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CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Quiet Lanes

I begin this column by addressing the matter of the parish council's expression of interest to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) for Kingston Hill to be made a Quiet Lane. I am well aware that it's caused some concern among some residents while offering hope to others.

From a practical perspective, residents will have noticed that in recent years our roads have become much busier and by extension, dangerous. It's the reason why Aston Rowant Parish Council (ARPC) took steps to install two chicanes to calm traffic and acquire a number of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs).

I appreciate that none of these solutions are ideal and some impede the activity of residents going about their business. However, with the number of vehicles transiting the parish – you may recall that when last examined, the SIDs found that there were approximately 1.7 million vehicle movements a year, in both directions, along the B4009 – something had to be done.

In addition to trying to make our roads safer ARPC is always looking for ways to improve our footpaths and access to the countryside such as the very successful path from Kingston Blount to Crowell.

OCC's Quiet Lanes programme aims to staunch the flow of traffic on roads that may not be well suited to volume traffic while improving access for walkers and riders to the Ridgeway. The parish council wanted to explore what, if anything, Quiet Lanes could do for the parish. Consequently, it lodged an expression of interest for Kingston Hill.

I need to state that that expression commits us to nothing more than exploring the idea of a Quiet Lane and no more. The expression is what it says on the tin, merely an expression of interest.

I have been assured by OCC that the whole process will be led by the wishes of the parish council and thus by residents of the parish. Those outside of the parish may well feed into the process, but ARPC will determine what happens based on what is best for residents of the parish and them only.

In time OCC will organise and pay for the gathering of data to establish what the impact of a Quiet Lane on Kingston Hill would be and what it will mean for the whole parish – including those who live on the B4009 and the A40.

Further, OCC has reassured the council that ARPC will be involved in the design of any temporary scheme that, if successful, becomes permanent. It needs to be noted that access from the B4009 to residents on Kingston Hill and the farms along that road will be maintained. However, 'ordinary' traffic, if the scheme goes ahead, will be blocked from using Kingston Hill – most likely at the top of the hill.

In time, if ARPC continues the process, and has meaningful data which promotes a Quiet Lane, a public consultation will follow. At this point residents on both sides can express their views.

It needs to be said that those who shout loudest won't necessarily win the debate. Rather, it'll be the most coherent arguments that better life for residents that does.

Planning applications

I'd now like to turn to the process for applicants making planning applications.

While the process for making an application is set out by SODC, nevertheless, I'd like to remind residents that ARPC is a statutory consultee and so is required to offer an opinion.

Of course, every applicant will have a desired outcome in mind in terms of the design. Our experience has shown that those applicants that engage with the parish council before lodging an application tend to get much better outcomes with less friction during the application process.

In other words, rather than lodging an application and waiting for the process to produce an outcome, I'd like to encourage residents to seek ARPC's view on what it thinks is acceptable. A few design tweaks could make all the difference to getting an application through on the first attempt as opposed to seeing it objected to and dragged to SODC's planning committee or even the Planning Inspectorate.

New defibrillator

The new defibrillator on the side of the Cherry Tree has now been installed. It's not an inexpensive purchase but may be consequential for anyone with someone close to hand that's suffered a cardiac event.

I want to reiterate my thanks to our district councillors – Ed Sadler and Ali Gordon-Creed – who each gave £400 from their grants pot to make the purchase more affordable for the parish.

Again, there is more detail on performing CPR and using a defibrillator in a note from two years ago posted to the parish council website. See <https://tinyurl.com/46t5s98z>

I hope that, like insurance, the defibrillators are never used, but if they are, then the purchase will have been more than worthwhile.

John Wyatt

And finally, I want to acknowledge the service of John Wyatt, a former parish councillor, after his death at the start of July following cancer.

As his wife Tessa noted, "John was first and foremost a cinematographer. He worked on James Bond and Indiana Jones films among many others. In the 80's he turned to mainly commercials. When we came to live here, he did a stint as churchwarden and was also a member of the parish council. The Aston Rowant chicane and SIDs are his legacy from that time.

Gruff and sometimes outspoken, John was also a kind and compassionate friend, sometimes to complete strangers who were in trouble. A man who found a solution to every challenge he met in life, he will be missed in countless ways by many people, not least his wife and family."

Adam Bernstein

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ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Council meetings were held on Wednesday 10th June 2026 and Wednesday 8th July 2026 where the planning applications detailed below were discussed.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 14th September.

THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST

IMPORTANT

SODC's new planning portal went live on 23 April.

If you were previously registered to comment, or receive notifications, all existing accounts on the old system have been de-registered and you will need to re-register. To help navigate the new system, SODC have supplied a variety of helpful support resources, now available on their website.

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/uncategorised/important-changes-to-planning-and-land-charging-services/>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

P26/S1588/HH Proposed increase in window size to three areas. Re-design of layout to south entrance porch (internally). En-suite bathroom to bedroom No. 1.

Re-design to garden room. All on existing footprint at Town Farm Cottage, Brook Street Kingston Blount. Cllrs Bernstein & Chaplin visited site with concerns larger windows would overlook neighbours, but not the case. **SUPPORT.**

25/S2653/FUL Amendment to Application for single storey building (as amended by plans received on 2 July 2026 showing the proposed building repositioned to the south of the site and supported by a method statement for tree protection) at Aston Rowant CofE Primary School, School Lane, Aston Rowant, OX49 5SU. **SUPPORT.**

WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS: None.

PLANNING DECISIONS OF SODC:

P26/S1042/HH Single storey infill extension, garage conversion, first floor extension and alterations at Chiltern Cottage, The Green, Kingston Blount. **APPROVED.**

PLANNING DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

None.

APPLICATIONS IN NEIGHBOURING PARISHES (which may affect Aston Rowant Parish)

P23/S4262/FUL 111 homes at Land North of Oxford Road, Thame – **GRANTED** (after five rounds of amendments & a reduced number of homes from 154 to 111). TTC originally objected, but felt able to support the amendments in Dec'25, while making comments regarding the Haddenham-Thame active travel

Please note that all Planning Applications for the Parish can be found on the Parish Council Website: <http://www.astonrowantparishcouncil.gov.uk> under ‘Parish Council’ and then ‘Planning’. All past minutes of Aston Rowant Parish Council (Including the Annual Parish Meeting) can be found under: <http://www.astonrowantparishcouncil.gov.uk> under ‘Parish Council’ and then ‘Meetings’. Occasional updates concerning the Parish are added to the Parish Council’s website and Facebook pages as well as the Kingston Blount/Aston Rowant (KBAR) Facebook page.

Tracy Lambourne Clerk to Aston Rowant Parish Council

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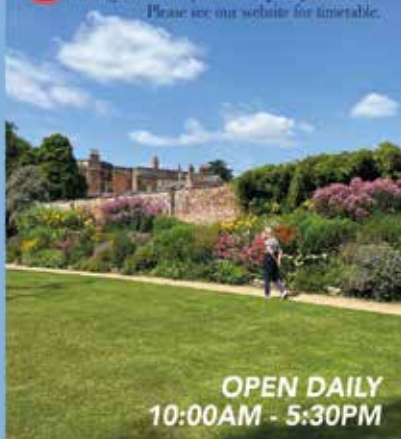
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We have now reached the halfway point of the 2026 cricket season and in these notes we want to say thank you to so many people. Whilst the focus is mainly on the pitch without the help and support of the parish and a small army of volunteers the club would not function.

Firstly, thank you to all the people who attended the Electric Hills concert. I know from so much feedback that the fairground was a big hit especially with the many youngsters who attend training on Friday night.

Secondly, thank you to all the people who give up their time, from the grounds team to the people who staff the bar, but also to the many parents and grandparents who spend a huge amount of time ferrying and watching their children play cricket.

On the field we are having a mixed time – the much changed first team after a poor start have started to gell and with four games unbeaten, including 3 wins are climbing the Home Counties Premier League. The second team which as we mentioned in the last edition of the notes, is a very young team are challenging the top of the Cherwell League 1. The third team are consolidating in League 3 after their promotion last year and the fourth team are in second place in League 7 looking for a second successive promotion. What is rewarding to see is that all the teams are a mixture of experience and youth. From the first team to the fourths, it is this mixture that sets Aston Rowant apart from most of the clubs we play against.

The junior section too is thriving with success at all levels, more on that in the next edition. The full scorecards and results of all the club matches both junior and senior teams can be viewed by going to the astonrowant.play-cricket.com website.

In addition to the club games, we are increasingly hosting mid-week games especially the Oxford Over 50's teams – these games mainly on a Wednesday give good entertaining cricket on a warm summers evening. These games and all club information are available on the club web site astonrowantcricket.co.uk.

Finally, and sadly, we must mention the death of Ray (Haircut) Hodges, who was a long-standing member of the club both as a player and latterly spectator. Ray who lived almost all of his life in the parish was a larger than life well loved character and will be sorely missed by his many friends.

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Quite a lot has happened in our corner of the Chilterns, even if the landscape looks quiet today. One of the things I often wonder about is why our chalk streams — including the little ones around Lewknor — still hold wild brown trout. They're cold water fish, and this hot weather has been really hard on them. Yet within living memory, all the local streams, even the Holbrook at Fiveways, held wild trout. Why are/were they here at all?

To understand that, you have to go back 20,000 years to the end of the last ice age.

Periglacial Chilterns

The ice sheet itself stopped around Aylesbury, but the Chiltern Hills were frozen solid. The chalk behaved like concrete. Meltwater from the ice front washed silts and sands down the slopes, forming the dry valleys we see today and covering the chalk with layers of fine material.

This created something remarkable: the Chilterns became a chain of natural reservoirs.

As the frozen ground thawed, cracks opened in the chalk and silty water forced its way through these fissures and emerged as springs. Many of the houses along the B4009 still have springs under their gardens — usually harmless, except when the water table rises.

These tiny springs gather at the foot of the hills, often forming small ponds or lakes as they travel west. They are the source pools of the Chiltern streams, and they exist all along the escarpment if you know where to look. Often the springs flow unseen under the lakes.

One sits unnoticed behind Lewknor Church by the footpath, complete with an ancient Black Poplar growing right in it.

Medieval Pools and Lost Ponds

These pools silt up quickly because the springs carry chalk. In medieval times, many were dug out and engineered for fish and wildfowl. The ones that weren't maintained gradually silted up, dried, and became small copses — little patches of woodland that hide the old water source beneath.

Every one of these pools tells you something about the past climate, the geology, and the people who lived here.

And the Winterbournes

Aston Winterbourne runs from its source at Woodway Farm, down Church Lane to Fiveways. When at full flow, it can raise the Holbrook by two feet at the lowest point. Winterbournes are a chalk stream phenomena. The stream only flows when the water table is above the level of its “dry valley” or ditch. It is not directly driven by rainfall. It is predictable for those who study the water-table (yes it is a hobby for some). Some years it does not flow but on others it can lead to the B4009 being closed.

The Mystery of the Black Poplars

I've been interested in Black Poplars for a while, and I've often wondered why we seem to have such a high concentration of them locally – including at Fiveways. They're one of Britain's rarest native trees, yet here they are scattered along the B4009.

The answer is simple: Black Poplars love wet silt, and the B4009 is lined with ancient spring fed silt beds created at the end of the last ice age.

I contacted the County Nature Recovery Officer, who visited and found even more trees. Their DNA is now being tested to see whether they are pure ancient Black Poplars or hybrids. If they turn out to be pure, we're looking at a living relic population – survivors from a landscape shaped by ice, meltwater, and medieval farming.

As for why they're "black": the deep fissures in the bark create shadow, making the trunk appear dark. They're tall, with heart shaped leaves that flash pale silver in the wind.

And the Trout?

Those same springs feed the chalk streams that still hold some wild brown trout. Cold, oxygen rich spring water all year is exactly what trout need. The network of periglacial springs created a perfect habitat – one that lasted long enough for brown trout to become part of the living memory of Lewknor, Fiveways and the wider Chilterns.

Even today, in hot weather, the trout cling to the coldest spring-fed sections, especially if there are (small lake) refuges nearby. They're here because the ice age left behind a landscape built for them. They are at high risk of pollution, abstraction and poor management of their habitat.

I have had limited time to work on Fiveways as some of you know, but we did strim it to keep access in June. We will have to wait now until it is cooler. The target will be removing tree seedlings we do not need and to let more light in.

Finally, it is worth mentioning the increased butterflies and damsel flies this year at Fiveways. One day I saw a hundred around the wild privet when in flower. I should mention that the Fox and Cubs I planted some years ago has grown slightly this year which is promising. A very pretty orange flower. I will be looking for help when the cool weather materialises!

Mike Eaton

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ARPC FOOTPATH AND AMENITIES GROUP

The summer is a quiet time for the group but there are things to note.

Whilst this has been another hot summer the warming of the climate has some effects which are not favourable. Anyone who has walked around the cricket club will have noticed the oak tree that has been roped off. This is due to the fact that there has been an attack of Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) at the club which has been dealt with by the Forestry Commission. It is a notifiable infestation which is a serious risk to the health of both humans and animals as their hairs cause irritation to the skin. We believe it is the first case in the buffer zone and more infestations of caterpillars are likely as they are spreading as the summers get hotter. Please keep an eye out for them on oaks in the parish and avoid all contact.

The map of the parish at the church in Aston Rowant has now fallen out of its frame and we are trying to replace both the map and the frame.

Oxford County Council have, at last, taken the first steps to divert the footpath through the playing field at Kingston Blount. The path which at the moment officially runs at the back of the playing field will, it is proposed, swoop to the other side of the field and across the bottom to join up with the footpath running down to the Lower Icknield Way. This action corrects a long-standing issue with footpaths that should have been done when the playing field was first constructed.

On the 16th July we held the meeting noted in the last edition to address the issue of clearing and replanting the lanes in Kingston Blount. We have agreed in principle the first phase of clearing and will now pull together a plan to present to the Parish Council at the September meeting. My thanks to the people who came to the meeting. Hopefully we will reconvene after the Parish Council meeting.

Finally, some dates to note, Parish Walk on Oct 4th, see Peter's article on p19 for detail and as noted in last edition Duck Race 21st Feb 2027.

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This is a joint venture between Aston Rowant Parish Council Footpath and Amenities
Group and Thame and Wheatley Ramblers.

This walk will replace the Annual New Year walk which has been cancelled for the last
two years because of bad weather.

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LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Learning to Let Go: Why Independence Matters for Children

The summer holidays often provide a valuable reminder that some of childhood's most important lessons happen beyond the classroom. Whether it is helping to prepare a meal, exploring outdoors, managing pocket money, cycling to a friend's house, or packing a bag for a family day out, children are constantly developing skills that help them become more independent.

As parents, grandparents and carers, it can sometimes be difficult to stand back and allow children to take on responsibilities for themselves. We naturally want to protect them from disappointment, frustration and failure. Yet it is often through these very experiences that some of the most valuable learning takes place.

In schools, we see this every day. A child who initially struggles to organise their belongings gradually learns to take responsibility for their equipment. Another who feels nervous about tackling a challenge alone discovers a sense of pride after persevering and succeeding. Independence does not appear overnight; it develops through small opportunities to make decisions, solve problems and learn from mistakes.

Modern life can sometimes make this more challenging. Children's lives are increasingly organised and supervised, often for good reason. However, when young people are given appropriate opportunities to exercise independence, they develop confidence alongside practical skills. They begin to understand that they are capable of overcoming obstacles and finding solutions for themselves.

One of the great privileges of living in a village community is that children can still experience some of these opportunities in ways that are becoming less common elsewhere. A walk to the park, helping at a community event, chatting with neighbours, or taking part in local clubs and activities all help children develop a sense of responsibility and belonging. They learn that they are part of a wider community and that their actions can make a positive difference.

Schools have an important role to play in nurturing this independence. While academic learning remains essential, so too does helping children develop resilience, confidence and self-belief. We want our pupils to be able to tackle challenges without immediately seeking help, to approach unfamiliar situations with curiosity rather than fear, and to understand that mistakes are not something to avoid but opportunities to learn.

Some of the most rewarding moments as educators come when children surprise themselves. It may be the pupil who finally volunteers an answer in assembly, the child who takes on a leadership role, or the one who perseveres with a difficult task despite several setbacks. These moments often seem small, but they represent significant steps in a child's development.

Of course, independence does not mean children facing challenges alone. True independence grows from secure foundations. Children develop confidence when they know they are surrounded by supportive adults who believe in them, encourage them and are ready to help when genuinely needed. The goal is not to remove support, but

to provide it in ways that allow children to grow steadily in confidence and capability.

As a new school year approaches, many children will be preparing for changes and new experiences. Some will be starting school for the first time, others will be moving to a new class, and some will be embarking on the exciting transition to secondary school. While these milestones can bring a degree of uncertainty, they also present wonderful opportunities for growth.

Perhaps one of the greatest gifts we can give children is the confidence to believe, “I can do this.” Not because success is guaranteed, but because they know that effort, perseverance and courage will help them navigate whatever comes next.

By encouraging independence in small ways today, we help equip children with the resilience and confidence they will need tomorrow. In doing so, we prepare them not only for success in school, but for the wider journey of life itself.

Helen France

Headteacher

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The advertisement features a blue and purple color scheme with abstract circular and wave-like graphics. At the top right is the logo for 'HARMONY PHYSIOTHERAPY & PILATES', which includes a stylized figure in motion. The main title 'Physiotherapy and Pilates Tailored to you' is prominently displayed in the center. Below this, a paragraph describes the center's mission to inspire and empower individuals. Contact information is provided at the bottom left. On the right side, there is a circular logo for 'WATLINGTON WELLNESS CENTRE' featuring a tree, and a graphic of three blue arrows pointing right at the bottom right corner.

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As summer arrives and the weather heats up, keeping our plots watered becomes one of our biggest jobs. We all want healthy vegetables, colourful flowers and a good harvest, but with water becoming an increasingly precious resource, it's worth thinking about how we make every drop count. Watering early in the morning whenever possible when the air is cooler to reduce evaporation and to give the plants plenty of time to absorb moisture before the heat



of the day. A good soak with a watering can at the roots rather than on the leaves is much more effective than giving the plants a quick sprinkle every day. It's also worth remembering that not every plant needs watering each day, so before reaching for the watering can, check the soil a few inches below the surface, and if it's still damp then your plants are probably quite happy. Save your efforts for new plants and seedlings.

Currently all the water butts we have on the allotment are leak free so if anyone notices any dripping taps or leaks, please let us know. Also ensure after use that the lids are replaced and taps are off.

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Macro moths:

Riband Wave	2
Mint Moth	2
Elephant Hawk-moth	3
Poplar Grey	1
Pebble Prominent	1
Cloaked Minor	2
Large Yellow Underwing	2
Ruby Tiger	3
Lesser Broad-bordered-	
Yellow Underwing	2
Rustic	3
Common Wainscot	2
Brimstone Moth	1
Shuttle-shaped Dart	1
Scarce Footman	1
Mother of Pearl	1
Common Rustic	1
Dun-bar	1
Common Footman	1
Uncertain	2
Small Square-spot	1
Lesser Yellow Underwing	1
Common Carpet	1
Silver Y	1
Turnip Moth	1
Least Carpet	1
Small Mottled Willow	1

Micro moth

Bird-cherry Ermine	1
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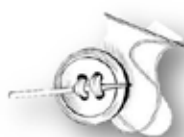


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Soul Space is now three times per year. The next is on 9th August (rescheduled from 19th July).

The Rector's Ramble took place as scheduled for 4th July and there was a good turnout considering the heat. Funds raised for the General Fund. Sydenham church concert on that evening was brilliant.

The carpark drive out view was attended to but has now grown back so, another job for the Work Party. There's no Work Party in August but the next ones are 26th September and 24th October.

The churchyard was to be mown during July but a breakdown of both mowers prevented this. Another part of the churchyard wall has collapsed and a further tree has been identified as dead and requiring felling. It might be the cause of the wall collapse.

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