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February 25 th	09.00	Morning Worship – Jeremy Hopkinson

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

Saturday 10th February 08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)

Saturday 10th March 08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)

Church Wardens:

Diane Webber 01525-270409 and Harry Davies 01234-822780

METHODIST SERVICES

Minister: Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly 01525 240589

February 4th	11.00	United Service at St Luke's
February 11 th	11.00	Service – Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly
February 18 th	11.00	Service – Mr Ken Harris
February 25 th	11.00	Service – Mr David Neville

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Well we're just into the second month of the new year and already a planning application for yet a further 14 new homes in our village is upon us. But before we delve further into this and other planning applications, maybe we should first explain the process once a planning application has been submitted to the planning office of the relevant local authority, which in our case is to AVDC. When AVDC receive the application, the date of receipt is recorded, if from initial scrutiny all seems in order it is validated and again the date is so noted. At this point the planning application may well then be loaded and be visible to all on the AVDC planning portal website. However, we as a PC can take no formal action irrespective of how long the application has been in the system, until such time as AVDC officially notify us via our PC Clerk. Then and only then can the application be circulated to all Councillors and made an agenda item for discussion at the next scheduled PC Meeting. So, you may understand our slight annoyance for a recent social media post inferring that your PC had deliberately left a planning application off of the January meeting agenda in order for it not to be discussed. This was not and would never be the case. The planning application in question 17/04840/AOP was received by AVDC on the 21st Dec, validated the following day, but only officially notified to the PC clerk during w/c 8th Jan, which was after our January PC meeting held on the 6th, so hence this planning application will be discussed at the February PC Meeting.

So, what are the current list of planning applications to be discussed at the February PC meeting, well there are several, the first being the aforementioned Application 17/04840/AOP for the erection of 14 new dwellings to the land south of the Mellows. Access to this proposed site would be via the aforementioned Mellows site for which outline planning permission for 16 new dwellings has already been approved. We then have 17/04841/ALB which in part is associated with the previous application as it relates to the removal of a small section of garden wall and the erection of a new garden wall and gates within the rear garden to Stoke Lodge. Application 18/00050/APP seeks permission to erect a new single storey 2 bedroom dwelling on land adjacent to Hettys Barn on the Stoke Road. Finally (for now) we have 17/04664/APP seeking an extension to the touring caravan site at Old Dairy Farm House, Orchard Mill Lane.

Still on planning. what is the latest on The Dolphin and the proposed demolition and erection of 9 new dwellings? Well with 100+ letters of objections including one from the Rt Hon John Bercow our MP, are now joined by the AVDC Heritage Team who in their Consultation Response have made reference to many retained planning policies and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and in conclusion have stated "this proposed development would lead to the total loss of a non designated heritage asset which forms an important feature of Stoke Hammond Conservation Area which is a designated heritage asset. This loss be less than substantial harm to this overall designated heritage asset and would not achieve any substantial public benefits that would outweigh that harm or loss. I therefore consider that this development

proposal is contrary to guidance set out in paragraphs 131 -134 of the NPPF. In addition, I consider that this development proposals would be contrary to the Policy GP.53 and GP.55 of the Adopted Aylesbury Vale Local Plan and as such should be refused". Likewise, two more organisations 'have now thrown their preverbal hats into the ring' namely BCC Environment Services and the AVDC Tree Planning Officer. BCC's comments cover both drainage and flood risk and in conclusion they do not feel that the applicant has given sufficient consideration and provided detailed information for the purposes of land water drainage and protection against flood risk to this site, with BCC noting the area was indeed flooded within the last 20 years. Whilst the Tree Officer feels there is a conflict in details as to how the retained trees are to be protected. Both organisations recommend objection to the current application until such time as the applicant provides further detailed information against the points they have raised.

Now what of the first PC Meeting of the New Year held on the 2nd January, well yet again no District Councillor could bother to attend - perhaps they knew there were not too many items on the agenda. Although one that affects many of you is the setting of the next financial year 2018/19 Precept figure. Your PC having looked at the anticipated expenditure for the next 12 months proposed a Precept figure of £39,250. This represents an increase of 2.319% on this year's figure which for a Band D householder relates to an annual figure of £67.45 an increase on this year of 2.29%. Your Council reminded all those present, that It is most important that the PC is realistic in recognising what costs it has to cover in the next financial year and to ensure it has a surplus to build reserves to cover any unexpected expenditure. It had however, endeavored to keep any increase to a minimum.

It was agreed to set up a working group to investigate what facilities should be provided on the recently acquired land adjacent to the Community Centre and all households will shortly be receiving a questionnaire seeking their views on what they would like to see and do on this exciting addition to the village community.

At the December PC meeting comments were made about the state of the Brook alongside The Dolphin and we commented on how the authorities seemed to ignoring all request to attend to this. Well finally, something has been done, but not by the authorities, your own PC who were getting so frustrated upon your behalf's, decided to don some wellies and clear the Brook ourselves. An array of rubbish from cardboard and polystyrene packaging, to a large plastic crate, numerous bottles and cans, several large sack bags and one wheel trim, were extracted and disposed of.

Other news, well the new NO DOGS signs have now been erected on the playground area at the Community Centre. These larger and more prominent signs will hopefully bring to the attention of all, including those who have previously made the comment 'I didn't see any signs' that dogs are not permitted in the playground area. Stoke Hammond is not alone in banning dogs from play grounds which are the preserve of children, who should not have to face the potential Health and Safety issues of errant or defecating dogs.

We also have the results from the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) which was located on the southerly entrance to the village for the month of December, and this showed a max recorded speed of 60mph at 23.00hrs on the 7th December. It also told us that for the total number of cars counted the percentage of these vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit was 13.1% and that the average speedster is travelling at just over 38mph. For your information the total number of vehicles counted over the 5-week period was 43,444. Note, this is one direction only, so that means 87,000 vehicles travelling through our village over this period – who knows what it might be if we didn't have the bypass??

As mentioned earlier social media has been quite busy of late, and in particular the Stoke Hammond Community Group Facebook site (SHCG). Of the two main subjects, one was the planning application for the 14 new homes to the land south of the Mellows, but the other concerns the level of parking on Saturday mornings on Bragenham Side, when the Stoke Hammond Youth Football Club (SHYFC) is underway. This was very bad one Saturday in January because many away games had to be cancelled and thus most games were all held in Stoke Hammond, so yes, Bragenham Side was on that Saturday morning awash with cars, which caused inconvenience for some of those residents living on Bragenham Side. SHYFC are doing their utmost to address the situation and encourage parents to park further afield or where possible walk to the venue. It was quite funny to see one post suggesting the reason for so many cars being parked on Bragenham Side was due to the Community Breakfast being held that morning. The breakfast event is very good and well attended, but not too the extent to saturate the whole of Bragenham Side with cars.

Still on Bragenham Side, and other roads around a village and how dirty and muddy they are at the moment. Some of this is simply down to the time of year, but in the case of Bragenham Side, whilst some is down to the farmer servicing his land with tractors, much is due to the cars and vehicles associated with the canal boats moored near the bridge. Since in their infinite wisdom the Canal & River Trust deemed to denote this part of the canal as 'Winter Moorings' many vehicles pack this area parking on the already soft and muddy verges which in turn brings much mud onto the roads. They may be deemed barge people but most seem to own one or in some cases two vehicles and the everyday parking and moving of these vehicles is the cause of the excessive deposits of mud and dirt. We shall be contacting the Canal & River Trust about this issue.

Finally, we must make mention of the sad passing of Thelma Brown, who during her busy life did serve as a Parish Councillor. Our condolences to her much extended family (see her Obituary elsewhere in this edition of the SH News).

Your next PC Meeting is 7.30pm Tuesday 6th February at the Community Centre on Bragenham Side. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Should you wish to contact your Parish Council, please do so via our clerk:

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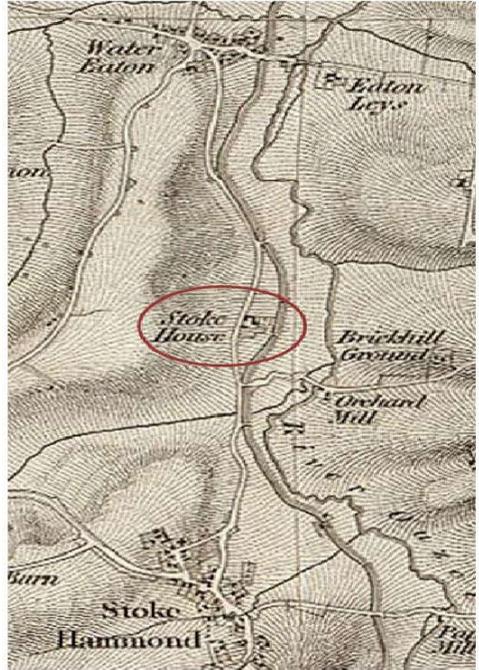
THE Lindens

Having welcomed in the New Year in at The Lindens, one of our aims for this year is to see how much historical information we can gather about our “Home from Home”.

So far, we know that the old house as it stands was built in 1876, based on the intricate, ornate stonework carvings over the main entrance.

However, there has been a building on the site known as Stoke House for some considerable time prior to the 1870's. The earliest date we know of a property existing is shown on the Ordnance Survey map of 1834 for the Stoke Hammond area.

We also know that Stoke House is listed in the 1837 Poll Book and again on the 1841 census. These documents show the occupier as Bernard Fountaine, a farmer living with his wife and son plus two agricultural labourers and their wives working for them. Moving forward to the 1861 census, Bernard's son Bernard Thos Fountaine resides at Stoke House with his family who are listed as employing nine labourers, two boys, a foreman, housemaid, cook and nursemaid.



If you have any information, photos or memories of the old house, we would love to hear from you.

At The Lindens, we welcome visitors, so if you would like to call in and join us for afternoon tea, or if you are interested in volunteering here, please call us and ask for Tina or Milli, we look forward to meeting you.

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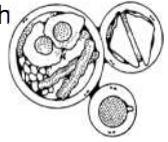
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Church News

Review:

The **community breakfast** was another great success this month and we were pleased to welcome several newcomers to the village. The start was a little quiet but we ended up running out of sausages and had to serve gluten free sausages to customers by the end of the morning! Thanks to all who helped.



Christmas hamper raffle: We were finally able to locate the winners of the hamper raffle when their phone was fixed – congratulations to the Jackson family! Thanks to Ray for running the pub hamper raffle which was won by “Diddy”.



Services: We were delighted to see so many youngsters at the crib service this year as well as our regulars, and hope they enjoyed the fun activities. Our midnight mass service was led by the very lovely Rev'd Val Plumb – our Area Dean for Rural Mission and Development. We all enjoyed sharing our Lord's Christmas peace and carols were sung lustily!

Forthcoming Events:

Community breakfast: We will be serving our Community Breakfast on **Saturday 10th February** between **8.30am and 10.30am**. Some may be under the impression that we only serve full English breakfasts, but our remit is to allow everyone to socialise, so if you don't normally eat breakfast, you're welcome to join us for a coffee, or if you're used to a light breakfast, just enjoy toast, cereal or a croissant. We're still looking for more helpers by the way!



Lent course: With Easter day falling so early this year – 1st April, and no, that's not an April fool's joke – that means Lent is even earlier than usual. We will be running a Lent Course starting on **Tuesday 20th February** at **2pm** but the venue (definitely in Stoke Hammond) is still to be confirmed. The course will last 5 or 6 weeks as the content has not yet been completely finalised. Sessions are independent, so it doesn't matter if you can't make a couple of them. The course will be run using content developed by Bishop Stephen. The usual format is a reading or commentary which is followed by a group discussion and some prayer. We are also hoping to run an evening Lent group which may be held in another venue in the wider area (one of the Brickhill villages). In previous years this has been held on Wednesdays. The content will be the same as the daytime course. Everyone is welcome, so if you are interested in either of these (free) courses, please contact the Rector (to leave a message) or one of the wardens listed on the following page.



What is Lent? Some of you may remember from my report in November, that Lent is a period before Easter during which Christians reflect on Christ's life and spend time in prayer and contemplation. People eat simply and deny themselves pleasures to help them focus on their spiritual thoughts.

Why do Christians observe Lent? During Lent, Christians are preparing themselves for Easter by imitating Christ in the lead up to his death. In this period, Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the desert fasting and in prayer. The period between Ash Wednesday and Easter day is 46 days, but 6 days are Sundays which are not included in Lent as they are feast days. It is therefore perfectly OK to give up your denial on Sundays in Lent, although most people continue even on Sundays!



What happens at the start of Lent? In order to clear out their larder for the simple diet of Lent, people had a massive fry up on the day before the start of Lent. We know this as Shrove Tuesday or Pancake day (yum!). The next day - the start of Lent - is Ash Wednesday. The name Ash Wednesday comes from the tradition of blessing asnes made from palm crosses blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday, and marking a cross in ash on the foreheads of penitents (anyone confessing their sins). Although less usual nowadays, you may still see people with an ash cross on their forehead on Ash Wednesday. There will be a short said service at St Luke's church on **Ash Wednesday 14th Feb at 10.30am**



THANK YOU!

We'd like to particularly thank all those who opened their gardens for the church last year as well as all those who help at the church in any way including those who clean, arrange flowers and help out at fundraising events: We couldn't do it without you!

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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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OBITUARY

Thelma Dorothy Brown

27th August 1926 to 4th January 2018

Thelma Dorothy Walker was born in Luton on the 27th August 1926, the youngest of five children.

Thelma married Frank Brown in 1950 and the newly weds moved to their 1st house, which was a cottage on The Green, named 2 Mount Pleasant, Stoke Hammond.

Around 1952 they moved into 8 Tyrells Road, where they raised their sons, Ian and Peter, and daughter Susan. This being a 2 bedroomed house, it became a little crowded so they crossed the road to number 1 in around 1968, where they lived until all the children flew the nest.

Thelma was a very active member of the local Women's Institute and Civil Defence, as well as performing in many local shows, where she could demonstrate her artistic side. She was also a regular collector for the poppy appeal, on the behalf of the Royal British Legion, as well as an active member of St Lukes church in Stoke.

Around 1981 they moved to the bungalow at 24 Tyrells Road, where they both enjoyed a much deserved retirement.

Frank passed away in 2005, which left a big hole in Thelma's life, but she was fortunate enough to have her sisters Mercy and Ethel living just 3 doors away.

Thelma worked at many different jobs in order to help support the family and in no particular order we have:

- Chelmscote Manor, as a gopher to retired reverends, although she was meant to be a cleaner.
- Teaching at Leon County Junior school in Queensway, Bletchley, where we were told she was very good, but when the rules changed, she needed more qualifications, so not put off, set off to get some O levels, and excelled particularly in art.
- Later on she became a secretary at the Meat and Livestock Commission, again in Queensway, Bletchley. This was probably her most satisfying job as the office environment suited her affable nature.

Thelma passed away peacefully following a short illness in Milton Court Care Home in Milton Keynes on January 4th at the age of 91, she will be greatly missed by all who knew her - Including:

Children: Ian, Peter and Sue

Grandchildren: Wayne, Colin, Debbie, Joe, James, Louise, Rachael, Michelle and Ben.

Great grandchildren: Elysia, Mark, Shania, Harry, Heidi, Cloe, Sophie, Clara, James, Charlotte and Francis.

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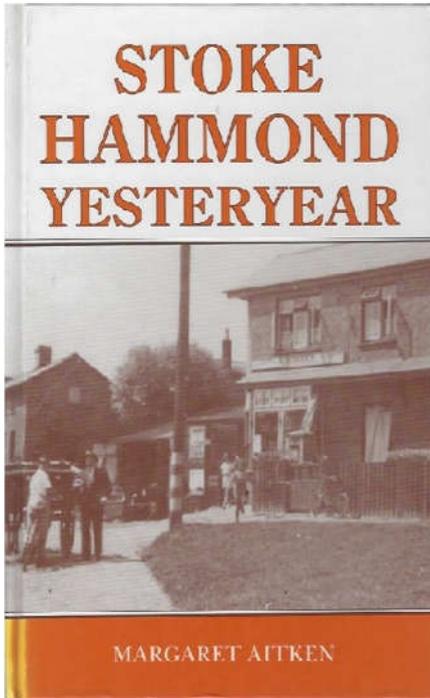
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			Monday 29 January
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	Thursday 8 February	Thursday 8 February	
			Monday 12 February
Thursday 15 February		Thursday 15 February	
	Thursday 22 February	Thursday 22 February	
			Monday 26 February
Thursday 1 March		Thursday 1 March	
	Thursday 8 March	Thursday 8 March	
			Monday 12 March

STOKE HAMMOND YESTERYEAR

A PERSONAL RECORD 1925 – 1948



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 what will be the penultimate 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 11 'HERE AND THERE'.

HERE AND THERE

In 1944 Andy came up to spend Christmas with us in Stoke Hammond and on my twentieth birthday we became engaged. The following year we were married at the Methodist Church and then we moved into the farm cottage adjoining Andy's parents' home in Sussex.

Every few weeks we went home to spend the weekend in Stoke Hammond with Mum and Dad. It was wonderful to see them and catch up with all the local news. It made me realise even more how I missed being at

the centre of village life. The journey to Buckinghamshire on the pillion seat of Andy's motorbike was literally a pain in the backside.

Each time we returned to Sussex I became more and more reluctant to leave Stoke Hammond. Of course, I loved Andy dearly and our cottage home, but I sorely missed working in the village shop overlooking the Green. I missed all the chit-chat with customers. I missed Friday night whist drives and Saturday night dances. I missed attending the Methodist Church twice on a Sunday and all the social activities that went with it.

Most days I wrote long letters to Mum, which she answered promptly because she knew how lonely I was. There is no doubt that I was home-sick for Stoke Hammond, and Andy knew it too.

The first year of our marriage was eventful. During the summer months visitors stayed with us. Mum, Dad and Fred came and so did Jean. Since my marriage, she had found a steady boyfriend, Don Tooth. He had attended Bletchley School when



**LEFT: Young Margaret Bonner aged 17 years
RIGHT: The young Andy Aitken**

we were there. Two more friends were Peter Venn and his girlfriend Norman Gadsden from Stoke Hammond.

Early in June my sister told me that after five years of marriage she was expecting her first baby in January. In mid-June Grandpa Scott was taken ill. On 2 July 1946 he died in Northampton Hospital. When the funeral arrangements had been made I travelled home alone to Stoke Hammond. The service was held in the Methodist Church where he and all the Scotts had always attended. Grandpa was laid to rest in the churchyard up the road with his beloved wife Sarah, who had died two years earlier.

It was mid-January and the time was imminent for Annis to give birth, and I set off for Buckinghamshire. Before I arrived, snow began to fall heavily and quickly settled. It continued overnight and all next day, making travelling almost impossible. My sister went into labour and Doctor Murphy and the mid-wife were sent for.

Now not long ago I visited my doctor's group practice and what a busy place it was, half a dozen doctors occupying half a dozen rooms. As many receptionists worked behind the desk, making appointments, while the practice nurse was busy in her room with a queue of people waiting to see her. In the various waiting areas fractious babies rested feverish rosy cheeks on anxious Mum's shoulders. Frail old folk waited patiently. My mind went back to my childhood days and to how our medical needs in the villages were met then.

Our family was attended by Dr Frank Morphy, and later by his son, Dr Brian. 'Old' Dr Morphy first came to the village when he was quite a young man and cared for my grandparents, my parents, myself and my family. He was greatly respected and loved by all his



ABOVE: The newly-built cottage at Old House Farm, Sussex where Andy Aitken's family lived, and right, the cottage where Andy and the author began married life.

patients. My grandmother thought the world of him and once knitted a long woolly scarf to put around his neck when he was called out at night.



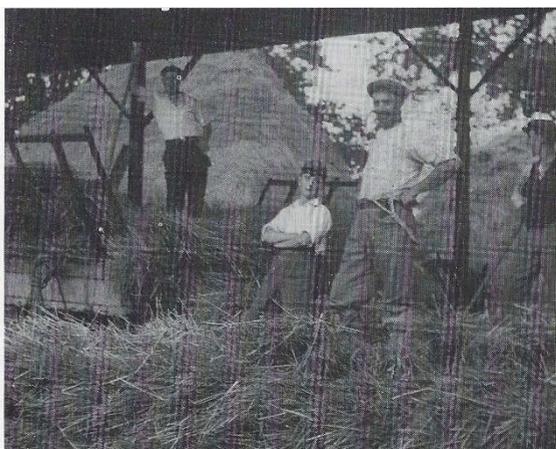
ABOVE: Andy Aitken on the motor bike on which the author rode pillion from Sussex to Bucks.

When I was about 10 years old I was ill with quinsies. My throat was so inflamed and swollen that it almost closed. Dr Morphy came to visit me morning and evening for some time. He prescribed hot salt-bags to be tied around my neck by means of a woolly sock. The bags were bulky and uncomfortable and as it was summertime the heat added to my discomfort. The only bright aspect of

the whole episode was that I was prescribed ice and ice-cream to suck.

I never knew Dr Morphy to be in a hurry or annoyed for being summoned and cannot recall him having a day off or ever refusing to come for a home visit when asked. Dr Morphy was not only a physician, but a friend, and it was he who attended Annis when she gave birth to David.

Movement on the roads and railways all over the country was almost at a standstill, still in the grip of arctic weather. Severe frost and snow continued for six weeks. I stayed on at Stoke Hammond.



ABOVE: A young Andy Aitken, right, working on the farm with his father and younger brother, Hunter.

NEXT MONTH THE LAST & FINAL CHAPTER TWELVE – HOME FROM HOME

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STOKE HAMMOND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

The Community Transport Scheme is in need of additional drivers. Drivers must be 18 or over and hold a full driving licence.

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READERS LETTERS



Looking to the future - While out walking up at Stockgrove in late November I was accosted by some walkers that don't live in the village. They asked me the date of Stoke Hammond's Christmas Tree Festival. Unfortunately, I didn't organise one last year due to a number of major eye operations. All being well, I hope, by next Christmas I may be able to put one on again. The theme will be countries of the world.

It might be good if not only the organisations could decorate a tree (we have plenty of artificial trees that belong to St Luke's church already) but villagers living on the new – or old - estates could perhaps get together and design some accessories for a tree. If you want a real tree you would need to purchase one between you.

People would then bring them up to church and a display erected by them. Having been carted around the world by my parents when my sister and me were small I have some small items I could lend from some countries. If you can co-ordinate between yourselves and let me know by the end of June if you wish to take part that would be good. My telephone number is 01525 270404 or email hmt404@hotmail.co.uk.

With best wishes for 2018. **Hazel Turner**

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PAGEY'S SOW & GROW "PATCH"

As I sit in my kitchen hurriedly typing an email to Greg (yes I'm late with my copy of Pagey's tips AGAIN) on Sunday 21st January, the snow falls heavily outside. What on earth can I encourage others (let alone myself) to do in the garden ! Anyway, the weather won't last forever and it's what we can do / prepare for when things improve.

First things really are planning what we are going to grow this year, and then prepping for that . Secondly, we should clean all our pots and tools - sharpening those that need it and then thirdly tidying the garden and adding compost around fruit trees etc that you have pruned back earlier in the winter. So what are we / you going to grow this coming year.? Get all your seeds out, bin those that are well passed their recommended sow by date and order replacements. If you haven't already sow your onions, leeks, including shallots (banana ones for me this year) in a propagater and broad beans in the ground. You can also sow winter lettuce now and even some cucumbers in the warmth (indoors) too. Choose what type of spuds you want and order them if you haven't already and start to chit them once you have collected them in February. I kept seeds from my best tomatoes, peppers, chillies and butternut squashes so I will be sowing them in February in the propagater too. All my greens, cabbages, Brussels sprouts, swedes, broccoli I will sow March time so we will talk about them then.



So, we have cleaned and sharpened all our pots and tools, Bought the compost we will need, whether it be seed or potting, and ordered all the seeds we will need for the next couple of months. I guess the only other thing we can do is think where we are going to grow our lovely produce (crop rotation important to keep the bugs and nasties in the soil to a minimum) and what nutrients and fertilisers we will need to work into the soil before we sow.

Just writing has given me the urge to think about what carrots and parsnips I will sow in February...but I'll save that for next month !

The snow has stopped and I must send this to Greg....I can hear his fingers drumming his table top with his chin firmly placed in the palm of his other hand. It's a Sunday...he will have a large glass of red in front of him...Happy days.

Editors Comment: It's just a small glass!

VISITS TO GREATMOOR ENERGY FROM WASTE



Do you ever wonder what happens to the things you put in your waste bin? Your recycling is sorted and passed onto recycling companies, but what about your non-recyclable waste?

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Guided tours of Greatmoor are available by prior agreement and at no charge. Visiting groups have included WIs, U3As, Rotary Clubs, Scouts, Cubs, Primary Schools, Colleges and lots of others.

A group visit to Greatmoor can be tailored to your requirements and will include a tour around the facility, which includes the control room (where you will be able to see the cranes loading the waste), a visit to the viewing hatch providing an exciting view into the heart of the fire, the turbine hall and the huge condenser fans, which is an experience not to be missed. The maximum group size for a tour is 15. School visits are available for Key Stage 2 upwards.



Cllr Bill Chapple OBE, Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Planning & Environment, said: "Greatmoor is a great asset to Buckinghamshire, and I'd really recommend that people take this opportunity to see the plant in operation and find out how it helps us reduce the environmental impact of our waste while at the same time saving money."

Feedback from visitors includes “ The tutor had a really good knowledge and explained it all well. The tour was such a good experience and really interesting. I think that all the general public should have an opportunity” and “Very informative but not too much sitting around so the children got bored or disruptive - they were kept engaged throughout”

If you aren't a member of a local group but would like a tour, why come to one of our open tour days?

Greatmoor is holding four public open tour days in 2018.

These are on the following Saturdays - March 17th, June 30th, September 22nd and November 24th.

On each day there will be tours, at 10am, 12.30 and 3pm. Please note that places are available on a strictly booking in advance basis only. There is a minimum age limit of 12 on open tours.

For more information about Greatmoor please visit www.Greatmoor.co.uk

MAVIS'S QUIZ

Last month I set you something different, you had to put the words provided into some sort of logical order, and here below are the answers



- (1) Fishing, Net, Ball, Room, Service
- (2) Light, Switch, Off, Cut, Up
- (3) Mouse, Trap, Door, Handle, Bar
- (4) Razor, Sharp, Knife, Fork, Lightning
- (5) Butter, Cup, Saucer, Milk, Cat
- (7) Ladder, Stocking, Christmas, Santa
- (9) Whiskey, Scotch, Egg, Nest, Hen

- (6) Tea, Spoon, Sugar, Sweet, Toffee
- (8) Bird, Table, Cloth, Dish, Up
- (10) Board, Skate, Ice, Rink

All makes sense now 😂

Now for something different again, the following are anagrams of birds, but the vowels are missing – can you name the bird??

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| (1) STRLSB | (2) NTBRT | (3) CKC | (4) VD |
| (5) TGR | (6) NCFH | (7) CRGTSDL | (8) RRHR |
| (9) BS | (10) WJCDK | | |

Best of luck, hope you can work them all out !!

Answers next month.



Courier fraud warning – Aylesbury Vale

Residents in Aylesbury Vale have reported receiving unsolicited telephone calls from people often claiming to be police officers.

They have claimed to be investigating a fraudulent transaction on the victim's credit / debit cards, or suspicious transaction on their bank account.

The offenders give fictitious officer name / shoulder number and in a recent report, in Aston Sandford, the resident was encouraged to dial 999 to check out their identity.

The line had been kept open by the offender, so the victim was not actually connecting to the emergency services.

In Aylesbury a victim was encouraged to go to the bank to withdraw cash and a courier later turned up to pick up the cash / bank cards.

Please warn neighbours, family and friends, especially if they are old or vulnerable, not to pass information on to any unsolicited callers. Remember:-

- never tell anyone your PIN number
- never give personal information or bank account details to anyone over the phone
- never hand over your card, money or valuables to someone at the door.

Check the identity of anyone you are dealing with either in person or over the phone. Call the organisation they claim to be working for, but make sure they have cleared the line and that you have your normal dialing tone.

If you are suspicious of an unexpected visitor to your home call the police on 101, or on 999 in an emergency. If you are suspicious of an unsolicited telephone call, that you think might be fraudulent, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Further fraud prevention advice can be found on this section of the Thames Valley website.

Message Sent By

Diane Brown (Police, NHW & Community Messaging Co-ordinator, Aylesbury Vale LPA)





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HAZEL TURNER

By Barbara Munn



When I spoke to Hazel on a dull Friday morning recently three things dominated our conversation: family, career and what might be called hobbies but are obviously far more important than that. Hazel doesn't do things by halves and has had a very full working life, being employed by some exceptional people. She is also one of what in my experience is a rare breed; a born and bred Stoke Hammonder.

- **EARLY LIFE**

My parents owned Tyrell's Manor when it was Tyrell's Manor Farm and I was born and lived there until I married Terry in 1975. I went to primary school locally and then boarded at Tortington Park School in Arundel. My aim then was to train as a physiotherapist so I went to Bradford Royal Infirmary for a year of work experience. Unfortunately, I contracted glandular fever very badly and that put paid to my ambition. Although I didn't really want to be a secretary I took a speedwriting course at a college in London. Fortunately, I have been able to use those skills in a range of occupations including publishing, fund raising and public relations.

- **CAREER**

My first job was as secretary to the owner Holt Schooling Public Relations one of the clients was Kiwi, the shoe polish company. A very enterprising woman Pat Schooling still owns and runs the company. I then thought she was quite old but, meeting her recently, I realised she could only have been in her twenties when I worked for her.

The Bath Institute of Medical Engineering was also a client and I was fortunate enough to work with Sir Barnes Wallis, inventor of the bouncing bomb. A lovely man, he also invented the self- rising chair and improved wheelchair design making it lighter and more manoeuvrable. My task was to survey users to provide information for the new design. When I moved to Royal London, an insurance company, I published the company magazine and travelled the country interviewing staff and managers. Then in the late 1970's I worked for my mother while my children were young, my father having died in 1974. She was a very practical, determined lady who invented a machine, a sort of combination of a mangle and a printing press which separated the liquid from the solids of the cow manure produced on our farm. The solids became Cowpact, a compost sold in garden centres. Eventually the government prohibited the transportation of effluent and the company closed. After that and following a tragic accident on the farm my mother sold up and moved to Hollingdon. She died in 1995. At the same time I also worked at Swanbourne House School where my children were pupils. Since then my most rewarding jobs have been as a PA at Bucks Association for Mental Health and as publishing editorial assistant for Scripture Union. I finally retired in 2011.

- ***FAMILY***

I live with my husband, Terry and our springer spaniel. We have two adult children, Victoria who is 40 works for Argos HQ and has two teenage children. Charlie is 37 and works for The Foreign and Commonwealth Office and also has two children. In 2002 Terry had a serious gliding accident, became a wheelchair user and spent eight months in Stoke Mandeville Hospital. He was taught to walk again and, amazingly, can now manage short distances using two sticks. He still goes gliding!

- ***YOUR HOME***

For five years after marrying Terry and I lived in Essex to be near my husband's father who was very ill. In 1980, after his death, my mother was able to buy a plot of land from the then owner of Swan Cottage and she gifted it to us. Terry then designed our chalet bungalow and after various objections from the council it was erected by a village builder and we have been here ever since. Having bought our first home for £12,500 our bungalow cost £42,000 including the land.

- ***HOBBIES or PASSIONS***

I have "always" been involved in village activities. On my return from Essex I became Clerk to the Parish Council but became bored because I couldn't say anything so I was keen to be elected and have been a Councillor for more years than I care to remember.

Hazel is also Secretary to the Parochial Church Council For many years I was member of the W. I. And became President eighteen months before it suspended in December 2017. In addition, I am a trustee of the Community Centre. Formerly a school owned by the church and the county council it was sold to the village when it was decided there were too few children to support the cost. Ironically with all the house building since then many children are now taken by bus to school elsewhere. I am also Vice President of Stoke Hammond Sports Club.

- ***SPARE TIME***

I relax by walking the dog and by reading. Recently I have enjoyed “ Miss Garnet’s Angel” by Sally Vickers. It was a Stoke Hammond Book Club choice and I was delighted to recognise many of the places mentioned as I had holidayed in Italy. I enjoy cooking things like spaghetti bolognaise with my wonderful slow cooker; often before I rush off to a meeting. We both love going to Milton Keynes Theatre especially to see murder mysteries and always have the same seats. Ballet is also a passion but it has to be at Covent Garden. I enjoy classical music, especially Elgar and have visited Liszt’s home in Norway.

- ***HOLIDAYS***

Nowadays we travel in Britain in our motorhome and hope to go to Dorset next. Five years ago we had a fantastic holiday in New Zealand. The scenery is outstanding and the people very open and friendly. We were in Christchurch when the earthquake occurred which was quite unnerving!

- ***EATING OUT***

Locally we think the food at The Boot at Soulbury is delicious.

- ***YOUR DESERT ISLAND CHOICES***

Book: The Bible

Music: Summer Holiday by Cliff Richard

Luxury: A lifetime supply of Cadbury’s nut chocolate

- ***CHANGES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE VILLAGE***

I would like people to be friendlier and take care of each other. Next Christmas I hope to have a Christmas tree festival in the church. My idea is that people from different parts of the village should get together with each area choosing a country and producing a tree decorated with objects relating to that country.

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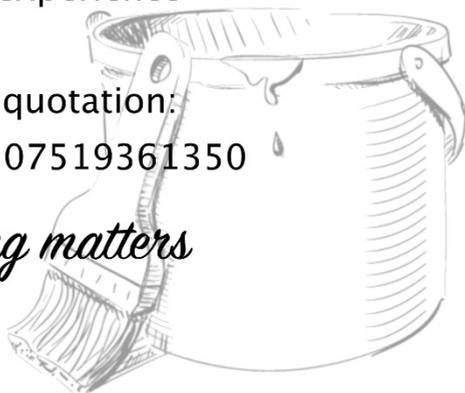
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Message Sent By

Holly Turner (Police Comms Officer, Thames Valley)





WHERE !!

does it come from - where does it go - how did it get there-

does it really exist? Questions we all ask ourselves now and again but not always at the same time.

Sitting in yet another traffic jam I was pondering tyres. Millions of them all whizzing round together and all being charged £5 for disposal at the end of their lives. But it wasn't the end result crossing my mind at that time it was all the worn out bits as we go along. It must go somewhere but you don't see little (or big) piles of tyre dust at the side of the road every few hundred yards.

On the other hand you don't often come across an old Roman settlement just sitting there to look at. These all appear to have been covered by earth etc. as they all need excavating. Where did all that earth come from? Why didn't someone sweep them down as they were being covered? They weren't covered by tyre dust in those days. I can understand pyramids getting lost in moving sands of the desert but Roman settlements in England?

AND in a more up to date scenario where are all the bits of information on the internet. I know they're supposed to be in great big servers but why don't they get full up like my hard drive. There must be a finite number these things can hold. Where will we be when the Internet is full?

And this week's news Carillion. A couple of years ago this was "worth" hundreds of billions of pounds and today its worth nothing.

Well I'm not so sure. A company sets up and issues a million shares at £1 each. It takes the million pounds and sets up business making things, creating a profit and paying dividends to the shareholders. On the prospect of these dividends the shareholders sell their shares for a profit over the £1 they paid and the shares trade at maybe £2. A 100% profit. This continues until the value of *the shares* is billions. The company itself is not worth any more. The company now goes pop and the dividend expectation is £Nil. The value of the shares accordingly drops to Nil. A shareholder may have purchased shares for £5000 and he's lost that. However, the £5000 still exists it is just in someone else's pocket. It is still in the economy. Billions of pounds have not been "lost" it's just been redistributed - or perhaps it never existed in the first place?

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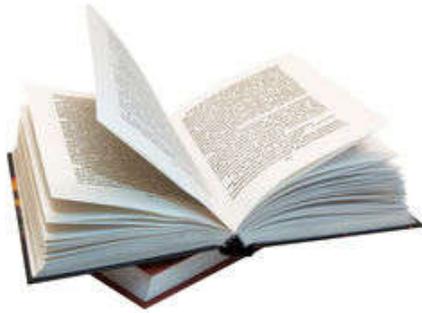
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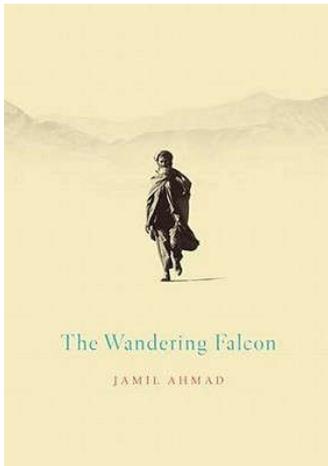
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STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



This month's read '**The Wandering Falcon**' by Jamil Ahmad is a book that can best be described as an anthology of nine stories which all connect with each other. It begins in Baluchistan in the early 1950s and the common denominator is a young lad called Tor Baz who we first meet when his parents are murdered by a rival tribe and he is left to fend for himself. He is the 'wandering falcon' and his journeys take him amongst the mountainous tribes in the harsh but beautiful remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan, the border areas of which we currently only associate with bombs and bullets. The stories and his experiences along the way emphasise the cruelty and inhumanity of tribal laws and, of course, the total disregard for the rights and treatment of women. However, he is a survivor and a certain amount of luck plus his wits carry him along the way.



We all enjoyed the book as it was unusual and fascinating. We liked the concept of a collection of fables and all wished we had taken the trouble to consult a map so that we could know for certain where Tor's travels took him! The unpronounceable names of the areas, the tribes and even the individuals tended to tax our concentration occasionally but the book certainly was an eye opener and all agreed that the stories and stunning scenery described would make a good film. It was shortlisted for a Man Asian Literary Prize so we were not the only ones to appreciate it. As I have mentioned before, apart from looking forward to our monthly get-togethers for a discussion, a chat and cups of tea we now get the opportunity to experience and enjoy so many different and diverse writers and this was certainly one of them.

Next month's book is '**Miss Garnet's Angel**' by Salley Vickers.



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1. Line the bottom of 2x7in sandwich tins with greaseproof paper and grease lightly.
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3. Stir the created mixture into the dry ingredients and then beat well into a smooth slack batter.
4. Whisk egg whites until stiff and then fold lightly into the mixture, taking care at this stage not to overbeat.
5. Turn the complete mixture into the tins and bake in a moderate oven (190c/375f or Mark 5) for 25-30 minutes.
6. Cool on a wire tray, sandwich together with Jam of choice and dust on top with either caster or icing sugar.

Chocolate Variation: Replace cornflour with equal quantities of cocoa.

Coffee Variation: Add 2 teaspoons instant coffee powder to liquid ingredients and mix well with dry ingredients.

Note: Should you want a rich cake, mix a little Kirsch with the egg mix. Then proceed as before. When cooked, put either fresh stoned cherries or drained tinned black cherries together with whipped cream between the two sponges
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Parish News - Happy New Year from the staff and children at High Ash CE School to all our residents! We are looking forward to another successful year at our school. As you may have noticed over the holidays we have had a new perimeter fence put up around the school. This was needed in order for us to comply with Health and Safety and Safeguarding Standards. We are pleased with the standard of work completed. It has also improved the area by the public footpath as the bushes from the school side were getting very overgrown. We will be getting some new signage for the gates soon as well.

I know that parking remains a concern for residents and please be assured that as a school we regularly remind parents about considerate parking and use of the Parish Hall car park through text messages and the weekly newsletter. We work closely with the Walking Bus and this I am pleased to say has become increasingly popular. We are also looking into the logistics of opening up the playground for parking at evening events and on Sports Day. This is still something we need to explore further yet is evidence of our commitment to help alleviate parking where we can, within of course the limits we have as we cannot enforce it.

In other news, our school choir sang recently at the Genting Arena in Birmingham as part of 'Young Voices' and we also have continued sporting success at recent Basketball Festivals.

Please see over to next page for Diary Dates:-

Mrs Sara Boyce
Headteacher



HIGH ASH SCHOOL – DIARY DATES 2018

Diary Dates: -

Wednesday 17th January - Parent Forum @ 9am & 6pm

Friday 19th January - Hawthorn Class Assembly @ 2.30pm (parents invited)

Tuesday 23rd January - Cheese and Wine Evening for parents @ 6-8pm

Friday 26th January - Star Assembly @ 2.30pm (parents invited)

Friday 2nd February - Chestnut Class Assembly @ 2.30pm (parents invited)

Tuesday 6th February - Parents' Evening appointments @ 3.30-6pm

Thursday 8th February - Parents' Evening appointments @ 5-7.30pm

Friday 9th February - Star Assembly @ 2.30pm (parents invited)

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Monday 19th February - Back to School

STEWKLEY PLAYERS' NEXT THRILLING PRODUCTION WILL BE PLAYED STRICTLY FOR LAUGHS!



Stewkley Players' 119th Production will be 'Dick Barton Episode III: The Tango of Terror'.

Dick, 1940's Secret Agent and tea-time radio celebrity, faces his toughest test as a ruthless Latin love lothario has set his sights on

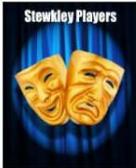
the women of London; stealing their most precious jewels while plotting to undermine the entire British Secret Service.

Can Dick and his doughty sidekicks Jock and Snowy, save the day?

Directed by Chris Mills and featuring a large cast comprising many audience favourites from previous productions, Dick Barton is a musical comedy (with strong emphasis on comedy) reminiscent of the Players' recent '39 Steps' – but with a bit of ballroom thrown in.

Definitely not to be missed – the future of the Empire may depend on your presence!

Production dates are March 21-24th, with tickets on sale from the usual places from 26th February (Box Office: 07845 489 167). Please see advert elsewhere in this edition of the SH News.



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DICK BARTON

Episode III:

The Tango of Terror

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Medicines	Baby food & other products	Household Sundries
Sandwiches & ready meals	Fruit & Vegetable	Stationary items

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Well the new tables and chairs have arrived, and just take a look below as to how they can be set out and the difference they can make to a function/party.



As mentioned last month the Community Association is seeking a new treasurer, so if you have a panache for accounts/book keeping and would be interested and are able to volunteer your services, please contact the Association via email on shcommunitycentre@gmail.com or telephone our secretary Donna Page on 01525 270239

LOOK OUT for our advert on the rear cover for our forthcoming TABLE TOP SALE. Book a table and sell anything from home produced items and gifts to those unwanted items of clothing and merchandise that's been cluttering up your wardrobes and cupboards.

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EDITORS NOTE

So, I'm guessing you may have noticed the more colourful look to this month's edition – hope you like it.

If you are an advertiser and would like to see your ad in full colour, we have the back page and inside back page available – please contact us if you're interested in making your advert more prominent.

Lots to read this month, we have a 'Spotlight On our Hazel Turner', Pagey's Tips, Church News and much more. Unfortunately, we're coming to the end of the Stoke Hammond Yesteryear, this month's being the penultimate chapter – Any ideas for something else you might like to see serialised?

As always, any ideas for articles or things you would like to see or indeed submit, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

May I please have copy for the March issue by **20th February**

Greg Noble, Oak Farm, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond. MK17 9DB
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VILLAGE DIARY

Tuesday 6 th February	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 10 th February	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 8.30 – 10.30
Tuesday 6 th March	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Thursday 8 th March	Gardening Club AGM – Sports Club 7pm for 7.30pm start
Saturday 10 th March	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 8.30 – 10.30
Sunday 11 th March	Table Top Sale – Community Centre 11.00-14.00
Tuesday 13 th March	Village Show AGM – Community Centre 19.00
Tuesday 3 rd April	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 8 th September	Village Show – Community Centre 13.00 – 17.00

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Contact: John Till 01525 261444

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Contact: Louisa Harris 07941 203589

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