

# Adstock Clarion

## Spring

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Hello Villagers



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Even though Spring is blooming in some places, its looking like another wet month! I've never seen so many wet and muddy dogs along with their bedraggled owners. Looking at the long range forecast, the rain is still hovering about, with a few spells of dry weather early on this month, then more unsettled as we go into Easter, Great! it's no wonder we're all looking as [Mad as a March hare](#)".

So what's in the saying – which is a common [British English](#) phrase appearing in [John Heywood](#)'s collection of proverbs published in 1546. Reportedly it is based on popular belief about [hares](#)' behaviour at the beginning of the long breeding season, which in Britain lasts from February to September. The bouts between two hares, often seen in the fields, were incorrectly believed to be between males fighting for breeding supremacy. However, it is unreceptive females using their forelegs to repel overenthusiastic males! Nice one ladies!

### So what's on this month?

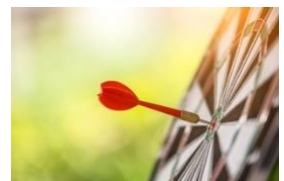
The **Science Club** talk on **Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March** is by Dr Emma Ryan entitled "**To boldly go where no one has gone before: Making sci-fi a reality**", all about Space-based solar power, one not to be missed.

The **History Club** talk on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, is being given by Peter Yapp talking about: **Adstock and Bletchley Park; Some recollections from WW2.**

The **Village Coffee Morning** is on **21<sup>st</sup> March**, great for a neighbourly catch up over a coffee plus the exciting raffle.

And one for the local **historians**, Addington Church are hosting a talk on **16<sup>th</sup> March**, about the Czech Government in Exile within Bucks. For those with more of a musical ear the **Adstock Singers** present a **St Patrick's Day** feast of entertainment, from music and poetry to drama and magic. Something for everyone there.

And lastly, if you haven't already, book your tickets for the Village Hall **Darts & Chilli** evening on **20<sup>th</sup> April**, now's the time to show off your inner 'Luke Littler'!



**St Cecilia's** services: sadly there is no news on who or if there will be any clergy available for the usual services in Adstock this month. For Easter there are a couple of services happening in Padbury, which you are more than welcome to attend.

Have a great March....

**Best wishes, Claire**

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## Open Gardens Organising Committee for 2024 have had their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting! 🧐

So the ladies and gents are well on their way to booking people, designing programmes, practising their music and most importantly finding gardens and volunteers! All previous villagers who have opened their gardens or helped will be contacted, so watch out for the emails from Jill & Corinne.

Adstock is well known for its beautiful gardens and musical entertainment over the 2 days and evenings. If you have never opened your garden or are new to the village and wish to take part, please get in contact to find out more. We'd love to beat the previous year of 17 gardens and the wapping £6k worth of funds raised!

Email or call me on the Clarion contact details: [villageadstockclarion@gmail.com](mailto:villageadstockclarion@gmail.com) or 07502 191215

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## She can't drink or vote and she's yet to sit her A-Levels. But local teenager, Amelia, can teach you to fly!!



When we first moved here Amelia, our neighbour's daughter was fascinated with flying so would chat away with my husband, Rob, about all sorts of planes with the confidence as of an old flying pilot. As with all young teenagers, she changed hobby's from horse riding to biking but flying was always there in the background, it was just how to go about getting 'off the ground' so to speak! So Mum & Dad thought a gliding lesson for her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday would sort it for a while, but in reality she hasn't looked back.



Supported by James, her father, who has the joy of taking her to lessons and helping out at the flying club, it took Amelia just 18 months to fly solo and do acrobatics! Now 4yrs on, and with wide support from the gliding community and aviation world Amelia is keen to progress which means clocking up those flying hours. So, she can often be found at the local club in Bicester, helping or taking part in events.

Flying solo since she was 14, she is also the UK's youngest gliding instructor, qualified to guide beginners through their first flights. Comments Amelia, 'I'm qualified to fly everything from a two-seater to a single-seater K8, which feels as light as a crisp packet,' she says. 'Plus, I've flown about 17 different types of aircraft. I just love flying and the joy of doing it and showing people what it's all about. I can't believe I can do this.' Neither can we! What an amazing start to what we think will be an amazing career.

If you want to find out more about learning to fly a glider, or go on a trip with Amelia Richardson Email her at [ameliatheairplane@gmail.com](mailto:ameliatheairplane@gmail.com) or follow her in Insta @amelia\_glider\_pilot

Image Source and to read the full article which appeared in the Daily Mail: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-13072025/jane-fryer-amelia-richardson-flying-lessons-teenager.html>



## ELECTRICITY SURVEY – FEEDBACK

The number of responses received was zero. One interpretation of this (there are others!) is as follows:

1. No-one in Adstock is sufficiently unhappy with their supplier to feel motivated to respond.
2. No-one in Adstock is sufficiently happy with their supplier to feel motivated to recommend

them to a fellow villager. The Parish Council's village survey in 2016 concluded that Adstock has a strong sense of community. It follows that if anyone is sufficiently happy with their supplier then it is likely they would have come forward to help a fellow villager.

The implication of all this is that Clarion readers are somewhere near the middle point of a linear range of possible responses spanning from happy to unhappy. They are getting along OK, perhaps marginally happy or marginally unhappy but with far more interesting things to occupy their attention.

The conclusion is that it is good to know that no-one in Adstock is unhappy with their supplier. The system is working.

Keith Wallace, Zennor, The Gardens

## ADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

*Chairman: Cllr Simon Walker, Vice Chair: Cllr Neil Fraser-Smith*

*Councillors: Cllr Chris Cornish, Cllr Doug Randall, Cllr John Stone, Cllr Paul Salver*

[www.adstockvillage.info/](http://www.adstockvillage.info/)

### WE REQUIRE YOUR INPUT ON ANY ISSUES YOU WOULD LIKE US TO ADDRESS

Please email [admin@adstockvillage.info](mailto:admin@adstockvillage.info) or view the village website for updates

### POTHoles, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Please report any issues to:

- ☐ [www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk)
- ☐ [www.ramblers.org.uk/advice/improve-the-path-network/creating-a-right-of-way.aspx](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/advice/improve-the-path-network/creating-a-right-of-way.aspx)
- ☐ [www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/)

### STREETLIGHTS NOT WORKING

- ☐ Please report by sending the light post number to [admin@adstockvillage.info](mailto:admin@adstockvillage.info) – thank you

**Local Community Boards** – click on the icon to learn more.

#### Winslow Community Board

[winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

#### Heart of Bucks

01296 330 134

[info@heartofbucks.org](mailto:info@heartofbucks.org)

#### Helping Hands

Help with cost of living

0300 131 6000

#### Support for Carers

0300 777 2722

#### Food Champion

[helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

#### Welcoming Spaces

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/find-a-place-to-keep-warm-welcoming-spaces/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/find-a-place-to-keep-warm-welcoming-spaces/)

## Adstock Parish Council is looking for a part time Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

### Role Description

- The role is part time, 5 hours a week.
- The hours are very flexible.
- There will be some evening work, usually 1 evening alternate months to attend Parish Council meetings.
- Most of the work would be based at home.
- Training is provided and the current clerk is very happy to help during a handover period.
- Pay range will depend on experience and the NALC scale.
- Inclusion in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

### Key tasks

- Managing online banking
- Preparation of meeting agendas
- Produce minutes of the meetings
- Liaise with service providers, Buckinghamshire Council, and the Adstock Councillors
- Deal with all incoming and outgoing communications.

### Key skills

- Team worker
- Good communicator
- Good understanding of Microsoft applications especially Word and Excel
- Basic bookkeeping - Scribe Accounts
- Online Banking software
- Willingness to work on the website.
- Basic PAYE tools

For further information please email [admin@adstockvillage.info](mailto:admin@adstockvillage.info) or call 07901 854623

Closing date for applications Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March



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- Outside Chairs & Tables also available to hire



## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS FOR 2024

16 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patricks Day Soiree
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Coffee Morning
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Darts and Chilli Evening
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Open Gardens

For private bookings please contact Heather Brogden: [willsontheweb@hotmail.com](mailto:willsontheweb@hotmail.com)

For event bookings please contact Alaina Cornish: [adstockevents@gmail.com](mailto:adstockevents@gmail.com)



## Present

### A St Patrick's Day Soiree

16th March 2024

@ 7:30pm in the Village Hall

The Adstock Singers present a St Patrick's Day Feast of entertainment, from music and poetry to drama and magic.

We would love to have some other acts join us (after all, why should we do all the work?) so if you would like to play an instrument, recite a poem, sing a song, dance a dance or perform in any way, you would be warmly welcomed - and we would love to see nonperformers too!

For more information, or to join as we're always keen to see new members, contact **Lucy Bignall**

Email: [lucy\\_bignall@outlook.com](mailto:lucy_bignall@outlook.com)



## Adstock Village Coffee Morning

**Next Date:**  
**21st March**

Join us for coffee, a chat and chance to win a raffle prize!

in the Village Hall  
11am - 12.30pm

Every third Thursday in the month

All welcome....please bring cash.

# ***Darts and Chilli evening***



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***Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April***  
***7.00pm for 7.30pm start***

**Tickets £15 per person**

Open to both dart players and non-players (same ticket price)

Donation bar (red and white wine, lager and ale, soft drinks) £5 corkage per bottle  
for Bring Your Own to support fundraising.

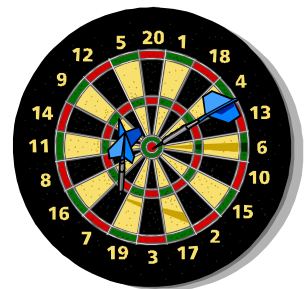
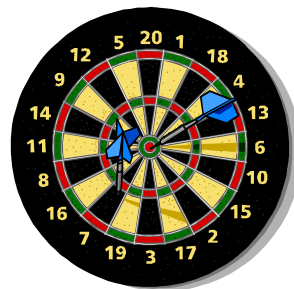
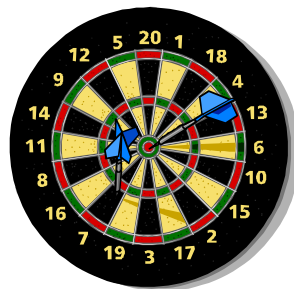
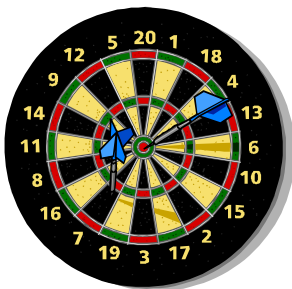
**Darts players in teams of 2**

Please book early as numbers are strictly limited due to hall capacity

Please contact: [Adstockevents@gmail.com](mailto:Adstockevents@gmail.com)

For tickets and dietary requirements

(Mailbox will be checked every few days so please allow time for a reply as run by busy volunteers!)







# ADSTOCK

## MUSICAL OPEN GARDENS



**Saturday 8th  
& Sunday 9th  
June 2024**  
gardens open 2pm-6pm



**Pimms & Ice Cream Musical Garden**

**Tea & Cakes in Village Hall**

**Beer Garden with Music**

**Tractor Rides**

**Bag a Bottle**

**Craft Stalls**

**Plant Stall**

*Free off road  
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**£5 Adults**  
*Children Free*

*Valid for Entry  
on both days*



*Proceeds support St Cecilia's  
Church, the village hall,  
local organisations & projects*



Please Bring Cash ~ Dogs permitted on leads but not in all gardens



Updates posted on [facebook.com/AdstockOpenGardens](https://facebook.com/AdstockOpenGardens)

**Location:** between Winslow and Buckingham on the A413

# News from St Cecilia's



Sadly there is no news on who or if there will be any clergy available for the usual services in Adstock this month. For Easter there are a couple of services happening in Padbury, which you are more than welcome to attend. See details below.

**15<sup>th</sup> March** sees our regular coffee morning which is getting very popular now. Do come along. We would love to see you.

Padbury, St Mary's Church welcomes you to their Easter services.

## Easter Sunday

The Easter Sunday Service  
at St Mary's, Padbury  
will be at 10 am



There will be breakfast rolls (bacon, egg, sausage),  
and other refreshments after the service  
and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

## Easter Gathering

Do join us at  
St Mary's Church, Padbury  
Tuesday, 26 March

2.30 pm

*We meet together for hymns, readings,*

*From the catering point of view, it would be helpful  
but not essential, to know if you are able to join us.*



## Padbury Women's Institute (WI) 'Calling all ladies from Adstock'

You are most welcome to any event, either as a paying guest, £4 a meeting or, even better, to join up as a member. 'We would love to see you there and you would be made very welcome'

Our programme of events for Spring 2024 follows:

- **14<sup>th</sup> March** – Mexican Dominoes | Simple Supper
- **11<sup>th</sup> April** – Volunteering in Cambodia
- **9<sup>th</sup> May** – Pasta demonstration and tasting

Contact us on [padburywi@gmail.com](mailto:padburywi@gmail.com) for further information

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# LOCAL HISTORY TALK

During World War II the Czech Government in Exile was based in Bucks, including Addington. From Here They Controlled the Czech Resistance.



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm - St Mary's Church, Addington**

Exactly 85 years after Hitler invaded Prague, local historian Colonel Ingram Murray will give an illustrated talk on this subject followed by refreshments.

Tickets: **£10 each** (children free) by scanning the QR code



Or contact:

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church in Addington.*

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## CLUB NEWS



### THE ADSTOCK HISTORY CLUB

If you missed February's talk by Jason Rush on Stalin, you missed a well presented and very interesting talk. Reports are that they all learnt something they didn't know, and it was very current considering what is happening in Russia!

March's History Club talk will be on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30 pm

Peter Yapp will be talking about: **Adstock and Bletchley Park; Some recollections from WW2.**

What a great opportunity to hear about local history.

Visitors to the History Club are always welcome – phone or email for more details.

Jenny Stuart ~ 01296 712 561 ~ [jenniferanne.stuart@btopenworld.com](mailto:jenniferanne.stuart@btopenworld.com)



[www.theadstockscienceclub.co.uk](http://www.theadstockscienceclub.co.uk)

March's Science Club Talk is on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> by Dr Emma Ryan entitled **"To boldly go where no one has gone before: Making sci-fi a reality"**, it covers whether space-based solar power is a thing of sci-fi; first suggested by Isaac Asimov in the 1940s in a comic. It is now so much more than that and is being seen as part of the solution to achieve net-zero by 2050. This talk will endeavour to answer the following three questions:

- **Why and when** do we need **space-based solar power (SBSP)**?
- **What** is **SBSP** and **how** does it work?
- **Who** works on **SBSP**?

It'll also explores why we need to boldly go where no one has gone before, now more than ever, to address the climate change and energy crisis, whether this be building the largest structure mankind has ever built and in space, wirelessly beaming energy back to Earth across 36,000 km or manufacturing as many components in a day that is currently being built in a year."

Visitors to the Science Club are always welcome – phone or email for more details.

Marius Stuart ~ Tel: 01296 712 561 ~ Email: [marius.stuart@btopenworld.com](mailto:marius.stuart@btopenworld.com)

## Saturday 16th March at 2.15pm

East & Botolph Claydon Village Hall, MK18 2LR

### The Bucks & Oxon HPS Present:

#### Hardy Exotics and Creating Microclimates by Colin Ward

A talk about various hardy exotic plants incorporating plants suitable for a wide variety of situations in the garden & how to achieve the right growing environment.



Non-members welcome, £4ppn entry ~ Refreshments available after the talk

For more details about the group or if you wish to offer a talk contact or message us by Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/HPSBucksandOxon>

or email [bucksandoxonhardyplantsociety@gmail.com](mailto:bucksandoxonhardyplantsociety@gmail.com)



Date	Events	Place	Time
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers Day		
14 <sup>th</sup> March	WI Padbury - Mexican Dominoes   Simple Supper	Padbury Village Hall	7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>"To boldly go where no one has gone before: Making sci-fi a reality"</b>	1 Greenfields	7.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Hardy Exotics and creating Microclimates by Colin Ward	Botolph Claydon Village Hall	2.15pm
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Local History Talk – Czech Resistance	St Marys Church, Addington	6pm
16 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patricks Day Soiree	Village Hall	7.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> March	History Club – Peter Yapp: Adstock & Bletchley Park; recollections from WW2.	1 Greenfields	7.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Coffee Morning	Village Hall	11am
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Chilli & Darts Evening	Village Hall	7pm
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Adstock Musical Open Gardens	Village Hall	2-6pm
	<b>Weekly Events</b>		
Monday	Karate Fit	Adstock Fields	From 7pm
Wednesday	Pilates	Village Hall	9.30am
Thursday	Hatha Yoga Classes	Village Hall	9.30-10.30am
Thursday	Choir 	Contact Lucy Bignall	

## Hatha yoga Class with Lynn Patton

Thursday morning 9.30-10.30am in Adstock Village Hall £10/class

An established class with places now available: move your body, strengthen your breathing and generally give yourself some care and attention  
- we all need some of that



**Bring a mat and a blanket**  
Contact Lynn on 07799 197317  
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for further information or to book your place





## LOCAL CONTACTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Hardy Plant Society	Claire	07502 191215
History Club	Jenny Stuart	01296 712561
Karate Fit	Tom	07974 929961
Pilates	Heather Brogden	07900 138314
Piano and Violin Lessons	Lucy Bignall	07798 504410
Science Club	Marius Stuart	01296 712561
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**Viva Neil Diamond**  
**The Tiger Who Came to Tea**

**1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
**14<sup>th</sup> March**  
**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
**19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Andy and the Team**  
**look forward to welcoming you**

**Sunday 10th March**  
**Mothering Sunday Lunch**

**Thurs 21st March**  
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£25 for the year – (6 issues of the Adstock Clarion and Calendar notices)

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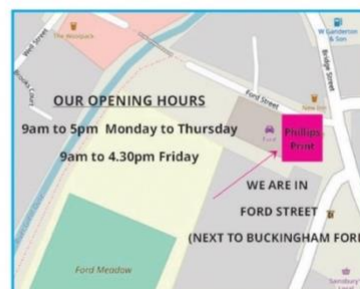
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