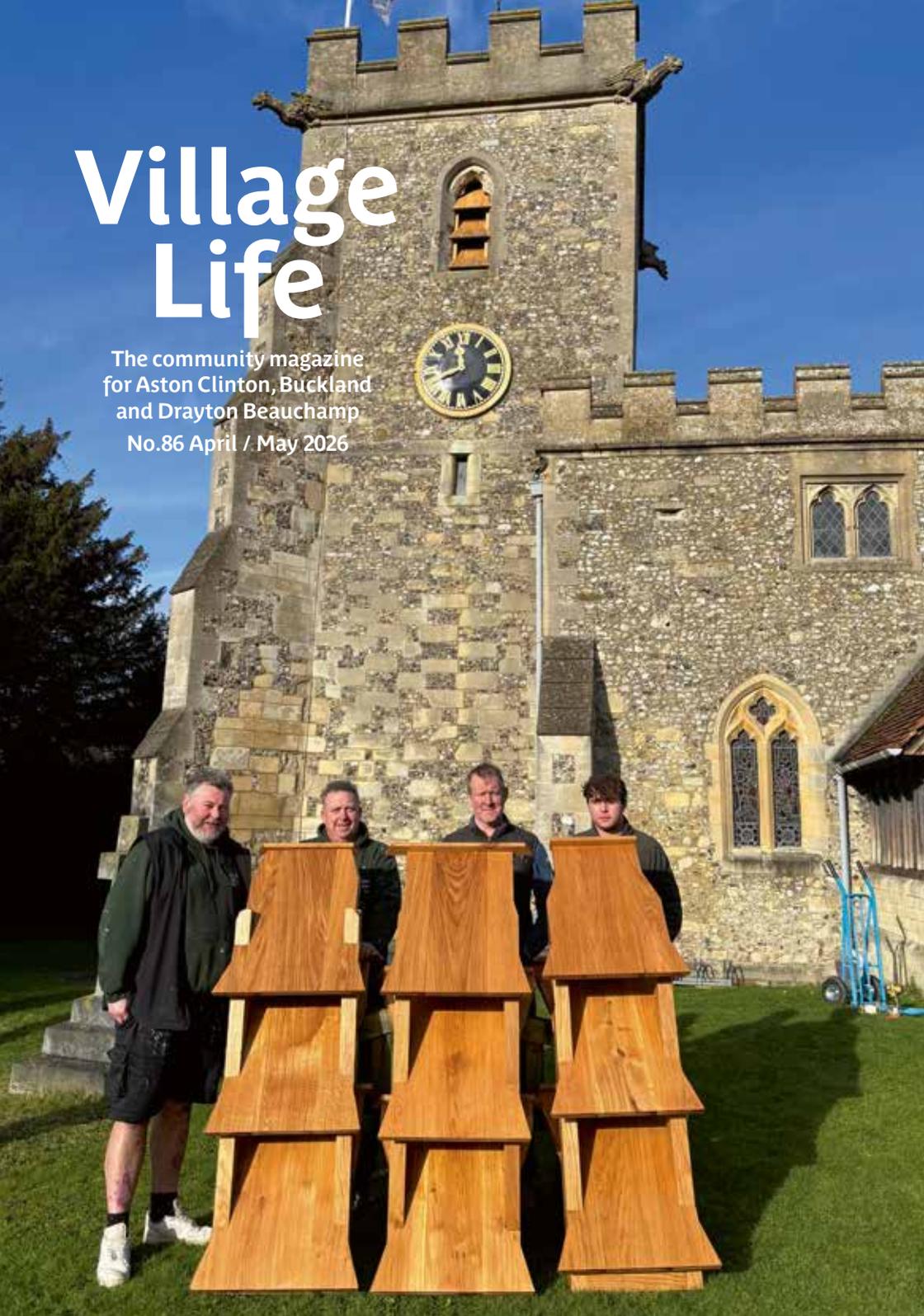


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The bi-monthly community news magazine for
Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp

As a new editor for the magazine, I have had a challenging but interesting few weeks, both familiarising myself with some new technology and developing a new understanding of the village I have lived in for over forty years. While delivering prescriptions to households in the village during Covid, I discovered many new developments of housing which I had not realised existed, tucked away all over Aston Clinton, and now I find a whole array of organisations and events of which I had previously known little or nothing.

This brought home to me how easy it is to live within a small circle of friends and activities and fail to notice or encounter things just at the edge of one's physical and mental space. It is so easy to be absorbed in everyday life, especially those of us with a busy and demanding one, and forget, or have little time, to lift our heads and look around us. But by failing to do that we often miss the unexpected, the beautiful and the rare – much of which is evidenced in the articles and photographs in this edition. That is sad.

Perhaps sadder, however, is that we also miss the vulnerabilities that may exist close to us but be missed as we focus on the familiar. Christmas is often seen as a time for remembering those who may be lonely or bereaved or in need of support, but of course those emotions and needs do not disappear once spring appears. As our spirits lift with the passing of winter, perhaps now is the time, energy renewed, to take a moment not just to appreciate the beauty of the lovely landscape we live in, but also to acknowledge the places nearby where things are not so happy and find space in our busy lives to offer a warm word, a smile, an offer of help, to those around us who need our support.

Wishing an uplifting spring to everyone.

Jill Wallis, co-editor

Aston Clinton Baptist Church



Good Morning?

“And there was evening and there was morning – the first day” Gen 1

Ask most people when their day starts and they’ll usually say when they wake up in the morning. The bible gives a different answer. Scripture speaks of the creation of the first day as “evening and morning” and thereby sets the pattern for all days.

This means when we wake in the morning, the day is halfway through and we are entering into a rhythm of life that has been proceeding without us. The plan of God is that the new day starts with rest and sleep, following which we rise to embrace the morning, conscious of the goodness of a creator, whom we encounter in prayer.

Seeing things from the point of view of the Bible points us away from the notion that each day starts with me and is centred around my ability (or lack thereof) to sustain myself within it. The day is a gift not dependent on us and our busyness, but something to enter into with joy.

In response to thoughts such as these, some have chosen to wake not to the noise of the media or seek to sleep with its echo in their ears. Be they Larks or Owls, their day’s rhythm seeks to be grounded in the knowledge that their life is the gift of a loving God – “amor ergo sum” – I am loved, therefore I am. As Spring brings lengthening days and life bursts forth from the ground again, may you experience the joy of the creation and the presence of the Creator in your days as they come.

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

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 – 11am.

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.

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

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 2nd and 4th Sunday 10am Midweek Communion every Wednesday 11am Messy Sunday every 2nd Sunday

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 5	8am Easter Fire Holy Communion at All Saints' 9.15am Easter Fire Family Eucharist at St Michael's 11am Easter Fire Holy Communion at St Mary's
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MONTHLY MAY SERVICES

Sunday, May 3	10am Holy Communion 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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Website: www.achurchnearyou.com search for: St Michael's, Aston Clinton, All Saints' or St Mary's

Benefice Website: www.ac-buck-db-churches.org



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gentle Stretch Class at St Michael's

Monday 10 – 11am, £5.00 per person

Rhubarb Café at St Michael's

Monday 2 – 4pm (Closed Bank Holidays)

St Michael's Little Angels Toddler Group

Thursday 9.30 – 11am

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.

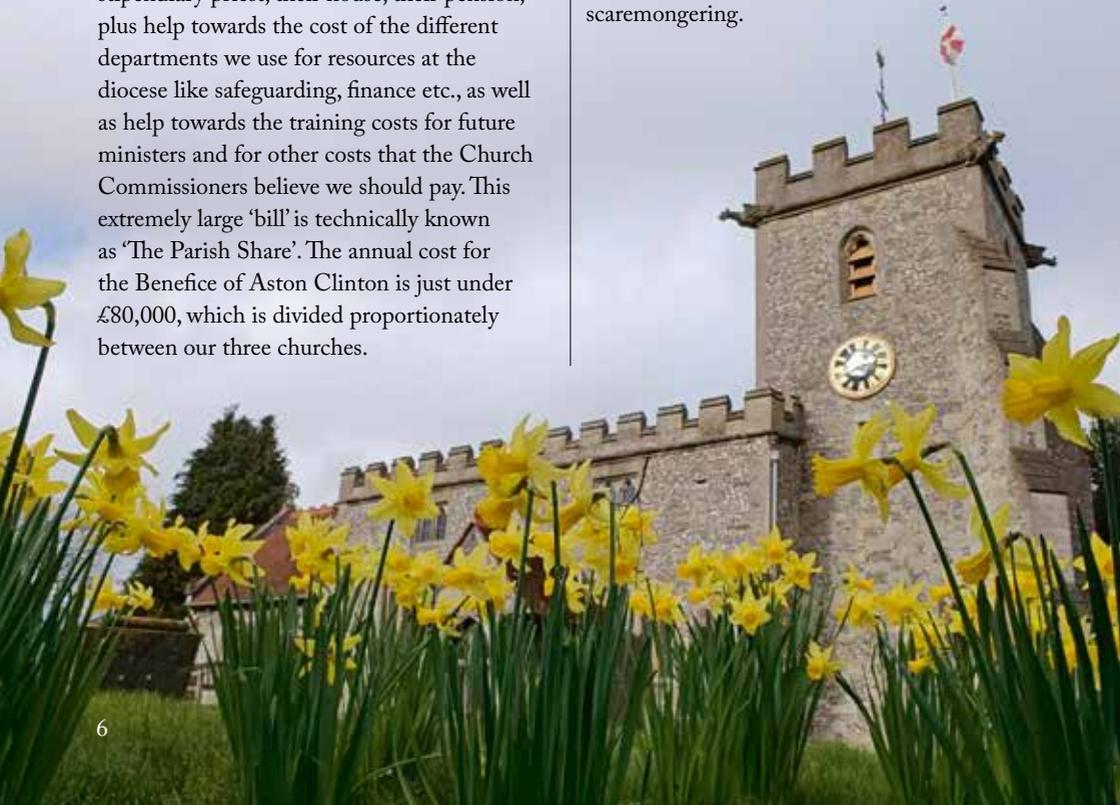
Your Parish Church Needs You!

What would have been such joyful news for the Church of England was for me personally a bittersweet moment. As the first female Archbishop of Canterbury was sworn in, I was dealing with the stress of bearing how our three parish churches were all in dire financial straits, and facing such hardship to pay for even the basics like heating and electricity. That day should have given me new hope for the Church of England and yet I wondered whether the new Archbishop, Sarah Mullally, would ever get to hear about the plight of 13th century rural churches like ours.

The Church of England is considered very wealthy, with total assets estimated to exceed £10 – £11 billion, yet it doesn't fund its parish churches. The reality is that each parish has to raise its own money to cover the costs of a stipendiary priest, their house, their pension, plus help towards the cost of the different departments we use for resources at the diocese like safeguarding, finance etc., as well as help towards the training costs for future ministers and for other costs that the Church Commissioners believe we should pay. This extremely large 'bill' is technically known as 'The Parish Share'. The annual cost for the Benefice of Aston Clinton is just under £80,000, which is divided proportionately between our three churches.

However, the truth is that for the second year running, neither All Saints' nor St Mary's is able to pay its Parish Share in full and St Michael's faces an £11,000 deficit this year. Just to be clear, this is not down to poor financial management nor unrealistic budgeting, but rather to smaller congregations, resulting in fewer services, increases in utility bills, Parish Share and office costs, urgent structural repairs on our churches and fewer legacies left to the church.

Our local communities lend huge support to our constant fundraising, particularly our appeals for leaky roofs, restoration projects, sound systems, and dangerously unstable walls, to mention just a few. Yet all three churches over the 12 years I have been here have sadly used up their reserves and face a frightening future unless we all take this seriously. It could mean the difference between a church remaining open or having to close. This isn't scaremongering.





I am extremely concerned about the future of our three churches, so much so that I have asked each church to put any fabric projects on hold unless they are urgent or potentially dangerous. All future fundraising monies will be spent on electricity and heating our three churches as a minimum. I would like to reassure all those who have generously donated towards the Dementia Café that this money is ringfenced and can only be spent on that particular project. We hope that with God's help one day this dream will become a reality.

In Drayton Beauchamp there are funds held in a charitable trust, which we had hoped we would be able to use for the funding shortfall. However, the Charity Commission is not allowing these funds to be used towards the church at present. The trustees have been negotiating with the Charity Commission to clarify the aims of the trust for the past four years but the process is painfully slow so we have to accept that the money may be tied up for potentially a few more years.

So how can you help? Well, you could donate through the Parish Giving Scheme, which, efficiently and cost-effectively, processes donations centrally, collecting Gift Aid where applicable, and then passes all the money back to each church. If more people signed up to a monthly donation for their local church, this would greatly help each of our churches. It's

a fact that each of us will visit or attend our parish church at some point in our lifetime for a baptism, wedding or funeral or for the regular community events we hold like the Rhubarb Café. If more people were to sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme in Aston Clinton for St Michael's, in Buckland for All Saints' or in Drayton Beauchamp for St Mary's, then we would have a chance of keeping these beautiful ancient churches alive and open to the communities they serve. We have been left a legacy by the thousands of parishioners who have worshipped in our churches over the centuries. We may have lost faith temporarily in the Church of England but surely not in our local churches?

If you are able to help, forms for the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), explaining how it works, with frequently asked questions and an email, website and QR code, can be collected from the Benefice Office at the Rectory, 23 New Road, Aston Clinton. Alternatively, you can sign up online quickly and easily at www.paritygiving.org.uk.

I hope and pray that you feel able to support your local church - St Michael's, All Saints' or St Mary's - in this way and I would like to thank each and every one of you for all your support over the years. Every blessing,

Rev Sally

Aston Clinton Parish Council

The parish council meets each month, usually on the third Tuesday evening at 6.30pm, and this is a great opportunity for residents/members of the public to attend, ask questions or raise queries, and see how democratic decisions are reached by the council on a wide range of projects, as well as giving a view on the day to day running of the Parish Council. There are three committees: Finance & Staffing, Facilities and Planning, which also meet at regular intervals to discuss their specific areas of council business, and these are also open to the public to attend. All meeting dates for the year ahead can be found under the Meetings section of our website, along with agendas for forthcoming meetings and minutes of meetings past. Agendas can also be found on the council's noticeboards around the Village.

All residents are warmly invited to join us at the Annual Meeting of the Parish which is taking place on Wednesday, May 13, from 6pm - 8pm at the Red Kite Pavilion, and is a great chance both to hear from our local community groups about their activities in the village and to meet the councillors. We will also have a guest speaker again: Rosemarie Storr will give a talk on "Mr Warren's Photograph Album": photographs of the Aston Clinton Estate and Village, 1897 -1902 by the Head Gardener of the Rothschild Estate, and refreshments will be available, so do please come along for an enjoyable and informative evening.

Our first main community event for 2026 is the Family Festival which is happening on Saturday, June 13, from 12 noon to 5pm. Once again, we will have musical and children's

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entertainment, a petting zoo, Zorbs, food concessions, dog show, raffle, community and retail craft stalls and more. It is a free entry event up until 4pm, after which some attractions will make a nominal charge. Do put the date in your diary and come and join us for this very busy event, support your local community and have some fun! Timings and more information will be found on our website, posters throughout the village and social media. If you would like to book a stall or volunteer to help at the Festival, please contact the Clerk in the parish office.

Turning to planning matters, we continue to work hard to try to influence the local planning authority's decisions on where any future developments should be located in our village. Buckinghamshire Council is under pressure from central government to allocate land for around 95,000 new homes county-wide and to finalise the new Bucks Local Plan within a tight deadline, which will set out

where housing will be located over the 20-year term of the plan, along with how essential infrastructure, economy, and community facilities needs will be met. Buckinghamshire is particularly vulnerable to additional housing as the Council cannot display a five-year housing land supply, which automatically tips the balance in favour of approving developments unless it can be demonstrated that undue harm would be caused by the approval, which in most cases it cannot. This will affect future housing allocations in Aston Clinton, and after four calls for suitable sites from residents, landowners, businesses and other stakeholders, a number of sites have been put forward within the village for consideration by Bucks Council. These sites can be seen on the Bucks Council website under the Local Plan section, and are presented on an interactive map. Follow the map link on the local plan page as follows: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-planning/buckinghamshire-local-plan

The planning system, particularly the way in which decisions of central government can affect us in Aston Clinton, is complicated, and for that reason we are more than happy to help residents gain a better understanding of the implications and procedures, either at our regular Planning Committee or Council meetings, or by contacting us separately. We have been advised that any review of our Neighbourhood Plan must allocate housing sites, and be aligned broadly with the Bucks Local Plan, otherwise it will not be approved. We have therefore paused our review for the moment until we are confident that we can achieve these requirements. Finally, it is worth mentioning that any decisions/comments that we as a parish council make and submit on planning applications are not final, as the local planning authority, in our case Bucks Council, has the final say.

On a more positive note, the parish council is looking to arrange a series of Digital Inclusion workshops to support residents who may feel less confident using technology. These friendly sessions, which will be run in conjunction with the East Bucks Community Board, will provide practical help with everyday digital tasks such as accessing online services, using smartphones or tablets, staying safe online, and communicating with family and friends. They will take place locally at the Red Kite Pavilion, with further details and dates to be announced soon, on our website and social media, and of course in Village Life. The aim is to help ensure that everyone in our community feels confident and included in an increasingly digital world, and will be free of charge to attendees.

Finally, with the clocks going forward at the end of March, visitors to the park are advised that our park opening times switch to summer hours from April 1 and the park will be open between 7am and 10pm each day. New signage has been installed in various areas in the park clearly showing the seasonal times, along with other important information.

Aston Clinton Parish Council
www.astonclinton-pc.gov.uk

Tring Choral Society save the date!

Save the date for Tring Choral Society's Summer Concert on **Saturday, July 4**. The choir will sing the ever-popular *'The Armed Man: A Mass For Peace'* by Karl Jenkins as well as a piece by Benjamin Britten, *'Rejoice in the Lamb'*, and a very short choral piece by local composer, Matthew Wren, commemorating D-Day.

tringchoral.org.uk



Aston Clinton School

Head Teacher: Mrs Carol Macdonald



Join Us in Shaping the Future of Aston Clinton School

*At Aston Clinton School, everything we do is guided by a simple but powerful vision: **Aspire, Care, Succeed.** We believe every child should be supported to become the very best they can be — academically, socially, and emotionally. That mission doesn't rest solely with teachers and staff. It is strengthened by a committed Governing Board working behind the scenes to ensure the school continues to thrive.*

The Role of the Governing Board

Our Governing Board acts as a united, strategic team. Together, governors:

- Work with the Headteacher to maintain high standards of education
- Shape the school's long-term vision, ethos, and direction
- Hold the school to account for pupil progress and staff performance
- Oversee financial planning and ensure resources are used wisely.

This work directly supports our mission to help every child aspire to new possibilities, feel cared for within a nurturing environment, and ultimately succeed in their learning and personal development.

Strong governance depends on continuity. As part of our long-term succession planning — especially for Local Authority-appointed governor roles — we are looking for

community members who can bring fresh insight while helping maintain stability over time.

Local Authority governors play a vital role in connecting the school to wider educational priorities and ensuring accountability. By welcoming new governors now, we can build a strong pipeline of future leaders who understand the school's values and are ready to step into key roles when needed.

If you have experience in leadership, finance, HR, public service, community work, or simply a passion for education, your skills could make a meaningful difference.

We are especially keen to meet individuals who may, in time, be suitable for Local Authority appointment. No prior experience in education is required — just commitment, curiosity, and a willingness to learn. Governors receive training and support, and the role grows with you. It's a rewarding way to contribute to the school's vision and help ensure every child has the opportunity to aspire, care, and succeed.

If you'd like to explore what being a governor involves, I'd be delighted to meet for an informal chat. This is a chance to ask questions, understand the commitment, and see whether the role might be a good fit for you now or in the future. Email: chairgovernors@astonclinton.bucks.sch.uk

Christine Moxham

Chair of Governors, Aston Clinton School

A Great Big Thank You

The Junior Youth Club is open every Friday in term time for Y3-Y7. The aim is to have fun and socialise. The members enjoy a wide range of activities from biscuit decorating to model making, from table tennis to Wii sports, from construction to games in the park.

As all community groups know, keeping costs down and fundraising are perennial problems. Imagine our delight, after reading our annual report at the Annual Parish Meeting last year, to hear that we were eligible to apply to Turpin's Charity for a grant. The process was very straightforward and we highly recommend applying. www.turpinscharity.org.uk

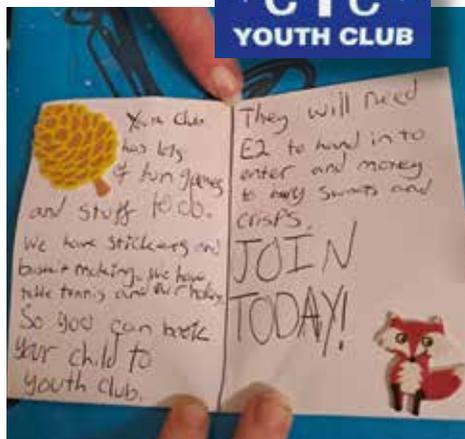
The money received has helped us enormously to purchase much needed arts and crafts materials, new tabletop games like Monopoly and Shut the Box, a giant Connect 4, giant dominoes and new footballs. We have also used some of the money to buy a gazebo to put up outside in the summer as shade from the sun and for us to use at the PC Family Festival in June.

Then most unexpectedly, we received a large donation from Aston Clinton Beer Festival. It has felt like Christmas! We will now be able to update our ancient Wii and Xbox and buy some newer games. (We are still playing FIFA 2016 despite most of the featured players now being retired!). Our Junior sized Football / Pool table is very popular and showing signs of wear so some of the funding will go towards replacing that soon.

Like most voluntary organisations we rely on a small band of regular volunteers. Although young at heart, the average age is 69! We would warmly welcome a younger generation of volunteers.

If your child would like to join us or you would like to volunteer, please email:

astonclintonyouthclub@yahoo.com.



Drayton Beauchamp Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Thursday, May 29 at 7.30pm**, in St Mary's Church.

All parishioners are welcome to attend and stay for a drink and a chat after the meeting.

For information, contact the Clerk, **Meryl Nodes**, on 01296 630396 or email merylnodes2018@gmail.com.

ACSA Spring Events – Spring Term So Far

It has been a busy and successful start to the Spring Term for ACSA, with two fantastic fundraising events already completed. Thank you to everyone in our village community who continues to support us.

Silent Disco success

In January, we held our ever-popular Super Silent Disco, which raised £800 for the school. The children danced and sang their hearts out, creating a brilliant atmosphere and plenty of happy memories. A huge thank you goes to our dedicated volunteers and to the teachers who stayed to help supervise the discos. Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without your time and support.

World Book Day fun

To celebrate World Book Day on March 5, we ran our popular Wonka chocolate bar fundraiser, giving children the chance to find a “golden ticket”. Prizes included toys, books, dog walks, hot chocolate breaks, ‘rabbit time’, sitting in the teacher’s chair for the day and many other treats – much to the children’s delight. We are very grateful to The Print Lab for printing our labels, SignFirm for providing our banner, and to Morrisons and Tesco for kindly donating additional chocolate bars.



An exciting time ahead

Following the huge success of last year’s events, we’re thrilled to announce that both our much-loved Colour Run and spectacular Laser Light Show will be returning!

The Colour Run brought energy, laughter and a wonderful splash of colour to the school, with pupils, families and staff all joining in the fun. It was fantastic to see so many parents coming along to cheer their children on and take part. Likewise, the Laser Light Show was a true highlight of the year – a magical evening that brought the whole community together and created memories our children are still talking about.

We’re already busy planning this year’s events and are excited to make them bigger and better than ever.

Looking Ahead – a new Chair for next year

As we look towards next year, we will be seeking a new ACSA Chair to take the lead from the next academic year. By sharing this early, we hope to give plenty of time for anyone interested to find out more and even get involved this year before stepping into the role. The Chair works alongside a friendly and supportive committee to help coordinate meetings, guide event planning, and keep everything running smoothly. You don't need specialist experience – just enthusiasm, organisation, and a desire to make a positive difference. It's a rewarding opportunity to develop new skills, meet more members of our community, and play a key part in supporting the school. If you might be interested in taking on the role next year, we would love to have an informal conversation.

How ACSA works – and why it matters

ACSA is made up of parents, carers, grandparents and staff who volunteer their time to raise funds and organise events that directly benefit the children. We meet regularly to share ideas, plan activities, and decide together how funds should be spent. Every pound raised goes straight back into the school. In recent years, ACSA fundraising has helped to provide additional learning resources and iPads, enhance outdoor spaces, and fund memorable experiences that enrich school life. ACSA helps provide those important 'extras' that make such a difference to the children's experience. Just as importantly, ACSA strengthens the link between the school and the wider village. Our events bring people together, create lasting memories, and reinforce the school's place at the heart of our community.

Get involved

You don't need to be on the committee or be a parent to play a part. If you are part of the local community, you are able to join our PTA.

Whether you can help at an event, bake a cake, donate a raffle prize, or simply come along and show your support, every contribution matters.

This year promises to be another fantastic time for ACSA and our school. We look forward to seeing you at our events and welcoming new faces along the way.

The Anthony Hall – Easter Offer

During the Easter holiday, the Anthony Hall is available to hire at the special price of £21 per hour. To take advantage of this offer, please contact the manager on 074443 976639 or email theanthonyhallac@gmail.com.



Local stories by local people

The Chiltern Society WildBelt Project



The Chiltern Society's two year Lottery funded WildBelt Project has come to an end. At Estone Grange and other sites in Aston Clinton, Buckland, Wendover, Western Turville and Stoke Mandeville so much has been achieved for nature under the leadership of Amanda Barnicoat.

Amanda will remain with the Chiltern Society as the Conservation Officer and the local projects on the ground will continue. WildBelt set out to establish teams of community volunteers to ensure nature has the best possible chance in an era where the environment is under threat. The WildBelt Project, and Estone Grange in particular, is an example of how, with care and thought, nature can be incorporated into every community with benefits for wildlife and people. And it literally doesn't cost the earth.



The project enabled tools to be purchased, and provided training in how to use equipment safely. The trained, and insured, volunteers will now access a new hub located in Aston Clinton Park. We are enormously grateful to the Parish Council and to the football clubs for making a bit more space available and to the team of 14 volunteers who made the site ready, levelling and laying sleepers to take the container. A huge thank you to Nick at the Café in the Park for much discounted bacon butties and coffees for the workers.



However, tools need people, and the project continues with local leaders and volunteers. Amanda will be there to support if and when needed. Existing projects will continue and new ones developed. There will be a quartermaster (*who might need a team*) to manage and care for the tools.

This has been a fantastic project with a truly valuable legacy. If you would like to help take the WildBelt Project forward, do get in touch. Work parties vary, are often seasonal and offer a great green workout.

To volunteer or if you have land that could be improved for nature contact:

Katy Todd: 07398 700977 or Tracy Read: TraceyRead@chilternsociety.org.uk.

Katy Todd



*Remember a Loved One
This Spring with a Sunset Rose*



This spring, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has partnered with Waddesdon Manor to create a beautiful new Forever Flowers tribute. In April, the Rose Garden at Waddesdon Manor near Aylesbury will be transformed by a stunning temporary display of 1,200 bespoke metal Sunset Roses, each symbolising the life, love and memories of someone special. Members of the community are invited to dedicate a Sunset Rose in honour of a loved one. Those who make a dedication will also be invited to a private viewing of the installation on Monday, April 27, while the grounds are closed to the public. The display will then be open to visitors for three weeks, before each dedicated rose is returned to its owner as a lasting keepsake.

By dedicating a Sunset Rose, you will be supporting Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity to continue providing compassionate local hospice care for patients and families across Buckinghamshire and its borders. To dedicate a Sunset Rose, visit fnhospice.org.uk/foreverflowers or call 01296 429975 for more information.

Girlguiding

New Leaders Needed for Rainbows and Brownies!

After 11 years, I will be stepping down as the Rainbow leader at the end of the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a leader for Rainbows aged 4-7 but I would now like to focus my time and energy on the Rangers unit for ages 14-18. I have been running both units since September but this isn't sustainable long term, unfortunately.

Could you be the new Rainbow leader?

There is already a well-established team of unit helpers and Young Leaders; we just need someone to take over the reins and manage the unit. You'll be given lots of support from a dedicated mentor and the vast majority of the training is now done online, so you can go at your own pace!

Why volunteer with Girlguiding?

There are lots of reasons!

- You will make new friends
- You will learn new skills and have lots of new experiences and can bolster your CV with all the training you will do and skills you will learn
- You will experience the joy of helping to shape young lives
- You will help to give girls a safe place to develop, grow and feel empowered
- If you have a girl on a waiting list, they will be given priority to join their relevant Section.

Being a leader isn't always easy, but it is rewarding! It's an amazing feeling knowing that you are doing something really special for



the girls in the unit. I was in Girlguiding as a child and I still remember the skills I learned, the amazing things I did and the places I went. I can proudly say that I can build a fire and light it with one match, and I've yet to meet a tent that can defeat me!

1st Aston Clinton Brownies, ages 7-10, also really need another leader to work alongside the current leader and volunteer team. You would also be given lots of training and support from a mentor.

If no-one comes forward to run the Rainbow unit by the end of July, then sadly the unit will have to close.

If you are interested in volunteering in either unit, please contact [Coral Simpson](mailto:Coral.Simpson@firstacr.com) at firstacr@outlook.com.



Scouts

110 Years of Cub Scouts – Another Scouting Anniversary



In the last issue, we marked 40 years of Beaver Scouts in the UK. This year, we're celebrating another important milestone in scouting history – 110 years of Cub Scouts in the UK. Since 1916, Cub Scouts have helped young people build confidence, learn new skills, and enjoy adventures with friends.

While it's unlikely that anyone in the village remembers the very first Cubs from over a century ago, many adults will have their own Cub memories from more recent decades. Do you have some memories of your time at Aston Clinton Cubs that you'd be happy to share? Whether it's camping trips, favourite games, badges earned, or friendships made, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch at ac.gsl@yahoo.com.

As part of our anniversary reflections this year, it's been fantastic to receive messages and memories following the previous issue's article about Beaver Scouts – thank you to everyone

who has already been in touch. Your stories and pictures have helped bring our local scouting history to life.

We're planning to recognise both anniversaries during the year, celebrating the journey from Beavers to Cubs and the many generations who have been part of scouting in Aston Clinton. As we celebrate this milestone, we're proud to keep the Cub Scout tradition going in Aston Clinton for the next generation of young adventurers.

Claire Walker

Aston Clinton WI

The WI offers the opportunity to meet women in our local area for a variety of activities, to make friends and make a difference in the community. We also connect with other members across the county and nationally for on-line events and conferences. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.45pm in The Anthony Hall, where we are entertained by high quality speakers on a wide range of topics. These are followed by light refreshments. We also hold raffles, plant sales and support our local community in addition to our other activities including walking group, craft club and lunch club.

In April we will welcome Joanna Brown, who will present 'Inside the World of the Pharaohs', while, in May, Bruce Wakeling will talk on 'Tax, Care and the New Guy'. Please feel free to come to one of our meetings to try us out and see what we do. Your first meeting is free and tea / coffee and cakes/biscuits are included.

If you would like further information please contact me on the following email address b.d.ac.wi@gmail.com. *Lin Mitchell*

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Aston Clinton Colts

Winter Grit & Spring Spirit



What a start to 2026 it has been for Aston Clinton Colts JFC. January and February certainly tested us all; this has been one of the wettest and coldest starts to a year we've experienced in some time. Yet, despite the elements, our players pulled on their boots, our coaches planned and adapted sessions, and our parents stood on the sidelines — wrapped in coats, under umbrellas, cheering as loudly as ever. A huge well done to all of our children and families for your resilience and commitment.

Grassroots football is about so much more than the game itself — it's about teamwork, perseverance and community spirit, and this winter you've all embodied that perfectly.

One of the biggest positives during these challenging months has been having Aylesbury Grammar School available as a reliable backup. With waterlogged grass pitches across the area, being able to move league and cup fixtures to AGS meant games were played rather than postponed and it ensured our players could keep developing and competing despite the weather. Having that flexibility has been invaluable — and something we're incredibly grateful for.

We're delighted that all new goals are now installed and in full use across the park. Seeing them up, secure, and being used every weekend has been a fantastic milestone for the club. This simply wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support from our community. Thanks go to: Griffin & Sons for donating their time and materials to help build the storage system and construct the goals alongside us; Ben Mason for generously donating materials to support the project; and all of our club members who volunteered their time to help build, move and install the goals — often in cold and wet conditions! It was a true community effort.

We're also proud that our old goals have now been donated to local schools. Supporting grassroots sport doesn't stop at our own teams — it's important to us that we give back wherever we can. Seeing those goals get a second life in local schools is something we're very proud of.

As the weather finally begins to turn and the smell of spring fills the air, our focus shifts to one of the biggest events in the Colts calendar: The Aston Clinton Summer Football Tournament! We are already over half full, with teams registering fast. It promises to be another fantastic weekend, not just for the club, but for the whole community. astonclintoncolts9.godaddysites.com/summer-tournament-2026



We are currently looking for local businesses to get involved and sponsor part of the tournament. Opportunities include:

- Pitch sponsorship
- Stands
- Parking attendants
- Match balls
- Medals and trophies

With thousands of visitors across the weekend, it's a fantastic opportunity to support local youth sport while gaining great exposure for your business. If you or someone you know would like to be involved, please contact: di@accolts.com Your support helps us continue to invest in facilities, equipment and experiences for our children.

Signs of Spring... One More Surprise! There's a noticeable change in the air now. The pitches are drying, the evenings are lighter, flowers are starting to bloom, and there's that unmistakable feeling that spring has arrived. While it means our season is heading towards its final stretch, we're not done yet. We've got one more exciting event up our sleeves for the kids before we wrap up the season, so keep an eye out for announcements coming soon!

From battling through the mud of winter to preparing for a vibrant summer tournament,

Local stories by local people

this club continues to thrive because of its people. Thank you to every player, parent, volunteer, coach and sponsor who makes Aston Clinton Colts JFC what it is.

Here's to sunshine, strong finishes to the season, and an exciting few months ahead.



The Colts Committee

St Michael's Bingo Night

Come along and join us for a fun evening on **Thursday, May 21, 7pm – 9pm** for Bingo at St Michael's church. £10 per person which includes five games.

No need to book – just turn up!

For more information, contact *Natalie* on **01296 632488** or email benefice@gmail.com.



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Wildlife Trust

News from your local nature reserves

As I write, spring has arrived and Dancersend Nature Reserve will soon have great wildflower displays. One of the stars of the early spring burst of wildflowers must surely be Primroses. The reserve has long been known for its great swathes of Primroses which are stunning in some of the woodland clearings, and the old reserve files have a fascinating story to tell.

In the early 1960s, collecting Primroses to sell around Easter time was still quite prevalent and it had developed beyond the gathering of small posies in baskets to whole plants being dug up to sell. At that time, Miriam Rothschild was chairing the management committee for the reserve, looking after the site her father had saved in 1922, and which had been made one of the early reserves of the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves in his memory. Miriam was livid at this plunder by local villagers and was determined to do something about it, and I have a fascinating series of communications between Miriam and her friend and collaborator Susan Cowdy from The Lee, who was the founder of the Buckinghamshire part of the Wildlife Trust.

On 23 March 1962, Miriam wrote to Susan: "I have got the address of the Chief Constable of Bucks, and a personal introduction to him. I am going to drop him a line and ask him to send up a friendly policeman." A follow-up on April 17 announced: "The day I left England I had a letter from the Chief Constable saying he would send a bobby along at the Easter weekend." This was followed by some fearsome

new signs on which the reserve name had been mis-spelt due to Miriam's messy handwriting! "No problem," Miriam is reported to have said, "that will help to keep the b****s out!"

For some years after this, picking and digging up wildflowers was still a problem. Even the great rarity Meadow Clary was recorded as being picked, so no seed was produced in some years. Thankfully, this is seldom observed now, and Primroses are still a great spectacle. Look out for ones with multiple deep yellow flowers held on taller stems – these will be False Oxlips, the hybrid between Primroses and Cowslips, which are quite common at the reserve.

Warden Phil Townsend also reports the signs of spring are appearing at the Ragpits reserve.

Recent sunny spells have prompted the early flowers to start showing. The first queen bumble bees have also been spotted. Even before the famous orchids are at their finest, there are lots of earlier flowers to enjoy like Cowslips, Primroses, Violets and the lovely Chalk Milkwort.

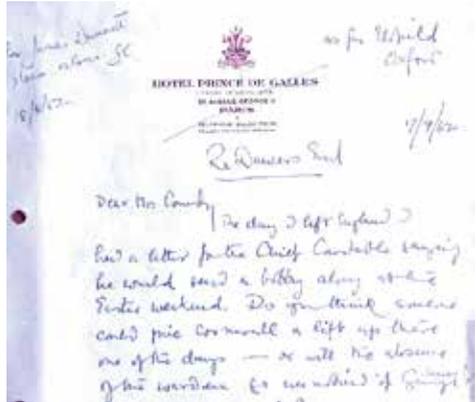
BBOWT has organised several guided walks throughout the year to show some of the treasures of this compact little nature reserve right on your doorstep. These begin on Sunday, May 17 with a two-hour guided walk commencing at 10am. You may be lucky enough to see some early flowering orchids and some of the early butterfly species such as Green Hairstreak.

At Dancersend, you can enjoy guided walks with me on Sunday, April 26 and Sunday, May 24. Booking details for events at our reserves and activities for both children and family groups at our flagship College Lake Reserve are shown on our website at www.bbowl.org.uk/events.

*Mick Jones,
Volunteer Warden at Dancersend*



Left: Aston Clinton Ragpits. False Oxlips. Dancersend sign c. 1965. Violets at Dancersend. Below: Miriam Rothchild's letter Wood Anemones at Dancersend. Sweet Violets at Dancersend. Green Hairstreak on Milkwort – Mick Jones.



Aylesbury Green Park Sub Aqua Club



Aston Clinton Divers in Buoyant Mood

Exactly 52 weeks after losing our pool training facility of over 40 years, Aylesbury Green Park Sub Aqua Club (AGPSAC) returned to Green Park, our 'spiritual home', earlier this year.



Above: Pool Training Green Park Pool subaqua
Opposite: Liveboard Sharm El Sheikh, Treasurer with Sharks, Red Sea, Thistlegorm.

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In January 2025, the Club learned that Inspiring Learning (Kingswood), who had operated the Green Park site as a school residential visits facility, had taken a deep dive themselves, going into administration with debts of over £100 million. Our Club members were immediately sunk! But they were not the only ones. Creditors ranged from banks, HMRC and utilities' companies to local Aston Clinton tradespeople. Employees at Green Park and the other "Kingswood" sites lost their jobs overnight and school and youth groups nationwide found their visits immediately cancelled. However, worse was to come. The company's assets were a tiny drop in the ocean compared to its debts. With Administrators' fees and major creditors hoping to recoup at least some of their losses, it was soon apparent that our pool rental – paid in advance – would not be recovered. Unfortunately, many other individuals and groups found themselves in much deeper water than us.

Our priority was to find a pool and we dived straight into our search. Of the 15 local pools we contacted, it was the Wendover Swimming Pool we chose to help keep us afloat. The Pool is managed by a small group of trustees and (except for a daily cleaner) operates entirely with volunteers. Unpaid trained lifeguards, reception staff and others give their time freely to keep the organisation of the community pool streamlined for the many swim schools and lessons during the day, public lane swimming early morning and evening and various family and baby sessions each weekend. With the help of the trustees and staff, we found ourselves back in the water again! Though a metre shallower than the Green Park pool, it was still good to experience that sinking feeling again – and what a treat on a balmy summer evening to have the pool's retractable roof open!



During 2025, despite the upheaval of relocation, Club members still managed to dive in Bali, Borneo, Cambodia, Egypt, Italy, Lanzarote, Malta and South Africa – as well as sites in the UK such as the Farne Islands, Portkerris, Swanage and Weymouth. Club visits to similar destinations are already booked for this year and at the time you are reading this, a group of us will be on a liveaboard boat for seven days’ exploring and diving in the Red Sea.

A year on, and thanks to PGL which has taken over the Green Park lease, we are back in over our heads. Whilst our members regularly take the plunge at far greater depths both at home and abroad, three metres is ideal for new divers wanting to try out the sport, returning divers and for preparing ourselves and our equipment for the many open water experiences we undertake.

PGL has already embarked upon a major refurbishment of the site so it will not be open for residential school and other group visits

until early 2027. In the meantime, not only have we returned ‘home’ but so have the many local swim schools which previously used the pool.

We are always ready to welcome new members. Anyone aged 14 or over and able to swim can give it a try. (There is no upper age limit; some of our friendly group of divers are still plummeting to new depths well into their 70s). The British Sub Aqua Club (BSAC) is our governing body, and our team of qualified instructors are all DBS registered. We welcome new divers, returning divers and those wishing to cross over from other organisations. A Try Dive costs £25 with all equipment provided and if you decide to join us, equipment hire is free whilst training for BSAC qualifications.

For more information or to enquire about a Try Dive, text or phone *07857 868234* or go to our web-site aylesburydivers.org.uk.

Kelvin Bagley

Our Cover Story

New Oak Louvres for All Saints' Church

All Saints' Buckland once again has a full set of four beautiful oak louvres for the first time in maybe 100 years.



Installation of new louvres at All Saints' Church -
Photo by Peter Elwin

Three years ago, the south-facing set – visible from the path as you approach the main door – was constructed and fitted. However the deterioration of the three remaining sets continued, so last year it was decided to replace them. Louvres are needed in a church tower to enable the bells to be heard, but if in poor condition provide a means by which jackdaws can enter and build huge nests that progressively prevent the bells being rung. A year ago, Village Life reported on the removal of a remarkable four builders' bags of twigs from around the louvres and bells.

The beautiful three new sets of louvres, made of European oak by A & H Joinery in Tring, and only partly visible from the ground, were fitted in January by N R Green of Aston Clinton. The photo shows Russell Green, Mike Payne, Tim Delderfield and Jacob Jellis proudly standing behind them before the louvres were hauled up the inside of the tower and fitted by Russell and Mike. These new louvres are of the highest quality and we expect them to last well into the next century. They were generously funded by Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust and a local legacy. So taken together the entire project was very much a local team effort!

Peter Elwin

FLICKS

All Saints' Buckland

FLICKS IN THE STICKS NEEDS YOU!

Licensed Bar

Could you be part of the next team to take on this hugely successful community initiative?

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Film Night

Hot Food

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Flicks in the Sticks

We are looking for volunteers to take over the running of the very successful Flicks in the Sticks as the current team of Toby and Rachel Davis plus helpers has stepped down at the end of the season after more than four years.

The new team will be responsible for organising six Flicks per year (October, November, December, January, February and March). The main roles are:

- Deciding which six films to show
- Organising the rota for the catering and the Belfry Bar
- Liaising with Natalie at the parish office for marketing and invitations
- Taking the reservations for each film
- Managing the finances for each film.

Ideally we need about six volunteers to make up the core team and one or two to be available for each Flicks session on a rota basis to manage the bar and the suppers.

If you are interested in joining this new team and ensuring that Flicks carries on, please contact *Toby Davis 07738 597329, Peter Elwin 07776 181248 or Celia Gosling 07779 966089* for a chat about what's involved. Anyone in our three villages can volunteer!

Natalie Fieldhouse

Bierton and Chiltern Crematorium Open Days

You are warmly invited to attend the Open Day events at Bierton Crematorium on **Saturday, May 9**, and Chilterns Crematorium on **Sunday, May 10, from 11 until 1pm**, offering an opportunity to speak to industry experts, and ask questions about end-of-life planning in an informal and supportive setting.

For more information, visit Buckinghamshirecrematorium.co.uk or call **01494 724263**.

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Sudoku

All you have to do is fill in the squares so that each row, column and the nine small 3x3 squares contains the numbers 1-9.

(SOLUTION ON PAGE40)

Spring Greetings from Buckland Parish Council

We are starting our spring cleaning with a litter pick planned for the 21st March. Hopefully by the time you are reading this you will have noticed the area looking freshened up! If you would like to be involved in future events look out for updates from Buckland Parish Council on Facebook, check the website or let the Clerk know on Clerk@buckland-pc.gov.uk.

Since the last update we have continued to chase up the issue of speeding on Buckland Wharf and Tring Hill, which has been exacerbated by the traffic calming measures now in place on London Road. A formal letter seeking support, which you can view on the website, has been sent to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Thomas Broom, along with our local MP, Laura Kyrke-Smith, and Bucks Councillors. We are also awaiting some signs for Buckland Road to remind drivers of the speed limit there.

We have also been looking at the Buckinghamshire Local Plan for housing, which is currently out for a first consultation, and all parish councils are invited to comment. Once finalised (estimated for the end of 2027), this will set out the plan for house building across Bucks for the next 20 years; Bucks as a whole has a target to build 95,500 new homes which is, of course, concerning.

Regarding the Thames Water Pumping station – we still do not have clarity on the new proposed location; we understand that the council has received a pre-application for a new potential site but doesn't have an official answer on where this will be. As soon as we know, we will publish the details in the usual places.

Our next meeting will be our Annual parish meeting on Monday, April 13, at 6pm, in Buckland Village Hall (upstairs in the parish office). This is where the Parish Council hosts

a meeting of the community groups within the Parish who can report back on their activities during the previous year. The Parish Council also makes a report on its activities. Please do come along if you are able, to hear what is going on first hand.

Jane Lewis

Buckland Annual Quiz

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then gather your friends and join us for quiz night at Buckland Village Hall on Friday, April 24 at 7pm for 7.30pm start. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition.

There will be a licensed bar but please bring your own snacks.

Tickets £10, tables of eight max.

To book, email [Natalie](mailto:Natalie@benefice@gmail.com) at benefice@gmail.com or phone 01296 632488.

BUCKLAND ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then, gather your friends and join us for Quiz Night at Buckland Village Hall. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition. Please bring your own snacks but there will be a licensed bar & games to bring your cash!

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026

Doors open at 7pm with a 7.30 pm start

BUCKLAND VILLAGE HALL

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Aston Clinton u3a

2026 is the 20th anniversary year for Aston Clinton u3a. Our first formally constituted meeting was held on February 8, 2006 for 85 members and there were 21 interest groups. Aston Clinton u3a was formally admitted to the National body, the Third Age Trust, on May 15, 2006 and we gained charitable status on July 19 that year. So, this year, we hope to celebrate in style. We are planning an exhibition to showcase Aston Clinton u3a on Saturday, September 5, from 11am to 3pm in the Clock Hall of Aston Clinton school. I am going to remind readers regularly this year about our celebrations. Do, please, come along.

ACu3a now has over 260 members and many more activities. Although there are now 30 interest groups, members are still seeking more involvement and groups.

Are you a member? If not, then please join us. Do you want to do something that interests you but with new friends? If so, come and talk to us; we might have other members with that interest who can join you in a new group. It is only by members asking that we can offer new groups.

In the meantime, let me share some of the many activities that have happened or will be happening. Photography provided a good session with informative discussion on the history of photography, from ancient times, with drawings of images from pinhole 'cameras', on to glass slides, negative films and printing, through to colour and digital images.

Walking netball continues with an enthusiastic group that meets weekly on Wednesday at midday, previously at their winter site at Stoke Mandeville. Now that the weather is improving, the venue is Aston Clinton Park in the Tennis Club. New members are welcome so come along or contact Dawn via the website. A more leisurely pursuit that is conducive to tea and chatting



is the Knit and Natter group. This meets in members' homes. Again, details on the website.

Our AGM meeting was preceded by a fascinating presentation about the Spanish guitar. Many intriguing facts about technique, the development of the guitar, and the range of music written for it, were presented, accompanied by a skilled demonstration of the instrument.

For the near future we have the 50s/60s night on April 11, and the St George's Day lunch on April 26 (pre booking is required for both) as well as the regular group meetings.

Details of all activities are on the website astonclinton.u3asite.uk and we look forward to seeing you.

Anthony Attwood

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Happiness is Scottish Country Dancing



It's always rewarding to see the progress of our new dancers and they certainly displayed their newly acquired skills at this term's informal dance in February. A helping hand and some guidance from our excellent teachers ensured that everyone had the best experience dancing to live music from the Ian Robertson duo.

We're now busy preparing for two major events in March, our group attendance at the Iberian Gathering in Cadiz and our Spring Dance, which will round off an extremely busy term. The 14 dancers going to Cadiz will enjoy a weekend of dancing, as well as a Cultural Exchange with

the Cadiz Folk Dance Association, a POP-UP Performance of Scottish country dancing in front of our beach hotel and Bus Tours of Cadiz. It will be a memorable experience.

We've been out and about spreading the happiness of Scottish country dancing to Aston Clinton Beavers and Cubs for their Burns' celebrations, and were delighted to present the 'Cub of the Week' Award to Harry Warburton at the same time. Finally, our Marmalade Evening raised £530 for our charity, Workaid, demonstrating that you can fundraise and dance at the same time!

You don't have to be Scottish to dance with us. If you'd like to sample fun, fitness and friendship in abundance, why not book a place in our next Beginners' Class starting after Easter? Full details are on our website.

*Liz Mitchell, lucyclarkscottish@gmail.com
www.lucyclarkscottish.org*

Aston Clinton Ladies Group

Wednesday, April 15, 7pm

Easter Church Service with Rev Sally Bottomer at St Michaels Church, Aston Clinton. Tea/coffee and hot cross buns after the service plus a raffle.

Wednesday, May 20, 8pm

A talk by Kate Perera, one of our lovely members, on Bridgewater Sinfonia Orchestra at our new venue, The Baptist Church, Green End Street. Tea, coffee, biscuits and a raffle.

We are a friendly group and non-members are welcome to come along to either event on the night.

Wendy Perkins

Jeff Meek - an Aston Clinton Bowls Veteran



Jeff Meek, who will be known to many in Aston Clinton through his involvement with the Scouts, the Wine Club and the u3a, has also been a member of the Aston Clinton Bowls Club for 26 years, serving on the club's committee for 20 of those years as (at different times) Competitions Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman. He is also still a part of the 'Monday Club' whose members turn up regularly to help keep the Clubhouse and the gardens round the green in good order.

Jeff believes in the importance of both the competitive and social aspects of bowls. "I think that both are equally important and vital for a successful club. Bowls is an activity that can be enjoyed by serious competitors and recreational players alike." He doesn't think of himself as being particularly competitive but cannot deny that it's nice to win a game now and then. "I have been lucky enough to be part of winning teams on a few occasions. My bowling career peaked in 2018 when I was the

club's Men's Singles Champion. Unfortunately, it has been mainly downhill since then, but I do still get a lot of enjoyment from playing the game."

There is a perception that bowls is a pastime for elderly people but Jeff says, "Bowls can be played and enjoyed by people of any age and ability, whereas many sports do require a certain level of fitness. This is something of a double-edged sword as many do see it as an activity to take up later in life after giving up other sports, resulting in the reputation that it is a game only for elderly people, which is simply not true. It would be great if we could shift that perception. Whatever their age, if someone is interested, they should give it a go. You don't know what you are missing unless you try."

The outdoor bowls season begins in late April and continues until the third week of September. If you're walking past and there's a match in progress, come in and watch – you might like what you see and may want to get involved. You'll be very welcome.

Andrew Andersz

Drayton Beauchamp Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Thursday, May 29 at 7.30pm**, in St Mary's Church.

All parishioners are welcome to attend and stay for a drink and a chat after the meeting.

For information, contact the Clerk, **Meryl Nodes**, on **01296 630396** or email merylnodes2018@gmail.com

Local stories by local people

Village Business

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

Travel Impressions of Tring: Sarah Watson and Michelle Holt



Welcome! Please introduce yourselves to our readers.

Hello, my name is Sarah Watson and along with my colleague, Michelle Holt, we are Travel Impressions, an independent travel agent based in Tring.

Q. How long have you worked in travel?

A. Michelle has always worked in travel and has 40 years' experience booking holidays and cruises, while I've been a travel agent for over 25 years.

Q. What makes Travel Impressions different from other travel agencies?

A. As we are not associated to any specific tour operators, we are able to offer our clients completely independent advice about their holiday plans. We understand that no two holidays are the same, and believe that the booking process should be nearly as exciting as the trip itself.

Q. Are there any destinations that you specialise in? And what are your biggest sellers?

A. We can book holidays and cruises to places around the world, as well as closer to home. We specialise in tailor-making itineraries to destinations such as North and South America, Australia and New Zealand, Asia and Africa, but are just as happy booking a weekend break to Europe or a guided tour from a brochure. I lived in New Zealand when I was a child, and am a Kiwi as well as an Australian specialist. I have also been a Canadian specialist since 2001, and am one of the top agents in the UK as recognised by Destination Canada. Michelle has visited many of the Caribbean islands and is



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“

a Mauritius and Sri Lanka specialist. Between us we have booked clients to most of the major destinations worldwide: if we haven't been there, we know someone who has!

Q. What would be your top tip?

A. Book early and use a travel agent!

Q. Has the type of holiday that people take changed since Travel Impressions first opened?

A. No, I don't think so. With the internet, people can obviously book things themselves but there will always be clients who would rather speak to a travel agent to book their trips, especially if it is a multi-stay itinerary or 'bucket list' trip.

Q. What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

A. *Michelle* – Spending time with my grandchildren, walking our dogs, eating out and socialising with friends.

Sarah – Travelling! I enjoy culture and history as well as walking, eating out and socialising.

Q. What is your favourite travel destination?

A. *Michelle* – Greece

Sarah – Very difficult to choose but Canada and New Zealand

Q. How do we contact you?

A. Please call us on **01442 890265** or email ***enquiries@travelimpressions.co.uk***

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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 send details to the editor at the address above.

Interview: Nigel Brown

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Aston Clinton Dental Clinic	01296 323090	www.astonclintondentalclinic.co.uk
Amersham Hospital	01494 434411	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
John Radcliffe Hospital	01865 741166	www.ouh.nhs.uk/hospitals/jr/
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	01296 315000	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
Wycombe Hospital	01494 526161	www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk
NHS Direct	111	111.nhs.uk
Samaritans	116123	jo@samaritans.org

ENERGY SUPPLIERS

Electricity Emergency	0800 7838 838	
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999	
Water Emergency	0800 3169 800	

CRIME

Police Emergency	999	
Police non-emergency and Neighbourhood watch	101	www.thamesvalley.police.uk
Childline	0800 111	

Organisations *Any error or omission in this list should be notified to the Editor.*

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Aston Clinton Pre School	07928 309321	pre-school.acpsmanagement@gmail.com
Noah's Ark (AC Baptist Church)	01296 631824	www.acbc.church
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SPORT AND LEISURE

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Aston Clinton Badminton Club	07958 479690	
Aston Clinton Bowls Club	07885 595447	www.astonclintonbowlsclub.org
Aston Clinton Colts Junior F.C.	07786 908219	clubsecretary@accolts.com
Aston Clinton F.C.	07930 925840	www.astonclintonfc.co.uk
Aston Park Tennis Club	01296 630826	www.astonparktennis.co.uk
Aston Wine Club	01296 630531	www.astonwineclub.co.uk
Aylesbury Green Park Sub Aqua Club	07857 868234	www.aylesburydivers.org.uk
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Colts Kickers Liam Hickey	07585 119066	
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B Discover Bucks Museum

The Saxons are here! *The new exhibition, 'The Saxons: Three lives, Three burials, Three extraordinary stories' is now open at Discover Bucks Museum.*

For the first time ever, extraordinary finds from the British Museum, HS2 archaeology and Discover Bucks' own collections have been brought together to create an immersive, unforgettable exhibition of our early medieval history. These include never-before-seen artefacts from the HS2 Wendover excavation, such as the magnificent window urn featuring Roman glass – possibly a family heirloom incorporated into the vessel.

Three Saxons, created in collaboration with re-enactment experts Wulfheodenas, will guide you through three remarkable burial sites that reveal how Saxons lived, fought, and celebrated over 1,300 years ago: the Princely Burial at Taplow – an elite high-status grave filled with exquisite treasures; the Warlord of Marlow – a rare military burial shedding light on power and warfare in the Thames Valley; and the Wendover Saxon Cemetery – 122 graves uncovered by HS2.

Come and step back into the age of warriors, treasures, and village life – where the story of the Saxons comes alive right here in Buckinghamshire.

The exhibition runs until 1 November. For more opening times,

For opening times, tickets and booking, visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street,
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Hidden Gems Quiz



Answer: Last issue's picture was taken at Buckland Wharf, near where London Road goes over the Wendover Arm of the Grand Union Canal. Built in 1797, the main purpose of the Wendover Arm was to supply water from Wendover to the main canal at Bulbourne.

Buckland Wharf is part of the parish of Buckland, almost touching the Hertfordshire border near the start of the Aston Clinton bypass. Many of the cottages were built for workers at the wharf.

Although the Wendover Arm is dry in some parts, the Wendover Arm Canal Trust is planning to make it navigable all the way. For more news of their work, see wendovercanaltrust.org.uk.

What about our next Hidden Gem?



Question: Have you seen it, or even sat on it? See our next issue for the answer.

Richard Vincent

Wendover Choral

In Wendover Choral we are having a busy and joyful Spring and would like to cordially invite you to join us for some exciting events.

Gardeners Query Time

Friday, April 10, 7pm, St Anne's Hall, Wendover

Bring along your questions to our panel of local gardening experts: David Jones (Assistant Gardens Manager at Eythrope Gardens), Waddesdon Manor, Edwin Rye, (former BBC Gardener of the Year) and Sarah Nicholson, (member of the Open Gardens Scheme) for a fun and informative evening.

Tickets £20 including a delicious Ploughman's Platter and a glass of wine.

Spring concert

Saturday, May 16, 7.30pm, St Mary's, Wendover

Join us for an evening of radiant choral brilliance, featuring Haydn's Nelson Mass and Vivaldi's Gloria, two of the most exhilarating works in the sacred repertoire. The choir will be accompanied by excellent local musicians, the Wendover Players and acclaimed local soloists.

Tickets £17.50 (pre-book) or £20 on the door and £5 for under 18s

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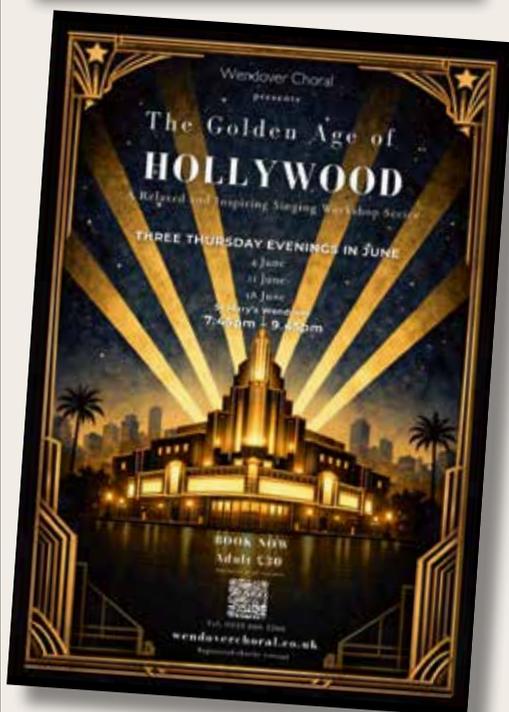
The Golden Age of Hollywood,

Thursdays: 4, 11 and 18 June, 7.45 – 9.45pm, St Mary's, Wendover.

This will be your chance to find your voice and join us for an inspirational series of workshops under guidance of our musical director Kenton Bridgen. Open to all. Tickets £30 for the series.

For all tickets, go to www.wendoverchoral.org or email wendoverchoral@gmail.com for further information. Concert tickets are also available from JUST Wendover.

Penny Cobb



Laura Kyrke-Smith MP

It's a privilege to write for the latest issue of Aston Clinton Village Life and to update you on some of the work I've been doing locally and in Parliament.

I was delighted to be in Aston Clinton at the end of January for my “meet and greet” at St Michael and All Angels Church. Thank you to everyone who came along. It was a really valuable opportunity to hear directly from residents about the issues affecting you and I am following up on all the points raised.

Potholes: Enough is enough

Potholes are one of the most common complaints I receive from residents across the villages, and Aston Clinton is no exception. Quite simply, the condition of some of our roads is not good enough and residents deserve better.

The Government has allocated Buckinghamshire Council £104.4 million for highway maintenance over the next four years. This includes £20.7 million to spend on roads in this financial year. Given the scale of the problem locally, residents understandably want to see that money translated into visible improvements on the ground.

I frequently write to the Council about individual roads. I have written again, asking for clear answers on how this funding is being spent, what the repair priorities are, and when residents can expect to see work carried out. I will continue pressing the Council until we see real progress.

Buckinghamshire Council's Local Plan

Many residents have also contacted me about Buckinghamshire Council's Local Plan and the new housing sites being considered near Aston Clinton.

We do need to build more homes nationally. I hear from so many young people who can't afford to rent or buy, and so many people waiting for social housing, and we have to change this for the sake of future generations.

But housing growth must be planned properly. The key point residents raise with me time and again is that our area doesn't have the infrastructure and services to cope.

National planning policy is clear: Development must be supported by the infrastructure communities need. New homes must come alongside investment in schools, healthcare, transport and local services. National guidance is also clear that development should not come at the expense of protecting our natural environment.

Buckinghamshire Council has left our area vulnerable because for six years – since the unitary authority was created – it has failed to bring forward a Local Plan for housing development. This is despite the excellent work of villages like Aston Clinton on their own neighbourhood plans, which should have fed into the Council's Local Plan. The lack of a Local Plan left the Government no choice but to set targets for the county.

The target of around 95,000 homes by 2045 includes tens of thousands of homes that were already in the pipeline from existing neighbourhood plans and planning permissions, alongside additional homes required under the Government's standard method for calculating housing need.

I am pleased to see that Buckinghamshire Council's work on the Local Plan is now underway. Members of Parliament do not have any formal role in setting this plan – nor in individual planning applications that may come forward as a result of it. But I will continue to engage closely with both the Council and residents, to ensure that the process is transparent, residents have a genuine

opportunity to be heard, and any proposals clearly demonstrate how infrastructure will be delivered.

I will continue to press for housing development that is properly planned, sustainable and fair to our communities.

Supporting young people and local skills



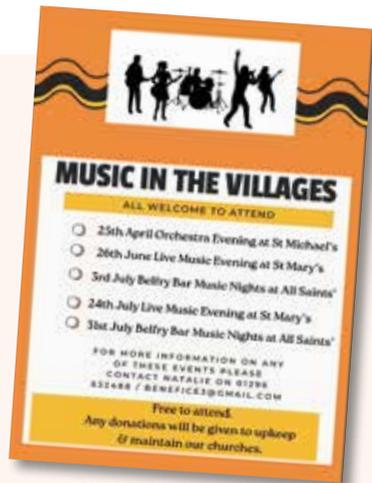
During February half-term I hosted my “Your Voice, Your Future” work experience programme for local 16–18 year olds. It was inspiring to hear their ideas, including for improving local bus services and creating better career pathways for young people in our area.

I also visited Bucks College Group during National Apprenticeship Week, where I met students training in carpentry, joinery, auto care and hairdressing – practical skills that are essential to our local economy.

Apprenticeships are a real win-win when colleges and employers work together, and I will continue championing opportunities for young people locally.

If you were unable to attend my “meet and greet” in Aston Clinton, please do drop me a line at laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk. I am always keen to hear directly about the issues that matter to you.

Laura Kyrke-Smith MP



Drayton Beauchamp Events - save the dates

Spring Concert

Wednesday, April 29, 7.30pm

The fantastic local choir, Ridgeway Chorale, and a group of local musicians known as City Brass, are giving a joint concert and performing some wonderful music in a variety of styles and from different eras. Tickets £10 available at bit.ly/3OIACHH or on the door. Refreshments available at the interval.

Free Live Music evenings

Friday, June 26 and Friday, July 24, 7pm

A community event for everyone to come together and socialise and enjoy a wide variety of music performed by talented local musicians. A licensed bar will be open.

All events take place at St Mary's Drayton Beauchamp and are to raise funds for the church to keep it open for use by the regular congregation and local community. Please come to support and join in the fun.

For more details contact *Natalie* on *01296 632488* or at benefice3@gmail.com.

Horticultural Society

Spring is finally here and what a joy it has been to see all the Spring flowers come into bloom after the gloomy, wet winter. The Society is now well into celebrating its 70th year. Our Anniversary Dinner & Entertainment with the very amusing and talented Neil Gurney was held in March and our Spring Show was on March 28. Many thanks to all who exhibited and helped. Do look at our Facebook page for photographs.



As a Society we are very proud that our villages can still support two shows per year as well as a programme of monthly talks, social events and garden visits. There is something for everyone. Coming up we have the following to put on your calendar:

Wed, April 8, 7.30pm, Anthony Hall

A Talk: 'Making space for Wildlife', by the natural history expert John Tyler, giving ideas on managing gardens in a wildlife-friendly way.

Sat, May 9, 10am – 1pm, Aston Clinton Park

Plant Sale. Come along for bargains to fill spaces in your garden with shrubs, flowering plants and vegetables. If you have not grown them before, this is an opportunity to buy tomato plants and other edibles and chat with experienced growers for ideas and tips. Vegetable growing is a great way of interesting children in gardening and where food comes from.

Wed, May 13, 7.30pm, Anthony Hall

A Talk: 'Desert Island Gardens', by writer and broadcaster Matthew Biggs, known for his appearances on Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time. Matthew will discuss gardens that have influenced him. This is one of our special Anniversary events and will be a ticketed event.

Wed, June 10, 7.30pm, Anthony Hall

A Talk: 'The Rothschild family's passion for Orchids', by garden historian Dr Francesca Murray, which will provide an insight as to how the Rothschilds' investment in their gardens benefited the wider gardening community.

Sat, June 13, Aston Clinton Family Festival,

Plant Stall. Aston Clinton Park. Another chance to buy some bargains.

With warmer and sunnier days, a cup of coffee or tea outside is a great way to relax and enjoy our gardens but there is also work to be done, both activities being good for our physical health and mental wellbeing.

Gardening Tips



April

- Clean your greenhouse with hot soapy water to get rid of pests and diseases and let in more light.
- Lift and divide established border perennial plants to improve growth and create new plants for your garden. Donate surplus to friends or our plant sales!
- Now is a good time to apply a layer of mulch around perennial and biennial plants, trees and shrubs.
- Deadhead daffodils and tulips as flowers finish, but leave foliage to die back naturally. Divide overcrowded clumps. Make a note of gaps in the borders where you would like to plant bulbs in the Autumn to flower next Spring.
- Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors as an inexpensive way to fill your garden. Seeds can be sown in rows or scattered over the soil. Sowing in rows makes it easier to distinguish your seedlings from weeds.

- Mow lawns more regularly, and lower mower blades towards the end of the month. Repair any bare patches in your lawn by sowing seed and aerate compacted areas by spiking with a garden fork.

May

- Prune forsythia and other spring flowering shrubs when they have finished flowering, cutting back to strong, young shoots and trim winter-flowering heathers to stop plants becoming leggy. Remember to check all shrubs for nests before pruning, to avoid disturbing nesting birds.
- Harden off plants started in the greenhouse such as outdoor tomatoes, courgettes and pumpkins by moving outside during the day, but wait until frosts have ceased before planting out with summer bedding at the end of month.
- Put supports in place for tall growing herbaceous plants, or for those that produce heavy blooms, like peonies.
- Keep weeds down by regular hoeing and pull or fork out deeper rooted ones.
- Reduce greedy snail and slug populations by regular evening hunts, especially during damp weather.
- Put soft tops on the tips of all canes, in borders, veg plots, pots and greenhouses, to prevent possible eye injuries.

Please visit our website and Facebook page to keep up to date with all the news about the Society - astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk or email info@astonclintonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk for information about joining the Society – membership is still only £5 per member!

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Sudoku Solution

Find this weeks puzzle on page 25.

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Beware of the Childcare Trap

For some higher-earning parents of young children, a small bump in salary could actually cost them tens of thousands of pounds in lost childcare support and tax benefits. This is the reality of the free childcare scheme, where crossing the £100,000 income threshold triggers some harsh financial realities.

From September 2025, eligible working parents of children aged from nine months to four years, can claim up to 30 hours a week of funded childcare. Nursery childcare costs can be anything from £5-£10 per hour so, at this higher figure, it's worth up to £300 per week or £11,400 per year for each child (based on 38 weeks). That is obviously a fantastic benefit but it only applies until you hit the £100,000 adjusted net income wall. If either parent earns over this limit, they could lose access to a whole package of childcare help, including the free hours scheme (all gone for under-threes, halved for older kids), tax-free childcare top-ups up to £2,000 a year (£2 government boost for every £8 spent) and child benefit payments. It is not just your salary that counts, HMRC looks at your adjusted net income which includes all taxable income, wages, rental income, dividends, even some savings interest. Crossing that £100,000 line means goodbye to thousands of pounds worth of childcare benefits.

A recent analysis from AJ Bell reveals a family with two kids could lose up to £27,000 in combined childcare funding and tax reliefs, all because one parent earned just a little over £100,000. To put it simply a £2,000 raise in salary from £99,000 to £101,000 per annum could trigger a £27,000 loss. That's an effective tax rate of over 1,000% on that extra money!

Over and above this, the high earning parent starts paying a effective and punishing tax rate of 60 per cent on a portion of their income above £100,000. This is because, on top of their 40% income tax rate, the threshold at which the tax-free personal allowance of £12,570 (the amount that can be earned tax free) starts tapering off, reducing by £1 for every £2 your adjusted net income is above £100,000, disappearing completely £125,140.

Child benefit has long had an unfair tag to it. Thanks to the High-Income Child Benefit Charge (HICBC) families with someone earning over £60,000 lose child benefit gradually



and can see it disappearing entirely at £80,000 income. Unlike other benefits, this charge only looks at the main breadwinner's earnings so one high earner can wipe out the whole family's entitlement because UK tax and benefit rules focus on individual incomes, not household incomes. So, a couple where one partner earns just over £100,000 with the other earning £20,000 will lose the entire benefit. Meanwhile, couples earning around £60,000 each enjoy full childcare support, giving them more disposable income overall. Is that fair?

One of the most effective ways for higher earners to navigate both the childcare and 60% tax rate cliff edge and retain some valuable benefits is by making additional pension contributions. The key wording is 'adjusted net income' as this is the figure that determines eligibility and, whilst all income is taken into account, it can also be reduced by making additional pension contributions. These payments directly reduce the income counted used by HMRC so by deliberately boosting their pension savings, parents can bring their adjusted net income back below the £100,000 threshold, allowing them to keep access to free childcare hours, tax-free childcare top-ups and avoiding paying 60% tax. Not only does this strategy help preserve potentially tens of thousands of pounds in childcare funding and tax saving, it also has the double benefit of enhancing long-term retirement savings. In essence, by channelling some of their earnings into pension pots, parents can avoid the financial penalty triggered by the income threshold, secure childcare support for their family, and build a stronger financial future. Of course, this approach requires careful research and planning. Parents must ensure it fits within their broader financial goals and cash flow needs, but for many, it can turn what feels like a penalty into a win-win opportunity.



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