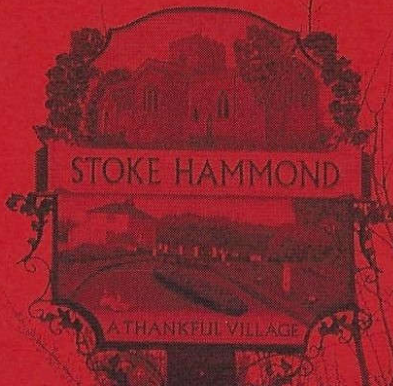


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## St LUKE'S, STOKE HAMMOND

December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	16.00	Christingle Service – Revd John Waller
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	16.00	Carol Service – Revd John Waller
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Worship – Jeremy Hopkinson
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	16.00	Cribb Service – Dave Webber
	23.30	Holy Communion – Revd Val Plumb
December 25 <sup>th</sup>		NO SERVICE
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	11.00	Holy Communion at Great Brickhill – Revd John Waller

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS  
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BRAGENHAM SIDE

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	8.30 - 10.30 (Last Orders)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	8.30 - 10.30 (Last Orders)

Church Wardens:

Diane Webber 270409 and Harry Davies 01234-822780

## METHODIST SERVICES

Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly - 01525 240589

December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	16.00	United Christingle Service at St. Luke's
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Service – Revd Andrew Shergold
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Service – Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Service – Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly
December 31 <sup>st</sup>		NO SERVICE
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	15.00	United Covenant Service

**Coffee Mornings**

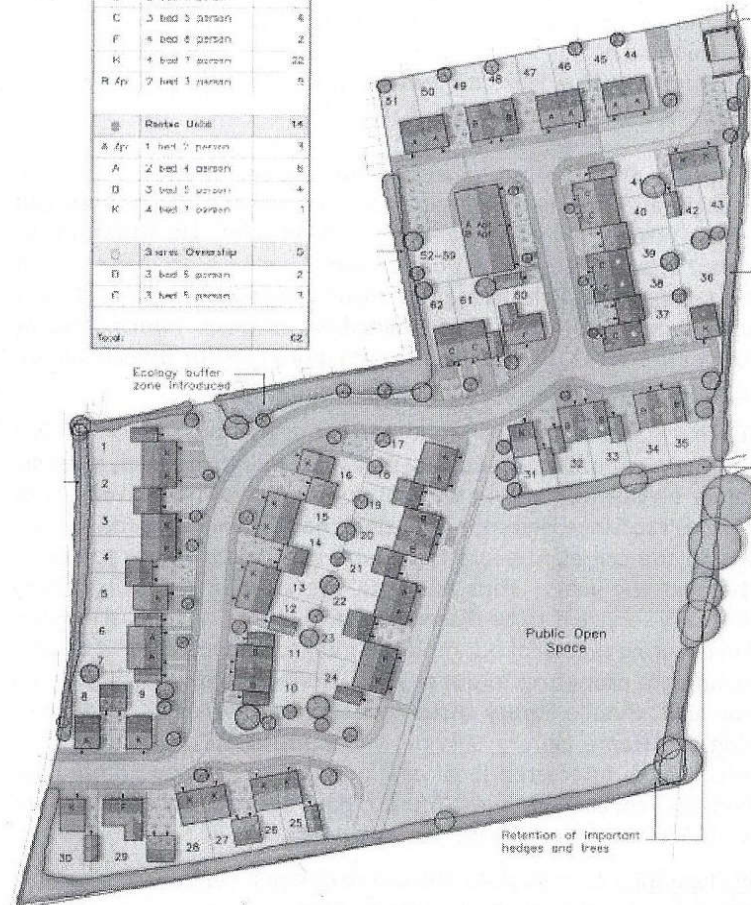
Wednesdays at 10.30 - 11.30  
(contact 01525-270287)

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Firstly, an update on some recent planning applications. Back in October an application 17/02600/APP to remove the agricultural occupancy condition on Kings Farm, Leighton Road was placed before the PC. We objected and AVDC Planning likewise agreed and refused the removal of this agricultural occupancy condition. In the same month the applicant for the Fenny Road site where outline planning permission has already been granted for 74 new homes, was endeavouring to seek the discharge of conditions imposed on this planning consent which related to the preservation and protection of the archaeological remains that had been found on this site. Your PC felt these conditions should remain in place, but the applicant has since submitted further documents providing a more detailed specification for their archaeological excavation investigation scheme (Condition 9) and Methodology for the preservation in situ of the Archaeological remains (Condition 8). These new documents would seem to have allayed the

Archaeological Officers, concerns who are now suggesting the conditions can be in the case of excavation (9) be partially discharged and fully discharged for the preservation in situ (8). What does this mean, well looking at the revised layout plan which is reproduced here, there will be a much larger public open space with retention of important hedgerows and trees, with a reduced total of 62 dwellings, 43 of which are private, 14 rented and 5 shared ownership. One worrying concern of the layout, is a cul-de-sac, which would seem to offer a possible future access into the adjoining field!!

Type	Description	Total No
	<b>Private:</b>	<b>43</b>
A	2 bed 4 person	6
B	3 bed 5 person	4
C	3 bed 5 person	4
F	4 bed 6 person	2
K	4 bed 7 person	20
R Apr	7 bed 9 person	6
	<b>Rented Units:</b>	<b>14</b>
A Apr	1 bed 2 person	1
A	2 bed 4 person	6
D	3 bed 5 person	4
K	4 bed 7 person	1
	<b>Shared Ownership:</b>	<b>5</b>
B	3 bed 5 person	2
F	3 bed 6 person	1
<b>Total:</b>		<b>62</b>



The PC meeting held on Tuesday 7th November, was as one might have expected, well attended. The evening was dominated by discussion of planning application ref 17/03772/APP for the demolition of the Dolphin Inn and the erection of 9 new dwellings. Much was made of the fact that the Dolphin Inn aside from the village shop is the only other true village amenity, although almost all in attendance, acknowledged they very rarely if at all frequented the Dolphin. This mainly being put down to the uninviting nature of the Inn. If money was spent it would be a more attractive proposition, but would such an investment be recouped – all rather catch 22! There was a strong feeling that the PC should be doing more and reacting to public comment, albeit it was pointed out that no Councillor had prior to the meeting been approached by any resident regarding this planning application and no public comments had been received by AVDC. It was however, unanimously agreed by the PC to object to this application on many grounds, such as the loss of a village amenity, over development of the site, issues of access already highlighted by the Highways authority, the fact the site falls within the Conservation Area and many more, all of which was to be highlighted in a template letter of objection, which the PC was to distribute to all homes in Stoke Hammond. This certainly galvanised people into action, for at the time of putting this report together, some near 30 letters of objection were being shown on the AVDC planning portal and was yet to show the 79 letters delivered by your Chair directly to the planning office. Next stage is when we present our case before the AVDC Development Control Committee, date yet to be advised.

The discussions regarding the Dolphin Inn overshadowed other matters, but the indiscriminate use of fireworks at this time of year and the nuisance and danger they can cause particularly to livestock was certainly another major talking point. No one wants to spoil people's enjoyment, but in rural areas such as ours, animals can be scared and indeed in a previous year, two horses lost their lives as a direct result of fireworks. For next year, your PC resolved to publicise well in advance of November. as much information as possible concerning the use of fireworks. We will also set up a portal on our website where residents can give notice for all to see of planned firework events/parties.

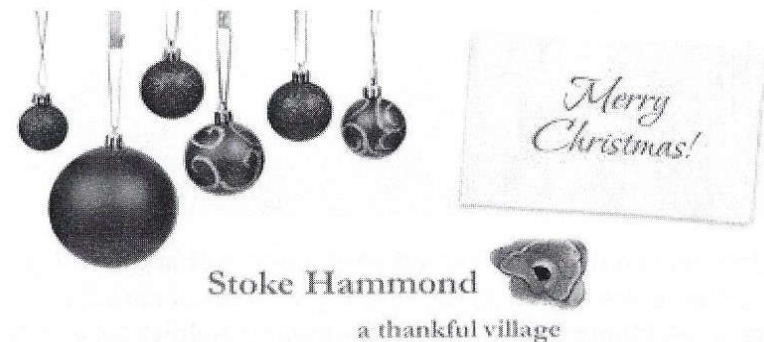
The Mobile Library service may not be something that many of us use, but for some it is a most important facility, but with yet more cost cutting measures being imposed, it seems likely that the Mobile Library service throughout Bucks is soon to be lost, which would of course include the monthly visit to Stoke Hammond. Despite having already made savings approaching £2,350,000 over the last eight years the library service still needs to save a further £500,000 over the next two years. Thus, Bucks CC are proposing that from May 2018, the current mobile library service is to be discontinued. They are making assurances that they are committed in ensuring that all of our mobile library customers will still be able to access library services, and are proposing to put in place alternative community-based options. Under these proposals, mobile library customers could be served by a range of different options including the Home Library Service, wider provision of online library lending services and working with interested local communities to develop community-based options such as 'click and collect' schemes. You can have your say, as Bucks CC are running an online survey until 31 December 2017.

Visit [www.tinyurl.com/bucksmobile](http://www.tinyurl.com/bucksmobile) to complete the survey. Paper copies are available upon request at main libraries and at mobile library service stops.

As you will read elsewhere, the SH News can now be read online. The latest edition will be available to read on either the PC website [www.stokehammondpc.com](http://www.stokehammondpc.com) or the Community Association site [www.stokehammondcommunityassociation.com](http://www.stokehammondcommunityassociation.com).

Some of you will have noticed the contractors at work, fencing off the field behind the Community Centre on Bragenham Side. Now this has been fenced off, your PC hopes to complete on this most important purchase for the village in the very near future, if not by the time you read this edition of the SH news.

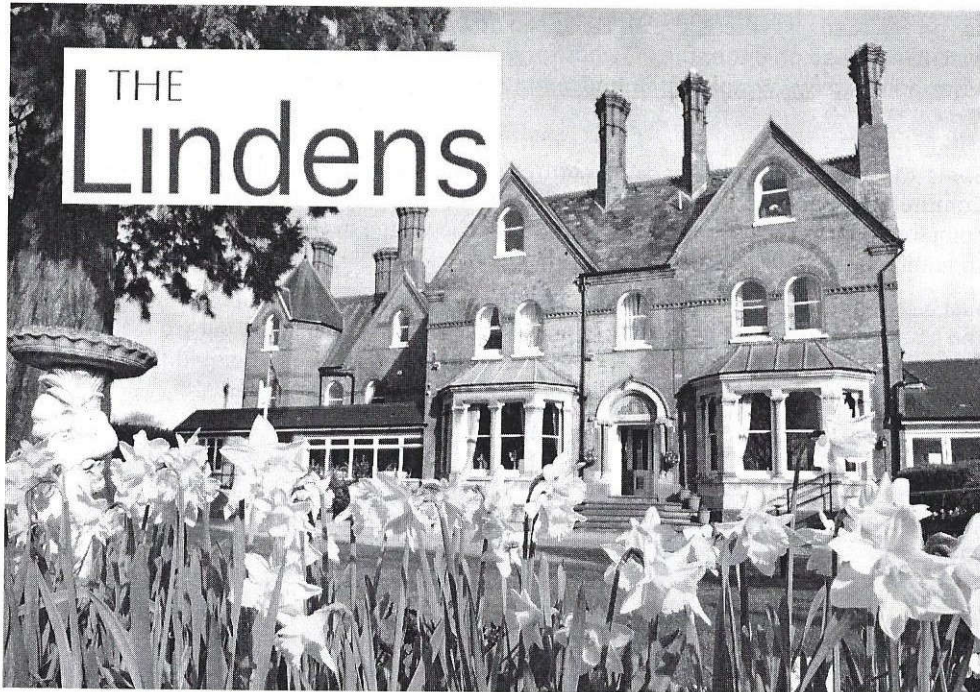
Just a reminder that the next PC meeting is to be held at 7.30pm Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the small meeting room at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side. All are welcome. But as this is the last PC News before Christmas, your Parish Council would like to wish all residents of Stoke Hammond a Very Merry Xmas and all the best for 2018



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## THE Lindens

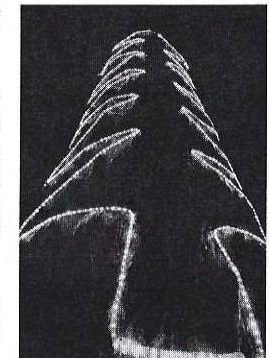
At The Lindens, we love Christmas and our "Home from Home" feels full of Christmas spirit.

Setting the scene for our Christmas festivities are the colourful, shiny and sparkly decorations embracing our lounges, oak panelled dining room and hallways. Trees are a big feature here, with several large Christmas trees set around the home. Each is individually decorated with beautiful ornaments, baubles, ribbons, tinsel and of course twinkly lights. Each year, some of our residents and guests enjoy joining our staff in decorating these. Some like to take part in our Art Classes making ornaments from clay, then painting and finishing them off with a flourish of ribbon.

Our majestic Wellingtonia tree is likely to have been part of Christmas at The Lindens since it was planted.

Many Victorians would dig up their Wellingtonia each year to bring inside for Christmas, starting with trees in pots on the table, progressing to the floor standing trees we know today. They would have been dressed with candles, strings of popcorn, candy canes, flags and cornucopias filled with sweets. Decorating trees became even more popular after a drawing of Queen Victoria's Christmas Tree was published in the 1840's.

Our Wellingtonia has been adorned with colourful lights arranged in a Christmas tree shape with baubles and a star at the top, looking beautiful day or night.



The front of the house has been decorated with white lights to enhance the Christmas tree light display.

*Merry Christmas  
to you all  
from us at The Lindens!*

If you would like to call in and join us for mince pies and festive cheer or if you are interested in volunteering here, let our Manager Chris Ryan know, we look forward to meeting you.

*Michael Hannelly*  
Director, The Lindens.

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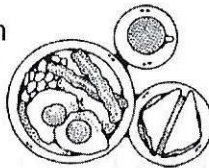
The **community breakfast** went well this month with a continuous flow of customers and another busy breakfast. Thank you to Val Healy who joined the team this month and to Liz McMillan and Sylvia Drummond for doing the washing up!



**Christmas Fair:** As we go to press, the Christmas fair has not yet taken place, but will have by the time you receive this. I'm confident it will have gone well if the amount of preparation is anything to go by! Thanks to all those who helped out on the day or baked cakes and to those who came along and supported us. More details next month!



**Forthcoming Events: Community breakfast:** Once again we will be serving our Community Breakfast on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** between 8.30am and 10.30am. The usual fare will be on offer along with a very warm welcome. Do come and join us!



At our recent Christmas fair, as usual, we launched our **Christmas Hamper raffle**. Tickets are available at church events and at the Dolphin PH.

**Carol singing:** By request, we have organised some communal **Carol singing on The Green on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.** Singing will be accompanied by the piano accordion. We will also be offering mince pies and mulled wine (or something softer for children) and carol sheets will be provided. Please wrap up warmly and bring a lamp or torch!



**Tuesday** hopefully We will wine (or sheets and bring

Most of our forthcoming events this month are obviously church services, so here's a list of them:

**3rd Dec 4pm Christingle service (in aid of The Children's Society)** At the Christingle ("Christ light") service, participants are given an orange with a candle to represent Christ in the world. During the service, the candles are lit and the lights switched off and at the end of the service, you can take your orange (and



sweets) home with you! The service will be led by Revd. John Waller and is aimed at children but open to all.

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm Carol service (9 lessons and carols)** The carol service allows a traditional format of 9 Bible readings (lessons) with carol singing or a musical interlude by the benefice choir in between each. The 9 lessons tell the story of the birth of Jesus from the very beginning (The fall of mankind from the story of Adam and Eve) through the prophecies of his birth to his birth and after as told in the Gospels. It will be led by Revd John Waller.

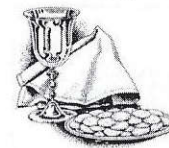


**17<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am Morning Worship**  
Our normal third Sunday service which will be led by Jeremy Hopkinson

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm Crib service (Aimed at children, but open to all)** The crib service runs for about 30 – 40 minutes and is a service designed to remind children of the real meaning of Christmas. The service will be led by Dave and Diane Webber and will be followed by light refreshments.



**24<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.30pm Holy Communion (Midnight Mass)**



is a Christmas service of Holy communion (the actual communion takes place after midnight and therefore on Christmas day) at which carols are sung as part of the service. It will be led by Rev Val Plumb.



*We wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas*

**Church Benefice Website: [www.brickhillschurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk).** If you want to come to a service, all church service times are listed on the website, along with contact details for the Rector. If you would like to come to church but have mobility problems please ring John (see below) regarding transport. If you would like to volunteer to help, have a prayer request or enquiry, please ring **Harry: Churchwarden, on 07773065271, Diane: Assistant Churchwarden (unofficial), on 270409 or John: Treasurer, on 270202.**



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			Monday 29 January



The Greensand Country Landscape Partnership (GCLP) launched in January this year, and has secured £1.66m National Lottery funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support an array of exciting projects across the Greensand Country area- based along the Greensand Ridge from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay.

Our partners will be busy working to improve the heathlands, woodland and historic parklands in the area, adding new walking, cycling and horse riding routes and training volunteers and staff in traditional, local skills. We're running events, leading guided walks, holding talks and debates and promoting painting, poetry and photography competitions, encouraging people to explore and enjoy their local landscape, and preserve it for future generations.

We're also looking to work with local communities to celebrate the history and heritage of the area. We're offering communities, clubs, schools or heritage groups the chance to apply for a grant of between £500 and £15,000 to help preserve or investigate the historic buildings, archaeological features or historic landscape in their area.

Our first grant project was a geophysical survey of the remains of Warden Abbey near Old Warden, which is now being used to create set of brand new paintings and drawings showing how the abbey would have looked in it's heyday in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

We're now looking for more projects to support, and may be able to help your school, local community group, WI or local History Society make something really exciting happen around your village.

This could include helping to restore a building, surveying archaeological remains, mapping old fields and hedges, improving access to a historic site near you, or creating new interpretation about your area.

Projects can be based around sites from any time period, including the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We've given you a few ideas for what you could do, but we're happy to have a chat about anything and see if we can help you get involved!

As well as helping communities investigate their heritage, we also have grant funding available for landowners, schools, sports clubs and community groups who own or manage woodlands, heath or grassland.

We can also give you grant funding to restore features made of sandstone, for example walls and lynch gates.

You can find more information about all our grants on our website at [greensandcountry.com](http://greensandcountry.com) (look under 'Care' then 'Grants and Funding'. To apply for a grant simply email us about your project, including what you'd like to achieve, how much it will cost and how the local community can get involved. We will then come to visit you to tell you more.

If you'd like to talk to us then get in touch on [team@greensandcountry.com](mailto:team@greensandcountry.com) or call 01234 838774

The Greensand Country Landscape Partnership has been formed by a range of partners in the area all of whom are working together to create a living and working landscape that is cherished by present and future generations. The Partnership is led by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity and the Greensand Trust, and also includes the RSPB, The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, Central Bedfordshire Council, Bedfordshire and Luton Biodiversity Recording and Monitoring Centre, Bedfordshire Geology Group, Sustrans, British Horse Society, Flitwick Town Council, Shuttleworth College, local landscape author Brian Kerr, Community Voluntary Service, The Shuttleworth Trust, Federation of Small Businesses, Arnold White Estates Limited and Clophill Heritage Trust.

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**SAM & HARRY BENSON**

By **Barbara Munn**



Sam and Harry have lived in Stoke Hammond with their parents Gina and Kenny for over a year now which is relatively a long time considering they are only 8 and 4 years old respectively. Christmas this year will be quite different since baby sister Connie, who was born in April will be there too. I met the boys on a Sunday morning in November to talk about Christmas celebrations in their household. Both Sam and Harry are full of anticipation and, as they explained their family traditions and plans their excitement levels grew. As you read the article I hope you will agree with me that they are two lovely children with a great sense of fun.

- ***If you could choose just one present but it could be anything in the world what would it be?***

SAM An X-Box 360 because the graphics look realistic

HARRY: A Kindle Fire because Sam's got one and when I'm 6 I can play on it. And I want Daddy to exercise more so he can play football better and lose weight

- ***What do you think would be the best ever present for Mummy?***

SAM: To go to Disneyland, Paris, 'cos she loves Disney

HARRY: A new lipstick so she doesn't hurt her mouth. Or a new laptop 'cos she might break her other one.

- ***And for Daddy?***

SAM: A new football – and 2 tickets to watch Tottenham play Arsenal.

- **Why 2 tickets?**

SAM: Because Harry is too young to go and I want Tottenham to win.

HARRY: A new laptop 'cos his is broken. And a whistle 'cos he's lost his. He needs it to referee matches and he is the coach for my team, the Stoke Hammond Under 5's. And a teacup that says HAPPY BIRTHDAY on it because his birthday is on Christmas Eve.

- **How does the Benson family celebrate Christmas?**

SAM: On Christmas Eve we go to Granny and Granpa's house and we see Auntie Lisa and Uncle Adam. Then we play with Neve who's 4 and Gracie who's 2 – they're really cute. I'm the oldest grandchild which is good because I like playing with little children and babies. On Christmas Day we go to Grandma and Grandad's and sometimes we have a sleepover.

- **What is your favourite food on Christmas Day?**

SAM: Christmas dinner. Roast turkey, potatoes, pigs in blankets, Yorkshire puds and broccoli. NO sprouts! And for pudding I have a cornetto or a Smarties ice cream.

HARRY: A ham sandwich and a cornetto. NO sprouts!

- **If you had to buy a present for the Queen what would you get her?**

SAM: Another Corgi dog or a really expensive diamond ring.

- **If you were to buy a present for Santa what would it be?**

HARRY: A big new sack and a new reindeer and call it Curtis 'cos I really like the name. And a sat nav so he knows where to go.

- **What will you give Connie?**

SAM: Something like a rubber ring to chew on 'cos she's teething.

HARRY: A rattle.

- **How do you get your house ready for Christmas?**

SAM: We decorate 2 trees. This year we've bought 2 new baubles with Sam and Harry written on them. We also put a sign outside the front door which says – SANTA STOP HERE.

HARRY: We leave carrots and milk out for the reindeer and cookies and brandy and a mince pie for Santa.

- **Where does Santa leave your presents?**

SAM and HARRY: He leaves some at the ends of our beds and the rest under the tree in the sitting room.

- **What do you want to do on Christmas Day?**

SAM: Play Lego Dimension on my PS3.

HARRY: Play with my Lego Ninjago.

- **What else is important about Christmas besides presents?**

SAM: We're celebrating Jesus's birthday.

- **What do you do at school before Christmas?**

SAM: Our class has to get more than 100 points; then we'll get a special treat. (We've already got over 200).

HARRY: We're doing a Nativity play and I'm a Roman soldier. I have to say; "One day some soldiers came," and "You have to go to Bethlehem to be counted."

- **Do you think Christmas will be different this year?**

SAM: Yes, we probably won't get as many presents 'cos we've got Connie and that's fair.

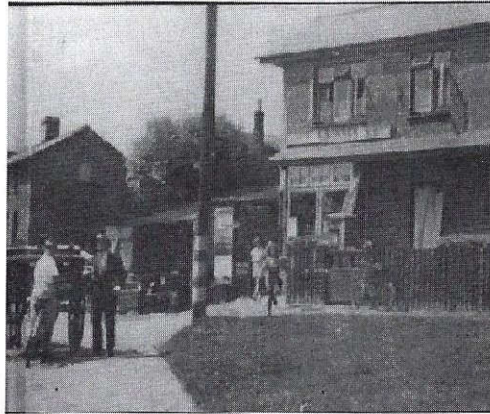
- **What do you think Christmas should be?**

SAM: I hope it is fun and a happy day for everyone.



## STOKE HAMMOND YESTERYEAR A PERSONAL RECORD 1925 – 1948

# STOKE HAMMOND YESTERYEAR



MARGARET AITKEN

Stan Andrews, the baker from soulbury stands outside Bonner's with his cart. Assisting him is Raymond Kirk, who was in the author's class at school.

We are most pleased to be continuing with the publication of extracts from Margaret Aitken's book 'Stoke Hammond Yesteryear' first published in 1997 that provides an amazing insight into the life of our village in years gone by. Many thanks to Margaret for granting us permission to publish these extracts. We now reach chapter 9; 'OFF TO WORK'.

### OFF TO WORK

When World War II broke out in September 1939 we had left school and found ourselves jobs – not at the same place because Jean was interested in office work and my mother dearly wanted me to become a dressmaker.

In nearby Fenny Stratford there was a draper shop called Cowlishaws, which took dressmaking apprentices. Apprentices had to do all the menial jobs for very low wages. In contrast, Jean was getting 5s per week at the Co-op. With dressmaking in mind, I was then pointed in the direction of the Rodex coat factory at

Bletchley, which made high-class garments and paid 7s 6d per week.

Inside the factory were rows of electric sewing machines, which made a considerable din when they were all working. After the forelady had explained to me what I had to do, she gave me a piece of canvas interfacing to work on. It took me a little time to adjust to the speed, but eventually machining canvas became a doddle. My next step was making up coat linings. A ready cut-out bundle would arrive, often in beautifully coloured satin. When I had become experienced at making up linings I was then put onto coats. The material was of a higher quality and at first I was only allowed to machine the seams. But later, when I gained the required experience, I made up the whole garment in a variety of styles, some with top stitching. The next process was to learn how to make up and insert complicated pockets. I had just reached this stage of my career when I had to give in my notice and leave Rodex coat factory for good.

Almost immediately after the outbreak of the war, my brother Fred, aged 20, had become one of the first militia men in the district to be called up into the Army. Fred normally worked at home with Dad. Most of the time was spent out on the round or filling up the van ready for the next day. My sister Annis still worked in the shop and the Post Office which he had now acquired, but Flo, Mum's sister, had married Albert Sharpe the coalman, so I had to take Fred's place at home.

My new job entailed working out on the round with Dad and serving in the shop and Post Office. I really enjoyed being out in the fresh air and getting to know the customers. Some were dear old souls who had dealt with us for years. I had to help Dad 'do' the van every we time we came back from the round. This meant stacking the shelves with groceries and pumping the tank full of paraffin.



Aylesbury Road, Wing - where we started our rounds.

On Monday mornings at about 8.45 Dad would set off in the van for Soulbury, serving the outlying customers on his way. After the first rush of customers in the shop, I cycled after him and caught up just as he had begun serving in the village. With my bike propped up against a convenient wall or hedge, I then got down

to work. I had my own customers to serve and Dad had his. Both Dad and I wore leather money bags across our shoulders, with coppers in the first section and silver in the second. I used to keep a few 10s notes for change but gave the £1 notes to Dad. Some of the housewives would come out to the van to look around and help themselves. Most of them wore a pinafore, which they put the items of shopping until we added up the contents. When we had finished at Soulbury, Dad went on alone to Burcott and Wing, where there were only a few customers, and I cycled home. After dinner I washed and changed and served behind the counter with my sister. When Dad came home from the round I had to pump the tank and help him 'do' the van.

Tuesday was our half-day closing and how we all looked forward to it. It was market day at Leighton Buzzard. In the early afternoon Dad got out the car and we all piled in.

At Dixon's Garage he would fill up with enough petrol to last us through the week. When we had browsed around the stalls we then took on the shops. If we needed new clothes, shoes or knitting wool and jumper patterns this was the place to buy them. I loved rummaging around Purrett's Music Shop. It was dark, dingy and untidy inside, but I could usually find what I needed.

If the required sheet music was not in stock Miss Purrett would order it and it would be there next week. Annis and I enjoyed buying the latest songs that we had heard on the wireless. Sometimes, as an extra treat while we were in Leighton Buzzard, we stayed on for the pictures at the Oriol Cinema.

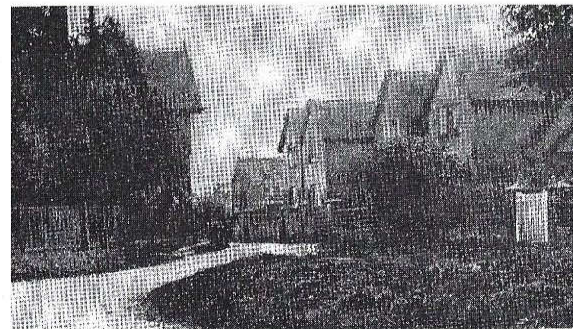
On Wednesday Dad went to Newton Longville on his own. He did not need my help as we did not have so many customers there, so I worked in the shop and post office.

We visited Drayton Parslow on a Thursday. Dad drove on ahead of me and I cycled later to catch him up. We had some nice customers there and one in particular I shall always remember. Her name was Mrs Harold Capp and she lived in one of the newer detached houses, with a well-kept front garden. One winter's day, when it was bitterly cold and my hands were frozen from drawing paraffin and carrying heavy cans, she invited me in. 'Come and have a warm by the fire,' she said. She took me into her best room, where she pulled up a pouffe and sat me down in front of the hearth. A while later she brought me a steaming cup of cocoa made with milk. I must have looked like an urchin in my dirty old working clothes and smelling strongly of paraffin. It is a wonder, though, that I had not ignited in front of the fire! After that episode I always thought of Mrs Capp as a real lady.

Friday was a long hard day, but compared with the early days when Dad and Auntie Flo went off in the horse and cart, it was easy. We now had the mobile shop with a warm cab to protect us from the weather, but we also had a bigger round and more customers so it took almost as long. The sale of paraffin had greatly increased so that we now had to rendezvous in Whitchurch at mid-day with an oil tanker that came from the depot at Aylesbury to fill up the tank on the van. When we reached Little London Mrs Gurr would bring out a tea tray, set with cups and saucers, a jug of milk, sugar and a pot of tea covered by a cosy. We drank this with our packed lunch.

In the early afternoon we continued on to Oving, which adjoins Whitchurch. We did not have quite so many calls there but it still took several hours. When the last customer in Oving had been served we tightened up the remaining depleted stock, unrolled the canvas side-curtains and hooked them in place ready for the journey home. By now we were tired, but satisfied with a good day's work well done.

Once we were out in the countryside Dad would hand me his money bag and then produce a wad of £1 notes from his inside jacket pocket. 'Here you are – straighten these out,' he would say to me. It was a thrill to count through a lap full of paper money and tell him how much we had taken.



Little London, Whitchurch - where we finished.

When we reached the isolated gated road through the fields at Dunton, Dad would stop the van and he and I changed places, me behind the driving wheel and he in the passenger seat.

Although I was still only 14 or 15 years old he insisted that I learned to drive. There was very little traffic on the roads then. Every Friday I drove the couple of miles

through the fields and, long before I was officially old enough, I was a competent driver.

Each Sunday morning the Soulbury orders had to be made up ready for Monday, as well as the tedious job of doing up the rations. Sugar came loose in a sack and was weighed into 1 lb blue paper bags. Where there was one person living alone we had to weigh up 8 ozs. Margarine and compound cooking fat came in large blocks and were cut into 4 ozs and 2 ozs rations. Butter was easier to deal with, at 2 ozs per person. Quarter-pound packets of tea had to be broken open and weighed into 2 ozs per person. Cheese and bacon were also on ration at 4 ozs per person but we did not cut or wrap those until required. Many things were in short supply. Occasionally the wholesaler would let my parents have a flank of fat American streaky bacon, off ration, which my mother boiled in a large pot.

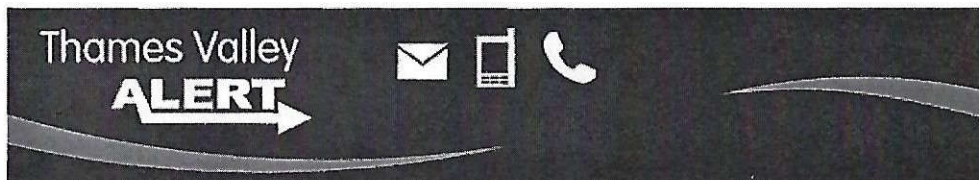
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**– THE WAR YEARS!**

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Protecting your dog from theft 16 November 2017

This is a message sent via Thames Valley Alert. This information has been sent on behalf of Thames Valley Police



Message sent by

**David Huckle** (Police, PCSO, Milton Keynes)

We have recently had two incidents where it is believed the intention was to steal the dogs from the owners.

We are asking dog walkers to be vigilant, keep your dog on a lead, and to report any suspicious incidents via the 101 non-emergency system.

URN 810 11/11/2017 On Saturday 11 November 2017 at around 2pm in the Church Lees area of Great Linford. A member of the public reported that they believed someone had tried to steal their retired guide dog.

As they walked along the Church Lees the dog was off the lead and walking beside them. They described seeing a white transit van pull up and stop. One of the occupants started to call their dog over, and they heard the sliding door open on the van, where they believe a second person got out of the van, they heard calling 'Here Boy & Good Boy', realizing something was wrong, they called the dog back, which ran back to the owner. They heard the van doors close and it sped off towards St Ledger drive.

URN 1456 14/11/2017 On Tuesday 14 November 2017 at around 9pm the victim of an attempted robbery was walking down the redway between Buckingham Road Bletchley opposite Windmill Hill Drive, when he noticed two males walking towards him with their hoods up. They are both described as white, both between 5ft 10 – 6ft tall, one was wearing a dark grey hooded top which was black on the rear above the shoulder line and was taller than the other male. The second male was described as wearing hooded dark clothing. It is believed the males maybe Eastern European from their accents.

The males walked past and the victim felt a heavy blow to his lower legs and he fell to the floor. They males than assaulted the victim and tried to take the dog off him by trying to grab the lead., being unable to take the dog, the males were last seen running away towards Windmill Hill.

If you have any information which could help the police with their investigation please contact the Non-Emergency number 101 and speak to your local Neighbourhood Police Team, quoting the corresponding URN.

Alternatively, if you have information but wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online @ [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org). No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

### Keeping your dog safe

Think twice before leaving your dog tied up outside a shop. You will make them a vulnerable and tempting target for opportunist thieves.

Don't leave your dog alone in the car, even for a few minutes. Thieves can easily break into your car to steal your precious pet.

Make sure your dog is microchipped and that you keep your contact details up-to-date, especially if you move house or change your telephone number. Dogs and puppies in the UK must be microchipped by eight weeks old, by law.

Your dog should always wear a collar and ID tag with your name and address on it. This is a legal requirement when your dog is in a public place. A mobile number is also a good idea, but avoid putting your dog's name on the disc.

Take clear photographs of your dog from various angles, and update them regularly. make a note of any distinguishing features.

Have lots of photographs of yourself with your dog, to help you to prove ownership if needed. Train your dog to come back when called, and never let them off the lead if you are not sure they will come back to you. If in doubt, use an extending lead, especially if you are in an unfamiliar area where your dog may get lost more easily.

At home, make sure your garden is secure and fit a bell to the gate so you hear if anyone opens it.

Keep your dog in view in the garden, don't just leave him outside unsupervised

If you breed puppies for sale, take great care when inviting people in to view; ideally have someone else present and limit the numbers of people you allow in at a time. Show the puppies in one secure area.

Consider setting up a NHW Scheme in your area, for more information email: [MK.Community.WatchCoordinator@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:MK.Community.WatchCoordinator@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

For more information about NHW have a look at Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Watch Association on the following link <http://www.mknhwa.org.uk/>

The National Neighbourhood Watch website at <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk>



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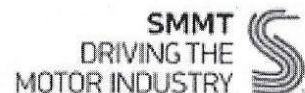
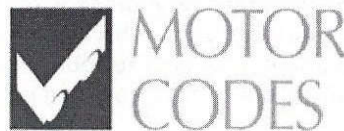
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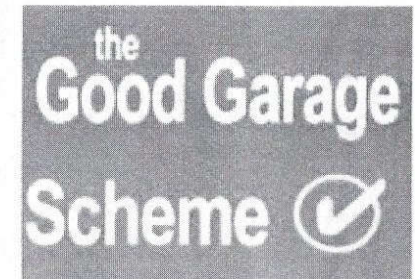
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## INSPIRING WOMEN OF MILTON KEYNES

As part of the MK50 celebrations, Milton Keynes Fawcett Society has created an exhibition to pay tribute to some of the women who helped create the city's identity and its landmarks.

These 10 women pioneers rarely feature in the histories of Milton Keynes. Though the names of some may be familiar to you, others may not. But you will certainly recognise the sites and institutions they established – their legacy to Milton Keynes.

At the exhibition you will find:

- \* Posters that highlight the legacy and life of each women.
- \* Biographies with pictures, quotations and anecdotes.
- \* Memorabilia including letters, diaries and artefacts.



## Matilda Kessler

### A bolder vision

#### Her legacy

Matilda Kessler was appointed Magistrate in 1965 and, at a time of major change, initiated inter-agency sessions to support young offenders.

Her unique book 'The Story of the Magistrates Courts in Milton Keynes', published in 1988, traces the local justice system from 15th Century onwards.

Along with Marget Kettle she founded the first local branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Blechley in 1971. Acorn House in Central Milton Keynes now deals with thousands of enquiries every year.

#### Her life

Matilda Kessler (1915-1990) had a strong commitment to public service and voluntary work. This can be seen early on in her support for evacuees in World War 2.

She was particularly concerned about addressing juvenile crime effectively and was involved with the Mental Health Association and the development of the MK Conciliation Service.

She identified the need for volunteers 'who are prepared to come forward with sufficient time to do increasingly complicated and demanding work', and had a talent for slotting people into exactly the right place where their skills could best be used.

She was also an Open University Council member 1974-1985 where amongst other things she was influential in setting up the staff canteen. In 1986 she became an honorary Master of the University.



One of these 10 ladies was our very own Matilda Kessler, who for many years lived in Stoke Hammond at Bridge Farm.

The exhibition runs from the 13 Nov to 9 Dec at Milton Keynes Central Library.

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*Citizen's Advice Bureau tribute*

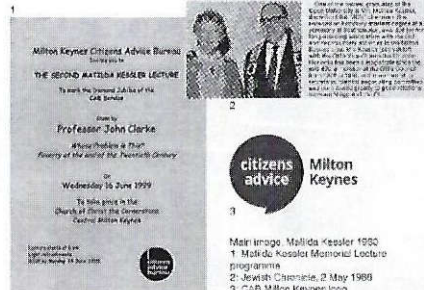
“(She was) responsible for the establishment of the Bureau and for many years was its leading representative in the community.”

*Report of the Citizens Advice Bureau, 1990*

“[This] award was motivated by consideration of her extremely active public life... Her contribution to the community in which she lives [and] her consistent and untiring work in building a bridge between that community and the [Open] University... Her chairmanship was always sensible and gently exercised.”

*Professor Richard Holmes, nomination speech for Open University honorary degree, 9 April 1996*

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- Main image: Matilda Kessler 1990  
 1: Matilda Kessler Memorial Lecture programme  
 2: Jewish Chronicle, 2 May 1989  
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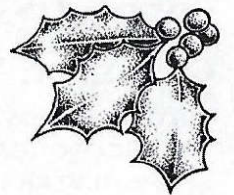
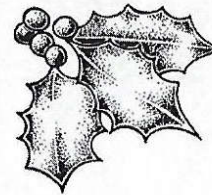
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Beloved club Sec - is this LEI what you have for yourself?

Dear Treasurer - 103775 is I assume our reference at the share centre. Does the club have an LEI?

Secretary- would a personal LEI cover me for all other interests (investment club, Trust etc.)

AND not only that, what has really brought this to my attention is a letter from Lloyds bank to one of my clients asking for a "Tax Residency Self-certification for Individual form". To be fair it doesn't look like a scam- it only asks for address details not bank details and he has just moved to Lincolnshire (Is that an offshore haven?) He is a lowly brickie and doesn't have 2 halfpennies to rub together - he is/was however Irish! Lloyds advise me that completion of this form will result in the issue of a T I N. Ever come across this? Taxpayer Identification Number?

O K no sarky comments (oh if you must then) but I feel a little out of my depth. When ID cards were considered and rejected it was suggested that the NI number was a secure identification system that covered the whole population.

Subsequently in connection with the "simplification" of income tax all taxpayers were given a 10 digit UTR "Unique taxpayer reference number" which would readily identify all taxpayers within the UK.

It seems I am now going to have a "unique" 20 digit LEI which will help me stand out from the crowd.

And if I want to open an account abroad and squirrel away a few Euro's to pay the holiday wine bill I may need a TIM.

Would some political joined up thinking not have concluded that only one number should be necessary? Sorry about the rant but if anyone can enlighten me.....

And finally, is it any wonder why it's taking so long to talk us out of Europe!

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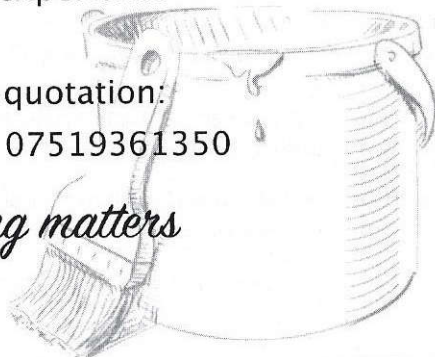
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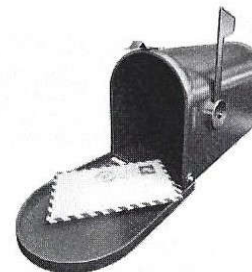
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## READERS LETTERS



**POPPY APPEAL 2017** - *The Poppy Appeal raised £686.32p in Soulbury and Stoke Hammond. Many thanks to Ray in The Dolphin, the management teams in the Boot, The Three Locks and the Sports Club and especially to Kutty in the shop. Warm and sincere thanks to Keith Chambers and Valerie Blackshaw for carrying out the onerous task of counting and bagging the money.*

**Hazel Turner**

**FIREWORKS** - *Whatever happened to Bonfire Night? Not so long ago November 5th was the day on which people had a bonfire with a few fireworks and they had the forethought and consideration to notify those living close by. Nowadays the bonfire seems to have all but disappeared to be replaced with what seems to be a never ending barrage of fireworks throughout November with little regard to the distress they can cause. The most vulnerable are people suffering with PTSD or mental disorders, the elderly and small children can be alarmed and frightened not to mention the potential harm to panicking animals, both domesticated and wild. Organised displays following the appropriate health and safety procedures are surely the way to go for those who seem to not be able to live without fireworks. If you would like to see Government legislation surrounding the use of fireworks to be amended, hopefully to include a ban on the sale of fireworks over the counter to the general public, then please sign a petition which you can find on the Government website*

**<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/201947>**

*Name and address supplied*

**MORE FIREWORKS** - *Dear Villagers, After the discussion about fireworks at the Parish Council meeting in November this is just to warn you of a Two Minute display at the Sports Club on Saturday 2 December at 9pm. Our daughter Victoria will be 40 and is glad to be alive after two serious illnesses this year. It is also the start of Advent, a prayerful time for Christians leading up to Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth, so please keep your animals safely indoors for the two minutes at 9pm on 2 December*

*Thank you.*

**Hazel, Terry and Victoria.**

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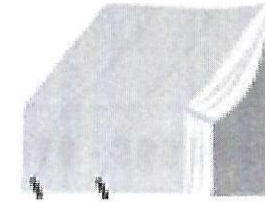
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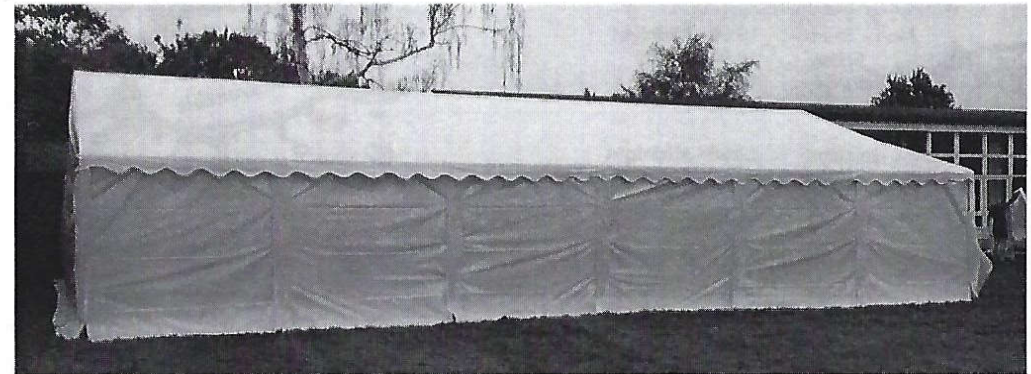
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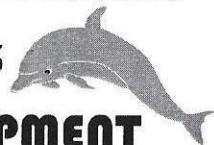
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Answers to last month's quiz:

- (1) Board (2) Baby (3) Back (4) Air (5) Acid  
(6) Code (7) Chamber (8) Cat (9) Butter (10) Book

Here we go, more of the same, remember you have to think of a word that can be put before or after the 3 words:-

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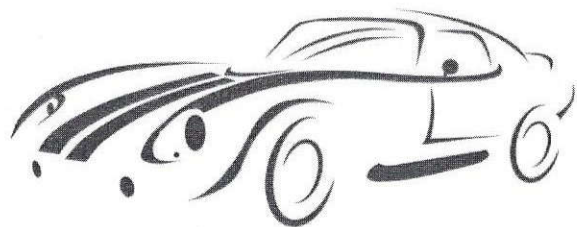
Since our first meeting in January 2016 we now have a regular band of happy singers who meet every week singing a variety of genres from musicals, pop and rock n roll songs which span the decades from the 1940's to the present day.

We always offer a warm welcome to new members who want to sing just for the sheer pleasure of it. Our group is very informal with FUN being the main emphasis. So, if you'd like to join us but "think" you can't sing don't worry, there's no pressure. But you will soon realise that anyone can improve on their singing voice and have a whole lot of fun at the same time.

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## STOKE HAMMOND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our November meeting was on Tuesday 14th November and was our AGM. The Group Convener from the Bucks Federation joined us. Firstly a report was given on the October meeting which was a group meeting when we were joined by members of neighbouring W.Is and was a great success. Our President then read her report on a seminar she had attended on homelessness and domestic abuse which was both depressing and informative, the Treasurer then circulated the 2017 Financial Statement. Next, we discussed forthcoming events eg. a visit to Great Brickhill W.I on 13th December when their speaker will be one of the experts from 'Flog It' and an invite from Wing WI. to their Xmas concert on 1st December. Irene announced her next DVD afternoon would be on the 28th November when the film would be Beauty & the Beast. We then confirmed arrangements for our Xmas lunch at The Three Locks on December 14th.

It was then time for the official Annual General Meeting. Regrettably our Treasurer, Dawn, has had to resign and we do not have a permanent Secretary or full Committee. The Convener explained that the result of the lack of committee and officers would mean that Stoke Hammond W.I. would have to be suspended. Unfortunately, there were no offers forthcoming to fill the vacancies which meant that after the December meeting Stoke Hammond W.I. will indeed be suspended. This is, of course, a very sad conclusion, even more so as it is our 70th year, but it is hoped that it can be re-formed at a future date.

The evening continued with tea and cake and a social half hour when Krystyna had organised some craft work with stencils.

At our December meeting we will have a pot-luck supper and seasonal entertainment and this will take place on Tuesday 12th December - 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side. The competition will be 'V'.

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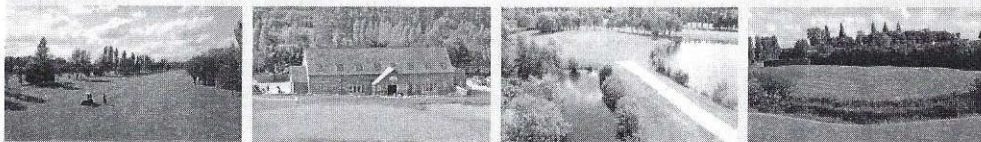


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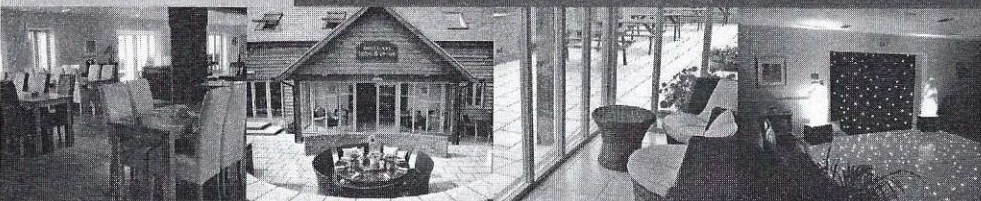
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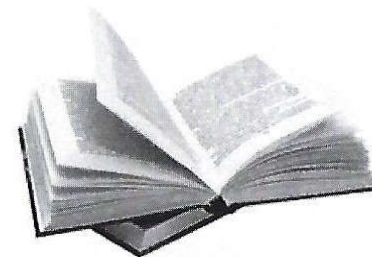
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## STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



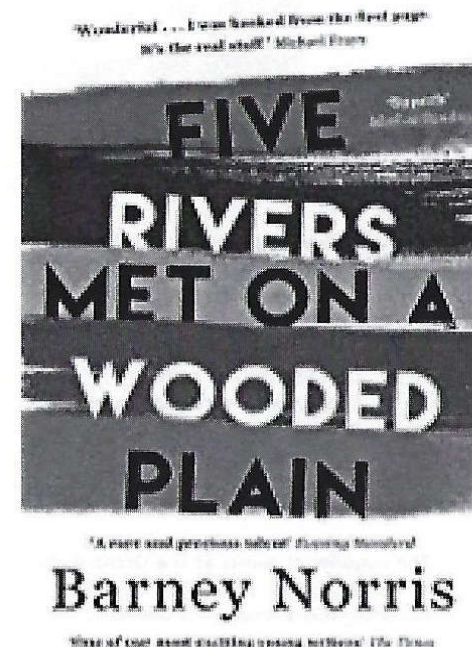
This month's book was **'Five Rivers Met on a Wooded Plain'** by Barney Norris and concerned five different characters who all had their own story.

There was a middle-aged flower seller, an army wife, a security guard, widower and a school boy who were described chapter by chapter in depth but cleverly brought together by a tragic road accident in the form of a very serious car crash.

The group described the book as a web of love, grief, disenchantment and hope and it was interesting to hear how members of the club reacted to the individual stories some feeling sympathy and pity for various characters and others feeling frustrated by their behavior and outlooks.

However, all were unanimous with their praise of this young author and his talent in describing such diverse people and at skillfully bringing all the totally different characters together in the end. Whatever their opinions of the array of characters everyone thoroughly enjoyed the book and will certainly look out for more from Barney Norris.

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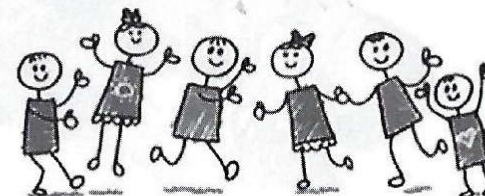
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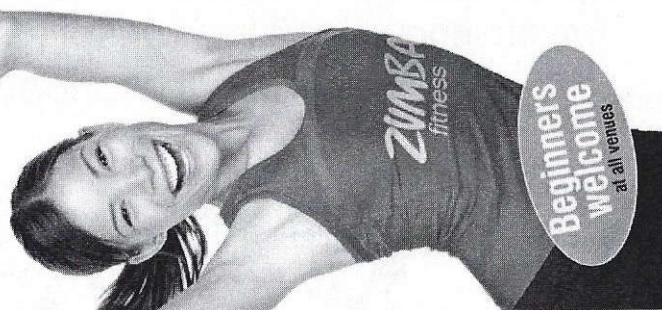
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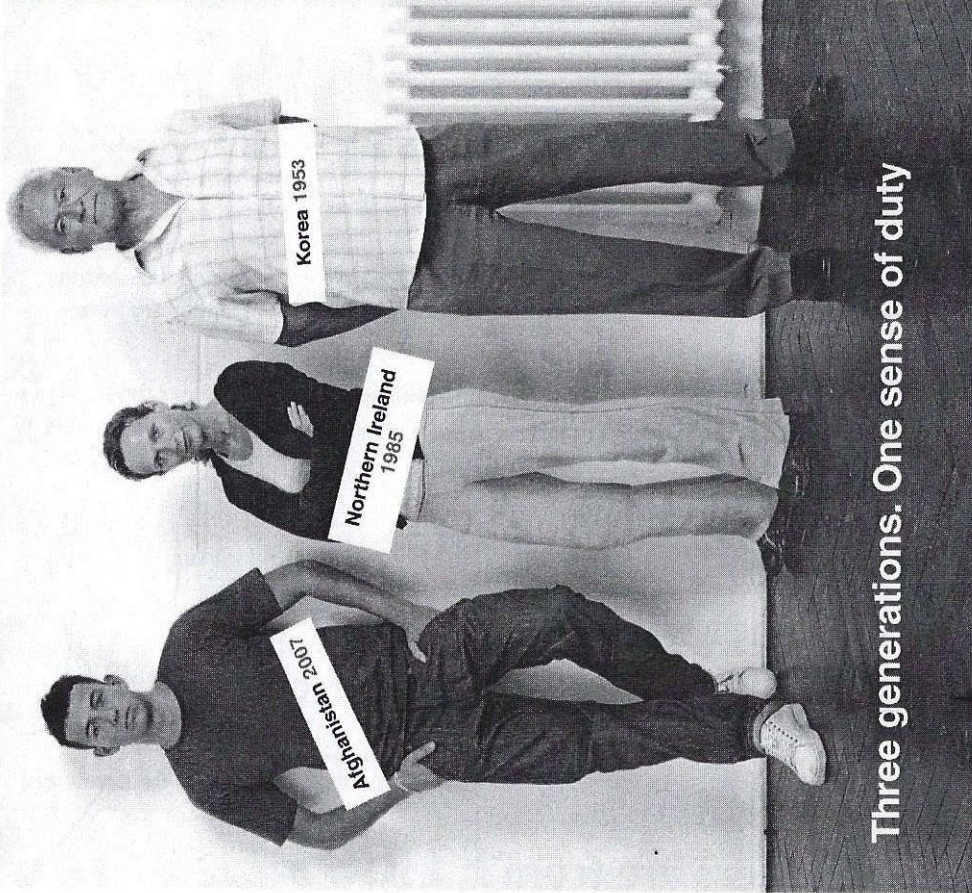
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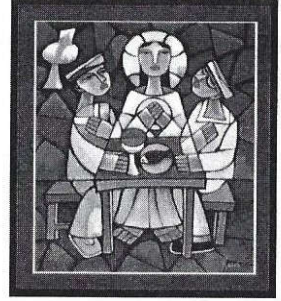
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**Parish News** - We are continuing to work as a school with the community and Parish Council to encourage considerate parking around our school at peak times and through our newsletters and texting service we have sent out regular reminders of our 'Parking Promise'. A huge thank you to the volunteers who work with the Parish Council to run our 'Walking Bus' whereby parents drop their children off at the Parish Council car park and the children are then walked up to the school. We now have 38 children using this service and we are working hard to help promote this as much as we can, with rewards now being added into our Celebration Workshops.

As we do approach some busier times of the year with school events, we wanted to make residents aware of when our Christmas productions are this year. We will text parents as well to remind them to park at the Parish Hall and walk up the hill.

**Good Companions Concert** - Our choir are busy rehearsing for 'Young Voices' in Birmingham and we are already planning ahead to the Christmas Nativity as well. We are very much looking forward to performing our 'Good Companions Concert' which is at 1:30pm on Wednesday 6th December in our school hall. If any Good Companions would like to come, please call the office on 01525 261620 or email [office@highash.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@highash.bucks.sch.uk) to reserve your seats.

### December Events: -

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Friday 1st December – Celebration Star Worship for parents

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Friday 8th December – Holly Class Worship for parents

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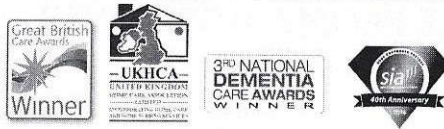


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Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre - 19.30
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Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre - 19.30
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Community Breakfast – Community Centre - 8.30 – 10.30
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre - 19.30
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