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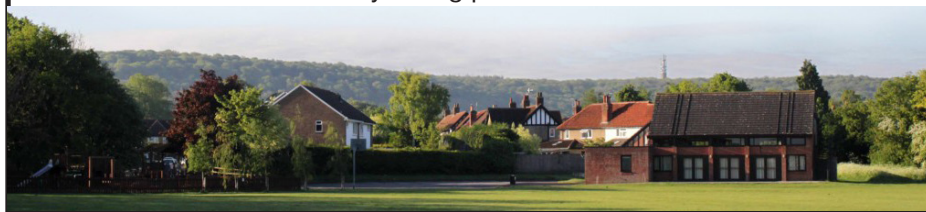
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07801 553019

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(see page 23)
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LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

Aston Rowant Church Services

First Sunday of every month – 10am Family Service
2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays 10am – Holy Communion
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
1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month – Soul Space at 5.30pm
Listening Ear – St Andrew's Church, Chinnor every Wednesday 7.30– 9.30pm



PASTORAL LETTER

Dear friends

As the summer draws to a close, the colours of autumn start appearing and time spent away on holiday fades to being just a distant memory, I'm busy planning a month away for a time of special leave for study and reflection in October. Because of this, I'm thinking well ahead to activities in the parish later in the autumn and although we're celebrating our harvest festivals at the time you'll read this, I'll be packing my bags and heading off, so I want to draw your attention to November. This month marks the beginning of 'The Kingdom' season in the liturgical calendar, that is, the four weeks which precede Advent. The more obvious 'celebrations' are that of All Saints' Day (when we remember the lives of God's people, past and present), All Souls' Day (when we remember our loved ones who have departed this life) and Remembrance Day.

Our marking of Remembrance Day this year is particularly special because not only do we call to mind those who have lost their lives during conflicts, we celebrate the centenary of the end of the First World War. At St. Andrew's we'll be inviting the community to join us between 2pm and 5pm on 10th and 11th November for special war time teas, displays, wartime music, readings of war poetry and a few surprises. At 2pm on the Sunday we'll be planting 'Peace' roses in Chinnor churchyard, ten in all, reflecting each of the decades since peace was declared. The other village churchyards in the United Parish will be planting their own roses at various times over the weekend. Keep a look out for more information through October.

Our reflections on peace need not be restricted to November. Our Lord is 'the Prince of Peace' (Isaiah 9.6), in his Sermon on the Mount he said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God' (Matthew 5.9), on the night before he died, he said to his disciples, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,' and following his resurrection he stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you' (John 20. 19). Peace is one of the themes running through the entire Bible and clearly it means more than just an absence of noise.

We all need times of stillness and quietness, of course, and I'm hoping to have plenty of that while I'm away, but often the Biblical word for peace is shalom meaning harmony, completeness, prosperity and welfare. It can mean peace between two entities (such as a person and God or between two countries), or to the well-being or safety of an individual or group. St. Paul also said that peace was one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5.22) so we can freely ask for more of it (Luke 11.13). In a world where wars and skirmishes still continue, let's do just that and ask for peaceful hearts and minds for ourselves, and for peace between us and our neighbours, whoever and wherever they may be.

See you in November.

Every blessing

Maggie

CROWELL CHURCH

News from Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Crowell:

The heating remains shut down awaiting funds, which have not been forthcoming. It is likely that with the colder months coming on, services will again have to be suspended until money can be found to facilitate a replacement system. Due to this, there are no Harvest Festival or Nine Lessons and Carols services planned. There was one wedding and a christening during the summer months.

The organ has behaved itself during the summer months but with winter coming on we will need to reintroduce the electric heaters around it to prevent cold and damp damage. Soul Space continues with one service a month when a volunteer can be found to lead it.

The project relating to the East wall of the churchyard abutting The Shepherd's Crook is still on hold at the request of the Shepherd's Crook, although there have been meetings with members of the Diocese Works team (DAC) to discuss the way forward when the need arises.

The Toll Bell remains silent due to lack of the funds needed to research the problem in the Bell Cote and carry out repairs. The Rainbow Garden has died back quite a bit now but it did survive the hot weather with a daily watering carried out by Maggs who had to bring the water from home. None left in the rain water butt). The ground appears to be covered in weeds however, this is not so, they are new poppies emerging from the seed that dropped and had evaded capture. These will be potted up once they have emerged sufficiently to handle. Winter planting will commence once the ground has been cleared.

The B4009 bank remains a project waiting to happen. The nettles didn't re-appear this year and the hedge has been trimmed back to increase driver vision again.

The driveway in has suffered wear and tear and has been treated with crushed stone. The grass is being cut and cleared and will continue to be so until it is time to let it grow wild next spring for the wild life survey to be carried out.

The wildlife mats are still in place and continue to be checked as part of the survey. Where graves have not been tended and shrubs have become invasive and in danger of the roots breaking into the graves, they are to be removed.

Andy and Maggs Warman

Wardens, Crowell NBVM

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND DATES FOR DIARY

OCTOBER

7 Harvest Festival at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Aston Rowant 10am.

NOVEMBER

4 Commemoration of the Departed Service, 4pm, St Andrew's Church
10/11 Chinnor Remembers the 100th Anniversary of the 1st World War:
Displays & War-time tea's 2 to 5pm St Andrew's Church

PET SERVICE AT ASTON ROWANT CHURCH

Revd Dr BJ Griffiths sent in these photos from the recent pet service at Aston Rowant church. There were numerous dogs, two horses a tortoise and a gecko in attendance!



CHINNOR CHURCHES GO WILD!

Perhaps you have noticed that the church grounds had, until recently been looking rather unkempt? This was for a reason! We are a local environmental ecumenical church group and a 'Partners in Action' project with A Rocha UK (Christians in conservation). We also support The Chiltern Conservation Board in their Rough around the Edges project.

A recent survey highlighted the importance of the four churchyards within the parish of Chinnor in providing suitable nesting and feeding habitats for a wide range of species in this AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). Together, we are engaged in improving and maintaining these local habitats in order to increase species abundance for the benefit of wildlife and residents alike.

To that end, over the summer, we had been leaving certain designated areas undisturbed in order to encourage the wildlife. However, I don't think anyone anticipated the effect that this unprecedentedly long, hot, dry summer would have on the height and proliferation of the grasses and the general appearance of the church yard, particularly at Crowell and Aston Rowant. Understandably their shaggy appearance has led to some misunderstanding and depth of feeling among residents and those whose responsibility it is to mow and maintain the areas and ensure access to graves. Unkempt could be misconstrued as unloved!

It was constructive, therefore, to have had a meeting recently to discuss these concerns and decide how best to balance the managing of our treasured places of reflection and prayer for both the church and the wider community. We discussed the need for nurture of these areas and gave careful thought as to how they should be managed. We agreed that there is a need to clarify which areas of grass are to be mowed and kept tidy and which will be allowed to grow wilder; it was also agreed that the church grounds should be mapped, particularly at Aston, and to wait until the new growing season in the Spring for any further conservation work. See page 20 for November's Fungi/Lichen Bio Blitz Walk.

Jo Whitfield (Project Co-ordinator)

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Aston Rowant Cricket Club Chairman

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ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Although the Parish Council did not meet over the summer, Councillors were involved in a number of planning related matters, both in terms of liaising with the District Council Planning Officers and appearing at SODC's planning committee.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have also been busy over the summer and are close to submitting an initial draft to SODC. Aside from planning, I am sorry to report that Lynn French has resigned from the Council as she will be moving out of the Parish in the near future. I should like to thank Lynn for her contribution to the work of the Council over the past three and a half years, in particular her engagement with the School and the M40 Chilterns Environment Group.

The Council have to first give notice of the vacancy – if ten parishioners want an election for the vacant post then nominations are sought, otherwise the Council is free to co-opt. It is hoped that, by the time I write the next update, we will be back to full strength.

Peter Tinson

Chairman Aston Rowant Parish Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the time of writing (mid-September), the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to SODC for comment and advice. If this is received, as promised, then there will be time for final tweaking by the Steering Group before the Parish Council meeting in October. All being well, the NP will then achieve the status of a Pre-Submission Draft, and this will be the first public consultation on the whole document. In October/November there will be public meetings and displays of the proposed policies and allocations, and, after a consultation period of about six weeks, we would hope to have a version of the NP that can, with general public consensus, be submitted formally (The Submission Document) on which SODC can put in motion the formal process for wider consultation and consideration by an Examiner appointed by central government. It's a long process, but it will be made easier, if not swifter, by active, early and positive public participation between now and Christmas.

Mark Thackeray

Chairman – Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

np@astonrowant.org.uk

www.astonrowant.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

There was no Parish Council meeting in August, but we held a meeting on Wednesday 12th September 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 October in Kingston Blount Village Hall.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

P18/S2285/FUL Demolition of part of the existing dwelling and the erection of a detached dwelling with parking and access, together with alterations to the existing access at Windrush, Chinnor Road, Aston Rowant, OX49 5SH. **NO OBJECTION.**

P17/S4235/FUL Buildings adjoining Hill Cottage, High Street, Kingston Blount (this was due to be heard at SODC planning Committee on either 5/Sept or 19/Sept, having been postponed from 11/Jul. This had not happened as the time of writing, and is still ongoing.

PLANNING DECISIONS OF SODC:

P18/S1546/FUL Amendment No 1 to plans for erection of garden wall & gates at Wych Elm, Chinnor Road, Aston Rowant. **GRANTED.**

P18/S2117/LDP Certificate of Lawful Development/Listed Building Consent for proposed removal of existing flat-roof open porch above front entrance and construction of a new small porch with front door to match style of existing door and new window to side elevation to match existing windows at Chiltern Cottage, Pleck Lane, Kingston Blount. **GRANTED**

P17/S4235/FUL Buildings adjoining Hill Cottage, High Street, Kingston Blount (this was due to be heard at SODC planning Committee possibly 5/Sept, but maybe not until 19/Sept, having been postponed from 11/Jul. This has still not happened as the time of writing, and is ongoing.

P17/S3244/FUL Demolition of existing timber stable used as storage and replacement with timber framed annex (as amended by plans received 31 July 2018) at Upper Chalford Cottage Chalford OX39 4NH. **GRANTED.**

PLANNING DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST

MEETING:

None.

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>**

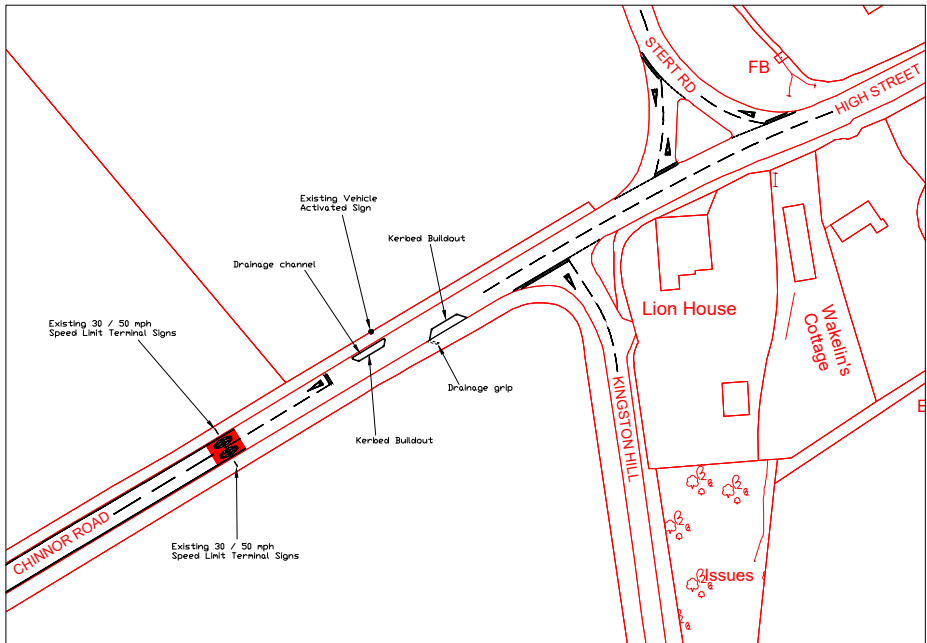
Occasional updates concerning the Parish are added to the Kingston Blount/Aston Rowant (KBAR) Facebook page. To join, login to Facebook www.facebook.com, search for 'KBAR' and ask to join the group.

Tracy Lambourne

Clerk to Aston Rowant Parish Council

TRAFFIC CALMING

Earlier this year Aston Rowant Parish Council (ARPC) with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) revised the plans for a new chicane at the entrance to Kingston Blount. These revised plans will be more effective in reducing speeds and allowing traffic to flow smoothly and safely. The drawing below shows the revised design.



OCC have spent the last two months consulting key stakeholders such as the police and ambulance services, technical engineers as well as residents on these plans and the consultation is now closed. We hope to have the plans approved in the next few weeks.

The next step will be obtaining quotes from contractors and fundraising.

If you can help please contact the Clerk or come along to the next PC meeting.

Matthew Day

Aston Rowant Parish Council



SYDENHAM

CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU 2018

— *To Start* —

Lightly curried parsnip soup with parsnip crisps
& local rustic bread

Scottish oak smoked salmon with a lemon
& dill salad

Chicken liver parfait with a fruity chutney
& toasted brioche

— *For Main* —

Succulent roast turkey, crispy roast potatoes,
seasonal vegetables, pigs in blankets
& all the trimmings

Pan fried seabass fillet on a bed of roasted roots
veggies & baby onions, dressed with salsa verde
Braised beef with parsnip puree, honeyed carrots
& a rich thyme jus

Butternut squash & sage gnocchi with
toasted pumpkin seeds & pea shoots

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LETTER FROM JOHN HOWELL MP

Wherever you are in the constituency you have probably heard recent media reports on the proposed Oxford-Cambridge Expressway. For those communities near to potential routes I know that it has been on your minds for some time. The expressway is a major new road which will go across country to link Oxford and Cambridge via Milton Keynes. There are also calls for it to be extended to include Swindon at one end and the port of Ipswich at the other. The proposed new road is part of a much bigger national infrastructure project being coordinated by local councils and Local Enterprise Partnerships in the different counties from Oxfordshire to Cambridgeshire under the umbrella of England's Economic Heartland. Much of the preparatory work for this was completed by the National Infrastructure Commission. Transport, including East-West rail, is but one aspect of the overall project. The Chancellor has given his support for growth in this area with money earmarked in the last budget.

The recent media interest is as a result of the Minister announcing the 'corridor' within which the road will run. Until now three broad corridors had been identified. Narrowing this down is a step in the right direction. The corridor now selected is the one recommended by Highways England and will broadly follow the new East-West rail line, however details of the route within this broad corridor have yet to be determined. The next phase of work will include public consultation this.

I am pleased that the government has ruled out construction in the area of the Otmoor nature reserve in the north of this constituency but remain concerned that some areas of the Green Belt could still be at risk. Planning policy does not exclude road building in Green Belt areas but where there are alternatives we should use them. In the absence of alternative information to date I have taken the view that the route should utilise existing roads where possible.

It is anticipated that the new road will be ready for 2030. This may seem a long way off but there is much work to do before construction starts. The public consultation is critical. It will draw out many of the local detailed issues that will help finalise the route and will also identify related issues that need to be addressed.

With an infrastructure project of this magnitude there will be campaign groups working across the area. This is only to be expected and the views of all are an important part in the process. For my part I will seek to ensure that the voices of all who wish to raise a point are heard and that some are not drowned out by those who have greater means to get their voice heard. I have already met with a number of parish councils in potentially affected areas and will do so again with those likely to be affected in the announced corridor.

If you would like to know more about my please do look at my website www.john-howellmp.com which is regularly updated.

John Howell MP

September 2018

THE CHILTERNES WALKING FESTIVAL

The Chilterns Walking Festival Autumn event takes place from Saturday 06 – Sunday 21 October. Organized by The Chilterns Conservation Board, the popular festival involves a programme of over 50 guided walks and activities at locations across the whole Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) stretching from Oxfordshire through Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

There are specialist themed walks, and opportunities to discover lively stories, sample a local tipple and enjoy The Chilterns scenic landscapes. Some walks include 'have-a-go' sessions or chances to learn about the area's wildlife, history and colourful characters, all led by enthusiastic volunteer walk leaders.

Highlights from the Autumn programme include: a bat spotting walk around the Box Moor Trust near Hemel Hempstead; a series of walks exploring ancient historic hillforts across the Chilterns; a guided trail around a miniature pig farm in Amersham; a day long linear walk between High Wycombe and Princes Risborough; a series of walks that include behind the scenes workshop tours with local artisans; a linear walk from Aylesbury to Wendover and The Marlow trenches – a walk uncovering Marlow's history as a WW1 camp. Each walk is guided by an experienced leader who knows the area well and is keen to share stories of the people and places that have shaped the countryside.

Details of all guided walks and activities available in the autumn programme can be found on the website www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest. Most are free of charge. To assist with expected numbers, all walk places must be pre-booked via the website.

Sorry

**No trick or
treating here**



Please respect our wishes



NOTES FROM THE ALLOTMENT

All change

It is 'All change' in the administration of Poor's Hillock Allotments and we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Les and Lavinia Martins for all their efforts in keeping our allotment field in such good order. We wish both Les and Lavinia every good wish as they leave the village.

Lavinia writes –

'As some of you are aware, Les and I will be moving shortly but we have three wonderful volunteers in place to ensure the continued smooth running of Poor's Hillock Allotments. Details are as follows:

Chair - Mike Mousley (michaeljmousley@outlook.com) Tel. 01844 355838.

Treasurer - Nigel Douglas (nigelddouglas@gmail.com,) Tel. 07831 372091

Secretary - Rupert Wolstenholme (rupert.wolstenholme@btinternet.com)

Tel. 07866 302697'

We thank Les and Lavinia most sincerely for ensuring the field is so well maintained and we wish our new officers every success as they take up the reins.

Dick Ewen

FIREWORKS & PETS

Remember remember our pets this November!

Please inform your neighbours in advance if you are planning on holding a fireworks display. This will allow them to make sure their pets are safe and to minimise any unnecessary suffering to them. Dogs, cats and horses as well as smaller animals can be extremely distressed by fireworks.



OIL SYNDICATE

A good number of households in the parish are not on mains gas, but instead, heating oil – an expensive fuel price cannot be priced fixed long term by contract. However, there is a heating oil syndicate in the parish that runs oil refills three times a year – January/February (winter weather dependent), June and November – which uses the power of many to lower the cost of oil bought for all members.

The syndicate is free to join, carries no costs, no markups and no obligation to buy. The savings vary according to the market but can invariably offer savings of around 5p/litre+VAT.

The process is simple. A call for oil is made by email and householders needing oil respond with their maximum volume. The details are aggregated and the best price found. The order is forwarded to the oil supplier and householders then deal directly with, and pay, the oil company.

The syndicate serves householders in Aston Rowant, Kingston Blount, Crowell, Chinnor, Christmas Common, Tetsworth, Lewknor, and Great Milton.

If this interests you, please email me at adam.bernstein@mac.com.

Adam Bernstein



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GRAND PILGRIMAGE OF REMEMBRANCE



The event to mark the 100th Anniversary of the ending of the First World War took place in Belgium at the beginning of August. The event was named Grand Pilgrimage 90 as the Royal British Legion had already had an event known as GP10 in 1928. Two members from each of the 1100 attending Branches travelled to Ypres, Belgium over three days in August, where they toured many war cemeteries, war memorials, battlefields and museum sites. This culminated in a parade of around 2300 members marching with their Branch Banners through the Menin Gate and laying 1100 wreaths (twice the number that attended the 1928 Pilgrimage).

Chinnor and District Branch was represented by Paul Ewens, the Standard Bearer and Andrew Jarvis, the Wreath Layer. Both felt privileged to represent the Chinnor and District Branch and found the whole event exceptionally moving. They praised the event organisation and logistics. Getting around 2300 members to the various cemeteries and battlefield sites in coaches over the three days, in an orderly manner.

A full update with many pictures can be found on the Royal British Legion website.

The Chinnor Branch will be holding it's usual coffee morning and raffle at the Village Centre on Saturday 10 November. The annual Remembrance Parade and Memorial Service will take place at 1045 on Sunday 11 November at Chinnor War Memorial. The parade will leave the 'Bird in Hand' crossroads at 1030.

This will be followed by a church service in St Andrew's Church at around 1145.

In addition, this year 10 'Peace Roses' will be planted by various members of the community at 1400 on Sunday 11 November at St Andrew's Church. One to represent each decade since the end of WW1.

Roses will also be planted at other churches in the Chinnor and District area, during their Sunday Remembrance services, with the exception of Crowell Church which will be at 1400 on Saturday 10 November.

Andrew D. Warman

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. The October meeting will take place on the 3rd, with a talk by Sue Burge on 'The Making of a Garden'. The November meeting is on the 7th. Sandy Primrose will give a talk on 'Performance Plants – The Art of Low Maintenance Gardening'. Non members are welcome for a small fee.



Fungi/Lichen Bio Blitz Walk

As part of Chinnor Churches Go Wild! come and explore the seasonal wildlife in our beautiful church grounds.

We are delighted that through the Chiltern Conservation Board's 'Rough Around the Edges' initiative we have been offered an expert from Caring For God's Acre to lead a Fungi/Lichen Bio Blitz walk around four of the churches in our Parish in November. At the time of going to print this date is still to be decided. If you are interested please contact St. Andrew's Parish Office on 01844 352 472. We'll start at Aston Rowant Church at 9.30 am, followed by Crowell, about 10.15, then Sydenham, for 11.00, finishing at St. Andrew's, Chinnor at about 11.45 followed by refreshments.

All ages are welcome, and there will be lifts between the sites. Do wear suitable footwear and wrap up warm!

Full Circle Group at Aston Rowant School

Full Circle is an intergenerational group at Aston Rowant School taking place on Thursday lunchtimes from 12-1pm (term time only). The children, older adults (over 50), and a member of school staff enjoy having lunch as a group, and doing various activities together, while chatting and having lots of fun getting to know each other. If you'd like to come along please contact the school on 01844 351671 to find out more. www.fullcircleoxon.org.uk. (See page 27)



NOTICEBOARD

Moving House

By the time you read this, Les & I will have moved house after 33 years in Kingston Blount! We have been very happy here and are sad to leave but feel the time is right for a change. We shall be living in Aylesbury for a few months before moving to a new house in Cranleigh, Surrey. Through the various village organisations we have been involved with, we have made many friends and acquaintances and are sorry not to be able to bid farewell to more of you. Sara Hartman and her partner, along with their dog, are moving into our house and I'm sure it won't be long before they get to know a good number of you when out dog-walking!

Les & Lavinia Martins

Allotments

Rupert Wolstenholme has taken over from Lavinia Martins as secretary of the allotments. Please email or phone him with any queries that you might have.

Rupert.wolstenholme@btinternet.com

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Trick or Treating

Halloween can be a lot of fun for young people, but it can also be distressing and intimidating for older people. If you are going to go trick or treating please respect and consider others. A good rule of thumb is to only visit houses that have displayed pumpkins or have outside lights on. If you would not like anyone to come to your house you can display the sign printed on page 16 on your door or in your window.

Advertising in the Parish Notes

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The group meet on the third Thursday of every month, except August. We produce a monthly plan of themes for the year, so members can know in advance of what is coming up.

At each meeting a demonstration for the month following, is done by either Marion or Jan to give ideas, also explaining some of the methods and/or techniques of creating the designs.

In October/November members are asked for ideas of designs which they would like to learn, from basic standard shapes to more adventurous ideas, this has proved to be very encouraging to both us and the members and has enabled us to create a wide range of arrangements which has been welcomed by everyone.

We always extend a warm welcome to all new members, and we advise that they come to a meeting to initially watch and talk to members to get the feeling of the group, if they decide it is something that they would like to be involved in, we then ask (if it's not the beginning of the year) to pay a pro-rata of the full yearly fee.

Please contact us by either email or phone for any further information.

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Do not light a bonfire within an hour of dusk, as temperature inversion conditions will keep the smoke near the ground level.

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.

Alternatively, you can compost as much garden rubbish as possible. A properly built compost heap will be able to deal with most garden waste. And you can obtain garden waste recycling wheely bins from South Oxfordshire District Council, 01491 823000, they are emptied every two weeks.

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Aston Rowant Primary School is looking for local older people to join their small and friendly intergenerational group. The group meets in school for one hour every Thursday lunchtime (12 to 1pm) in term time, building confidence, friendship, and understanding between the generations. The children, older adults, and a member of school staff enjoy having lunch as a group and doing various activities together, while chatting and having lots of fun getting to know each other.

For more information and to see a short film showing how Full Circle benefits both younger and older people, please visit our website at www.fullcircleoxon.org.uk or contact the school on 01844 351671 to find out more.



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ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back to School

Welcome back to school everyone! How lovely it is to see so many happy faces starting school this week. Our children have come back amazingly well and seem full of energy and positivity for the year ahead.

We offer a small nurturing environment where children can feel confident and learn in a safe and friendly environment both inside and outside the classroom. Our distinctively Christian ethos, in partnership with our local church and the wider community, confirms our provision for spirituality, reflection and mental well-being. With such busy and hectic lifestyles today, it is important for us that we offer spaces for the children to stop and think, to ask big questions and wonder about the world around them. This culture of reflection, responsibility and consideration for others gives the children a self-confidence when expressing their inner thoughts and feelings.

We have welcomed three new teachers this term. Mrs Hall and Mrs Broadwith who will be working in Hedgehog Class with Year 1 and our Early Years children alongside Mrs Surman for the whole of this academic year. We also welcome Mrs Winspear who is teaching PE across the school and supporting in Hedgehog and Squirrel class. We are really lucky to have found three such experienced and talented teachers to join our team.

We had many successes last year - Our SATs results and pupil progress were outstanding. The children worked so hard and made us all very proud. Parental feedback from the children's reports and on our parent questionnaire was particularly positive - thank you! We are so proud to achieve a silver award in Science which evidences our excellent teaching and learning in Science, Technology Engineering and Maths. We are thrilled to bits with this award and looking forward to the presentation ceremony in November.

Our Forest activities are now well embedded with the children learning so much more about the world around them in our beautiful outside areas with sensory spaces so the children can grow and learn.

As we look to the year ahead, we will be promoting writing so that we develop more of our writers to confidently showcase their work at a higher level, demonstrating that they have a deeper mastery of the subject.

To see our wonderful school in action, come to our open mornings. New parents looking for school places are welcome to visit every Friday morning in September from 9–10am. I am also taking bookings for 1:1 tours of the school if preferred.

For now... on with the important job of educating our children!

Mrs Roberts

Head Teacher



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Chooseday church

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ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL HOUSE TRUST

The Aston Rowant School House Educational Trust was set up in 1992 when the former teacher's house, belonging to Aston Rowant Church of England Primary School, was sold. The money from the sale was invested to raise income which is available to assist with education.

The precise rules are that the Scheme allows the Trustees to apply the income:

- a) In or towards promoting the education of pupils attending the Aston Rowant Church of England Primary School.
- b) In or towards promoting the education (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25 years who have at any time attended the school or who are resident in the Parish of Aston Rowant.

Some residents in the parish may either have children or are themselves eligible to obtain a grant. To be considered you need to apply in writing to the Trustees who will consider applications at their bi-annual meetings in May and November. Each application will be considered on merit – there is no guarantee.

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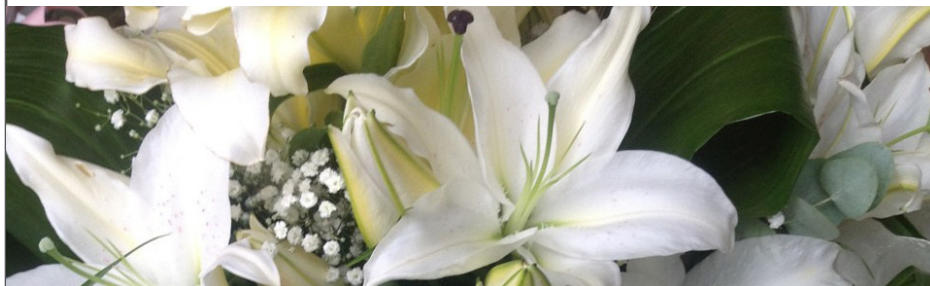
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

- 3 Watlington Gardening Club (p.20)
- 7 Harvest Festival Service at Aston Rowant Church (p.8)
- 9 Neighbourhood Plan Meeting (p.11)
- 10 Aston Rowant Parish Council Meeting, KBVH (p.12)
- 11 Sydenham Coffee Morning (p.35)
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 4 Commemoration of the Departed Service, St Andrews Church (p.8)
- 5 Bonfire Night
- 7 Watlington Gardening Club (p.20)
- 8 Sydenham Coffee Morning (p.35)
- 10-11 Chinnor Remembers the 100th Anniversary of the 1st World War, St Andrew's Church (p.8)
- 11 Remembrance Parade & Service (10:45 at Chinnor War Memorial) (p.19)
- 13 Neighbourhood Plan Meeting, KBVH (p.15)
- 14 ARPC Meeting, KBVH (p.12)
- 15 Copy due in for December/January Parish Notes

REGULAR DATES

MONDAYS

Kindergym Thame
Zumba 6.30pm KB Village Hall

TUESDAYS

Kindergym Chinnor
Chair-Based Exercise for seniors
10.30–11.30, Chinnor VH
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)

FRIDAYS

Tiddlypeeps 9.30am Chinnor
Senior Circuits 10.00am Watlington

SATURDAYS

Soul Space 5.30pm Crowell Church
(now only once a month)

SUNDAYS (1st of month)

Aston Rowant Church Family
Friendly service 10.00am

**Copy for the December/January
issue is due on 15th October.**

**Please email to
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