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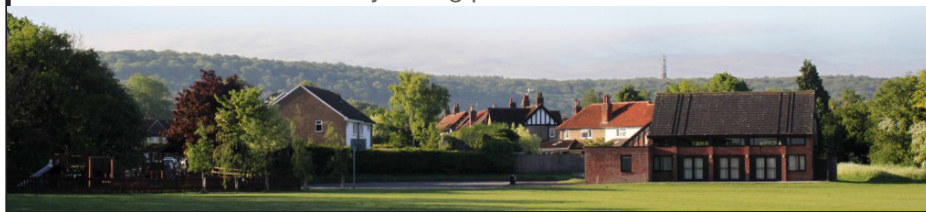
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For arrangements for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage please contact the Parish Administrator (see above).

Methodist Services – Station Road, Chinnor

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

Aston Rowant Church Services

First Sunday of every month – 10am Family Service
2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays 10am – Holy Communion
3rd Sunday – Service of the Word with hymns and sermon
Fifth Sundays see notice board in Church porch or village notice board
1st Tuesday of every month 8am – Morning Prayers

Crowell Church Services

1st Sunday of the month 6pm – Evensong
2nd Sunday of the month 10am – Eucharist
3rd Saturday of the month – Soul Space at 5.30pm

AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MAGGIE

Dear friends

It is with feelings of both sadness and great excitement that I have to tell you that I have recently been appointed to the position of Rector of the Benefice of Coity, Nolton and Bracla with Coychurch. It is a very different parish to this, being the town centre church in Bridgend, plus three others, which together comprise the major part of the town which is situated between Cardiff and Swansea. My last Sunday in the United Parish will be on 19th May and I'll be moving very soon after that. Some of you will know the draw that Wales has for both my husband and me and it's time to make a permanent move there. The parish is only 10 minutes drive from the M4, so I do hope that those of you who like to visit Wales, will stop by from time to time and say 'Hello'. The United Parish and the wonderful people who live here, will always remain close to my heart as I hope I will yours. In the remaining time, I will continue to serve the villages in the best way that I can.

God bless you all.

Maggie

CHINNOR CHURCHES GO WILD!

Chinnor Churches Go Wild! Spring Nature Walk will take place on Palm Sunday, 14th April. Meet at Aston Rowant Church at 2.30pm.

We'll be walking to local conservation spots and sharing ideas for local wildlife conservation, followed by teas.

All welcome,

Jo Whitfield

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every five years the Church Electoral Roll requires renewing by law. To have any vote on church matters you must be listed on the Electoral Roll. The current Electoral Roll has been in existence for five years and needs to be renewed.

All people on the Electoral Rolls for Chinnor, Sydenham, Aston Rowant and Crowell will need to renew their listing. There are additional requirements this year in order to comply with the new Data Protection rules. New forms are being prepared and will be available soon. Those wishing to be added to the Electoral Roll should request a form from the Parish Office at St Andrew's.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held on 10th April at Chinnor Village Centre where the final Electoral Roll will be accepted.

PARISH COUNCIL & LOCAL CONTACTS

Parish Website

www.astonrowant.org.uk

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ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Council meetings were held on Wednesday 13th of February and Wednesday 13th of March where the applications detailed below were discussed. At the time of writing, the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 10th of April in Kingston Blount Village Hall.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

P18/S4243/FUL: for Variation of condition 2 (dwellings) on application P17/S4288/FUL to incorporate design changes. Demolition of Hill Cottage & stable. Erection of new dwelling, provision of new approach drive, landscaping, fencing & other works at Hill Cottage, High St, Kingston Blount – **OBJECTION:** too many amendments to be considered as a variation of the original plans.

P19/S0107/FUL: for demolition of part of existing dwelling and erection of a new detached dwelling with parking and access, plus alterations to existing access at Windrush, Chinnor Road, Aston Rowant – **NO OBJECTION.**

P19/S0052/HH: for Single and two storey extensions at Warren Farm, Aston Hill, Aston Rowant – **OBJECTION:** Too large and not in keeping with the Chilterns AONB.

P19/S0089/HH: for Garden office and workshop at Chestles Barn, The Green, Aston Rowant – **SUPPORT.**

P19/S0708/DIS: Change of use from A4 to C1/A3 with first floor and single storey extensions.

P18/S3392/FUL: Condition 3, schedule of materials at the former Cherry Tree pub, Kingston Blount. **STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY COUNCILLORS**

PLANNING DECISIONS OF SODC:

P18/S3856/HH:- Replacement entrance gates at The Old Vicarage, Aston Rowant – **GRANTED**

P18/S3392/FUL: Revision of P17/S4443/FUL at The former Cherry Tree pub, Kingston Blount – **GRANTED**

P18/S3813/FUL: Erection of 4 dwellings and creation of new access at land to the rear of Orchard House High Street Kingston Blount – **REFUSED.**

PLANNING DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

P19/S0052/HH: for Single and two-storey extensions at Warren Farm, Aston Hill – GRANTED.

P19/S0089/HH: for Garden office and workshop at Chestles Barn, The Green, Aston Rowant – GRANTED.

Please note that all Planning Applications for the Parish can be found on the Parish Council Website: **<http://www.astonrowant.org.uk/Planning>**

All past minutes of Aston Rowant Parish Council (Including the Annual Parish Meeting) can be found under: **<http://www.astonrowant.org.uk/meetings.html>**

Occasional updates concerning the Parish are added to the Kingston Blount/ Aston Rowant (KBAR) Facebook page. To join, login to Facebook www.facebook.com, search for 'KBAR' and ask to join the group.

Tracy Lambourne,

Clerk to Aston Rowant Parish Council

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NEWS FROM FIVEWAYS

The duck racing is over for another year, the numbers were good and everyone seemed to enjoy it despite some children getting very wet! The teas in the church were delicious as usual. The new signage was in place, which it is hoped will help to protect this special place. The snowdrops were out along with an increasing number of aconites. The date for next year will be Sun 16th February – a little later.

As I write the daffodils are still in flower; we have both British wild varieties, although the “Welsh” did not flower so well this year. There are also a few snowflakes and the wood anemones have shot up. Please do not remove any flower heads as they should drop seed and spread if we are lucky. We will shortly be monitoring the bluebells for any signs of the Spanish invaders. Most of our gardens have these foreign bluebells, which are extremely difficult to dispose of and which could eliminate the English version in the decades to come. They should not be composted or sent to landfill. Flowers to come – look out for the white greater stitchwort and wild garlic.

We have removed a few old and rotten hawthorns – some came down in the gales. They have been replaced. It is hoped that the surviving hollies along Church Lane will do well this year. We lost a lot in the drought of 2018 and we are short of evergreens.

The stream is running well and clear, there are some small fish in there but they are not easy to see or catch. The local youth have resumed dam building, which is to be encouraged. It would be useful if they could leave a hole for the fish to use to move about at the base. I saw a water vole last spring diving upstream of the old dead tree – please report it if you see it again as they are quite rare.

We are always looking for people to help for the odd hour, or even whilst they walk through – especially mid-summer. We are open for sponsorship for any specific new local wild flower plants. Plants seem more certain than seed and some such as the yellow toadflax plants have spread dramatically and are seeding.

I know for a fact that there are otters using the local watercourses. I am a fisherman so I do not wholeheartedly welcome them, as they can devastate our native fish. Otters annoyingly generally only eat the fish livers and leave the rest of the fish uneaten. Our miniscule local streams do contain wild brown trout which are unique to a specific Thames’ tributary and cannot be replaced. The otters would most likely be seen in Aston lake, where there is more food but they are wily and elusive and would require camera traps to spot.

Mike Eaton



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ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL NEWS

This is our School Council for the Spring Term.

Our charity for this year is British Heart foundation. We are hoping to add to the £55 we raised last term with a cake sale next week.

At our school council meetings, we discuss any suggestions from children in the school to improve the way our school works. These include ways to celebrate children's good behaviour and recognition of our school values.

Last month Owl, Fox and Squirrel classes visited the Oxford Mosque and Christchurch Cathedral. At the Mosque, after we had taken our shoes off, we were shown where they washed before going into the very large room for prayer. We went on to the Cathedral where some of the children dressed up, heard the story of St. Frideswide and had a tour round. There are a lot of repairs and maintenance work in the Cathedral at the moment, but we were still able to enjoy looking at the amazing ceilings through binoculars and the beautiful stained-glass windows, where there were some surprises! We look forward to returning to see the Cathedral without lots of scaffolding. It was a great experience to compare these special places of worship, with our own church in the village that we know well.

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NEWS FROM ARCC

It's that time of year again. The sun has been shining and with the grass growing it ushers in the start of a new cricket season. Aston Rowant Cricket Club is no different as we prepare for the new season.

But as noted in previous Parish Notes, there have been a few changes with new chairman Simon Tremlin taking on the role who has been a member for 25 years, latterly as overseer of the ground staff. He has taken over from Paul Humphreys who has stood down after five years as Chair. Our thanks go to Paul for all his hard work during his tenure. He remains heavily involved in the club and will remain on the committee and is now taking the lead in the Commercial/Sponsorship dealings.

There will be four senior teams each Saturday with the 1st XI competing in the highest possible standard in the Home Counties Premier League and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th XI's competing in their respective Cherwell leagues as well as junior cricket for girls and boys of all ages. New players of any standard are always welcome and again as previously stated everyone is welcome to join us at the club to meet people and have a drink in the wonderful setting of the ground. ARCC is much more than a cricket club!

We are also launching a new venture this year: the launch of an 1881 club (the cricket club was formed in 1881) this new club is available to everyone, but we especially want to encourage former ARCC players to reconnect with the club and meet up on a regular basis. We are also maintaining the social membership for people who want to support the club by using the bar, which is just £10 for the 2019 season and ideal if you fancy a gin and tonic after work on a Friday or over the weekend.

Details for all of the above are available from the club or on the website (www.astonrowantcc.com) or twitter @astonrowant_cc. Feel free to come down on a Friday evening when both juniors and senior players train and the rest of us catch up at the bar, or on a Saturday when cricket is being played.

Some dates to note:

Friday 5th April first outdoor training session for both seniors and juniors. Bar opens with a choice of continental lagers, real ales & a large selection of gin!

Sunday 14th April, first preseason friendly v Exeter University 1st XI

Saturday 20th April, second preseason friendly vs Datchet CC 1st XI. 12.30pm start

Friday 26th April, T20 preseason vs Cardiff University 1st XI. 5pm start

Sunday 28th April, County game Oxfordshire CCC v Buckinghamshire CCC.

Saturday 11th May, First Home Counties League game ARCC 1st XI v Henley CC (the 2018 HCPL champions). This will be played in coloured kit & with a pink ball as it is a 50 over aside league game.

There will be more events to be announced and we will deliver a fixture list to as many people as possible in the Parish, so watch this space.

Steven Sowerby

NOTICEBOARD



What's going on in Kingston Blount, Aston Rowant & nearby

Watlington Gardening Club

This is a small friendly group who meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month in Watlington Town Hall at 7.45pm for a specialist talk with tea, coffee and biscuits.

On the 3rd April there will be a talk by Heather from Fibrex Nurseries on Growing Pelargoniums. On 1st May Andrew Mikolajski will give a talk entitled 'March of the Women' – when he will ask and answer the question, 'Who are the notable women gardeners of the past and today?'

The club has also organised some interesting garden visits for the summer and the details are on display at the meetings.

Rubbish Collection in Aston Rowant

From a village resident: The normal day for collection within Aston Rowant is Tuesday, with certain exceptions e.g. Christmas/New Year. South Oxon District Council recommends, 'You need to put bin out for collection before 7 a.m on your collection day. It is OK to put bins out the evening before.' There has been a recent propensity for some residents to put bins out early Monday morning which is both unsightly and unnecessary. Please accord with the Council's advice.

Parish Walks

Once again ARPC have offered two walks to appear in the Chiltern Conservation Board's Spring Walking Festival. The walks are open to anyone to join but please contact the Board through their website to book a place. The first one is on Sunday 26th May, meeting at 10.00 at The Shepherds Crook, Crowell. It is sponsored by the Chiltern Society. The second is on Sunday 2 June, meeting at The Leathern Bottle pub in Lewknor, also at 10.00. This is in conjunction with Thame and Wheatley Ramblers. Both walks are 6 miles. You could have lunch after the walks at either pub but please book at the Crook if you want to eat there. I repeat that these walk are open to anyone but the Chiltern Conservation Board prefer you to book. There is no charge.

Peter Hetherington

Oil Syndicate

To join the heating oil syndicate in the parish that runs oil refills three times a year – January/February (winter weather dependent), June and November – email Adam Bernstein at adam.bernstein@mac.com.

NOTICEBOARD



New Classes in the Village Hall

Gentle Chair Based Exercise Classes to ease pain and improve health, using bach flower remedies, breathing techniques and movement will be held in Kingston Blount Village Hall on alternate Friday mornings from 10.30am-11.30am, starting on March 29th and continuing Apr 12th, Apr 26th etc. The cost will be £4.00 and includes tea, coffee and homemade biscuits. Please contact Rachel or Wendy Hawkins on 01844 351301 or 07484 182 947 for further details

Allotments Available

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Duck Races

The Duck Races, Snowdrops & Cream Teas was a huge success again. Organised jointly by ARPC Amenities Group and Aston Rowant Church, over 200 people took part in the Duck Races and very many enjoyed the teas. ARPC have also installed a permanent information board at Fiveways, Church Lane giving a brief history of the area. If you haven't already seen it, please do go and have a look, but at the moment you may need boots or wellies to walk there! And if you want to venture further, the Chiltern Society with ARPC's help have installed gates to replace stiles all the way to Kingston Stort from the junction of the Lower Icknield Way with the Church Lane bridleway.

Peter Hetherington

Hunger Lunch on 25th March

Thank you to all who supported this event, especially to those who brought soup and those who washed up. We made £446 plus a couple of large boxes of tinned and dry foodstuffs. The Steppin Stone Centre is very dependent on donations, so this contribution is much appreciated.

Rona Knight

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Check that the conditions are not too windy.

Carry out the burning as quickly as possible.

Use dry material.

If your neighbour's are in their garden and you think they will be affected don't have it.

If your neighbour's windows are open, call and tell them you are having a bonfire, so they can close them.

Do not add any household waste and do not leave a bonfire unattended.

Be aware of neighbour's wishes and try not to cause offence.

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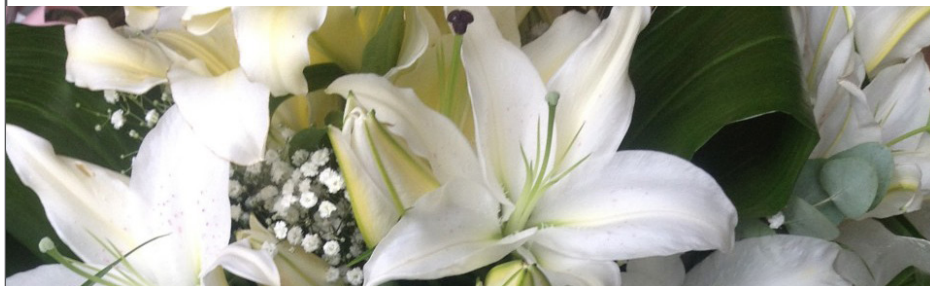
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

- 3 Watlington Gardening Club (p.16)
- 5 ARCC – first outdoor training session for seniors and juniors (p.15)
- 9 Neighbourhood Plan Meeting
- 10 ARPC Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting, KBVH
Church Electoral Roll, Chinnor (p.7)
- 11 Sydenham Coffee Morning
- 14 Chinnor Churches Go Wild (p.7)

MAY

- 1 Watlington Gardening Club (p.16)
- 9 Sydenham Coffee Morning
- 12 Point to Point
- 14 Neighbourhood Plan Meeting
- 15 ARPC Meeting
Copy due in for June/July Parish Notes
- 26 Parish Walk (p.16)

Sydenham Village Fayre is Saturday 1st June!

REGULAR DATES

MONDAYS

Kindergym Thame
Zumba 6.30pm KB Village Hall

TUESDAYS

Bell Ringing 7.30pm Aston Rowant

WEDNESDAYS

Kettlebell Abs 6.00pm KB Village Hall
Yoga 7.00pm KB Village Hall

THURSDAYS

StarBoddlers 11.00am Chinnor
Full Circle, Aston Rowant School
12-1pm (term-time)
Flowers 4 All (third Thursday) KBVH

FRIDAYS

Tiddlypeeps 9.30am Chinnor
Gentle Chair Based Exercises
every alternate Friday from
10.30am KBVH

SATURDAYS

Soul Space 5.30pm Crowell Church
(now only 3rd Saturday of month)

SUNDAYS (1st of month)

Aston Rowant Church Family
Friendly service 10.00am

Copy for the June/July issue is due on 15th May.

Please email sarahparishnotes@gmail.com