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August 26 th	11.00	Holy Communion <i>at Bow Brickhill</i> Revd Robert Wright

*PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS
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Church Wardens:

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Minister: Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly 01525 240589

August 5 th ^t	11.00	United Service <i>at St Luke's</i>
August 12 th		Local Arrangement
August 19 th		Local Arrangement
August 26 th		Local Arrangement
September 2 nd	11.00	Harvest Festival – Mr John Shaw

Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays at 10.30 - 11.30
(contact 01525-270287)

FUTURE EVENTS – Sunday September 2nd 11am Harvest Festival

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

What with the World Cup, Wimbledon and the British Grand Prix overshadowing much that when on in the month of July, it has had the knock-on event of making PC News rather thin on the ground.

First and with deepest sympathies from the Parish Council to their family and friends, we learnt of the passing in late June and July of two village stalwarts. June Garner (nee Scott) died in Milton Keynes University Hospital on Friday, July 13 she was 82. June who was born in Stoke Hammond, was very much involved in village life and her husband was a onetime chairman of the Parish Council. An obituary for June can be found in this edition of the SH News. Alas, we also had to say goodbye to Doris Stevenson nee Bailey. Doris who was also 82 passed away on the 29th June. Doris was born and bred in the village and attended Stoke Hammond School as far back as 1940.

As already mentioned, things were quite in July, and the same applied for the PC meeting held on Tuesday 3rd July. With apologies received from Cllr Greg Noble and Cllr Hazel Turner, the five attending Cllrs along with our clerk were joined by AVDC Cllr Ben Everitt and six members of the public. With a light agenda and one simple planning application for a trellis to be added to a garden wall the meeting concluded at 8.20 pm just 50 minutes after it started. The main discussion centred around the Fenny Road development where on the Monday before the meeting the PC was notified of a new layout plan, with a reduced number of 58 homes and with what appeared to be some consideration for previous objections raised about the closeness of properties to Tyrells Manor and the orientation of housing to neighbouring properties and the Fenny Road. However, just a few hours before the meeting, the plans were retracted by AVDC planning, apparently because they were not quite correct or in need of further amendment. So, no formal discussion, but the clerk would be contacting AVDC Planning to advise the PC does not now meet again until September, so if the plans were to be suddenly submitted again, a longer consultation period would need to be given.

The matter of Bucks CC approaching many Parish Councils including Stoke Hammond and enquiring about devolving more of their services to PC's was also discussed. It was agreed the PC would need to know much more detail about what services they are seeking to devolve and the financial implications before taking the matter any further. It was however agreed to continue from March 2019 with our current devolved service agreement for grass cutting - it's worth noting that if were to revert to BCC for this service they would offer only 4 cuts per year!

With concerns being expressed by some residents, your PC has contacted AVDC Planning regarding the sudden appearance of some brick piers to the entrance of the new housing development just beyond Lodge Lane. The design and construction seem to suggest this is to become a gated community, something

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which has never appeared on any planning documentation. It is also worrying that the distance between the piers is only some 4.2 metres and Bucks Highways in saying the entrance complied with their requirements, did so on the understanding the width was to be a minimum of 4.8 metres. We currently await the findings of AVDC on this matter.

We also await the findings for the Archaeological investigations currently being undertaken on the Fenny Road site as part of the planning condition for original outline permission for up to 74 new homes, which we already know is now likely to be reduced in number. We are reliably informed that many Roman artefacts including skeletal remains have been found. What impact these findings and their location within the site, may or may not have on the scope of the development will have to be awaited.

Latest news from Bucks CC is that a review of the recycling facilities within the county are required. Well that's the message from Bill Chapple OBE, Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment as Bucks CC begins the process of gathering views and opinions from local residents about household recycling provision across Buckinghamshire, and this has nothing to do with the notification that AVDC bin collection dates are to change from September 3rd, albeit we don't yet know if this will affect Stoke Hammond. So why the review, as ever it is to do with budget constraints. To quote Bill Chapple "Changes will be needed to the way the County Council's household recycling centres operate from April next year to make the service affordable while maintaining the quality people expect."

Many councils up and down the country have already made changes to their recycling centre operations as the financial pressures on all public services continue to bite. Bill says that the time has come for Buckinghamshire to grasp the nettle and consider changes that will ensure the Council can stay within its budgets.

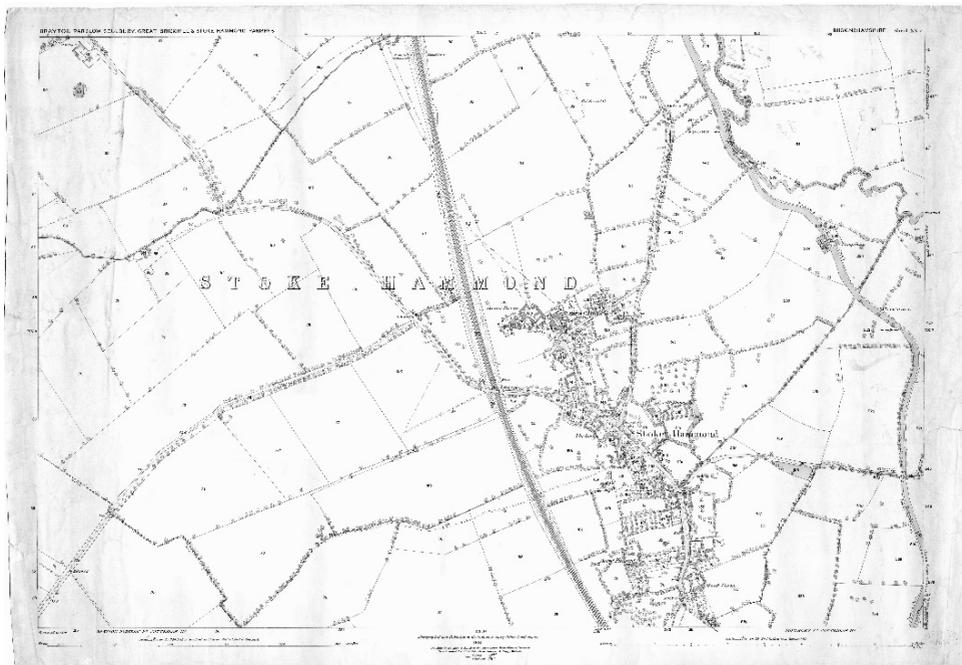
Many already believe if some recycling centres are to close, impose charges or have reduced opening hours, this will only lead to further fly-tipping. But you can have your say via the following website:-

www.bucksc.gov.uk/news/council-in-listening-mode-as-household-recycling-centres-review-gets-underway

Still on rubbish, yes literally, as many of you will have seen in the AVDC times posted through our doors a few days ago, and aside from the possible changes to our bin days, you can now use any form of plastic bag to line your food caddy, rather than compostable specific liners. One can also now dispose of batteries and small

electrical appliances such as hair dryers, by placing these items in a carrier bag atop of your bin (whether refuse or recycling) for the crews to collect.

For some of those that are new to our village, you may not have seen the large Ordnance Survey map dating from 1881 that is on display in the Community Centre. This gives a very interesting insight into how the village and surrounding area of Stoke Hammond looked all those years ago. Well you can acquire a copy yourself to hang on your wall. Colour prints finished on 180g/m matt coated paper are available from your PC.



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Whilst the PC does not hold a meeting in August it is not a month off for your Councillors and Clerk, we will still be very much beavering away in the background. As for the next PC Meeting, this will be held on the evening of Tuesday September 4th at the normal Community Centre venue, starting at 7.30pm. As always, all are welcome to attend.

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

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THE Lindens

It has been a fabulous month here at The Lindens with so many beautiful, sunny, warm days to take pleasure from and our residents and guests have been enjoying spending time relaxing in our grounds. The lovely weather has also allowed our Summer planting to settle in well, although a great deal of careful watering has been required.

The extension to our Garden Wing has now been completed. The Lindens now has eight additional en-suite bedrooms for residents and respite guests to enjoy, including a well appointed dedicated respite / convalescence suite. Each en-suite has beautiful modern tiling with crisp white fittings, giving the overall feeling of a boutique hotel. With the final touches of flat screen TVs, DVD players, pictures and other creature comforts being added, together with internet access, the rooms will provide a real "home from home" for their occupants.



Now that the extension is finished, far from standing still, The Lindens is moving on to the next stages of development, this being to landscape the gardens around the new extension, sensitively refurbish the Old Summer House and create a Coffee Shop.



Our residents, as usual, have enjoyed a variety of activities this month, such as our Art Classes where beach scenes were painted using beautiful blue and gold tones.

We welcome visitors, so if you would like to join us for afternoon tea, 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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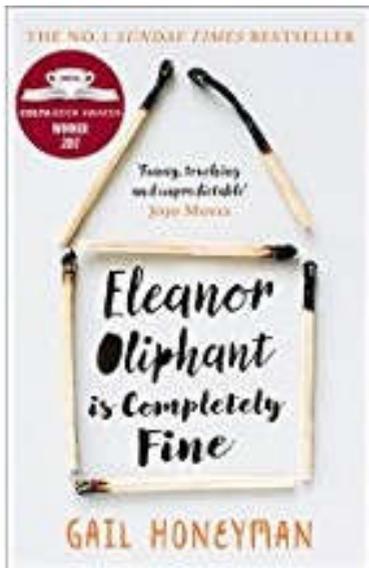
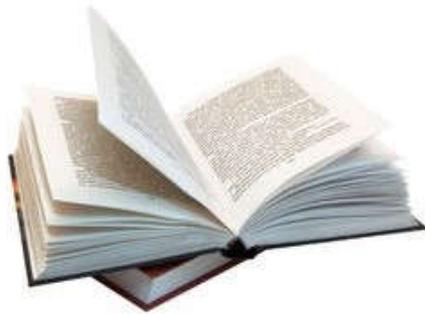
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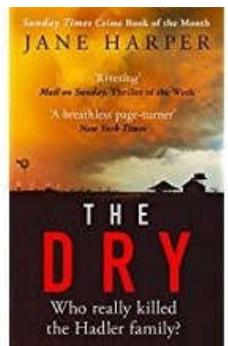


‘ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE’

by Gail Honeyman.

This was the Author’s debut novel - and it is no surprise that it is soon to be made into a film the rights having been bought by Reese Witherspoon.. We found the book a combination of humour and sadness but it was also original and funny too. Eleanor is an articulate and pedantic young woman but she has her demons and an extremely troubled childhood has resulted in her rather strange demeanor with very odd notions making her a definite square peg in a round hole. How does Gail Honeyman describe such a character so accurately and make you warm to her and be rooting for her ?

We all enjoyed it describing it as a sad tale of a survivor but with a happy ending, or so we think, as it left you a bit up in the air. It describes all the characters beautifully and illustrates the power of a little kindness. We all appreciated Eleanor’s turn of phrase and obvious intelligence and no-one had any criticism wondering how this new Author managed to describe the main complicated character so well and think of such an unusual story. One of our favourites so far. Next month’s book is ‘**The Dry**’ by Jane Harper



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My wife said to me, "I don't look 50, do I darling?" I said "Not any more."

Bob Monkhouse

Don't worry about temptation. As you grow older, it starts avoiding you.

Winston Churchill

Getting old is a bit like getting drunk, Everyone else looks brilliant.

Billy Connolly



I'd hate to die with a good liver, good kidney's and a good brain. When I die I want everything to be knackered.

Hamish Imlach

One of the advantages of being 70 is that you need only 4 hours' sleep. True, you need it 4 times a day, but still.

Denis Norden

We don't grow older, we grow riper.

Pablo Picasso

I'm getting to an age when I can enjoy the last sport left. It is called hunting for your spectacles.

Edward Grey

The best birthdays are all those that haven't arrived yet.

Robert Orben

Men are like wine. Some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age.

C. E. M. Joad

You know you've reached middle-age when your weight lifting consists merely of standing up.

Bob Hope

When you are dissatisfied and you would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.

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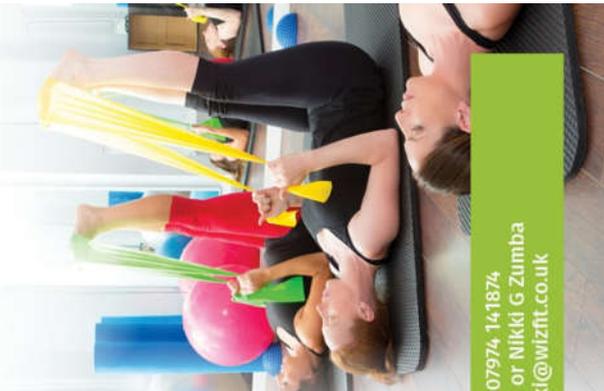
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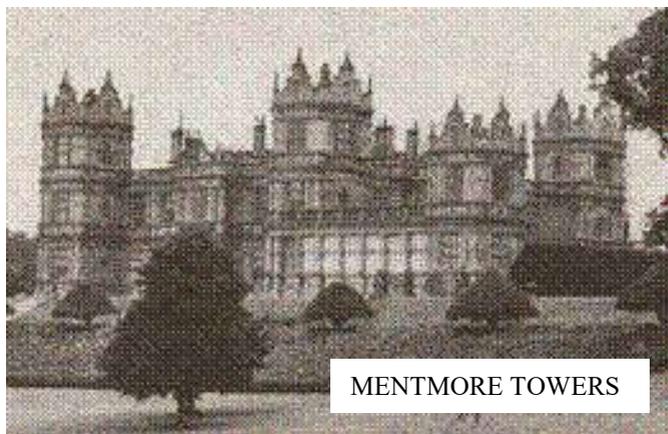
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“EVERYTHING BUT THE MOO”

Now into our fifth 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 Hans the Farm Foreman without whom it couldn't have happened! For this month Pam describes the time she was invited to receive an award by the World Government at Mentmore Towers.

THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

I was somewhat taken aback to receive an invitation by the World Government, or the Age of Enlightenment to dinner, and to receive the Marharishi Award for Research and Development at their Spring Festival, at Mentmore Towers. My first inclination was to refuse, but since I was asked to bring a guest, and my son in law John was ready to chaperone and chauffeur me, I accepted.



I wondered about dress – so I enquired. Formal – black tie. So I did not have to go and buy yards of orange homespun and long strings of beads. The last time I had visited Mentmore was when it was open before the Sale of the Century, and it looked like Sleeping Beauty's Castle. Even Sotheby's arrangements

could not disguise the neglect of years – peeling paper, water coming in everywhere, and derelict gardens.

The blue and gold gates indicated the change since then. Going into the Great Hall with its fireplace, the impression of elegance was dominant. We were served with glasses of delicious fruit juice and cocktail canapes, vegetarian type, and introduced to other “Award Winners”, and members of the cult. Not a punk or long haired yobbo in sight, though all ages, and mostly middle aged, solid worthy citizens, fairly wealthy, local people that you would expect to find as “pillars of the Parish Church”.

One couple I had met elsewhere. I asked them how they had become involved. They had been devastated by the tragic death of their only child. Driving round one Sunday they saw Mentmore was open, and went round to “gawp”. They were invited to attend an introductory session. They did, and stayed. They had found strength and courage, peace and comfort, and they found it “far more helpful than



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the sanctimonious platitudes of their Parish Priest". Others spoke of their happiness at joining the **TMs**. I was silenced!

We were shown some rooms downstairs, all transformed, firstly by soap and water and sheer hard work, then having the walls lined with pure silk; the most beautiful carpets and curtains, all specially made. There was little furniture other than chairs and tables.

Dinner was announced, and was served in another unbelievable room, lit entirely by what seemed to be thousands of candles, and reflected by mirrors. On closer inspection they were in fact electric wall sconces, but it was a breathtaking spectacle. Our hosts formally escorted us to our seats. There was about one hundred people sitting down to dinner plus twenty guests. They brought pristine napery, gleaming silverware and crystal, and there were magnificent spring flower arrangements all round the room.

The vegetarian food was excellent; vinegar served in those wonderful glasses would have been palatable, but the ice cold apple juice was superb, even though John and I like our wine. The most memorable thing was the service. The white gloved, scarlet coated Major Domo, controlled a team of stewards, who were students of the cult, earning their keep and teaching by working. They had "short back and sides", knife edged black trousers, "bum freezers", black bow ties and white gloves. The Major Domo never gave verbal instructions. His right fore finger pointed out when a glass was only half full, or a diner had finished, and their plate not cleared. The service would not have shamed a top Regimental Dining-In Night.

After dinner, Mr Phillips, the Executive Chairman of Mentmore talked on Transcendental Meditation. From the brief resume he gave, the concept seems to be that of every religion in the world. That by thinking good thoughts and doing good there from, to use the potential inherent in every individual, the world must become a better place. They do this through meditation. Two more speakers followed talking of a village that has been set up with factories, one of which makes the most beautiful couture dresses. Then there was a display of these made by the members. John had "designs" on one for Claire, at home with their three week old son, but as they were of couture prices they were resisted.!

Then followed the Award Ceremony. These were to local people like myself, who had a lot of publicity for one reason or another. I felt mine ought to have gone to my Public Relations Officer! The Ceremony itself was hysterical. John was in danger of bursting his seams trying to stifle his laughter at the virtues of Mother in Law. I curbed an inclination to curtsy as I received an enormous scroll, issued by the "World Government of the Age of Enlightenment." After this there was to be a candle lighting ceremony to celebrate the arrival of Spring – (it had actually arrived, even though it was bitterly cold outside, and raining cats and dogs), and the cutting of the cake.

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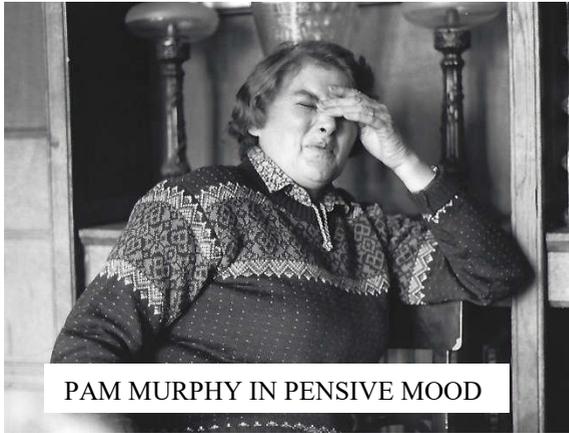
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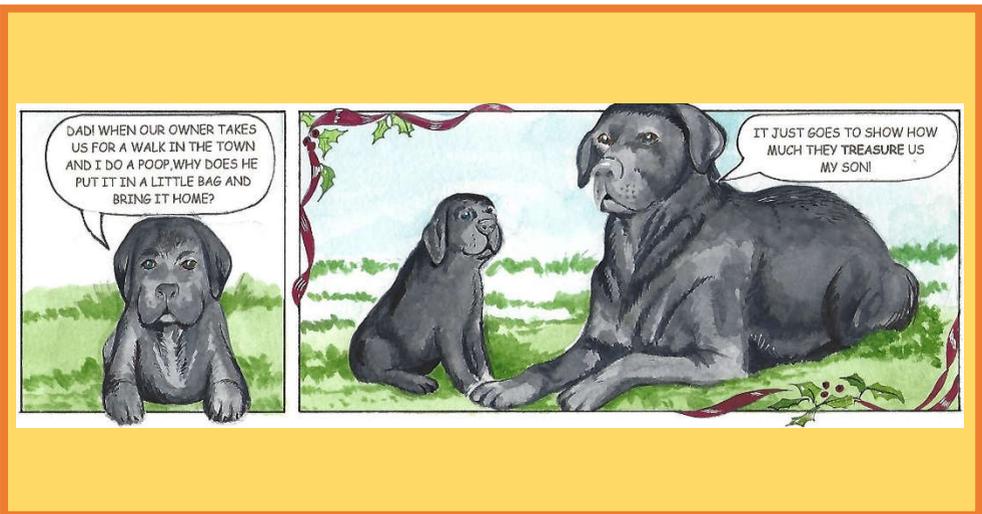
We left before midnight “Festival of Spring”, because of my new grandson, and we both had some way to go home.



It was a fascinating evening that we both enjoyed, and we both ditched a lot of bigotry that night. I would not have missed it for anything. I can now understand the appeal of the cult. They have discipline, the sort that I, and so many others, learnt in other schools, like the services, early in life. It is not an organisation that I could become part of, though it obviously fulfils a need, basically does good, (even though I found

it hard to reconcile the amount of money spent on furnishings with the needs of the poor world). It has no religious or political affiliations, and is entirely open. Anyone can go and see them, unlike some of these other rather sinister closed sets. From the very brief encounter, it seemed that the members were people who had joined because of loneliness, sadness or other trouble, and had found the answer through joining. It seemed sad to me that the Christian Church could not fulfil this need, including that of friendship and companionship.

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Councillor Newsletter

July 2018

Welcome

Welcome to July's Councillor e-newsletter to keep you informed of news and developments on policing and crime and the work of my office.

I am delighted to have launched Victims First last month (see article below), improving support and access to support for victims of crime. The impact of crime on victims can last a lifetime if the right support isn't provided and I believe the creation of Victims First will assist many people in getting the support they need to help them move forward with their life.

Over the past two months there has been a large influx of travellers into to the Thames Valley. Some are from the UK, many are from the Republic of Ireland. Considerable disruption has been caused at expense to the public, councils and the police. The law is weak in this area and does need tightening up to the same standard as in the Republic of Ireland where this problem does not arise.

Through the Police and Crime Panel it has been possible to get a protocol signed across all 18 Councils and the police to ensure that there is standardisation of response to unauthorised encampments, but it is still difficult to respond in the way most residents would wish. This is a matter for MPs and parliament to change current legislation.





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New service launches to support victims of crime in the Thames Valley



A new service, Victims First has been launched across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, providing free emotional and therapeutic support to all victims and witnesses of crime, as well as family members of victims if they require it.

The service, managed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner allows for one front door for all victims in the Thames Valley who require support and is available regardless of the crime, whether it has been reported to the police or not and when or where it took place.

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- Reducing Re-Offending
- Serious Organised Crime and Terrorism

Some examples of projects that may be considered include those that aim to reduce exploitation of young people through gang membership, reduce or prevent violent crime, rehabilitate offenders or prevent exploitation by organised criminals.

The closing date for this round of applications is 12pm Tuesday 17th July 2018

More information and the application form can be found at:

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A play launched to educate children about healthy online relationships



Children across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire will learn from the performance of a special play highlighting what does and doesn't constitute a healthy online relationship.

The play has been funded by a £51,000 cyber crime grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. There will be over 120 performances across the Thames Valley to primary school pupils aged between 9 and 11. Children will go away from the play with a better understanding of what constitutes a healthy relationship and issues such as online sexual exploitation, cyber bullying and pressure to conform with peer groups online.

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Police and Crime Commissioner FGM funding is delivering projects across the Thames Valley

It has been eight months since the Police and Crime Commissioner's Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) grant was awarded to organisations across the Thames Valley to increase awareness and prevention of FGM and work is ongoing across the area.

The £120,000 funding was awarded in October 2017 to six organisations across the Thames Valley for projects between 6 months and 2 years in length.

Examples of the work delivered with the funding so far include:

- Training sessions delivered by Oxford Against Cutting to teachers and year 2 pupils at schools across the Thames Valley to increase understanding and awareness of FGM.
- Workshops aimed at both men and women from affected communities to promote discussion about FGM delivered by the Rose Centre, Reading.
- Midwife and client sessions delivered by Slough Refugee Support, headed up by a Somali speaking midwife with course materials available in the Somali language.
- An Advice Hub for professionals is being developed as part of the Rose Centre in Reading where professionals can access advice online or by phone.

Other organisations which received funding were Refugee Resource, Somali Outreach Project and MK Dons. Further information is available on our [website](#).

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CREEP

“To crawl with stealth”. Mission creep – “The expansion of a project beyond it’s original goal’s”

Well there is a lot of it about. Sometimes so slow (I was going to say and subtle but may be not) you don’t know it’s happening. It is happening all over this village and has been for many years. Was Mount Pleasant the start of building? Houses erected, building firm going bust, shells with roof timbers exposed for a number of years (glad they’re not holding my roof up)? I don’t think we can call it creep anymore it’s more like a stampede. Show me a site big enough to put my tent up and I’ll show you a building site.

Luckily we had enough interested people to put paid to a wind farm. Erect one turbine and you end up with an Irish Sea full.

And what is happening in the lay-by? It started with a boat or two moored up for the off season. It is now a full time residence for any old Junk. Each Junk appears to need it’s own motorcar or two. Currently there is an off road camper van (when I say off road I don’t mean like an off road Land Rover I mean unroadworthy) a tatty caravan, a horse box and of late, a flat bed lorry. Fortunately two or three more updated motorhomes have been and gone. The same problem was apparent in Bragenham Side where during the wet weather (if you remember that) there were so many boaters motors they threatened to destroy the verges.

Now when I came to the village people in council houses didn’t have motorcars. Noticeably in Fenny Road there is now undergrass matting to accommodate the number of parked cars and retain the verge. Until recently at the bottom of Old School Lane there used to be one or two cars parked on the verge from the old peoples bungalows which had no off road parking available. There are now six or eight parked regularly and often double parked. Do these all belong to the bungalow residents? I think not.

Continuing the theme of a motorised creep it started just off the Lakes Estate roundabout the other side of the by-pass. Cars on the verge “for sale”. It began to look like a used car lot. I strongly suspect this was not locals advertising their private motors but dealers cutting down on expenses. A week or so back there was a blue motor for sale

Stoke Hammond local Store

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opposite the above mentioned lay-by. A step or two nearer the village. As of today there is car for sale on the verge at the top of Tyrrells Road. This purports to be for sale by a motor company. Do they need a trading licence? A further car with "professional" for sale signs is parked in Old Bell Close. The start of a trend?

On a lighter motoring note has anyone else noticed that the traffic lights at the far exit from the Lakes Estate have been out of action for a good few weeks? I wonder to who this should be reported as they need to be made aware that the traffic flow has been improved substantially!

Grumpy Old Man

OBITUARY

June Garner

July 1926 to 13th July 2018

June Garner (nee Scott) died in Milton Keynes University Hospital on Friday, July 13 she was 82.

June was born in Stoke Hammond, but shortly afterwards the family moved to Aston Abbotts where she went to school. She married Malcolm Garner, whose parents lived near the Three Locks at the time and they had David. June was a staunch Methodist and supported many causes in the village during her life. Among many other things, June collected for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, was a keen WI member, member of the gardening club, supported the Parish Council when her husband was Chairman, donated towards the purchase of the Community Centre and she was President of the Stoke Hammond Sports Club at the time of her death. Every year she donated a large hamper to the annual Christmas raffle. June regularly attended every event that was put on in the village until cancer and age prevented her from going out as frequently. Her last attendance was recently at a Bingo and fish and chip supper in the Sports Club on June 22 when she appeared to be on good form. She was a loving mother to David and supported him in all his endeavours in keeping the Sports field up to standard, his gardening jobs and work at Best Butchers.

David has informed SH News that a service will be held in the Methodist Church at 2.30pm on Tuesday 31st July followed by cremation at Oak Hill Crematorium and then a wake at June's beloved Sports Club. Family flowers only, but donations to Macmillan Cancer Support are acceptable. June's ashes, in due course, will be placed in St Luke's Churchyard where her husband is buried. David would like to pass his sincere thanks to the paramedics that attended June, and especially to the Sports Club and friends for their support, it is deeply appreciated.

Villagers send their deepest sympathy to David, his relations and friends. Rest in Peace June.



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TED ANDREWS

By Barbara Munn

Ted Andrews is the first person to be included in Spotlight On who does not live in the village yet he spends much of his time here and is well known by many residents. Notably his cartoon and fine art skills are to be seen on a range of publications including the front cover for Junes edition of the SH News, a new original within this feature and a poster he made showing some village scenes was used as a reference for the village sign on the green. Ted has a wealth of anecdotes about his life in publishing having worked both freelance and as an employee.



"AND NEXT TO MY BRIAR PATCH YOU'LL SEE THE
DADELIONS JUST COMING INTO FLOWER"

- ***EARLY LIFE***

Ted was born in Clapham, London in 1949 but spent most of his school years in Tooting. His mother's family lived in Bletchley and holidays were spent there with her relatives. Ted's parents had met when they both worked at Bletchley Park during the war years. His father was a driver taking WRNS to their billets and his mother was in the catering section. From the age of eleven Ted attended a huge, "ghastly" comprehensive which he couldn't wait to leave. Art was the one subject he felt comfortable with although he never felt encouraged, rather just another unrecognised face.

- ***CAREER***

At sixteen Ted joined the Daily Express Beaverbrook Strip Cartoon department initially as an office boy where he got the opportunity to see professionally drawn original art work for the first time. Examples of the cartoons published included: Modesty Blaise and Bristow in the Evening Standard and Jeff Hawke and James Bond in the Daily Express. The latter pre-dated the famous films by a long time. After several years of earning £4-11shillings for a six day week (not enough for the train fare) Ted decided he needed something more lucrative – though he had managed to put a down payment on a spin drier for his widowed mother- and moved to a private publisher for a year. A nine year stint at what is now IPC Media Magazines followed with Ted working first on children's comics and then on a range of titles including a fishing magazine. As a lifelong angler this must have been something of a dream job. He illustrated many fishing books for various authors two of whom became close friends. Fred J Taylor and Fred Buller both wrote books which became classics in the world of fishing and they were each awarded the MBE for services to angling. Both men opted to be presented with their medals by the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire in Aylesbury rather than by the Queen so that more people could attend the ceremony. Ted noticed that while attempting to attach one of the medals the Sheriff rather embarrassingly managed to get his ceremonial white gloves stuck on the pin. In 1983 while freelancing Ted published his own book on angling; "Basic Fly-Tying in Pictures" which remained in print for a remarkable ten years .He described the world of freelance as "precarious" and commented that he spent those two or three years "gently starving." Work was slow to arrive, poorly paid and the artists were very poorly treated often having to wait months for payment. To augment his income he undertook a

range of other work over the years; helping to restore an oast house in East Sussex and doing painting and decorating. A nine month period working as a porter at a London teaching hospital left a deep and lasting impression, he cherishes the memories and holds the NHS in high regard. He moved on to other staff jobs but supplemented his salary with freelance work which he continues to do to this day. Examples of his work hang on walls as far afield as Australia, France and Canada.

After this Ted joined the Sun newspaper as a staff artist for eighteen years where he was called upon to draw everything from Buckingham Palace to a cartoon parrot. He once drew the front page for the 2002 England v Denmark football match – overnight after completing a ten hour shift at the paper. It depicted Haygar the Horrible as a whole page front cover for the paper. Haygar was a Viking based cartoon strip regularly featured in the paper. An interesting aspect of working at the Sun, he commented, was to retouch the then black and white photos of the Page Three girls. When the paper went to colour and work was computer generated the girls and he parted company! “Ah well,” he said.

As a supplementary job Ted was an occasional artist at the News of the World. One Saturday the editor’s secretary rang him at home with news of the Hungerford massacre in which fifteen people were killed. Ted was immediately worried, thinking his career was about to end but the editor wanted Ted to prepare a photo-fit of the murderer from a description as no photograph could be found. Whilst in the end one was located and his work wasn’t used it could have been as the description was so accurate the killer was instantly recognisable. On another occasion which happened to be the day of Prince Andrew’s wedding he was asked to go to Battersea Heliport and travel with other newspaper staff to the head office because pickets were protesting against Rupert Murdoch and preventing access to the plant. They flew over the area where he grew up as no flying was allowed over central London for security reasons. Ted refused to go in a helicopter ever again, the journey was that awful.

- ***HOME LIFE***

During the 1980’s Ted moved out of London and bought his Victorian house in Fenny Stratford to be close to his uncle so that he could look after him. This was something he had vowed he would do as the uncle had cared for Ted’s



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mother before she died. The house is in Oddfellow's Terrace which he considers particularly apt. He has a son, Ben, now 37 who is an engineer working all over the country and two granddaughters, Lydia 8 and Tilly 6; they can often be seen together at the village's Community Breakfasts. Ted lives with his partner of nine years, Margaret a born and bred Bletchley girl who worked in drug and alcohol rehabilitation. Ted loves Stoke Hammond but when asked why he doesn't move he said that possibly it might break the dream if he actually did come; meanwhile he continues to spend much of his time here walking his dogs and acting as caretaker of the Village Hall amongst other things, being treated in his words as "one of the natives."

- ***HOBBIES etc***

Painting, drawing and illustrating are still both a pleasure and an income and for the past twelve years he has produced cartoons for a shooting magazine. He has also written three published poems. He is a passionate angler fishing as often as possible and he collects vintage angling books having amassed two hundred over the years. The life and work of T E Lawrence is another abiding interest; he has visited Cloud's Hill, the cottage where he lived as an army private after abandoning his Lawrence of Arabia persona. Ted explained that George Bernard Shaw bought him the motorbike that led to his untimely death only a few hundred yards from his home. Amazingly Lawrence had no money. He knew Winston Churchill who had offered him "any post he wanted" but he chose to live on his army private's pay. If he won the lottery Ted says he would use it to buy a subscriber's copy of The Seven Pillars of Wisdom.

His musical taste encompasses everything from Richard Tauber in opera to Brian Wilson of the Beachboys. He counts himself as fortunate to have met Jimmy Webb the songwriter who penned MacArthur Park and his all time favourite pop song, Witchita Linesman.

He says he is no great traveller but enjoys the West Dorset coast and hopes to visit Kefalonia

As far as food is concerned Ted and Margaret enjoy eating at Mama Rosa's in Leighton Buzzard.

A section never before included in these articles was Ted's – Personal Faults and Failings. "I've put them all on a hard disk and I'm working on 'em," said Ted.

PAGEY'S SOW & GROW "PATCH"

Well the ground is hard. Very hard in fact. Not just a throw away comment - I've done the test, not that it needed to be proven. No rain for 7 weeks or so and clay soil makes the ground very hard. Not that he would be welcome but Trump could land Air Force 1 in my back garden and he would bounce straight off the ground into the bushes beyond - I'd have a pot shot with my air rifle too, just for good measure. Anyway, I did the test - took my garden fork, looked ruefully at the ground (now proven to be harder than concrete), raised the fork high....and plunged it earthbound. The pain started in the wrist and travelled remarkably quickly to my shoulder, and then back down to my wrist...many times in fact. Don't do this at home folks, unless you like hurting yourself. I got no sympathy from the Missus at all..." what did you expect " was the retort to my explanation for the expletives on the veggie plot. Indeed why did I do it?

Well, that aside, all we can really do at the moment is water before the hosepipe ban comes. I have 7 extra large water butts which I keep topped up for the greenhouse. The toms, peppers, cucumbers, sweet potatoes and melons are loving the weather provided you get enough water and tomato feed to them. If you water outside do it late or very early otherwise half of it evaporates and almost not worth doing. I have resown lettuce and radish again - all we seem to do is BBQ with lots of salad every day (fabuloso) in my raised nursery bed (kept dug over and watered , so not rock



hard). I have harvested the garlic after a tussle with the ground to give up its crop, picked the blackcurrants (35lbs from 3 bushes) and artichokes. The new potatoes, Lady Christal, are fab - similar argument with the ground to give up its crop and the onions are doing well and making up for the lateness of sowing this year. The only new crops going in are winter cabbages, greens, kale and swedes (which is what caused the earlier fight with the ground) and loads of watering, then under cover of netting to keep the cabbage white butterflies at bay. Water whilst you can, pick your crops when

they are ready and don't leave them in the ground as they will bolt in this weather and you will have nothing. In the meantime I am digging (no pun intended) out my rain dance suit , put away my fork and enjoying the weather. Enjoy, *Pagey*



And don't forget to think about exhibiting at the Village Show. What about those wonderful flowers of yours or that incredible veg and sublime fruit and drinks.

Go on give it go!

Sat September 8th

STOKE HAMMOND GARDENING CLUB



After a sweltering week we were a bit worried about the prospect of walking around the Cambridge University Botanic gardens all day in sizzling temperatures but - the day dawned cloudy with a breeze and the conditions were perfect (although perhaps a little chilly in the morning!). So, there we were on July 10th and there was so much of interest to see. The wild flower areas were spectacular with cornflowers, campions, scabious, corn marigolds, yarrow and many more all mixed in with graceful grasses and the long line of glasshouses were a favourite with individual sections containing the most amazing plants from all over the world displayed and labelled clearly. The long dry spell had meant that some of the borders were nearly over well before their time but this was compensated by the lovely trees and shrubs, ponds and water features together with an unparalleled collection of plants used for research and teaching. The shop had some lovely things to browse through and there were plenty of plants for sale. Visits to the cafe were the icing on the cake and talking of cakes there were exotic homemade gateaux to accompany a much needed cuppa. A little bit different from other gardens but lots of interest and definitely worth a visit.



We do hope everyone enjoyed the day - the next event is a visit to the Swiss Garden in Biggleswade in August and letters with all the information have already gone out.

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High Ash Attainment and Progress data...

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HASA Summer Fayre...

HASA ran a successful Summer Fayre on the 9th June and raised £3000 which will go towards new library books. Thank you the local residents for supporting this event.

Events coming up next week and the last week of term which parents have been invited to...

Years 5 and 6 productions start next week. The timings for the productions are as follows:

Monday 16th July 1:30pm and 7:00pm

Wednesday 18th July - 7:00pm

Year 6 Leaver's Church Service - Wednesday 18th July 1:45pm

Year 6 Leavers Prom - Thursday 19th July from 7:30pm-9pm

Star Assembly & Other Leavers - Friday 20th July 2:30pm

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Tuesday 24th July 1:30pm

Parking...

We have sent a message to all our parents to be considerate and respectful of local residents when parking, to park at the Parish Hall and avoid parking on Green End, Rotten Row or Pound Hill.



Church News

Review:

Community Breakfast: Community breakfast was again a great success in spite of the glorious weather (which meant some people sat outside). Just goes to show – people will eat a cooked breakfast in any weather! (other non-cooked breakfast items are also available!)

Open gardens: Thank you to everyone who opened their garden, gave help on either, or both days, or came along to visit. I said I'd let you know the final total – it was an amazing **£1272!** Well done to all concerned.

Church fete: What a fantastic day we had for the church fete! Delicious burgers and hot dogs from the barbecue were enjoyed by hungry folk, followed by a turn on the tombola to win a tin of beans, tuna, or if you were lucky, a bottle of wine. A browse through the bric-a-brac turned up a few bargains then a few purchases from the stalls and a couple of tickets on the raffle. The sun shone for us all day although there was some respite in the church



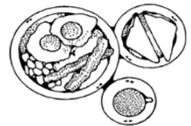
(which always seems to stay cooler than outside) for the best value cream teas in Buckinghamshire to round off the afternoon! Many thanks to all those who helped man the stalls and the unsung heroes who set up and cleared away – we couldn't do it without you! We raised **over £1300** from the event.

Café church: We (all 15 of us) enjoyed our breakfasts before this delightful service was led by Valerie Kerr who used yarn and pipe cleaners as props to make us think about Jesus' role as the good shepherd. How blessed we are to have a saviour who loves and cares for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep!

Afternoon teas: As we go to press, the July afternoon teas have not yet taken place. Let's hope they went well – I'll let you know next month!

Forthcoming events:

Community Breakfast: We will be holding our Community Breakfast again on **Saturday 11th August** and serving breakfast from **8.30am**, but you can still join us until **10.30am**. See you there!



Prayer meetings: Our prayer meetings will take place this month at **8pm** on **Wed 8th & 22nd August** 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.



Afternoon teas: We like to keep busy at church, so our next afternoon teas are on **Sunday 19th August** 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 last teas for this summer are on **23rd September.**



Ride and Stride - More riders and striders needed! : Our Churchwarden Harry Davies religiously(!) takes part in the **Bucks Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride** event every year. This year's event will be held on **8th September**. This sponsored event raises money which is divided

50/50 between the Bucks Historic Churches Trust and a church of your choosing (St Luke's of course!) We could raise even more money if more people took part. You'd need to get sponsors and either walk or ride your bike between various churches on the day. Churches stamp your form and offer you light refreshments before you move on to the next one. I'm sure there are many walkers and cyclists in Stoke Hammond. Are you one of them? Would you consider doing a sponsored ride or walk for the church? If you're interested, more info is available on: <http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/buckinghamshire/> or <https://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/> or contact Harry below for details.

Church Quinquennial inspection: Way back in May, I said we'd be having our inspection this year and we now have a date scheduled for the architect's visit. He'll give us a verbal summary, but the full report won't be available till a couple of months after that. We'll keep you posted.



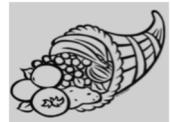
Bible course: As also mentioned in May's SH news, we are planning to run the Bible study course in Stoke Hammond starting in late Sept or early Oct. This course (by Dr Andrew Ollerton) gives an overview of the Bible focusing on the development and meaning of Christianity rather than the detail of Bible stories. (Although obviously you will be reading the



Bible!) Find out more on: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/>

Special services:

Harvest festival & lunch: We have yet to finalise dates for our harvest festival and harvest lunch this year, but we would like to invite as many as possible to join us. We will confirm dates next month.



As schools break up for the summer, we'd like to wish you all happy holidays!

Church Benefice Website: www.brickhillchurches.org.uk. If you want to come to a service, all church services are open to everyone, and times are listed on the website, along with contact details for the Rector. His phone goes straight to an answer phone 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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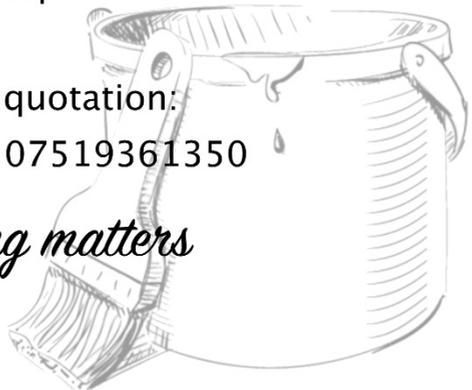
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We have been advised about a new extortion scam where scammers email you stating that they know the recipient's password, have installed malware on the computer, created videos of the recipient using adult web sites through their webcam, and have stolen the recipient's contacts. Here follows an example of such an email.

From: Beitris Englert <hbeleonoretvi@outlook.com>

Date: July 12, 2018

Subject:

It seems that, xxxxxxxx, is your password. You may not know me and you are probably wondering why you are getting this e mail, right?

actually, I setup a malware on the adult vids (porno) web-site and guess what, you visited this site to have fun (you know what I mean). While you were watching videos, your internet browser started out functioning as a RDP (Remote Desktop) having a keylogger which gave me accessibility to your screen and web cam. after that, my software program obtained all of your contacts from your Messenger, FB, as well as email.

What did I do?

I created a double-screen video. 1st part shows the video you were watching (you've got a good taste haha . . .), and 2nd part shows the recording of your web cam.

exactly what should you do?

Well, in my opinion, \$2900 is a fair price for our little secret. You'll make the payment by Bitcoin (if you do not know this, search "how to buy bitcoin" in Google).

BTC Address: 1KiCTVUq5A9BPwoFC8S965tsbtqcWr8bty
(It is cAsE sensitive, so copy and paste it)

Important:

You have one day in order to make the payment. (I've a unique pixel in this e mail, and at this moment I know that you have read through this email message). If I do not get the BitCoins, I will certainly send out your video recording to all of your contacts including relatives, coworkers, and so on. Having said that, if I receive the payment, I'll destroy the video immediatly. If you need evidence, reply with "Yes!" and I will certainly send out your video recording to your 6 contacts. It is a non-negotiable offer, that being said don't waste my personal time and yours by responding to this message.

These emails are scams and no one has caught the recipient doing anything they don't want seen on video. The bad news, though, is that these attackers may actually know a recipient's password from data breaches.



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For more information please contact:

The Orchard Private Hotel, Stewkley, Buckinghamshire LU7 0HR

Tel: 01525 240 240 Fax: 01525 240 464

Email: orchardstewkley@supanet.com

READERS LETTERS



Dear Editor - On behalf of myself and group of friends I want to thank the Community Association Committee for a wonderful Afternoon Tea. They thought of everything, tables beautifully laid, delicious delicate sandwiches and lovely cakes, scones complete with jam and cream, endless tea and coffee, Prosecco on arrival even fans to keep us cool. All so sophisticated we thought we were at the Ritz! The service was great and the only downside was the lack of support as only a few took advantage of a terrific afternoon. Anyway, those of us who went were delighted with it and thank all those responsible for a lovely treat.

Eileen Curry

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) CAPITAL (2) BREAK
- (3) BOOK (4) BLOW (5) BED
- (6) BALL (7) BACK (8) AIR
- (9) DEAD (10) DAY



Same again this month, finding a word that can go either in front or behind the following group of words??

- (1) SCRAP, HEAVY, DETECTOR (2) FRONT, TRAP, BACK (3) WAY, CAR, BIKE
- (4) WATER, NECK, PONY (5) BREAKER, BONE, GROUND (6) COLLAR, FIGHT, EARED
- (7) HOUR, BACK, PENNY (8) BAG, BLEED, DIVE (9) MISS, SIGHTED, SIDE
- (10) WORK, POINT, CORD

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

Answers next month



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	Thursday 26 July	Thursday 26 July	
			Monday 30 July
Thursday 2 August		Thursday 2 August	
	Thursday 9 August	Thursday 9 August	
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Thursday 16 August		Thursday 16 August	
	Thursday 23 August	Thursday 23 August	
			Monday 27 August
Thursday 30 August		Thursday 30 August	
	Thursday 6 Sept	Thursday 6 Sept	
			Monday 10 Sept

EDITORS NOTE

Well at last we've tied Ted down and his 'Spotlight On' is in this issue along with yet another Ted Andrews original cartoon. So, thank you Ted and to Barbara Munn for putting the feature together.

We're getting ever closer to this year's Village Show with two ads within this month's edition of the SH News to remind all to start thinking about your entries and ideas for your scarecrow designs, some of which will hopefully adorn future covers of this magazine. If someone's cake wins the top prize in the show perhaps they'd like to share the recipe with all by way of our 'Favourite Recipe' page.

Surely some of you out there must have ideas for new articles and features. I sometimes hear the comment that the SH News is always the same, not something I would generally agree with given all the new features, style and looks we've introduced over the last year. But the SH News can only stay fresh if we have new ideas. It's with you, so 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.

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

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01525-270744 E-mail: gregnoble1980@aol.com

VILLAGE DIARY

Tuesday 7 th August	Ladies that Lunch – Sports Club Pavilion 12.30-1.45 CANCELLED
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
Tuesday 11 th September	Ladies that Lunch – Sports Club Pavilion 12.30 -13.45
Thursday 13 th September	Gardening Club Members trip to Kew Gardens
October	Quiz Night – Community Centre <i>date & times to be confirmed</i>
Tuesday 2 nd October	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Tuesday 9 th October	Ladies that Lunch – Sports Club Pavilion 12.30 -13.45
Saturday 15 th December	Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch – Community Centre

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