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July 22 nd	09.30	Café Church – Valerie Kerr
July 29 th	11.00	Holy Communion Benefice Service Revd Robert Wright

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July 22 nd	11.00	Service – Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly
July 29 th		Local Arrangement

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FUTURE EVENTS – Sunday September 2nd 11am Harvest Festival

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The month of June seems to have been a relatively quiet month for news, and although the PC Meeting held on the evening of the 5th June was well attended which included the presence of both AVDC Cllr Neil Blake and BCC Cllr Janet Blake. There were relatively minor albeit still important items on the agenda to be discussed, such as the Council's insurance renewal where we have signed up to a new 3 year deal which offers a 5% premium reduction. To agree and approve the Council's Annual Governance Statement and to agree and approve the Annual Accounting Statement for the year ended 31.3.2018. Likewise, both Cllr Neil Blake and Cllr Janet Blake advised they had nothing really new to say over and above the reports presented at the previous months Annual Parish Meeting, although Cllr Neil Blake having noted the agenda item to consider a request from the Scouts for a donation towards the purchase of new tents, suggested that the scouts apply for a micro-grant through the New Homes Bonus Scheme, and that he would directly support this application. So, it was left to the public participation session to create the most interest in the evening, which centred on The Fenny Road development and a newly erected Car Port to the front drive of a property on Phoebe's Orchard. As regards Fenny Road where Archaeological Surveying works are being undertaken as part of the planning conditions, one of the surveying team had suggested to nearby residents that the layout and geometry of the housing is to be changed from the current submitted application in order to accommodate more housing. But the PC has received no notification and the AVDC planning website was also showing no new details from those last seen by your PC. As for the car port to Phoebe's Orchard, several Parishioners question the legality of this structure that has appeared on a front drive and whether planning permission is required or is allowed under permitted development rights. The PC would investigate. There were only two minor planning applications to be considered, and the PC had NO COMMENT to make on the application 18/01515/APP for the insertion of a 1st Floor Southerly facing window to Plot 9 on the Land at Stoke Hammond Garage and had NO OBJECTION to application 18/0176APP for a single storey front and side extension and raising of existing roof to provide an additional bedroom and bathroom in the attic space to 22 The Green. The PC was also pleased to advise that the annual RoSPA site visit to inspect and report on the play equipment at the Community Centre, found no major issues. The report did pick up on a small amount of mindless graffiti to two pieces of equipment, which has now been removed.

To other news, well the latest MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign) results reveal that for a 4-week period between 10th May to the 6th June, that 47,556 vehicle movements were logged entering the village from the Leighton Buzzard direction, and pleasingly the average recorded speed was 31.1mph, a considerable drop from the last results. However, the maximum recorded speed was 60mph logged at quarter past midnight on the 12th May.

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Please do not panic if you've seen surveyors with their tripods working around the Community Centre and adjoining land, they are working upon behalf of the PC to provide accurate land mapping, before we proceed to the next stage of design and layout for the village's new leisure and recreational facilities.

We do not know as to whether the judges for the Best Kept Village Competition have yet been to Stoke Hammond but following the recent Litter Pick and the efforts of the Green Team plus the other grass cutting contractors employed by the PC our village is looking good and should score well. One should also give a special thanks to Ann Payne and Eileen Curry who maintain the planters at the North and South village entrances which are positively glowing with colour.

Anglian Water have been much in the village news as of late. There was Lodge Lane, which was once again closed for several days, whilst they put in services for the new housing development – haven't they done this before? And now at the time of preparing this report they're working outside Tyrell's Manor, investigating the source for the water that is trickling along the path and roadside gully from the Manor down towards the pedestrian crossing.

Still on Lodge Lane, where the builders by hitting a cable, caused last month's village power outage. Well we have been reliably informed by a Parishioner who has been in communication with the developers Lillygate Homes, that there are likely to be some further power outages, but this time planned and with notice, as UK Power Networks need to replace some of the old power cables that are running beneath this site.

Whilst we still await actual specific dates for closure of the by-pass for carriageway repairs, works having been taking place involving a closure of one southbound lane between the Brenda Jennings Bridge and Soulbury to affect crash barrier repairs. BCC Highways gave us less than one week's notice of these works, one hopes we will have more notice of the full closures!

Your next PC Meeting is 7.30pm Tuesday 3rd July at the Community Centre. All Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please note this is the last PC Meeting before the Summer break with no meeting being held in August. The PC next meeting on the evening of September 4th.

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

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Here at The Lindens, we have continued to enjoy the fabulous weather over the last month. This year we were very pleased to be taking part in Stoke Hammond Open Gardens for the first time, so our gardens and grounds were open to those taking part in the event. Each year we refresh our Spring planting in June, so that our displays of daffodils, tulips, pansies, hyacinths and other spring flowers are updated with Summer beauties including geraniums, begonias and surfinia.



So, in the run up to the Open Gardens weekend, we have been kept busy planting and tending our new Summer floral display.

Many of you may have enjoyed watching the Royal Wedding and our residents certainly enjoyed taking part at The Lindens. We watched the event on the TV and enjoyed a special celebration tea which included delicious cupcakes baked and decorated by our Kitchen Team. Many of our residents also enjoyed remembering other Royal events they had seen and taken part in over the years.



Our new extension has now reached the final stages of completion. The additional bedrooms and the dedicated Respite and Convalescence suite have been decorated and the soft furnishings have been introduced, ready for residents and guests to enjoy.

At The Lindens, we welcome visitors, so if you would like to call in and join us for morning coffee, please phone us and ask for Tina or Milli. Interested in working or volunteering here? Simply call us to discuss the range of options available. We look forward to meeting you.

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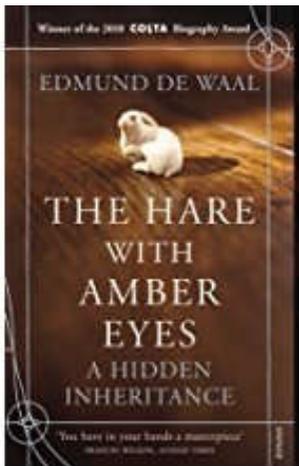
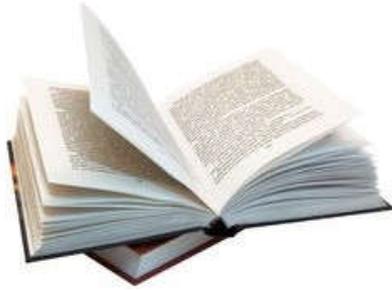
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It is difficult to describe this book which is a mixture of biography, history and interesting characters. The subtitle is 'A hidden inheritance' and this refers to a collection of 264 Japanese Netsuke which are miniature sculptures of wood and ivory invented in the 17th century and originally worn by Japanese men as part of their costume. The author, actually a famous potter, inherited this collection which once belonged to his family. His family name was Ephrussi and they were a very wealthy European Jewish family who were stripped of their wealth, property and artwork by the Nazis. A loyal maid of the family managed to hide the collection of netsuke and thus it was eventually handed to the

great grandson of the original collector, the Author.

His fascination with the collection inspired him to trace his family's history and track their ascent and decline and his search took him to Odessa, Vienna and Paris where the Ephrussi family were contemporaries of the Rothschilds. Thus the book is a family memoir and combines a biography with interesting facts about some wonderful cities and the history of not only the netsuke (one of which was the hare with amber eyes) but the characters who were his ancestors.

The reaction of the Club was mixed. One person loved it and couldn't put it down – another read it twice and really enjoyed it on the second attempt. One or two in the group gave up on it as they could not get interested and others picked out bits that they particularly wanted to know more about i.e. descriptions of the wonderful houses the family owned and the cities they lived in plus their persecution and also information about the Rothschilds which sometimes ran parallel to the story.

Certainly, one to try but slightly challenging.

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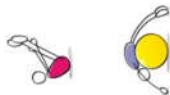
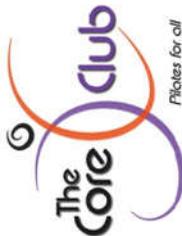
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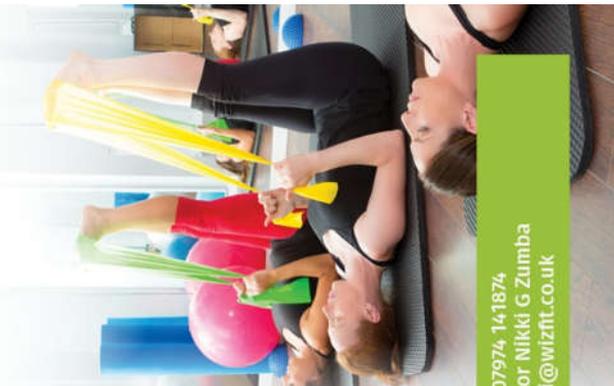
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“EVERYTHING BUT THE MOO”

Now into our fourth month for serialising extracts from the book 'Everything but the Moo' written by Hazel Turner's late mother Pam Murphy, and subsequently edited by Hazel in 1996. Last month it was all about Water and it being 'Every Where' but for this month Pam recounts how her cowhand Hans Stukenbrock had such an impact on her life and success with her herd of Pedigree Guernseys.

'A's FOR HANS (WITHOUT WHOM IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!)

“You’ve heard from Buckingham Palace?” – I turned my head as gently as possible to see if Hans, was pulling my leg. It was Jubilee Day plus one, mid afternoon, and though the party the night before had been unconnected with the Royal celebrations, we had toasted Her Majesty liberally and late. Dawn was breaking when I got to bed, so I had not had my normal 7.30 a.m. meeting with Hans.

“They sent me a medal”, he went on chattily. For the umpteenth time that day, I resolved to sign the pledge. What on earth was he talking about? Suddenly out of the dim recesses of my tortured mind I recalled The Queen’s Jubilee Medal – there were only a few thousand to be awarded, and enormous organisations had had great difficulty in nominating one person to receive the honour. I could not imagine how Hans had come to get one, though we were both fairly well known in the agricultural world, and had had a fair amount of publicity, and he was a Union organiser, as well as an Examiner on the Agricultural Training Board, among other things.

“Go fetch it” – I almost yelled. Five minutes later he returned with a magnificent envelope, registered, and headed “By Command of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second”. It had been torn open with the same lack of care as an Income Tax demand! Inside was a scroll, in copper-plate writing, awarding Hans Stukenbrock the Queen’s Jubilee Medal, and a box with the Medal itself. My hangover vanished! I was over the moon, and eventually he caught some of my enthusiasm. It was so unusual for someone at grass roots level, in a rather ignored industry when awards are handed out to be honoured. He agreed to keep it safe and clean, and have the citation framed.

Hans had been on the farm since 1 November 1952 and joined us when a Mr Brown was Head Cowman. He had worked on a farm in Germany when he left school, until the war, when he was called up in the German Army, and he had served in the Panzers, on the Russian Front, where he was wounded. He talked little of this horrendous period to me. In 1944 he was sent to the Normandy Front, where he was captured. After a spell in Northern Ireland, he was sent to camp in Northamptonshire, and worked as part of an agricultural ‘gang’ on various farms. While there he met his wife Jean, and was the first P.O.W. to get married, on 5/- a week. He joined us in 1952 as a Herdsman, but soon made it to Farm Foreman and



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was to be with me until I sold the farm in 1978. He and his family certainly were part of our family farm! Without him the herd would never have attained the results that we got and Cowcompact would never have taken off in the way it did. He richly deserved that medal!

In the past twenty five years farming had had plenty of problems. In the early 50's feed stuffs and fertilisers had been rationed. Prices had been controlled. Not just milk, 1/6d (7p) a gallon, plus the Channel Island premium of less than 2p a gallon, but for calves, £2 a head. Hans could buy a good milking cow for us for £70 but if it broke its leg, or died you received just £5.

Corn fetched £22 a ton. The average yield was less than a ton an acre. In the late 1950's we grew some Capelle wheat, and the yield was 45cwt an acre. Grown for seed, we had every Ministry man in the area on my doorstep, asking how we had done it? Hans and I had no more idea than we had in the 70's, though it was newly ploughed up land. Sprayed to inhibit weeds.

In the last number of years Hans and I had seen and been involved with the lot. The increase of yields, of corn, grass, cows, sheep and pigs. Milk yields and of course poultry. The apparent rejection of these by the public, who want feeding, as cheaply as possible, and they care not where it comes from.

It is not a sob story. The Archers certainly got over it! It is a fact. Farming is a very diverse occupation. There have been times during the past decades when each livestock, corn or other activity has been very profitable. Then gone into the doldrums. "Alternative enterprises" are for entrepreneurs, who would have done as well in other fields (forgive the pun!).

In the past twenty five years Hans and I have worked very hard, and had our successes in agriculture, but I am sad that there is so little recognition of the work that the farming community, not just farmers, but their families and employees do for the community, that perhaps the reader may understand why I was so thrilled when Hans received his medal.



Back in the 1960's I joined the BDF, as it was then (**Hazel - now the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers**) and believe it or not I wrote to the Secretary, to ask if I could... (maybe a lesson there, that all dairy farmers, and others can join?). I wanted to show my Guernseys at the Dairy Show.

I did. A disastrous experience, in that Hans who was a cowman par



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excellence was no showman! He wandered round with his head down, totally ignoring the judge, rather as if he himself was being judged, and ended up at the bottom of the line, of a large number of Guernseys.

I went to the Dairy Show again in about 1966, with money in my pocket, wanting to buy some expensive dairy equipment – I can't remember what, and there was no one to sell it to me. The whole show was a shambles, and was based around cheese making and processing equipment. I was fed up. When, the following week, the Farmers Weekly wrote a scathing report on the Dairy Show, and offered a £50 prize, (a lot of money in those days), for the best letter on how to improve it, I was in my bed with bronchitis, but got my daughter to fetch my aged portable typewriter, and from my bed dashed off my views, put them in the post, without even a copy, and forgot about the whole thing. I bought my equipment at Smithfield.

There was post on New Year's Day in those days, which brought one manilla envelope, which I shoved in the 'manyana' tray. Later when I came to open it, I found that I had won first prize. (I bought a picture with the money, and it was recently valued at £5K!).

I was asked to stand for BDFA as a Council member. I was hesitant; but I did have Hans! In those days the BDFA was such a male chauvinist organisation. However, I was fairly well known in the English Guernsey Society (***Hazel – my mother was in fact President at one time!***), and a member of their Council, and I had recently beaten the NFU nominee soundly in an election for the Bucks NMR/AI Committee, so I decided to give it a whirl. I was elected, against strong opposition. I was the first woman to do so. I had a pleasant letter from Frank Francis, the Secretary, asking if I wished to take part in the activities of the association! I replied that I was particularly interested in finance, (which I never made), and publicity, to which I was immediately appointed, and served on as Chairman until the Committee was, sadly abolished.

At my first Council meeting, they did not know how to treat this strange object in a skirt and a HAT. Lord Rowallen, was the President, who opened the meeting with – “Er Um er” Captain Sankey, the Chairman, settled matters, with “My Lord President, Your Grace, My Lords, Mrs Murphy and Gentlemen”. It was all very pompous and proper in those days. No one addressed anyone by their first name.

Hazel Footnote: Hans was a marvel and certainly if it had not been for him the Tyrells Herd of Pedigree Guernseys would not have excelled the heights that it did.

After my mother sold the farm Hans became a milkman and then worked in the village petrol station. Coincidentally he too died from a similar cancer to that of my mother just three years before my mother – but he achieved his target – that of reaching his 70th birthday.

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It's an odd number. No I don't mean technically. Obviously it divides by two. It's the way it's used as a bit of a yardstick. A couple of years back I belonged to a "100 club".

It folded as I believe there were only about 40 or 50 members many of who didn't pay up. I currently belong to another "100 club" with some 15 or so members. This continues as the guy who set it up doesn't want to see it fail but more importantly contributions were collected in advance along with annual club subscriptions.

And there is the "100 things to do before you die". Fortunately as I grow older I find that I have achieved almost everything that would have been on my list had I made one in the first place. I am now compiling (albeit in my head) a 100 list of things I hope I never have to do again. Some years back I mentioned having had to go into McDonalds on 2 occasions; both against my will. No change. A current advert suggests they now do some table service. I strongly suspect this still doesn't involve metal cutlery. If the brown paper debris along the roads around the village are anything to go by they still do take-aways and sell to litter minded people.

Last month I had a "first". I went to a boot sale. Well that goes straight on my list of 100 things never to be repeated. It's a bit like a church jumble sale. The genuine bootsellers are clearing out their old rubbish. Well to be honest I've got enough of my own and I see no point in paying to take away anyone else's. The "professional" sellers appear to buy in bulk at a discount and sell on at normal shop prices. AND I find that not only does the field owner (pick your own presumably not making the money it used to) charge stallholders, you have to pay to go in and look at all this rubbish!

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PAGEY'S SOW & GROW "PATCH"

Well not a bad June weather wise, some rain and lots of sun and light, so growing is on warp speed. We all have to keep weeding, or at least we should because those weeds are using nutrients and moisture that should be going to our veg, fruit and flowers. So keep an eye on newly sown and planted "stuff", water when needed, weed whenever you walk past your bed and keep an eye out for those pesky pests. Slugs and snails will eat new shoots but we all know how to deal with those slime balls 😊. Right now I am seeing huge amount of black fly on my broad beans, parsnip shoots, artichokes and black currants. A two pronged approach for me.....squish them with your fingers (not for everyone but I'm a dab hand now) or some bug spray for heavy infestation. Just wash your veg if you do use it on beans, peas etc before eating. Same deal with green aphids. The good news this year is that there seems to be lots of ladybirds and hover flies around who love aphids (Sunday roast 24/7 for them) which helps. If you have grown



Spuds now flowering



Hardening off my Sweetcorn

broad beans pinch out the tips which attract the black fly, which in turn will make the plant focus on putting all the resources then into the beans. Other pests this year for me are the lily beetles (all red in colour) which if not squished will munch thro your leaves and lay their larvae under the leaf covered in their own wotsit ! Which in turn chomp thro your leaves. Also for the first time I have

asparagus beetles on my crop (which we have had a bumper crop this year 🙌) and I am dealing with them with firm fingers squish, squish.

Last month I had sown my sweet corn in 3 inch pots. A week ago I started hardening them off outside during the day before putting them back in the greenhouse overnight, and yesterday I planted them out - see photos. I love sweetcorn and am expecting a bumper crop in 10 weeks time (55 sweetcorn with 2 cobs each). The peas



Sweetcorn planted out



I planted a month ago are now forming and we will be eating them in 10 days. Keep picking the pods to encourage more flowers and pods - in fact do this with all your flowers and even plums (yes on top of the " June drop "). Most of my Toms have now set 3 to 4 full trusses, the peppers, melons, cucumbers are in flower and setting fruits, so it is really important you keep them regularly watered and

fed..! use tomorite on all of them. I've also put bird nets over my cherry tree and black current bushes (which have millions of berries this year - blackcurrent ice cream yummmmm). If you don't you will wake up one morning to find hundreds of blackbirds rolling about in your back garden full to their beaks with fruit and not a single berry left for you. I have a couple of young black current bushes going if anyone wants one..just contact me.

Lastly I guess keep sowing lettuce and radish every two weeks, plant out Brussels, winter cabbage and greens and kale if you haven't already...all these can be done in pots - you don't need a big garden - water, feed and weed....and have some fun eating what you grow. **Pagey**

STOKE HAMMOND GARDENING CLUB



Beautiful sunshine, a plethora of plants, quantities of lovely cakes, tea and coffee on tap, great company, an interesting raffle – all this made up our Afternoon Tea and Plant Swap on Saturday 2nd June. All in all a great afternoon when we welcomed 50 members of the Club and enjoyed seeing many of our regulars plus newcomers. We would like to thank members for their support, the committee for working so hard, all those who brought along cakes and excellent and unusual

raffle prizes not forgetting everyone who helped to set up and clear away. We hope you all had a fun afternoon and thank you for your generosity with the raffle and donations which means that, once again, we can send Willen Hospice a cheque in excess of £200.

We look forward to seeing everyone who is going on the trip to Cambridge University Botanic Gardens on July 10th and have ordered the same weather conditions !



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Stoke Hammond Parish News Edition - June 2018

We had a very successful Summer Fayre this month as part of our High Ash School Association fundraising and thank you to those from the community who came along. Our school fundraising is currently helping us purchase more books for our growing library! We have also seen our new playground equipment all fully installed and we now have a play tower, jungle climber and new goalpost and basket ball hoop for the children to enjoy. Our new school signage has been ordered and will be installed, along with the launch of our new logo and website, in September. This half term, we have our Sports Day, Oracy Showcase, Music Concert and Year Five/Six Production to look forward to as well as our Year Six Leavers' celebrations!

Finally, our Walking Bus (run by parents/community volunteers) celebrated its first birthday and we recorded over 207 users of this service over the whole week of birthday festivities, which was super news. Many children tried the walking bus for the first time and are now repeat customers! It then hopefully helps towards improving parking round our school in the morning.

Dates: -

Friday 22nd June – Sports Day (9:00am-12:30pm)

Friday 22nd June – Star Assembly for parents (2:30-3:15pm)

Monday 25th June – Welcome Evening for new parents (6:00-7:30pm)

Thursday 28th June – Summer Music Concert (6:00-7:30pm)

Thursday 28th June – Oracy Showcase to parents (2:00-3:00pm)

Friday 29th June – Star Assembly for parents (2:30-3.15pm)

Friday 13th July – Star Assembly for parents (2:30-3.15pm)

Monday 16th July – Y5/6 Production to parents @ 1:30pm and 7:00pm

Wednesday 18th July – Y5/6 Production to parents @ 7:00pm

Thursday 19th July – Year 6 Leavers Prom (7:30-9:00pm)

Friday 20th July – Star Assembly for parents (2:30-3.15pm)



Church News

Review:

Prayer walk: We were delighted to welcome a couple new to the village at our prayer walk, for which the weather fortunately held off. We prayed particularly for those who have moved into the new estates, to settle well and have things run smoothly for them. If you need any extra prayers – please let us know!



Community Breakfast: It was great to see some newcomers to the village at this month's breakfast, which started off quite quietly but rapidly filled up! We're making good use of the new noticeboard – please let us know if there's anything you'd like to advertise! Many thanks to our "washer-uppers" Liz and Margaret for their sterling work.



Songs of Praise with afternoon teas: A small but select band turned out for the Songs of Praise, but that meant that the choir outnumbered us so the singing was particularly good! There were some wonderful hymns and songs including "Guide me O thou Great Redeemer", "Jerusalem", "Be still my soul" (which brought a few of us to tears!) and "Give me oil in my lamp" and finally, the choir sang an anthem. What a shame so many missed out on the lovely singing and delicious home made scones!

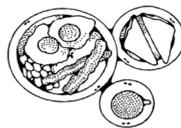


Open gardens: Many thanks to all who opened their gardens, baked cakes or came along and supported this amazing event. The weather was not as kind as it could have been, but nor was it too bad – at least the rain kept off! We all loved visiting the wonderful gardens and enjoyed the barbecue lunch and afternoon tea. There were many compliments about the gardens from both novice and experienced gardeners. We're still counting the money as we go to press, so aren't sure how much the final total will be yet. Keep a look out next month.



Forthcoming events:

Community Breakfast: We will be holding our Community Breakfast again on **Saturday 14th July** and serving breakfast from **8.30am** with last orders at **10.30am**. Come down and join us - especially if you've not been before. Give us a ring if you'd like a lift down or bring a friend if you want someone familiar to talk to - they don't have to live in the village. We have vegetarian options, or if you're not a cooked breakfast fan, just have cereal, toast or a croissant or pain au chocolat. We look forward to seeing you!



Prayer meetings: Our prayer meetings will take place this month at **8pm** on **Wed 11th and 25th July** at **The Birches, Church Rd.** If you have anything you'd like prayers for, please let us know and if you'd like to join us, please be sure to call John, as we often change times and dates last minute.



Church fete: Our church fete will be taking place from **1pm to 4pm** this year on **Saturday 21st July** at **St Luke's church** (at the top of Church Rd – just off Newton Rd). We'll be having our usual tombola, games, a raffle and refreshments as well as various stalls including a cake stall. **If you'd like to book a table, please contact John or Diane.** Look out for our flyer which will be delivered around the village in a week or so.



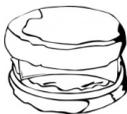
The week before the fete, we call round every house in the village - usually in the evenings - to collect bric-a-brac (unwanted 2nd hand or new items – toys, books, dvds, jewellery, kitchenware etc) and tombola items (packaged food items within their best before dates – bottles, tins, packets etc). If you're not in, we'll leave a contact number you can call on for us to collect later. It takes us a whole week to cover the village, but we'd absolutely love to have more helpers. **Please call John or Diane if you can help, collecting in the village, or at the fete.**

Afternoon teas: We like to keep busy at church, so our next afternoon teas are on **Sunday 29th July** at **St Luke's** between **3 and 5pm!** You're welcome to drop in and join us for a homemade cream tea or cake. There's no charge, we just love to have a chat, welcome newcomers, meet your children and enjoy offering hospitality, so why not put the date in your diary! If you can't make the date our next teas are **19th August** and **23rd September.**



Special services:

Café church: We'll be holding our next Café church service at **9.30am** on **July 22nd** at **St Luke's church.** If you've not been to a church service before and are feeling a little nervous, this could be the service for you! A light breakfast (sausage or bacon roll, pain au chocolat, croissant, toast or cereal) is served from 9.30am onwards. There will be a chance to read the newspapers or join in a chat with others over breakfast. At about 10.15 or so, Val (who is leading the service) will ask for your attention and the "service" begins. It's all very informal. There may or may not be a song or a reading, but there will generally be some prayers and possibly interactive thought-provoking comment on life, which is linked with how God fits into our lives in the modern world.



Church Benefice Website: www.brickhillchurches.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. His phone goes straight to an answerphone but he will reply as soon as he's able. The Rector's day off is Monday.

Church news articles are now available to read on the benefice website (click on Stoke Hammond in the list and scroll down to Stoke Hammond Newsletters) - handy for when you want to click on a web address instead of typing it out!

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: Churchwarden, on 270409 or John: Treasurer, on 270202.**

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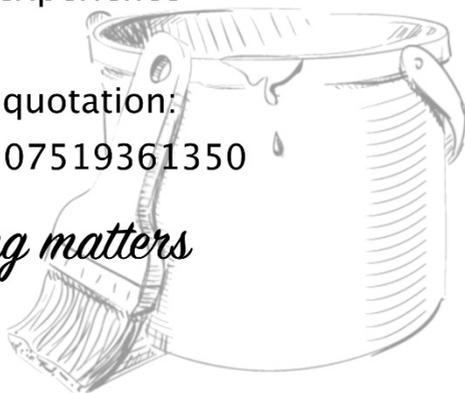
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READERS LETTERS



A note about the track to One Lock – We have heard from several folk in the village that the track to ‘one lock’ is considered to be a public footpath so we thought it advisable to respectfully point out that it is not. The Track is privately owned and is, in fact, on the deeds of Pump House Farm as the driveway to the property with right of way over it for other residents only.

Until recently we have been pleased to take a casual approach to its use but unfortunately the number of people (other than those who we have been happy to allow to use it for many years) who assume they can use it for a shortcut to the main road or down to the canal or just a circular walk has increased dramatically and includes dog walkers, walking groups, cyclists (often several at a time), fishermen, strollers with their families, campers from Dairy Farm etc., even though there are innumerable signs displayed stating that it is private these are ignored and even when the gates were closed recently people actually climbed over them. It really could be dangerous with the number of authorised vehicles up and down each day and we have, in fact, had a couple of near misses. We realise that these people are not necessarily from the village, in fact recently there have been people from Newton Leys thinking they can walk down the tow path and then up to the main road to return home!

However, as the track was in a particularly bad state caused by the harsh winter weather and increased use we had to organise a programme of repair which is costing us all a considerable amount of time and money, so we have to take a stand.

In short, much as we really hate to spoil anyone’s enjoyment of the tow path walks and regret that we have been forced to feel that we are unable to take the previous more relaxed attitude, we must repeat that regrettably the track is NOT for Public use and we would be grateful if this could be adhered to.

Many thanks.

Name & address supplied.

READERS LETTERS cont/d



Dear Editor - I wish to thank all the villagers for their help, flowers and cards following my argument with a rather large pot hole in Bragenham Side. Special thanks to all my neighbours and those that walked Bouncer. Thank you to everyone who has assisted us in anyway. Huge thanks to the ambulance crew and MK U H staff in the Fracture area who patched me up so efficiently when my blood pressure was through the roof! You all deserve medals. Bucks County Council have been informed so let's hope no one else trips up and injures themselves. Broken kneecaps are definitely to be avoided! You may see me about again in July, meanwhile enjoy the summer.

Best wishes,

Hazel.

MAVIS'S QUIZ

Answers to last month's quiz and if you remember it was the case of finding a word that could be placed either in front or behind each group of three words. Here are the answers and how many did you get right?

- (1) BANK (2) BATTLE
- (3) BIRTH (4) BLACK (5) BLIND
- (6) BLOOD (7) BODY (8) BONE
- (9) CARBON (10) BAG



Now for some of the same, finding a word that can go either in front or behind the following group of words??

- (1) LETTER, PUNISHMENT, OFFENCE (2) FAST, NECK, WATER (3) CASE, END, WORM
- (4) FLY, HOLE, UP (5) PAN, ROCK, SORE (6) BEARING, BASE, COCK
- (7) CHAT, FIRE, GROUND (8) BRUSH, LIFT, WAVES (9) BEAT, LOCK, WEIGHT
- (10) BREAK, DREAM, LIGHT

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

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			Monday 13 August

EDITORS NOTE

Best laid plans and all that, but unfortunately the ‘Spotlight On’ which would have featured Ted Andrews this month didn’t quite make it, so we’ll have to wait until next month to hear all about Ted.

Many positive comments were heard throughout the village about last month’s edition. All liked Ted’s cartoon that adorned the cover, but the ‘Grumpy Old Man’ and the Peacocks and the accompanying recipe on how to Roast such a bird seemed to have you all chuckling.

I say this every month, but please if you do have any ideas for articles or features that you would like to see in the SH News then please let me know. We want to keep the SH News not only informative but fresh and entertaining to read.

May I please have copy for the August issue by **20th July**

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VILLAGE DIARY

Tuesday 3 rd July	Ladies that Lunch – Sports Club Pavilion 12.30 -13.45
Tuesday 3 rd July	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 7 th July	Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea – Community Centre 2-4pm
Tuesday 10 th July	Gardening Club Members trip to Cambridge Uni Botanic Gdns
Saturday 14 th July	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 8.30 – 10.30
Tuesday 7 th August	Ladies that Lunch – Sports Club Pavilion 12.30 -13.45
Saturday 11 th August	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 8.30 – 10.30
Tuesday 14 th August	Gardening Club Members trip to Swiss Gardens, Biggleswade
Sunday 2 nd September	Harvest Festival – Methodist Church 11.00
Tuesday 4 th September	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 8 th September	Village Show – Community Centre 13.00 – 17.00
Thursday 13 th September	Gardening Club Members trip to Kew Gardens
Saturday 22 nd September	Quiz Night – Community Centre <i>times to be confirmed</i>
Tuesday 2 nd October	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 15 th December	Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch – Community Centre

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VILLAGE SHOW

SAT 8TH SEP 2018

PREPARE YOUR ENTRIES FOR THE GREATEST SHOW IN STOKE HAMMOND

CLICK THOSE CAMERAS AND
PAINT/DRAW LIKE NO TOMORROW

INNOVATIVE JUICES
NEEDED FOR THE
SCARECROW COMPETITION

DIG OUT THOSE HOME BAKING
RECIPES TO WOW THE JUDGES

BRING OUT THOSE GREEN FINGERS
FOR THE FLOWER & VEG SHOW

AND DON'T FORGET TO PREPARE
YOUR POOCH FOR THE DOG SHOW
EXTRAORDINAIRE!

FIRE UP THE STILLS FOR THE HOME-MADE DRINKS
PICK THE FRUIT FOR THOSE JAMS & PRESERVES

ENCOURAGE YOUR
CHILDREN TO ENTER THE
CHILDREN ONLY
CATEGORY

FIND YOUR ENTRIES ON THE WEBSITE
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SHOP... AND BE PART OF THE
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