote site, Buckland Parish Council and many other parish councils have been invited to quarterly meetings with ARLA and Ollecote. This has been a valuable tool for the local parish councils for liaison. Unfortunately, these meetings have suddenly been cancelled with no notice or explanation. Buckland Parish Council, along with others, is working hard to get them re-established. Coincidentally, over the summer months there has been an increased number of smells and odours reported from the ARLA/Ollecote area. We would encourage all residents to report these to the Environment Agency (EA) – it does take note. After the recent spate of reports, the EA carried out a site visit and reported back to Buckland PC that the cause of the odours was cleaning of the facility.

To report any odours: [www.gov.uk/report-environmental-problem](http://www.gov.uk/report-environmental-problem) Environment Agency incident hotline: **0800 80 70 60**

If you are able, please also let us know and include the report number that you receive from the EA.

# B Discover Bucks Museum

*Could Father Christmas catapult a present down a chimney? How can you grow a candy cane? Is it possible to make a snowman without snow? We'll be answering all these questions with our Science of Christmas workshop, which is suitable for children aged 5-11 (younger children are welcome but will need help with their experiments). The workshop is on Saturday, December 6, 10.30am – 11.30am and 12.30pm – 1.30pm, and also repeated on Sunday, December 14, 12.30pm – 1.30pm.*

If you were a child or teenager in the 90s, take a trip down memory lane with our I Grew Up 90s exhibition and remind yourself what was on your Christmas list. Was it a Furby, a Spice Girls doll, a Power Rangers figure or a Sega Megadrive? We also have a Retro Gaming Lounge for you to relive your youth on original consoles with classic 90s video games.



Are you looking for something different to do with your under 5s during the week?



Then bring them to a Discover Ducks activity, which includes a story, song, games, play, craft and museum trail. Sessions run from 10am to 12pm on selected Thursdays during term time. On December 4 and 11, there'll be special Christmas themed activities.

Every Wednesday during term time from 10am – 12pm pop into our Stay & Play Café for a safe play space for under 5s, free drink and a chance to meet other parents and carers.



And don't forget the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery is open for hands-on discovery every weekend during term time and during Bucks School holidays.

For opening times, tickets and booking, visit [discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://discoverbucksmuseum.org)

Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 2QP

## Village Business

*This is a series about the businesses that operate locally and advertise in Village Life: what they do, what services they provide and the people behind the business names.*

**Jared Ward** is Beer Sommelier at Tring Brewery.



### Q. What's your role at Tring Brewery and who works there with you?

A. My role is Beer Sommelier, Events and PR. I work with Alan and Alex in sales within the office, all under the watchful eye of director Andrew. In the brewhouse, Head Brewer Barry creates the magic, flanked by Lead Brewer Sam and brewhouse operatives Scott, Charlie and Jude. The Piggeries Taproom and Courtyard is headed up by manager Claudia.

### Q. How and when did you get involved in the world of brewing?

A. I've been at Tring Brewery since 2016. I previously worked at a pub where a wide variety of beers were stocked, and part of this role was to

ensure the cask ales were fresh each day. Naturally the best way to experience and convey freshness is tasting, so I developed a palate for 'proper' beer and scouted for a job in the industry. I joined the brewery as a shop assistant, before moving on to tours and PR. I later added events and Sommelier duties to my responsibilities.

### Q. What makes Tring Brewery so successful?

A. The team believes its strength lies in quality, storytelling and community, with our beers taking their names and imagery from Home Counties' folklore and history, so there's always intriguing literature and artwork. Quality is second-to-none when it comes to

brewhouse objectives, brewing each style with premium ingredients, including our signature house yeast strain. To cap it off, community is a pillar of our values as a business.

### Q. How important is it to be part of the local community?

A. We regularly help at local events with preferable rates on draught beer for fundraising events and help with event logistics and beer festivals where we can. We deliver more or less exclusively within the Home Counties and all live in, or close to, Tring. We're local faces, and big supporters of local pubs and other watering holes.

We partner with a local charity or non-profit organisation each year when brewing our monthly specials, raising

thousands of pounds through multiple fundraising events. We're also proud supporters of our local 'toad patrol' conservation group, and we're working with a local non-profit organisation that conserves community assets on our doorstep – more details coming soon.

**Q. What changes have you seen at Tring Brewery?**

A. When I joined, we'd just commissioned our test batch brewing kit. This has been the proving ground for styles we'd never explored before, so in the last nine years we've made forays into hazy IPA and lager – quite different from our core range of traditional cask styles – and today we cater for all tastes. Our house lager, Alchemist, is the first Tring beer to be packaged in a can. The introduction of our refillable 'growler' containers is popular in the brewery shop, replacing single-use plastic for reusable, branded flasks, growing in numbers year-on-year.

We've also just opened The Piggeries Taproom and Courtyard, our very own on-site bar, and can't wait to welcome local people to our space.

**Q. How many beers do you brew?**

A. We currently brew nine core range cask beers, four core range keg beers, one monthly special each calendar month, and five seasonal specials throughout the year – so 30 each year as a minimum.

**Q. What are the Brewery's plans for Christmas? A special beer?**

A. For Christmas, we'll be releasing our seasonal special Santa's Little Helper, a 4.8% ruby ale, alongside Ho Ho Hoe, a 4.0% traditional bitter brewed in collaboration with The Repair Shed (our annual charity) and also the December monthly special.

**Q. What do you enjoy doing away from work?**

A. I have wider interests in food and drink. I'm a big fan of whisky, charcuterie, cheese, hot sauce, cider – all the good stuff. I'm also big into music and film. I mostly listen to Rock music. That term can cover all manner of sins, so, yes, Heavy Metal right through to Country.

**Q. The inevitable obvious question, what's your favourite beer?**

A. It is, and always will be, Side Pocket for a Toad, Tring's flagship beer. Even if the boss wasn't reading, I would still affirm that Side Pocket is one of those unique beers that flits seamlessly from a solid background quaffer (only 3.6%) enjoyed with friends in a great location – to a beer you can dissect with a discerning palate, drawing on the nuance and complexity of the ale in the most indulgently geeky way. If you're looking for less of a brand-loyal answer, I do love Belgian beers, and my favourite of these is Orval.

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*If you would like to recommend anyone whose contribution to village life should be featured in the Village People column in a forthcoming issue of Village Life, please also send details to the editor at the address above*

*Interview **Nigel Brown***

## Guides 1st Aston Clinton



*We kicked off the term with a blast, diving into designing and crafting a scarecrow for the village festival. This year, we veered from tradition and created Ursula from *The Little Mermaid* instead of a Guiding-themed scarecrow.*

The Guides had a fantastic evening taking over Clip and Climb in High Wycombe, tackling various climbing towers, pillars, and “rock faces.” With a self-rappelling system, they chose their own heights before safely descending. We bet there were some sore arms and legs the next day! Huge thanks to the parents who stayed to help. One Guide even outclimbed the staff’s record time on a wall!

We also enjoyed an exciting evening at Aylesbury RFC, thanks to a joint initiative between Girlguiding Anglia and the RFU. The coaches were phenomenal, taking our Guides through ball drills, kicking, and a lively touch rugby game that brought out everyone’s competitive spirit (including the leaders!). Several Guides were so inspired they joined the rugby club afterwards.

Continuing our action-packed term, we took over Berkhamsted Pool on a Sunday afternoon, where the Guides tackled the inflatable course with enthusiasm.



We’re excited about what’s coming next, including participating in the village’s annual Remembrance parade and leading this year’s Christingle service.

Sadly, at the end of last term we lost our unit helper. We are now in the position of needing additional help, so if you’ve ever thought of volunteering now is the time.

See more details at:  
[www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer)



# Scouts

## Christmas Tree Collection

*The Scout group's annual Christmas tree recycling event will take place on Saturday, 3 January 2026.*



*Bookings open in early December – simply scan the QR code to access our online form and reserve your collection.*

This event is a wonderful community experience for the Scouts and the village, and raising funds for charity is a valuable bonus. As the organisers are volunteers, anything you can do to help make the process smoother is greatly appreciated.

To help ensure your tree is collected, here are a few helpful tips:

- Confirm your booking: please ensure you've booked a collection using the online form, phone number, or email address provided on the leaflet.
- Have your tree ready on time: make sure your tree is out and ready to be picked up by 9.30am on the day of collection as we cannot guarantee the exact time we'll be on your street. Please remember to remove ALL decorations. We cannot take trees that are still in pots.
- Make your tree accessible: ensure we can access your property and easily locate your tree. The booking form has a section where you can provide helpful details, especially if your street has unusual numbering or house names.

Our volunteers work diligently to ensure all trees are picked up. Unfortunately, it's not always possible for us to revisit later in the day as our drivers and chipper are no longer available.

Since 2017, the Scout Group has raised more than £16,500 for charities through its annual Christmas tree recycling event. This year our chosen charities are Lindengate and Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Lindengate is a mental health charity based in Wendover that uses gardening and conservation in its six-acre wellbeing garden to support people with physical and mental wellbeing.

Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis is a UK charity supporting people with pulmonary fibrosis – a disease that scars the lungs and makes breathing increasingly difficult – while raising awareness and funding vital research.

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## Aston Clinton Colts



*It's been a brilliant start to the 2025/26 season for our Colts family! Every weekend, our pitches are alive with the sound of football, laughter and teamwork – with hundreds of children from the local area taking part in matches and training. It's not just about football, it's about building confidence, making friends, and learning how to support one another on and off the pitch.*

We're incredibly proud of the inclusive, supportive environment that's been built around the club, none of which would be possible without our fantastic volunteers and coaches. Their passion and dedication behind the scenes keeps everything running smoothly and helps our young players truly thrive.

**Big investment: new metal goals**

This season, we've made our largest investment yet – replacing our old plastic goals with brand-new metal folding goals across the club.

No more saggy crossbars, and no more broken backs for parents having to haul the old ones around every week! These new goals are quicker to set up, much sturdier, and provide a better match-day experience.

This upgrade was only possible thanks to the support of our amazing community last year – from those who volunteered their time, to the local businesses who sponsored us, and everyone who took part in our fundraising events. You made this happen – thank you!

**Colts Christmas Party – coming soon!**

We're excited to bring the festive cheer once again with our Annual Christmas Party – a chance for our primary school-aged players to come together, off the pitch, and just have fun with their friends.

There'll be music, games, treats and a few surprises too – it's a lovely way to celebrate the end of a great first half of the season, and to thank the children for all their hard work and brilliant attitudes throughout the year.

## Don't miss our online Christmas raffle!



Our much-anticipated Christmas Raffle is now live – and this year the prizes are better than ever!

You could win an Xbox, Club Wembley tickets, Watford FC goodies, a party for 30 children, or one of the many brilliant local prizes generously donated by businesses in and around Aston Clinton.

Tickets are just £2 each and every purchase directly supports the club, helping us invest in kit, equipment, and more experiences for the children.

Thank you again to everyone in the community who continues to support Aston Clinton Colts JFC. Here's to a strong finish to the year, and a bright future ahead!

*The Colts Committee*



## Aston Clinton Brownies

*We have two Brownie packs in Aston Clinton: one meeting on a Monday night and one on a Wednesday night. Brownies are aged 7–10 years and our symbol of a magnifying glass shows how curious and adventurous the girls in this section are.*

Our girls enjoy a variety of activities. They love games, crafts, baking and also getting outside, while pushing their boundaries in a safe space and trying something new. We have nearly 50 Brownie places in the village and are always running at capacity due to the limited number of volunteer adults we have.

This term, 2nd Aston Clinton Brownies held an evening in the dark at Braid Wood Campsite. We very quietly trekked through the woods looking for animals who come out at night and were delighted to hear the hoots of an owl, especially as all our leaders have owl names from the original Brownie Story.

At the start of the evening, the girls were asked who was afraid of the dark. A couple of hands went up, followed by more when they discovered it was OK to admit their fears. Eventually, nearly all the girls admitted that they found the dark a bit scary. We talked about staying safe in the dark and how a lot of animals come out at night because they actually feel safer in the dark. After our woodland trek, where the girls were unbelievably quiet, we returned to the field area to play some games. Firstly with torches and then the torches were turned off and the girls each given a Glo Stick to play our final game.

A lot of you will be familiar with the lovely book “The Owl Who is Afraid of the Dark” which addresses fears of the dark with children. This owl is definitely not afraid of the dark and neither is our Brownie pack now. *Snowy Owl*

## Nailed That!, Beauty salon, wins award

*Earlier this year, local beauty salon owner Cat Mojsak entered the National Hair and Beauty Awards 2025, competing in two categories: Best Home Salon and Best Salon Décor.*



On August 30, Cat attended the red carpet national awards ceremony with 1,600 guests in attendance. Out of 26,500 home salons across the UK, Nailed That! won first place in the Best Home Salon 2025 category.

*“This recognition is a huge achievement, not just for me, but for our local community here in Aston Clinton,” said Cat.*

In addition, the salon was also ranked 45th in Best Salon Décor, competing against both home-based and high street salons nationwide.

For more details of Cat’s services, see her advert on page 45.

## Aston Clinton Society



*It's nice to report that our two-year campaign to have two old lamp-post stumps removed from in front of the houses at the top of Tring Hill has finally paid off. Despite a few delays to their planned works, Buckinghamshire Council finally removed them at the start of October. Eagle-eyed residents will have noticed that there is still one remaining on the opposite side of the road. However, the council has informed us that this is a Hertfordshire Council asset, so we're now on a new mission to get that removed – hopefully, it'll be a quicker process too!.*



Although Remembrance Day will have already taken place by the time this edition of Village Life appears, we were delighted that, with funding kindly provided by the Gib Lane Community Fund, we could erect three metal fallen soldier silhouettes in the Rising Sun Wildflower area, along with an array of metal red poppies, as our tribute to those who lost their lives fighting for our country and peace.

A big thank-you to our volunteers who took part in our latest litter-pick at the start of October. We collected 19 bags of rubbish from around the village, while some of our intrepid members took to clearing and sweeping the traffic island on Tring Hill, which now looks so much neater. Although our organised litter picks are only two hours every few months, it's quite amazing what we can get done in a relatively short time when we have all hands on deck.

Please follow us on our social channels for details of our regular litter picks and other activities as we continue to chip away at making Aston Clinton a tidier and safer place to live.

If you'd like to get involved as a volunteer, please contact us at [info@astonclintonociety.org.uk](mailto:info@astonclintonociety.org.uk)

## The WI

*We've had an interesting and informative year at the WI. At our November meeting, we learned how to do CPR, which was arranged by our programme secretary in response to our resolution "Bystanders can be Life Savers". The underlying rationale behind this resolution is that if more people were trained in CPR, more lives would be saved. Those vital few minutes before help arrives can be the difference between life and death. I wonder how many members of our community would feel confident enough to attempt resuscitation in an emergency?*

The session was led by Robbie from Clearaid, a leading provider of training within the community. He began by giving us a talk about what to expect and we were then given the opportunity to practise on 'Resusci Annie', one of the mannequins used for training in CPR and other first aid skills in a community environment. The session proved instructional and all members who wanted to were encouraged to try.



Our December meeting is a celebration of our WI's 95th Birthday, which is only open to existing members. However, in the new year, we welcome anyone to attend a free taster meeting at The Anthony Hall on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

*Lin Mitchell, Secretary*  
[b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com](mailto:b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com)

## Happiness is Scottish Country Dancing

*We've had a busy start to the season. Many familiar faces have returned and we have welcomed some new members too. Our intermediate class has been especially well attended. The social dancing later in the evening continues to be popular, especially when there is live music. Before the end of term, we will*

*be squeezing in an informal dance with live music as well as our ever-popular Christmas Dance for which tickets have already sold out.*

In addition to our regular club dancing on Thursday evenings at Wendover Memorial Hall, a very enjoyable ceilidh was organised in October at the Red Kite Pavilion which raised over £700 for St Michael's Church. Our thanks to Ian Robertson for providing the music.

As part of our community engagement, we are continuing our support of the local foodbank by organising a termly collection as well as fundraising for this year's nominated local charity, Workaid in Chesham.

We know that Scottish Country Dancing



improves our physical and mental wellbeing and the popularity of our events confirms that others agree. As you think about making your New Year resolutions, why not consider joining our next beginners' class on January 15? Please check out our website, or contact me for more details.

*Liz Mitchell, [lucyclarkscottish@gmail.com](mailto:lucyclarkscottish@gmail.com)*  
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# Organisations *Any error or omission in this list should be notified to the Editor.*

## EDUCATION

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# Horticultural Society



*The end of the year is fast approaching, and it is time to think ahead to the new year; 2026 will be an exciting year for the Society as we celebrate our 70th anniversary. The Society, known then as the Aston Clinton and Buckland Allotment and Garden Society, was founded in October 1956 by a dozen residents. Membership soon expanded and a programme of talks and social events developed. The first show was held in September 1957, in the grounds of Rookery House, and quickly became an annual event in the social and horticultural calendar. A spring show was added in 1997. We will be holding some special events to mark this anniversary year and a full list will be available on our website*

We would love to hear any memories or see memorabilia you have of the earlier years of the Society. Maybe you remember entering shows, have relatives who were among the founding members, or know the names behind some of the cups awarded? Do come and chat to a committee member at our AGM or email us at [info@astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk](mailto:info@astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk)



Coming up in the next few months at our regular venue of the Anthony Hall, with a start time of 7.30pm, we have:

**December 10** – *Christmas Social*.  
Time to mark the festive season!

**January 14** – *AGM*. Join us to hear more details of our exciting plans for 2026.

**February 11** – Monthly talk, “*Lindengate – Let’s all Grow Together*” by Andy Grant and Jacqui Greenham. They will discuss the idea of social and therapeutic horticulture which is at the centre of the Lindengate charity’s aims.

**March 11** – Monthly talk, “*Daisies, Dahlias and Dendranthemas*”, by the very popular and knowledgeable Sandy Primrose to give us all ideas for what to grow in our gardens.

**March 14 – 7pm** – our first special 70th Anniversary event: dinner and entertainment with the highly talented and amusing Neil Gurney. Details of how to book will be available in January.

## It may be winter, but we still have some seasonal tips for you:

- if you are feeling energetic, dig over empty borders and prepare the soil for next year's planting.
- prune climbing roses between now and February.
- hard prune overgrown shrubs and hedges while they're dormant.
- December is a good month to winter prune apple and pear trees to control shape and increase productivity. You can also prune currants and gooseberries.
- cold, wet, windy weather can damage trees, shrubs and garden structures such as trellis. Check structures and staking, mulch or wrap plants and wrap pots.
- insulate outside taps and try to prevent ponds from freezing e.g. float a ball on a pond but ensure it doesn't risk attracting children on to the ice. If a pond with fish does freeze, melt a space by putting a hot pan on the ice.
- bare-root rhubarb crowns, and gooseberry bushes and raspberry canes can be planted between November and March, but avoid times when the ground is frozen or waterlogged.
- spike lawns with a garden fork to improve drainage and aeration and get your lawnmower and shears serviced and sharpened while not in use.
- avoid turning compost bins as they may be sheltering wildlife such as hedgehogs and other small mammals, as well as reptiles, amphibians and bumblebees. Wait until April.
- If we do have heavy snow, brush off the tops of greenhouses and cold frames and tree branches to prevent damage.

## Of course Christmas is coming, so...

- make a note of tools and equipment that you would like and put on your Christmas list!
- stems of berried winter shrubs, seasonal flowers and evergreen leaves make lovely natural festive decorations.
- for a real Christmas tree, keep its base in a stand with water and check it daily. Position the tree away from heat sources like radiators or fires .
- turkey may be the food most people associate with Christmas, but plants feature heavily in traditional Christmas goodies such as spiced mulled wine, brussels sprouts, cranberry sauce, mince pies and the traditional Christmas pudding is full of plants, although you are unlikely to have grown any except the sprig of holly on top!
- did you know that Boxing Day is the traditional day to sow onion seeds? Choose seeds, rather than sets, and start them off in pots indoors or undercover, to aid germination and plant out in spring.
- poinsettias, Christmas cactus and cyclamen make popular gifts but coal is also a Christmas plant! Buried plants were transformed over millions of years into the coal we see today. Traditionally first footers (the first person to cross the threshold after midnight on New Year's Day) brought gifts as a token of luck for the coming year, including coal, representing warmth and fuel.

*Happy Gardening and Merry Christmas!*  
*Your Horticultural Committee*

## Hidden Gems Quiz

*Those of us who live in Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp are lucky to live in a wonderful area in terms of both nature and fine architecture. It is a great place to go for a walk and often you can come across a surprising sight that you hadn't noticed before.*



Starting with this issue, we'll be featuring a picture of one of these Hidden Gems that may have escaped you before but which may now encourage you to keep your eyes peeled when you're out and about.

It may be somewhere you walk past frequently or it may be just around a corner, but in the next issue, we'll let you know exactly where to find it.

*Happy 'Hidden Gem' hunting!*

*Richard Vincent*

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## Chilterns Crematorium

*Join Buckinghamshire Council Bereavement Services for their annual Christmas remembrance events at Bierton Crematorium on Sunday, December 7 and Chilterns Crematorium on Sunday, December 14, both from 2-4pm.*

Enjoy carols, readings, festive crafts, and refreshments in a warm, welcoming setting for reflection and remembrance.

Free to attend and open to all. For details or to include a loved one in the visual tribute, contact the Bereavement Services.

[Chilternscrem.cs@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Chilternscrem.cs@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or  
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## Tring Choral Society

Tring Choral Society's next concert will be JS Bach's '*Christmas Oratorio*' which the choir will be singing in English on Saturday, December 20 at St Peter & St Paul Church, Tring.

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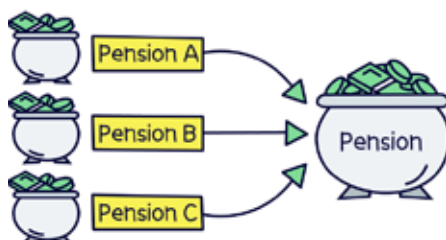
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## Pension consolidation



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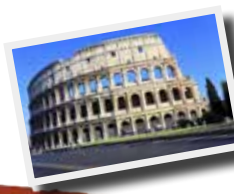


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