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Editorial

Getting back to normal.

It seems as though we are getting back to some form of normality doesn't it? In this edition we have a Red Lion update and hopefully the pub will soon be up and running. Many of the village organizations will be picking up the threads and ACTS has another item in rehearsal. Unfortunately there are no plans to reopen the Wednesday Club. Carolyn is unable to carry on running the club and has asked for people interested in helping to run the club to contact her.

Russell la Forte has referred to the proposed development of the North Farm site in the parish council report. How this site is developed is an important issue for our parish. Watch this space! Russell also mentions traffic in The Square. Is parking also an issue?- see photograph.



Potentially the Voices' team is a member short. Peter Dempsey, one of the layup volunteers, and his wife Margaret have moved from Aston to be near to their family. Our thanks go to Peter for all his hard work for Voices. Fortunately someone new to the parish, Tom England, has agreed to join the Voices and will be laying up the September edition! We plan for the September edition to be printed by Flying Press from Witney. We would like to thank Oxuniprint Limited for printing the last editions of Voices. Our AGM will be held on Thursday 22nd July.

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Editors

Richard Haines and Andrew Long



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Dear Editors,

I have just finished reading "Aston, Cote, Shifford and Chimney" and there are a few things I would like to mention. Years ago there were less people in the village but more shops. Now we only have one shop and of course Aston Pottery. Why can't we have more shops in the village? It would save old people going to Carterton or Witney to get their groceries. Also I would like an electrician shop in the village. There are lots of people who don't like mucking about with electrical equipment, wires, or fixing the tv, or anything electrical. I think we could have more shops in the village.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Lelliott

Editors' Note. We think many of us would want to see more facilities. Yet most shops are run for profit and running a shop in a village could be risky. Possibly the new North Farm proposals might include some provision for small businesses?

Dear Editors

Vaccine campaign born in Cote.

Thank you for publishing Voices. It made me feel part of your community during lockdown when I stayed with my sister, Cecilia Macfarlane, and my brother-in-law, Jonathan Levy, in Cote. I was a COVID émigré from Liverpool. Voices got me up-to-speed with country life. Some of you may have seen me (in my yellow jacket) on my daily walks to Aston, Bampton, Chimney, Shifford, Lew or Yelford – a beautiful place to roam.

While in Cote, I received my first COVID-19 vaccine. I remember the relief I felt at having some protection from this devastating virus. I looked forward to seeing my grandchildren and to hugging them. I also thought of my friends around the world.

I spent my career working in international health and have friends and colleagues in many countries in Africa and Asia. As the UK's vaccination programme rolled out, I was troubled that, in contrast to me, these friends and their families - along with billions of others - have little chance of being vaccinated any time soon.

I got together with a few international friends to discuss what we could do as individuals to redress the imbalance in distribution of vaccines and to demonstrate to governments that we care. We set up Get1Give1 Worldwide to raise funds for COVAX-AMC, the organization tasked with buying and sending vaccines to 92 lower-income countries.

We want people to consider sharing their gratitude for being vaccinated by donating to make vaccines available to others living in lower-income countries. But we want more than that. By contributing to the initiative, we want people to join together in solidarity. After all, no one is safe until we are all safe!

We need your help as we are ambitious enough to think we can reach the world! Please donate on our website (<https://get1give1worldwide.org/>) and share the link with your friends and family and your networks. Some of my friends, for example, decided to send an email about Get1Give1 Worldwide to everyone on their annual newsletter list.

To our great excitement, His Holiness The Dalai Lama has endorsed Get1Give1 Worldwide. In his words: "The current global health crisis related to COVID-19 has served to remind us that what affects the whole human family has to be addressed by us all."

*With gratitude,
Sarah Macfarlane*



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Dear Editors,

Eric and I would like to say a big thank you to the very kind people who helped Eric with meals during my stay in hospital. Thankfully, Eric has now mastered the technology of the microwave oven.

Your cards and thoughtful messages have helped me look forward to coming home, hopefully before you read this letter.

Many thanks once again.

Valerie and Eric Judge

Dear Editors

I would like to thank the committee and volunteers at Aston Community Shop for all their hard work – it is a great shop with lots of fresh fruit and veg and a pleasing layout.

When I have written my shopping list, I go to Aston Shop first and am always delighted by the variety of products on offer.

I would encourage the community to support our shop, as it is such an asset in our village

Anna Smith



Learning about our global neighbours

This term we have been very busy fundraising for a variety of good causes. The Captain Sir Tom Moore 100 Challenge raised a truly astonishing £2,400 - donations have been sent to The Captain Tom Foundation and The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme whilst the remainder of the money was used to fund experiences and resources for International Week. We also supported The Book Trust in their efforts to ensure every child has access to a bedtime story. Coming to school dressed in pyjamas was great fun and helped us to raise an astonishing £155 for this very worthwhile charity. During the day each class enjoyed a range of book-related activities as well as opportunities for reading for pleasure.

Our whole school International Week was brilliant – I know that it's one the children will remember for a long time to come. Our focus book "This is Our World" by Asa Gilland and Tracy Turner was an excellent way for the children to learn about our global neighbours, finding out how human beings live in all sorts of places and in many different ways but also how we are united by the things we have in common. Thank you so much to Mrs Weston who put a huge amount of effort into organizing lots of exciting experiences for the whole school, including Zumba with Eugenie Aguado and Philippine cooking with Grace De la Cruz. The delicious aromas emanating from the school hall made me hungry all day!

We enjoyed celebrating International Women in Engineering Day during which they learned about some of the fantastic work that women engineers are doing both in response to the pandemic and to solve problems that affect the everyday lives of people all around the world. The children also enjoyed solving some engineering challenges of their own including building bridges and creating the largest possible structure using only dried spaghetti and marshmallows.

The children were delighted to discover that a new piece of playtime equipment has been added to the playground. Our brand new ActivAll is a fantastic high-impact reaction wall, designed for fitness, health, and fun. Combining movement, action, coordination, and problem-solving, it keeps the children active as they compete to improve their personal best score or against a friend. You won't be surprised to hear that some staff members have also been spotted getting very competitive!

Windmill 2 (reception) walked to the community shop to buy the ingredients. When back at school the children made gingerbread and it was delicious.

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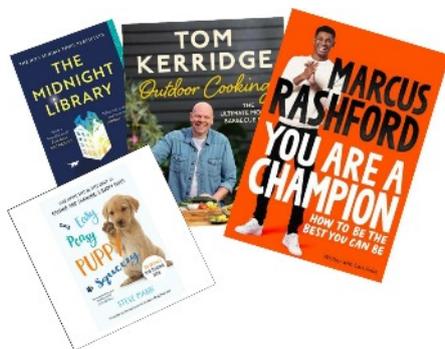


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Summer Reading

So, summer holidays are here at last but again probably different from the norm for many families – however wherever you go reading a good book is still part of the experience for many. So here are some recommendations for a bit of escapism:



The Midnight Library by Matt Haig is a beautiful book and has become a worldwide phenomenon, uplifting; it is filled with warmth and humour. *The Thursday Murder Club* is a second bestseller by Richard Osman - it's compassionate, warm, moving and very funny. *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* is a novel by no less than Quentin Tarantino "Hollywood 1969.....You shoulda been there!" Based on his Academy Award-winning film it is hilarious, delicious and surprising. *The Split* by Sharon Bolton is the most gripping, twisty thriller of the year – "She'll never stop running but he'll never stop looking".

On the non-fiction front Tom Kerridge has written his *Outdoor Cooking: the ultimate modern barbeque bible*, lots of delicious recipes such as lamb koftas and halloumi and mushroom burgers. *Coffee Self-Talk: 5 minutes a Day to Start Living Your Magical Life* is a powerful life-changing routine that only takes 5 minutes a day. For anyone with a new puppy, *Easy Peasy Puppy Squeezzy :The UK'S no.1 Dog Training Book* is a simple step by step guide to raising and training a happy puppy. *Hold Still* by the Duchess of Cambridge is a portrait of our nation in 2020 and is focused on three key themes – Helpers and Heroes, Your New Normal and Acts of Kindness, a lovely book.

For children's books *Megamonster* is a new laugh-out-loud book by David Walliams. *You Are a Champion: How to be the Best You Can Be* by Marcus Rashford is an inspiring, positive and practical guide for young people. *What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside* by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks has a cast of wonderful sea creatures including a magical mermaid and plenty of seaside fun, perfect for holidays.

On the subject of children's books, the theme of this year's Summer Reading Challenge (free to join in any library) is *Wild World Heroes*. It is also available online via The Reading Agency. There are challenges to meet and prizes to be won!

Stephanie Blakey

Pictures from Aston and Cote CE Primary School



Solving engineering challenges



A trip to the community shop

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Use the Government's Cycle to Work Scheme to buy an e-bike

The Government's Cycle to Work initiative is aimed at getting more people onto bikes. The tax-free programme allows employees to make savings of around 40% on new bikes and accessories. Includes e-bikes too. You don't need to cycle to work or even be able to and can still qualify.

The scheme is open to anyone in PAYE employment. Basically, the employer signs up for the scheme and then buys your bike for you. The Government says 'thank you' by giving tax and National Insurance breaks. You then lease the bike from your employer, paying for it directly from your salary for 12 months. Then you pay a 'fair market payment' to make the bike your own.

The scheme allows you to buy an electric (or conventional) bicycle up to a value of £1,000 (in some cases more if your company allows) which includes a number of makes and models including Juicy Bikes and Batribikes which are under £1,000.

Through the scheme an employee earning around £24,000 p.a. can get a £900 bike for around £540. Typically, the monthly loss to the pay-packet is £50 depending on the tax status of the employer and employee.

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Life with an Electric Bike



Lizzie Wood on her electric bike

It was the indignity of a lady (who looked much older than my vain self) passing me on my ordinary bicycle, at a greater speed, that persuaded me that I wanted an e-bike.

Husband pressed into service, discovered an e-bike specialist shop (<https://emotionevc.co.uk>) in Swindon, and spent some time researching what was available in the market and suitable for me.

Enquiries with the company showed that they had an e-bike which might suit me. I went to Swindon to 'look and see'. Mark, the owner told me that I really had to go for a 'test ride' and the three of us cycled around the local park with lovely flat paths. With no traffic and no potholes, it was a joy and I was sold on the bike immediately. My husband was told to find his credit card and the company delivered the bike to our house the very next day!

I experimented on the quiet roads around Aston and toppled over when stopping (on a very uneven surface) to avoid an oncoming car. I soon discovered that balance is important and had to take a bit more care. Power-assistance only allowed up to 15 mph but you can cycle faster than that if you wish. My intention – due to travel restrictions – is to explore surrounding villages and the e-bike will speed up my progress.

I don't want to make this a long technical article (and there are so many e-bikes to choose from), therefore I make the following points when buying an e-bike:

- 1) They are NOT cheap (we used money saved up because of lockdown).
 - 2) Research the type of e-bike that suits you.
 - 3) Many e-bikes have a battery located within the rear carrier. This design can be more susceptible to imbalance so you need to learn how to manage the extra weight of the battery.
 - 4) Some (more expensive?) designs have the battery integrated into the frame. This doesn't just give the e-bike a smart look, it also adds extra stability through the low centre of gravity.
 - 5) Beware road surfaces. Particularly the pot holes on the edges of the road. You can easily miss your footing when dismounting – as I did. I find the roads atrocious around this area – be alert.
 - 6) Wear high-viz clothes and assert your position on the road to avoid being disadvantaged by cars.
- "Happy Cycling".

Lizzie Wood

Goaled or Gold?

There must be something in the air or even the water (doubtful when Thames Water Co involved) as this is our third celebratory 50th Wedding Anniversary in Aston in a year. My lucky task (again) is to interview the couple involved.

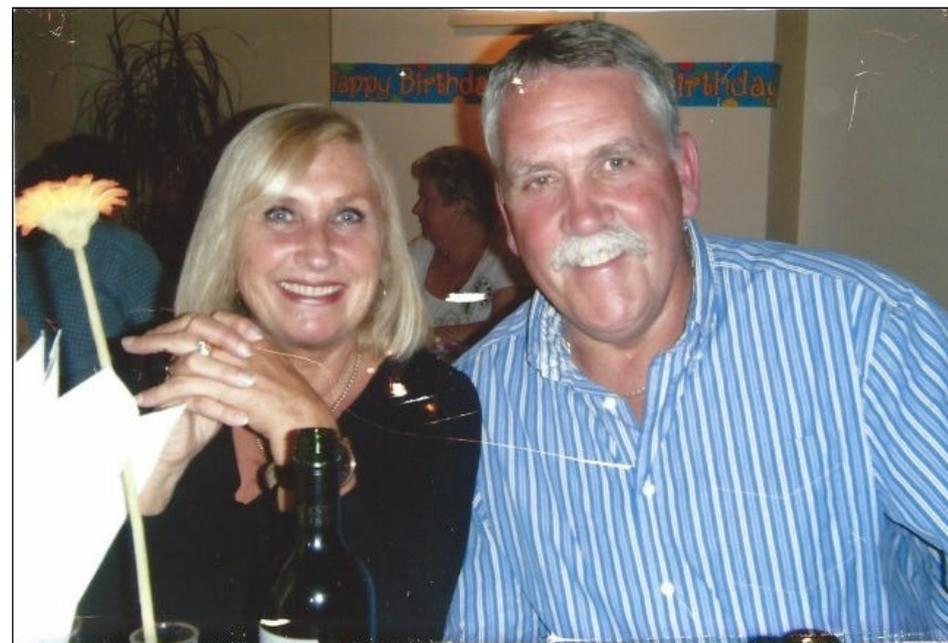
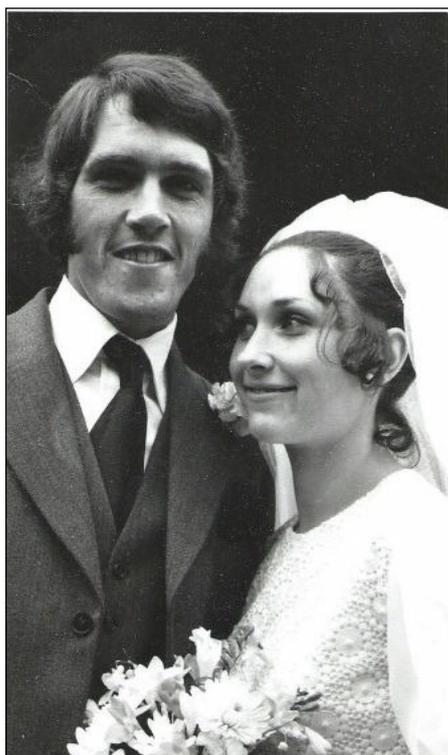
Richard (Dick) and Julie Lucas live in the centre of Aston and have done so for 50 years. Their life together began with a chance encounter in Witney. Julie, aged 16 years was walking home from a dance, with her friend, when Dick stopped his car and asked, "Would she like a lift?" The rest is history – as the expression goes – but there is an interesting aspect to both their lives.

A fascinating revelation that BOTH their fathers were Polish refugees, who had fled from an invading Russian army.

Julie's father, aged only 17 years escaped, and made his way to England, destined not to see his father for another 40 years. He served in the army. Richard's father became a Spitfire pilot at Little Rissington. They both married British girls. Richard and Julie married on 5th June 1971.

Dick is a well-known ex-Oxford United player and signed in 1965. He played successfully for ten years retiring at 27, due to a serious ankle injury. He went on to manage Witney Town (he was very modest about his career). With his brother-in-law he started work in a large electrical store and in 1987, they left the company and commenced their own electrical business "Busby and Lucas". They retired the business in 2019.

Julie and Dick have two daughters and proudly revealed that one of their daughters was awarded an OBE for her work in Child Abuse. One of the two grandsons appears to be 'literally' following his talented grandpa in his football skills.



Dick and Julie Lucas

The retail trade was the career of Julie and after raising the girls she worked in a Burford dress shop. The owner was only too happy to leave the running of the shop to Julie's expertise in fashion.

Aston became their choice for a home as their house was a new-build and they happily settled into the village life. Relaxing in their company, I forgot to ask "what makes a happy marriage?". It did not seem relevant as they have a busy and fulfilling relationship.

Voices wishes them "Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary".

Lizzie Wood



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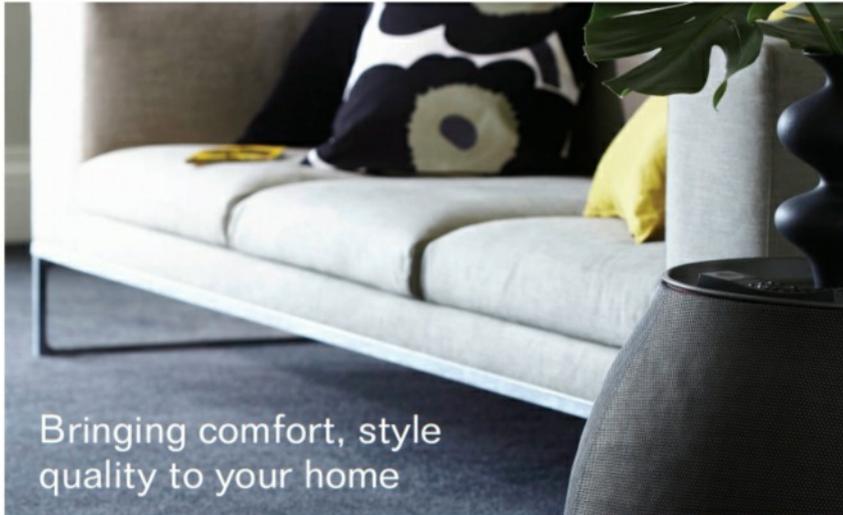
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Recipe

Lentil Salad

This is a vibrant dish full of Middle Eastern flavour.

Ingredients for Dressing

100gms whole grain mustard
1 tsp each of coriander, cinnamon, cumin
1 tbs rose water (optional)
3 fl oz white wine/cider vinegar
7 ozs olive oil
50 gms honey
This amount gives a runny consistency.
You may like to reduce the amount by up to half.

Ingredients for Salad

3 - 4 Courgettes, diced and fried
2 peppers, chopped
2 red onions, chopped small
250 - 300 gms Puy lentils
Large handful each of mint and parsley
Pepper (chopped)
2 handful raisins (may be soaked in apple juice)
4 - 6 dates chopped small
1 - 2 handful toasted pine nuts



Method

Combine all salad ingredients; drizzle over the dressing, then sprinkle over with the pine nuts and edible flowers (if available). Perfect on a summer's day with a glass of white wine!

Monica Read

1st Aston Brownies

The unit have been using the Zoom platform for the whole of this term, and fingers crossed that in the autumn we will all be back face to face in the hall once again.



We have been working through the various Skills Builders, for the badges, which has proved quite challenging to do "virtually" but we have managed. I must say a big Thankyou to all of the brownies that attend on Zoom and to the parents that encourage their daughters to come online and have been in the background to oversee each meeting.

We have had particular fun with invited guest speakers setting the girls tasks for the Science and Technology Badge, and both Pat and myself also learnt a lot.

The unit is always in a position to welcome enquiries for new girls to join. For more details please get in touch with me Karen on 07887974468 or karenthegardener123@gmail.com

The unit is still looking for a 'toadstool' for the traditional enrolment ceremony possibly made from wood locally, any suggestions where we might be able to get one from, then please get in touch with me. (see contact details above)

Stay Safe, Karen. Brownie Leader.

AJS

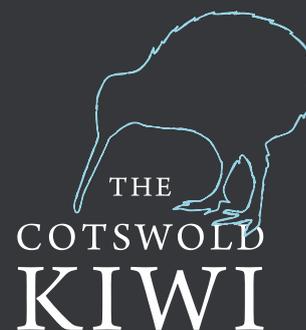
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Parish Council News

After only a brief Parish Council article in the last edition, I did promise more for the next one, so here goes! The local elections for County and District councils on 6th May saw two new councillors elected to represent (amongst others!) our Parish. Lysette Nicholls joins Steve Good as our second WODC councillor, whilst Dan Levy has been elected to represent us at OCC (Dan will also remain as a WODC councillor for Eynsham). We were delighted to welcome both Lysette and Dan at our monthly PC meeting on 10th June, and we look forward to working with them.

Since the last Voices, there has as expected, been little tangible progress with OCC on North Farm, due in large part to OCC's focus upon the elections and their aftermath. However, we were able to discuss with them, the outcomes of our second stage of public consultation. With around 15% of households responding formally, support has been overwhelmingly positive (in principle of course, at this early stage), and we were most grateful for the many suggestions and even offers of assistance from residents in taking the potential project forward. But what of the next steps in what we all should understand will be a long, slow and involved process – even if it finally proceeds at all? With a new OCC Leader and Cabinet now in place, OCC officers will have to prepare a formal case for their consideration whether to dispose of the site or not. This decision is unlikely before late-summer at the very earliest. At that stage, assuming OCC Cabinet approval, discussions with the Parish would then enter a far more detailed stage, including a proposed site plan. Our intention is to make this available to all residents to inform a third stage of (more detailed) public consultation. In the meantime, may I crave your patience – and reassure you that nothing pre-emptive is expected, as community support is an essential prerequisite for OCC if they wish to get any change of use and/or planning permission approved by WODC.

Our traffic calming project has also entered its second stage. Following a detailed tour of the Parish with OCC Highways staff, we will now be submitting our formal proposals to them. Having focused upon the main roads through Aston in Stage 1, we have now addressed signage for Cote, Shifford, Chimney and the Bull Street entrance to Aston. In addition, we are seeking three small extensions to the 30mph limit zone - beyond the Back Lane/North Street junction, the bottom of Bull Street and the road into Cote from Shifford. As any change to speed limit zones requires a period of formal public consultation by OCC (usually via articles in the Oxford Mail and Oxford Times), all residents will have an opportunity to comment directly, if they wish. After this we will have some Section 106 money remaining for a third stage of traffic calming, so we would be grateful for any continuing comments or suggestions. For example, residents may have views on reduced (20mph) speed limits? Meanwhile, in a separate but related piece of work, we have invited OCC Highways to make recommendations on what traffic calming measures, if any, may be realistic and effective in The Square. This is a long-standing and seemingly intractable issue, on which everybody has an opinion, so we shouldn't expect any easy answers or magic solutions that please absolutely everybody. At least though, we have the experts reviewing it and we wait with interest what they have to say.

The Queen's Green Canopy is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. We are considering ways in which the Parish could engage in this project and would welcome any comments or suggestions. One idea is to repeat a similar local initiative conducted for The Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002, when silver birch trees (one for each child in Aston School) were planted in the corner of the Recreation Field. As ever, we would welcome resident's views.

Residents of North Street, High Street and Bull Street are asked to keep their roads clear of parked cars on 21st July as the road sweeper has been booked for that day.

Finally, in response to popular request, a new dog poo bin will soon be installed in Ham Lane – and who says that parish councils don't get to grapple with the really strategic issues! And so, let's all now enjoy the summer and the end of Lockdown maybe.....

Russell La Forte, Chairman Aston, Cote, Shifford and Chimney Parish Council

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What's New?

I am running out of things to write about which have a Parish connection. However, as we (hopefully) near the end of the COVID restrictions, I thought that I would review the scenes familiar to me, and the changes which have occurred a little while before or during the pandemic.

The familiar scenes include the brand-new Pulham buses which are, regrettably, running about virtually empty, cyclists riding one metre plus abreast through the Parish, the continuing demise of the area around the war memorial, due mainly, I think, to lorries heading for the Bampton building sites and, finally, the ubiquitous pigeons seen in ever increasing numbers.

The state of our roads is always in flux. There have been improvements: The passing places on the road to the Great Brook, the re-surfacing of the road to Chimney and the resurfacing of the Cote Mile, yet the Witney Hills are again a cause for concern.

Other changes include the closing of the Red Lion (although it may re-open), the construction of the new dwellings on Cote Road, the impressive development opposite the Pottery and the opening of the Community Shop. The shop is a real bonus, and most people (including me) are impressed with the variety of stock provided. The people running the shop have really done their homework. The moving of the Post Office to the shop has been a master stroke and should help ensure the future of the shop as a going concern.

The final change relates to the seat placed in Bull Street, in memory of our much-loved postman Richard. He had an incisive wit. He usually wore shorts, and I once asked him if his trousers were on standby, ready for the impending cold winter. His immediate response was that they were in a cabinet with a notice on the front stating "Break glass in case of emergency". Priceless.

Robert Jones.

Aston FC Strike New Sponsorship Deal

It has been a turbulent 18 months with grassroots football stopping and starting on numerous occasions due to the current pandemic.

We are delighted to announce that PD Hook Hatcheries is to become our main club sponsor for the 2021/2022 season. This is an extraordinary gesture from a local company to sponsor the club. This will allow us to purchase more kit and equipment for the children, as well as helping us fund coaching courses – this will allow us to facilitate even more sessions for the children in the local community. The football club would like to publicly thank PD Hook for their contribution and support to the club.



The club has still been able to expand the number of teams that we are fielding in the local leagues despite the pandemic to eight for the 2021/2022 season. Our girls' section has grown rapidly with taster sessions for girls aged 5 - 13 now running every Wednesday 6 - 7pm.

We have two strong men's sides that train on Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30pm. We have seen record numbers 30+ at training when we have not been in lockdown. It has been great to see so many attendees. If anyone would like to come along to train with us, please get in contact. These sessions are run by a UEFA B licenced coach.

We are currently looking for more players in the following age groups
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A rose in Aston complete with aphids

Nature Natters - The war of the roses.

Greenfly on the roses? Blackfly on the broad beans? It must be July. The trouble with aphids (greenfly, blackfly, and hundreds of other species) is that they come in vast numbers. A couple of weeks ago the roses were clear, and now they are covered in the pests. But if you step back from your role of gardener, these creatures are fascinating.

The first remarkable thing about them is the way they breed. A female produces live young without mating (Parthenogenesis). The young are called nymphs and a nymph emerges already carrying the embryo of her own first offspring. It takes about a week for a nymph to mature and give birth to that daughter, and she will carry on producing young ones at a rate of roughly one a day. This is the exponential growth that the Covid boffins warn us about.

There are several factors on the aphids' side. They feed by tapping into the cells carrying sap from the leaves of the roses. There isn't much protein in the sap but there is so much sugar that they excrete it as honeydew. Ants farm them taking them to fresh bits of your rose bush in return for the honeydew.

On the other side, there are several animals that cash in on this bonanza. Ladybirds are the most famous aphid eaters, and they do a fine job. But there are others too. Hover flies and lacewings both lay their eggs near clusters of greenfly, and the emerging maggots gorge on the succulent aphids. Birds such as blue tits join in too, and together these aphid-eaters eventually bring the numbers down, but it takes time. The consolation is that there isn't going to be a second wave of this pandemic (till next year).

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Project – Drop in the Ocean



The photo shows Isla, Poppy and Beth, from Year 5, Aston Primary School, doing their homework on a school project in relation to protecting sea creatures from plastic litter. Their mission was to prevent litter reaching water courses that led on to rivers, by collecting litter in our streets.

On the sunny Saturday afternoon in June, armed with litter pickers, they started in Bull Street. They were diligent and connected to their research they had recorded a short video.

Peering into their collecting bags I could see that cigarette butts were a big problem. The girls were incensed to find discarded crisp bags and snack wrappers dropped near Southlands litter bin. The project is continuing for the rest of the summer term and they wish for people to help them with their quest.

Comment: Having read some back-issues of Voices, this topic has been covered by a variety of local residents and like climate change is an urgent problem. It was rewarding to see these young people dedicated to the cause.

Lizzie Wood

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Eating Out

The Maybush, Newbridge

I reviewed the Maybush on TripAdvisor in 2015, which in essence was “nice looking,



shame about the food and service”. Back then, they were building an outside kitchen for pizzas and a barbecue, and with the decking in a prime spot by the river and a large grass area, this should have been the perfect spot for lunch or dinner and a nice alternative to the Rose Revived opposite. Roll on since, and every time I drive past, there seems to be another change of management or part-time/pop-up opening for drinks and no food.

Last week my wife and daughter noticed it was open again and popped in for a drink and bowl of chips, and were so impressed with the chips they suggested a nearby Thames Path walk and lunch. So, in only our first time eating out since first lockdown, and following a three mile walk (that turned into a very hot five and a half as some paths were overgrown) five of us arrived to find it full, but luckily were first in line for a table so we ordered drinks. It all looked well managed with table service only and everything sanitised between customers as is now the norm, and the staff were very friendly. Additional tables now adorned the grass, although a large gazebo was empty with room for a few more tables.

As this was just a light lunch to see what it was like, the others all ordered the Ciabatta with sweet peppers, pesto & hummus which by all accounts was excellent.

I had the Maybush cheeseburger and it was refreshing to find a burger you could pick up and eat like you’re supposed to, i.e. not eight inches high and packed with half an allotment that you have to dismantle to eat. The salad was on the side, along with pots of mayo and tomato relish, the bap light and floury and the 8oz chuck steak burger was tender, moist and tasty.

As for the chips, they were indeed to die for, chunky, probably double or triple cooked, perfectly crispy outside and light and fluffy inside, and the onion rings were also very good.

Okay, this wasn’t exactly cordon bleu, and the various menus aren’t extensive but do have veggie/vegan/GF and a couple of interesting options, but I’d rather see a small menu of well-cooked tasty food, served with efficiency and a smile than a huge list of mediocre dishes, so we’ll be returning very soon (weather permitting).

There is no evidence of the pizza oven or barbecue, which I think would be a great seasonal addition, but it is what it is, and they do it well, so give it a try and maybe it won’t fail again.

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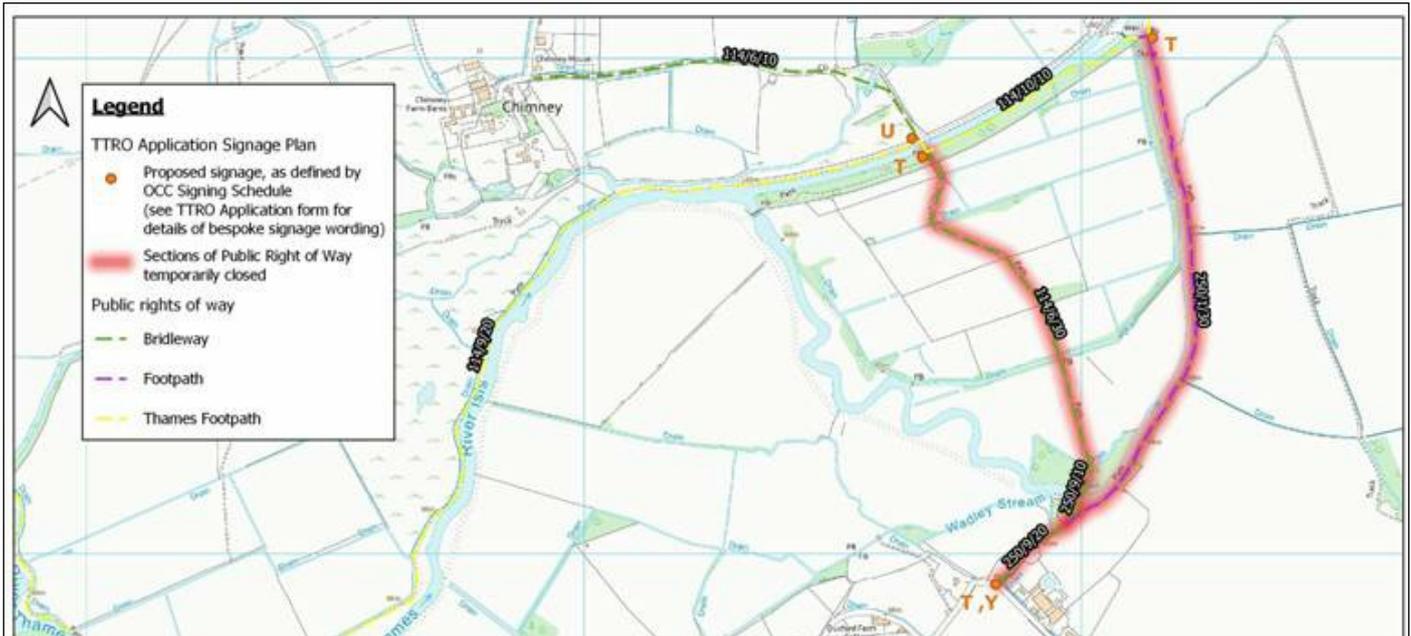
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Oxfordshire County Council granted a temporary closure to certain rights of way to keep people safe during construction starting on 1st June. There has been a delay in starting the works due to the wet May so the contractors have not actually had to temporarily close any public rights of way yet. BBOWT's aim and that of our contractor is to keep people safe through the construction phase of the project and only temporarily close public rights of way needed to keep people safe.

The contractor will follow the conditions of the public rights of way closure and manage this through the summer, as necessary.

The contractor will:

- Close access to Public Right of Way 250/9/10 (see map) and the approach to it from the north along 114/6/30 (see map) on 21st July.
- Erect barriers either side of the ford.
- Erect signage on the affected public rights of way including a sign at the T junction down to Duxford from Hinton Waldrist to warn visitors arriving by car.
- Maintain access for the properties with access off the bridleway towards the ford.
- The closure will be in effect seven days per week and 24hrs a day from 21st July until the Duxford ford work is complete, which is expected to be by mid-September.

Access to and along the footpath route between Duxford and Shifford Lock (Sections 250/9/20 and 250/1/30 on the map) are not yet affected but are likely to be temporarily closed during tree works on the northern side of Duxford ford in Duxford Plantation from the 1st Sept 2021.

This is in line with the conditions of the closure granted by Oxfordshire County Council with reference 'TTRO (T8817) Temporary Footpath and Bridleway Closures, Hinton Waldrist, various Footpaths and Bridleways'

*Lisa Lane - Upper Thames Living Landscape Manager
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Cote Mile gets a Makeover



Work on the Cote Mile during May

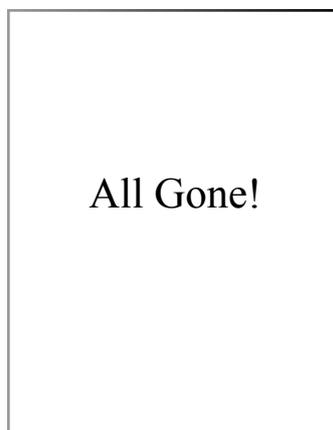
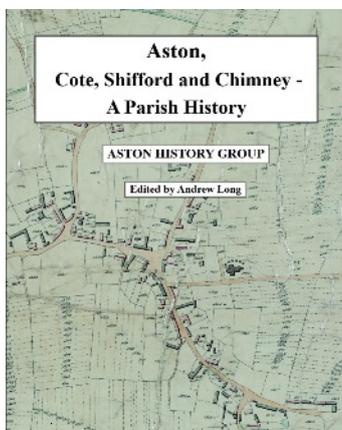
For many years travelling the Cote Mile whether by car or bike has been a bone shaking experience. So its resurfacing which included new surface water run-off 'grips', by OCC in May is very welcome. Whilst still not the smoothest road in the Parish and unfortunately a large pothole has already appeared, you can now enjoy a more comfortable ride, rather than having to give full concentration to avoiding the many potholes!

Richard Haines

History Group Back up and running

If you bought a copy of Aston, Cote, Shifford and Chimney - A Parish History we hope you found it interesting. It was written and edited so that it could be read from cover to cover or just dipped into.

We have now virtually sold our copies - there may be one or two still on sale at the Pottery, or the Aston Community Shop. We hope to have a reprint, but that could take a few weeks.



The History Group monthly meetings should resume in September. We have an interesting programme lined up for our Thursday meetings; further details in the September Voices.

Andrew Long



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Pally. 11. Antwerp. 12. Anton. 13. An
anchor. 14. Avocado. 15. Alvescot.
16. Adam's. 17. Aberdeen. 18. Also
known as. 19. St. Alban. 20. Alice in
Wonderland.

Answer to Where in the Village

The Village Hall front car park, relocated
from the disassembled old children's
play area (see Community Trust Report)

Support your Local Community by entering **500 Club**

Thank you to all of those who supported the 500 Club over the last 12 months – your entries raised £2,100, providing vital funds for the upkeep of the village hall during very challenging times. More than 100 lucky entrants took away prizes, with twelve of you winning £40. Please continue to support your local community this year.

About the 500 Club: Draws are held monthly, with prizes of up to £40 (3 prizes of £5, 2 of £10, 1 of £20, 1 of £30 and 1 of £40). Bonus draws with larger prizes are held twice a year. To enter, it costs only £12 per year.

To enter online: If you entered online last year, please make a payment of £12 to the Community Trust using the same bank details as you used before, including the same *individual reference number* that we provided by email. We will check the bank statements and confirm by email that your payment has been received (please allow 28 days). Once the payment is received, we will enter you into the next prize draw (and 11 more thereafter).

If you would like to enter for the first time, send an email to 500ClubAston@gmail.com with the word 'Enter' in the subject line. In the body of the text, please include your full name, house number/name and street name, as well as your contact phone number. We will reply to your email with your individual reference number and also provide the bank details for the Community Trust. Please make an online payment of £12 into the Community Trust account, importantly *including your individual reference number*.

To enter using cash/cheque: Please write your name, address, email address and phone number on the envelope provided in this issue of Voices. Include your payment by cash or cheque and drop the envelope at Aston Repair Depot or No 12 Cote Road. You will also be able to enter when door-to-door collections resume in July.

Winners: Winning numbers and surnames will be published as usual in the Voices magazine and you will be contacted with your prize. In line with GDPR, your personal information will only be used for the purpose of contacting you about your entry.

Volunteers needed: We are looking for new volunteers to help collect 500 Club entries from their neighbours. Please get in touch if you can help. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Hook on 01993 702411, or via email at 500ClubAston@gmail.com or the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AstonCote/>

Paul Farrow on behalf of Aston and Cote Community Trust

Allotment News

There are new allotment trustees: Marilyn Ordish, Gillian Long and Roy Williams. There is also a new secretary, Claire Hill.

There will be a general meeting for allotment holders on the 3rd August at 6pm at the Village Hall.

Below is a proposed agenda:

- Allocation of funds (including charitable donations)
- Suggestions for improvement to allotment plots
- General rules in regard to non-payment or lack of upkeep to individual plots

If anyone would like to add further bullet points not listed, please email into allotment secretary at acallotments@gmail.com

Claire Hill

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Improvements to the village hall and recreation grounds



Removing the old playground

Improvements to the village hall and recreation grounds continue apace. During June we had the local builders in to remove the old playground and re-site the fence along the perimeter of the car park, forming a more attractive barrier to Cote Road. They also installed a weed-control border around the new young children's playground. While many members of the community will have fond childhood memories of the old playground, the equipment was more than 35 years old and had needed replacement for some time. It had been closed for several months as it no longer passed RoSPA safety inspections. For now, the site has been returned to grass. Thank you to A Bartlett General Building Ltd including our very own Ian Dunstan for getting this done ahead of the summer holidays. Our attention now turns to other priorities. The village hall floor, which is prone to moisture-related expansion issues, will be replaced in late August. We will also be looking to address car parking and progress with the Multi-User Games Area (MUGA) project. Look out for more updates in the coming months.

Thank you, John Ordish!

Finally, as he retires from Aston and Cote Community Trust, we'd like to thank John Ordish for his dedication and commitment to our community. John was Chairman of the Trust from 1983 to 1986 (when the village hall was built), and has played an important role in the committee ever since. If like John, you'd like to play a part in helping to build our community, please do get in touch via www.facebook.com/AstonCote.

Paul Farrow on behalf of Aston & Cote Community Trust

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The Changing of the Guard



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Retired - Charles Mathew

In 2010 I was first elected as one of your two West Oxfordshire District Councillors little realising the considerable workload that this implied.

Suddenly, as your elected district councillor, I found myself answerable for all WODC services including - Planning - Financial Management - Law - Environment - Licensing - Bin Collections - Re-cycling - Housing and more. Initially the list seemed both daunting and endless, as did the number of committees, briefing papers and meetings required each week.

Fortunately, a very helpful lady, Hilary Fenton, was already established as my Co-Ward District Councillor, with two years' experience in the job! Initially Hilary mentored me, explaining the numerous issues, responsibilities and complexities there are relating to the entire "ward" which is made up of made up of Aston, Cote, Shifford and Chimney, Hardwick, Yelford, Standlake, Northmoor, Bablock Hythe, Newbridge, Stanton Harcourt and Sutton, circa 5,000 homes.

Also involved was County Councillor Charles Mathew, but only when it came to County Council issues which include Hospitals - Libraries - Fire Brigade - Schools - Police - Highways (including Potholes!!).

The learning curve was steep, with more responsibility than perhaps most people might expect.

Now in my thirteenth year as our WODC district councillor, following Hilary and Charles' decision to retire to enjoy more family time, it is now my turn to step up to take the lead in congratulating, welcoming, supporting and working in harmony with new district councillor Lysette Nicholls and our new county councillor Dan Levy. I wish them both all the best for the future. And finally my thanks go to Hilary and Charles . . . enjoy your retirement.

Steve Good



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Sealed

At the end of June the post box at corner of Bull St. and Cote Rd. was sealed for several days. Speculation was rife as to the reason but it turned out simply that a hinge on the door was broken and needed two engineers to come out and fix it.

Richard Haines



The sealed post box

500 Club Winners

May 2021 Draw

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No. 56	5	W. Broughtflower

June 2021 Draw

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No. 142	75	V. Judge
No. 339	50	H. Dunkelman
No. 20	40	K. Trevena
No. 135	30	J. Harris
No. 78	20	R. Whiteley
No. 307	10	M. & E. Wood
No. 62	10	R. Hook
No. 321	5	S. Edwards
No. 386	5	P. Hook
No. 194	5	J. Maloney

Aston Expanding

When I first visited Aston in 1968 Saxel Close was newly completed. Since then, as the map shows very clearly, Aston has expanded. Waites Close and houses in Bovingtons Yard were added. Marsh Furlong, The Hawthorns, St. Josephs Court, St James Court, Wheelwright Court and additions to Bull Lane and Back Lane have been built and in the last ten years the village population has increased by 25%.

Aston has gained many welcome residents but has lost a pub, and several shops including a butchers and a full time Post Office. On the plus side it has gained some affordable housing, a renowned Pottery and an excellent Community Shop. The village school has 'grewed and grewed' attracting children from outside the village because of its excellent reputation.

However, an increase in residents has brought with it an increase in demand for services. There is more traffic, there are more children for the school, and perhaps most important of all – a greater demand for sewage disposal! Despite the fact that most of the new houses have been built on land known to flood in heavy rain, and despite the current sewage disposal system already failing, 25% more sewage has to go somewhere...

Current Planning regulations dictate that if a development reaches a certain size two things must happen:-

- A percentage of the new housing must be 'low cost'
- The developer has to contribute money to the area for amenities.

With the money from the latest developments the Parish Council has done well to gain improvements for Aston. So far most attention has been given to traffic calming, especially the automated signs outside the school. In agreement with the Community Trust future plans for improvements to the playing field facilities may also be paid for from this developer money.

But as to the drains.....zilch!?"

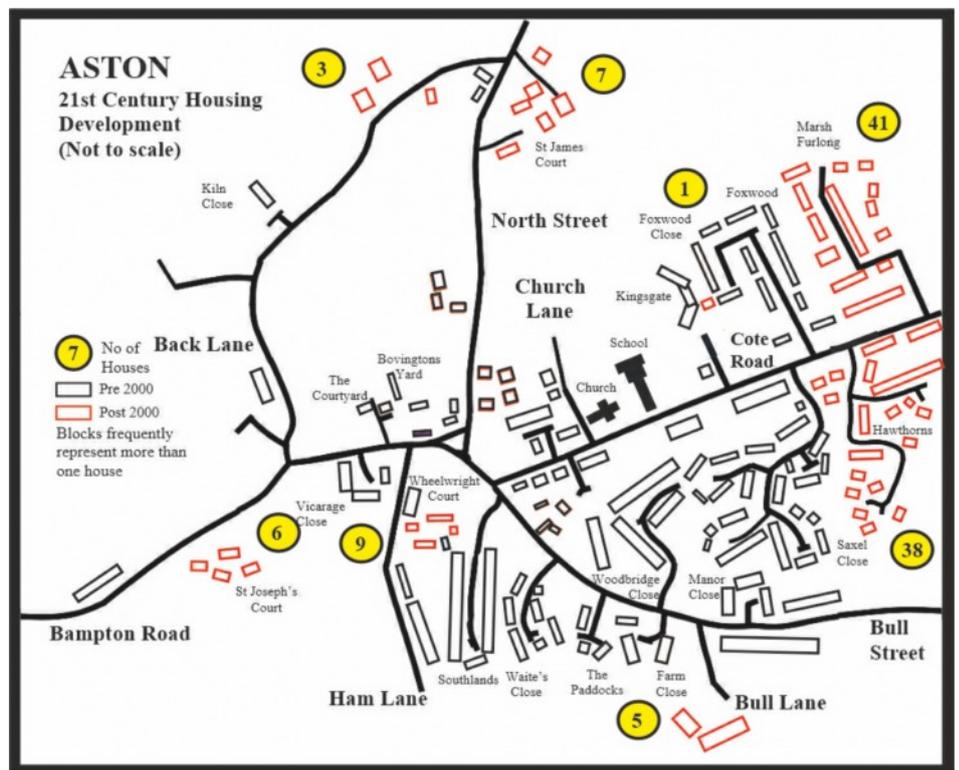
At times a combination of flood water and sewage with nowhere for it to go is already causing problems. So why are applications for future development not refused? The Drainage Authority maintains that legally it is not allowed to refuse to accept waste.

Stalemate!

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Gardening Notes

Not sure where May went to, and here we are well into June and finally some warm weather.

I still think we are at least two weeks behind, and so I have only just planted out my tender beans and courgettes. They both benefit from warmer nights, so should leap away. Both are very greedy feeders, so the more compost or well-rotted manure you give them, the better.

Dahlias are also hungry so feed them well as they will flower from August, until frost cuts them down. They do need support as the lush growth is susceptible to wind damage – good stakes or canes about four feet long, and I use bean and pea netting stretched in layers to the top of canes, the foliage will grow up through to support lots of flowers (we hope). Whether you leave them in situ or lift each year, they come back well each year. As the weather warms, you can leave them in the ground and just mulch over the top of tubers, once the foliage has died back, except if you have clay soil! A good handful of poultry pellets fertilizer will help enormously with growth and flowers.

Roses are probably going over now, but keep dead heading and feed well and they should produce a second flush. Feed with specialist rose fertilizer is the best course I have found.

Herbaceous plants such as Michaelmas daisies and heliums are a bit too lush after all the rain, so every second clump can be given the Chelsea chop down to half height with shears, this will allow the taller half to flower earlier and the chopped half to flower later, extending the season. Chelsea chop comes from the timing – in a normal year when the Chelsea flower show is on in late May (beware though as this year Chelsea is in September).

There is a movement in the gardening world to leave a part of your lawn unmowed, possibly with a mown path through. I think you will be surprised at what grows up to flower, I have beautiful Ox-eye daisies, and lovely grass heads, so I am all for this wilding of your lawn. It provides extra pollen and nectar for bees and insects – much needed! Above all make time to sit and enjoy your garden and all its lushness this month.

Goldfinch.



Ox eye daisies

WI News



Thankfully we are nearly at a place where we should be able to start our monthly meetings in the village hall from September; however before then we plan for August a get together albeit in one of our members' gardens..

In order that we can get back to some normality I am currently lining up some of the speakers we had to cancel last year. We always try to vary our speakers each month. In the next few months we hopefully will have someone demonstrating different ways of wearing scarves and another to talk about creative writing. However we are always willing to have suggestions of all sorts of topics to consider or better still volunteers to come and talk to us about their skills, hobbies or careers.

If you are new to the village and would like to join our very friendly group you would be very welcome. Just come along on any second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 in the village hall to give it a try as you may be very surprised.

Lesley Brown

FACS News

Thank you to everyone who supported FACS over the last academic year - it has been a difficult year for raising funds. However we still have managed to do it thanks to you all. We have bought the school 15 iPads, playground markings and are now raising money to put towards school trips/experiences for the children so thank you.

We will be back in September for more fundraising events hopefully not just virtual ones so keep your eyes peeled on our facebook page "Friends of Aston & Cote School" to see what we are up to. We are always looking for new members so if you would like to come and join the team do get in touch at facstaston@gmail.com

Have a great summer. Don't forget if you are doing any online shopping you can easily raise funds for us through Amazon Smile

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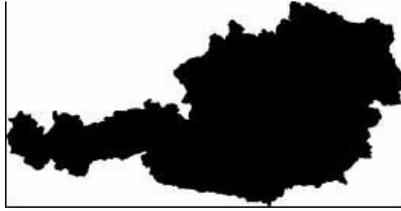


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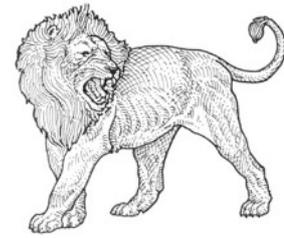
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Alphabet Quiz

A simple twenty question quiz, but all the answers begin with the letter A.



News from the Red Lion



1. Of which country is this the flag?
2. This is the silhouette of which country?
3. Who is this singer?
4. Which Titan was forced to hold up the heavens?
5. What is the alternative name for the German shepherd dog?
6. What is the capital of Nigeria?
7. Mama Mia is a film about which pop group?
8. What is the name given to the fear of spiders?
9. Herbert Chapman and George Graham both managed which football club?
10. What is the affectionate name of Alexander Palace?
11. Which city hosted the 1920 Olympic Games?
12. What Christian name was shared by the writer Chekov and the composer Bruckner?
13. What did Popeye have tattooed on his arms?
14. Which fruit is one of the main ingredients of guacamole?
15. Which village lies between Black Bourton and Carterton?
16. Whose ale is water known as?
17. Which city in Scotland is known as the granite city?
18. What do the initials aka stand for?
19. Who was Britain's first Christian martyr?
20. In which book does the Cheshire Cat appear?

Answers are at the bottom of page 16

Where in the Village?



Where in the Village is this newly installed fencing located and where was it relocated from?

What's happening at the Red Lion we hear you ask? After what has been an extremely difficult 16 months for everyone we are now looking forward to getting back to a bit more normal! There have been many times throughout this pandemic where we have thought it would be an impossibility to re-open again with all the nervousness around social gatherings as well as the huge financial impact this has had on us. Although there have been earlier opportunities where the government has allowed opening of venues like this we felt the restrictions were just too tight for us, being such a small venue, and we just couldn't afford to make a mistake by opening too early and then having to close again.

Whilst we have been closed all this time we haven't been idle, but instead taken the opportunity to take stock of the situation as well as carrying out some much needed TLC and refurbishment to the building. The most noticeable of these being the improvement to the outside space at the front and side of the pub; although this was completed a year ago today there has been little chance to use it for anything other than a convenient car parking space! We are looking forward to introducing new team members here at the Red Lion, bringing new ideas and events - so look out for more information via the boards outside or Facebook.

We were hoping that Julia's wonderful Friday coffee morning would be able to re-start. However Julia is now working on Fridays. If there is anyone else in the village brave enough to give it a go then please get in touch.

Providing there are no further government restrictions imposed on us then we are looking to re-open the week commencing 19th July when the restrictions have been relaxed and look forward to welcoming back all our lovely regulars and hopefully lots of new faces too. Fingers crossed this time!

The Red Lion Team

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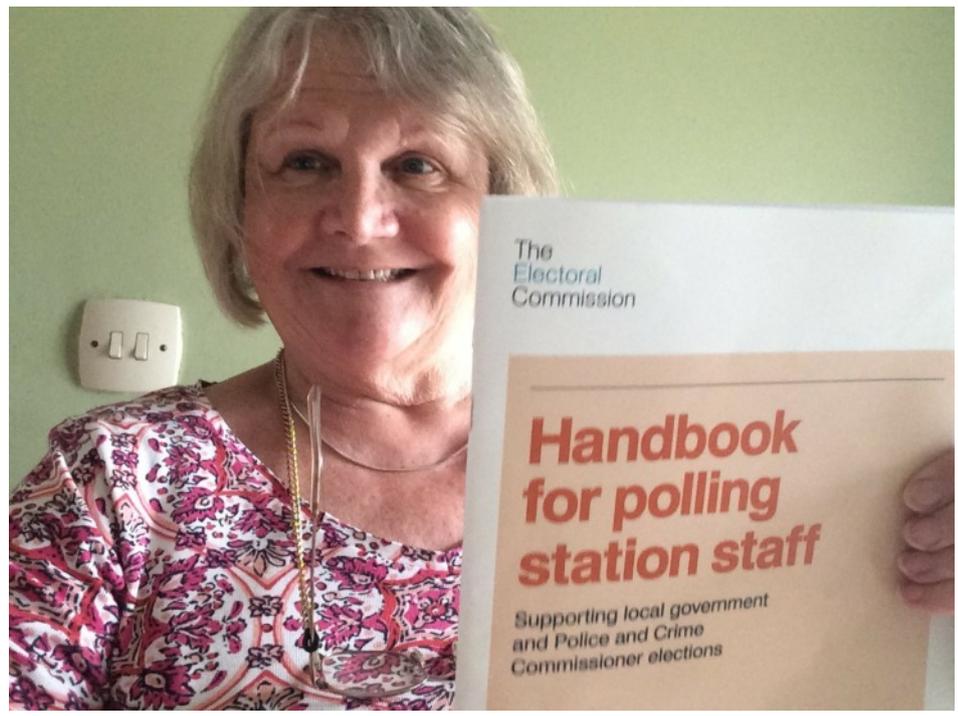
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Polling Day



Lesley Brown

Do you remember the polling day back in May when it wasn't very warm? Well I signed up as a polling clerk and was lucky to be allocated Ducklington which I was pleased about as it was nice and near to home.

As you may know it's a really early start and because of Covid19 there were loads of signs and posters to put up, so our Presiding Officer suggested that as we had access to the hall the night before we set up then rather the morning, otherwise we would need to be there by 6.00 am.

Before we opened the door we checked the supplies and the register and checked to make sure the ballot box was empty. It was and it was then closed and sealed by the Presiding Officer.

On the dot of 7.00 we were ready for our first voter however there was to be no rush at our station as the first voter I think arrived about 8.30. From there after it was a slow trickle of people throughout the day with occasionally several arriving at the same time, but as only three were allowed in the hall and following the Covid rules we had to ask them to wait. Everyone was very polite and although we had to prompt them to use the hand sanitizer they all came masked up. Many of the voters combined walking their dogs so we were treated to seeing various types and there was even a three legged one. During the day we had a visit from the police as well as a representative of the Electoral Commission. They come to check all was going well and that we had no problems.

As the day wore on less people came in to vote. It got colder because we were required to keep the hall well ventilated. We regularly moved about to keep warm by sanitising surfaces as well as the used pencils. As the time got nearer to 10.00 we gradually took down some of the duplicated signs and started to put away chairs and tables. Then spot on 10.00 the doors were closed the ballot box sealed and it was all over to the next election. The Presiding Officer was then responsible for delivering the box.

It was now down to finishing up and going home. It was a long day but I met some lovely people and will certainly sign up for the next election.

Lesley Brown

What's On or Not!



Village Fete

Unfortunately no Village Fete this year

Community Trust & Fellowship

Village Hall:

The Community Trust is following the current guidelines and the hall will re-open when permitted.

Vicky Fuller 851649 vicky.fuller@tiscalli.co.uk

Fellowship Centre:

Lettings to resume in late July.

Andrew Long 850271 ag.long@virgin.net

Church Services

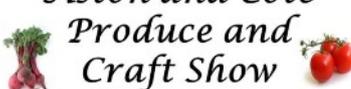
Aston and Cote Community Church

Over the summer we are meeting every Sunday at 10.00am and are exploring the 'Fruit of the Spirit'. Everyone is welcome and we have now re-started children's activities and Sunday School, as part of our weekly gatherings.

11 July	Worship & S. School	Love
18 July	Worship & S. School	Joy
25 July	Worship & S. School	Peace
1 August	Family Service	Patience
8 August	Worship & S. School	Kindness & Goodness
15 August	Family Service	Faithfulness
22 August	Worship & S. School	Gentleness
29 August	Worship & S. School	Self Control

St James	1 st & 3 rd Sunday	Holy Communion	09:30
	2 nd & 4 th Sunday	Family Service	09:30
Shifford	2 nd Sunday	Holy Communion	09:15
	4 th Sunday	Evensong	6:pm

**Aston and Cote
Produce and
Craft Show**



**It's Show Time!!!
Sunday 12th
September 2021**

*Vegetables, Fruit, Preserves,
Cakes, Photographs, Children's
classes & a few fun ones*

Something for everyone!

For a schedule please visit Aston and Cote Produce and Craft Show

Save the date!



Parish Council

The Parish Council will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 at the Village Hall

7.30 5th August

7.30 2nd September

ASTON, COTE, SHIFFORD & CHIMNEY PARISH COUNCIL



On 21st July 2021, a road sweeper will visit Aston and sweep Bull Street, High Street and North Street.

This has been arranged at the request of residents.

The Parish Council would request that all vehicles are parked away from these areas between 8am and 4pm to allow full access to the road sweeper.

Parish Clerk
30th June 2021

Brownies There are no meetings at the moment. Brownies are still very active albeit on Zoom. Information :07887974468 or karenthegardener123@gmail.com

Aston Community Shop

Shop Opening Hours:

Mon – Wed 08:30 – 16:00

Thu – Fri 08:30 – 18:30

Saturday 08:30 – 14:00

Sunday 09:00 – 12:00

Post Office

Post Office Opening Hours:

Monday 09:30 – 12:30

Wednesday 09:30 – 12:30

Friday 12:00 – 15:00

Wednesday Club

No meetings until further notice. Carolyn Simmonds is stepping down as leader. New leaders needed. For more information please contact Carolyn Simmonds simmonds_lyn@yahoo.co.uk or call 01993 851215

Choir

Possible restart in September. Anybody interested can contact Mary Wade: Mary.medlow54@gmail.com. Look for updates on the Aston and Cote website.

ACTS, Football, History and W.I.

See individual articles for details of events.

ACTS Presents - The Adventures of Mr Toad, to be released in July on YouTube, link to follow

As so many of you listened in to ACTS autumn radio play, Sherlock Holmes, it was decided to do another. So sit back in your deckchair in your summer staycation, or at home, and tune into 'The Adventures of Mr Toad' adapted and directed as a radio play by Val Crowson from 'Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame.

Once again recorded at the Danielwood Studio, Cote, adhering to the current Covid rules with nine actors playing several parts. This is a family story, familiar to old and young, and we hope you will enjoy it. The link to YouTube will be on the Village facebook page at the start of the school holidays. The running time is approximately one hour. We'd love your feedback.
Poppo Hoskins



Editors' Note: these photos are from the original production of Wind in the Willows from 2003, performed by ACTS at Cote House. ACTS still have the original Mr Toad (Simon Hoskins), Ratty (Barry Gillibrand), Mole (Vicky Fuller) and Gill Long. And look at those crowds!

ACTS, Aston and Cote Thespian Society APPEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

Enjoyed our radio play? New to the village? Or interested but never got round to doing anything about it?
Why not come and join ACTS.

Sadly no productions while Covid takes centre stage, but eventually we will be needing to beef up our back stage crew, especially anyone interested, but not necessarily experienced, in lighting or costume or set building or publicity or even directing. And of course aspiring actors welcome too.

We are a wonderfully equipped drama group and have been performing in the Village Hall since 1991.
Interested and want to know more contact me Val tel: 850139 or email:valcrowson@yahoo.co.uk

ACTS PRESENT

THE ADVENTURES OF MR TOAD
FROM WIND IN THE WILLOWS

ACTS, Aston and Cote Thespian Society based in West Oxfordshire, present The Adventures of Mr Toad from Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame. Adapted and directed as a radio play by Val Crowson with the following cast:

Mr Toad	Simon Hoskins
Ratty, Arresting Policeman	Barry Gillibrand
Mole	Vicky Fuller
Mr Badger, Car Driver	Richard Buss Keaton
Chief Weasel, Magistrate	Mark Goss
Weasel 2, Washerwoman, Mrs Rabbit	Gill Long
Small Weasel, Girl, Car Passenger	Sophie Fuller
Weasel 1, Clerk of the Court, Train Driver	Andy Ball
Narrator, Weasel 3	Jay Mathews
Sound Editor	Barry Gillibrand
Distribution	Poppo Hoskins

Recorded at Danielwood Studio, Cote, Oxfordshire, July 2022 under current covid rules