

SH NEWS

INSIDE THIS EDITION:
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
G.O.M.
MAVIS'S QUIZ
EVERYTHING BUT THE MOO
BOOK CLUB
PAGEY'S SOW & GROW PATCH
CHURCH NEWS & MUCH MORE

NOVEMBER 2018 Issue 11

www.stokehammondpc.com

LEST WE FORGET 1914 - 1918





St Luke's Church Christmas Fayre

Saturday 1st December

2pm – 4pm

Stoke Hammond Community Centre

Please join us to enjoy a seasonal afternoon.

Stalls include crafts, cakes, flowers & plants, raffle, a Christmas Tombola, dreamcatchers, bookstall, seasonal bric a brac, jewellery, candles & Christmas crafts, specialist bread and pastries, toys including wooden toys, plus family photographer doing shoot and prints on the day.

Children's activities and Father Christmas will be here in his Grotto with a present for all children
£2.50 per child

Refreshments including mulled wine and mince pies will be available, and

Entry is free.



St LUKE'S, STOKE HAMMOND

Rector: Revd John Waller 01525 261062

November 4 th	11.00	United Family Service <i>at the Methodist Church</i>
November 11 th	10.45	Remembrance Service – Revd John Waller
November 18 th	09.00	Holy Communion – Revd Robert Wright
November 25 th	09.00	Morning Worship – Jeremy Hopkinson

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

Saturday 10 th November	08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)
Saturday 15 th December*	08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)

*** Date to be confirmed**

Church Wardens:

Diane Webber 01525-270409 and Harry Davies 01234-822780

METHODIST SERVICES

Minister: Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly 01525 240589

November 4 th	11.00	United Family Service – Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly
November 11 th	10.45	Remembrance Service <i>at St Luke's</i>
November 18 th	11.00	Local Arrangement
November 25 th	10.30	Combined at Stewkley Methodist Church

Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays at 10.30 - 11.30
(*contact 01525-270287*)

Helping Hands

The Home Care Specialists

Est. 1989



Do you need a Helping Hand?

If you are looking for an **alternative to residential care** or extra support for those everyday tasks that are becoming difficult for you or a loved one – then we're here to help - **from 30 minutes per week to Live-in Care.**

Our **Stoke Hammond care team** has been providing award winning quality homecare since 1989 and can help with: personal care, housekeeping, help getting around or even to provide a break to an existing family member or care-giver.



To find out how we can help you,
call: **01280 428 237** or
visit: www.helpinghands.co.uk



A reliable and professional service...

For a free quotation please call Andrew:

Office: 01525 234120

Mobile: 07807 973871

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Probably one of the biggest talking points over the last month has been the Bypass closure and the resultant extra amount of traffic passing through our village, particularly at weekends when there were full closures rather than the weekday, one direction only closure. We will deliberately avoid here the subject of Facebook and some of the comments made on this portal and concentrate on the facts revealed by the MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign) which was located on the Fenny Road by Tyrells Manor monitoring the traffic travelling towards Leighton Buzzard whilst the Southbound Bypass closure was in force. Over a 20 day period from the 19th September through to the 9th October the MVAS counted 159,393 vehicles which averages out at 7,969 vehicles per day. The last MVAS results in July pre-bypass closure, over a 26 day period counted a total of 46,774 vehicles an average of only 1,799 vehicles per day. So effectively the traffic passing through Stoke Hammond whilst the bypass was closed increased by nearly 450%. For example, during the last week of the closure the daily counts were hovering around 8500 - 9000 vehicles but on the Monday the day the bypass reopened it fell to well below 2500. One should remember all these vehicle counts are in one direction only. It was also not a surprise that as a result of all this extra but slower moving traffic that the average recorded speed fell below the normal sub 35mph figure to a more acceptable 27.4mph. Let's hope this new Bypass surface is superior to the past and barring any major incidents we will now have many years without our village having to suffer these extremes of traffic levels.

Whilst on the subject of carriageway repairs/general highway maintenance it's quite amazing as to the difference in response speed for one reported problem to another. For example, it took well over a month despite much chasing by your PC for AVDC to cut back the tree which was obscuring the Belisha Beacon and light at the pedestrian crossing. Conversely, when the failing footpath to the bridge across the brook between Manor Close and Bragenham Side was reported via the 'Fix My Street' website, an engineer was out the following day to access and mark out the affected area, and the very next day new tarmac was laid to correct the problem – so 48 hours from reporting to being fixed! Does that mean 'Fix My Street' is more effective, probably not but certainly a much easier method by which to report highway issues, or was it the fact that when the report was made it included a photograph and stated this had the potential to be a 'Serious Trip Hazard.' Perhaps the thought of possible litigation springs the authorities into action?

As for the PC Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October it was rather a quiet affair with only three members of the public in attendance and with once again and rather

****BRAND NEW, INDOOR HEATED 25 YARD AIR GUN RANGE****

****OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK, WITH FULLY STOCKED SHOP FOR GUNS & ACCESSORIES****

****STATE OF THE ART ELECTRONIC RETRIEVAL SYSTEM ON RAILS****

****EASY ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM - ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME****

****TOP OF THE RANGE HIRE GUNS AVAILABLE****

****FREE REFILLING OF AIR WHEN USING OWN GUNS****



ALDERS

Air Gun Range

****WE CAN CATER FOR LARGE GROUPS OR CORPORATE ENTERTAINMENT****

www.aldersfarmgunrange.com 01525 261713 Ivy Lane, Great Brickhill. MK17 9AH

disappointingly no representation from either of our AVDC District Councillors or our BCC Councillor. There was only one minor planning application 18/02634/APP which was for retrospective permission for the retention of two flats at Old Dairy Farm House, Orchard Mill Lane. Given these flats were built/converted in 2004 the PC resolved to remain neutral and make no comment. Other matters discussed included as to whether the PC should continue to cover the cost of distributing the SH News to Newton Leys South (NLS) – currently some 170 homes but to increase by a further 176. Perhaps residents of Newton Leys South could contact the PC via our clerk to let us know if they do indeed value receiving the SH News – If it is not read or of any interest to NLS then there would seem little point in continuing its distribution to NLS. Perhaps we will learn more if we are able to arrange a PC surgery in NLS.

The PC have now received a vision plan from their appointed architect for the new land off Bragenham Side. This plan has been prepared with consideration for the results of the questionnaire circulated earlier this year and once reviewed by the PC working group it would be hoped to present this to you in the very near future.

The new homes on what was known as The Slad but to be named Harrup Close in memory of the late John Harrup BEM are now up for sale, but more interestingly the PC has now received a new planning application 18/03052/APP which aside from relating to some modifications to the elevations for some of the garages, is now seeking permission for brick built entrance gate pillars, which most of us would have observed as already having been built. The question of the entrance road width to this development has previously been raised with the AVDC planning enforcement department. This new application will be discussed at the November PC meeting which is to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th November. Usual venue of the Community Centre, Bragenham Side. As always, all are welcome to attend.

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

Sue Severn, 19 Curlew, Watermead, Bucks. HP19 0WG 01296 336575 07778 473392

clerk.stokehammondpc@gmail.com

www.stokehammondpc.com



Buttons Pre-School

- * Abbeys, Bletchley
- * Stoke Hammond
- * Wolverton
- * Willen Pavilion
- * Brooklands Farm
- * Giffard Park
- * Newton Leys

15 and 30 hours funded sessions for 2-4 year olds,
private sessions also available.

Sites across Milton Keynes and Bucks, flexible hours
including breakfast club, afterschool club and
wrap around care.

Contact us for details of your nearest pre-school.

Tel: (01525) 270501 / 07973 158368

Email: enquiries@buttonspreschools.co.uk

www.buttonspreschools.co.uk



LADIES THAT LUNCH



The next Ladies that Lunch will be on Tuesday 6 November in the Sports Pavilion at 12.30. It is hoped that PCSO Tina Hobson will be in attendance. The group will be having their Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 4 December at The Talbot in Loughton. Please ring Valerie Blackshaw if you would like to confirm that you will be able to attend. Fifteen seats have been booked there is a £5 deposit which Valerie requires as soon as possible. Her telephone number is 01525 270361.

Hazel Turner

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH



AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, FROM 13.00 ON SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE - PLEASE CALL THE CENTRE ON 01525 270501

OR

email: shcommunitycentre@gmail.com

**PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY SPECIAL DIETARY
NEEDS OR IF TRANSPORT REQUIRED**



FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND YOUR PARISH COUNCIL



BREXIT

Actually, the word has been banned in our house. If anything comes on the radio off it goes. There has even been the suggestion of defenestration of the appliance but then her indoors wouldn't be able to listen to the Archers.

Just how long does it take? Going through some of my earlier GOM notes:

December 2009 - "UKIP won't oppose the Tories if they promise a referendum. Cameron would not create a manifesto on that basis but why shouldn't he promise a referendum - Because he thinks he will lose. If he loses he won't represent the majority of people - how can he stand for parliament?" Now let me think what did happen. Hmm."

May 2014 - "Forthcoming general election. There is still the promise of a referendum from the Conservatives (if they win)."

December 2015 - "It may lead to the promised referendum being in my lifetime."

And on 23rd June 2016 we voted to leave the EU.

So, what have "they" been talking about for two years and do our Parliamentary representatives understand things any better than you or I? I caught a line on the radio last week that a translator for Brexitese had been appointed to the Houses of Parliament library so perhaps they don't. Additionally, it appears there are "teams of negotiators" behind the scenes so presumably they are the ones who do the work and hopefully know what they are talking about.

Can anyone explain the Chequers deal, the backstop, the Insurance the transition period or indeed what the EU want (apart from lots of our money). There is lots of talk in the media quoting these and lots more phrases. In fact there is lots of talk but very little explanation. Perhaps they don't understand or are unable to speak "layman's speak".

I understood the question on the 2016 referendum ballot paper. I am concerned that if we end up with a second referendum I, along with 90% of other voters, will not.

Grumpy Old Man

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 – How did you do?

- (1) BLOOD (2) BLIND
- (3) BUTTER (4) IRON (5) ICE
- (6) HOME (7) HIGH (8) HARD
- (9) GANG (10) LAND

Some more of the same to get the little old grey cells working, finding a word that can go either in front or behind the following group of words??

- (1) HOUND, GLOVE, TROT (2) GATES, LIGHTS, PLAIN (3) BOARD, SHOW, WALKER
- (4) POLE, SHIP, STAFF (5) NAIL, PAINT, RING (6) ESCAPE, GUARD, BOMB
- (7) VALVE, CLOTH, LIFT (8) GREEN, MORE, LASTING (9) ONE, BODY, WHERE
- (10) OUT, SCONE, SNOW

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

Answers next month





THE Lindens

The Lindens is a privately owned care home, set in the tranquil Buckinghamshire countryside, offering individual care for our long-term residents and those visiting us for respite care. We provide a real 'home from home' experience for all our residents and their visitors.

- *24 Hour expert care delivered with compassion.*
- *Well-appointed double & single en-suite rooms with care call systems, televisions, DVD players and Internet facilities.*
- *Meals prepared in house using locally sourced ingredients, individual dietary needs catered for.*
- *Lecture theatre and cinema room.*
- *Sun lounge available for our residents, guests and visitors to take afternoon tea and enjoy family gatherings.*
- *Dedicated respite/convalescence suite with private patio.*

The Lindens Residential Care Home, Stoke Road,
Stoke Hammond, Buckinghamshire, MK17 9BN

Tel: 01908 371705 **E-Mail:** info@careatthelindens.co.uk

Web: www.careatthelindens.co.uk

THE Lindens

Now that Autumn is here, at The Lindens we have been busy tending our beautiful grounds and preparing them for the winter. Our summer planting continued to bloom into October, when the flower beds are due to be refreshed.



Our residents and guests have been enjoying regular visits from Darcy the adorable Maltese Shih Tzu who belongs to Lillian and Chris. Our residents love a cuddle with her.



There have also been the usual visits from Rachel the beautiful PETS as Therapy Labrador.

Our residents enjoy interacting with them when they visit and the memories of their own pets are remembered and shared.

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

Chris Ryan

Manager, The Lindens.

Stoke Road, Stoke Hammond, Buckinghamshire, MK17 9BN.

Tel: 01908 371705

Email: info@careatthelindens.co.uk Web: www.careatthelindens.co.uk

Leighton

Plumbing & Heating

11 Woodman Close
Leighton Buzzard
Bedfordshire
LU7 3NU



Oil Boiler Servicing, Repairs and Installation

All other aspects of Plumbing and Heating undertaken.

Please see our reviews and pricing on the boiler juice / myboilerservice website.

T: 01525 385250

M: 07774 567472

Oftec registered and Insured

Leighton-plumbing@ntlworld.com

THE ULTIMATE
DANCE-FITNESS
PARTY THAT
WILL GROOVE
YOU INTO SHAPE!

with Nikki Gladdish



Zumba

Monday's 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Brooklands Middle School, Brooklands Drive,
Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 3PF

Zumba Gold Thursday's

For the older active adult

10am - 10.45am

Southcott Community Centre
Grasmere Way Linslade LU7 2PJ

Please wear comfortable clothes and bring water!
No need to book - just turn up!

Contact your local licensed Zumba instructor
Nikki Gladdish 07974 141874
Email: nikki@wizfit.co.uk
f Nikki G Zumba www.nikkigladdish.zumba.com



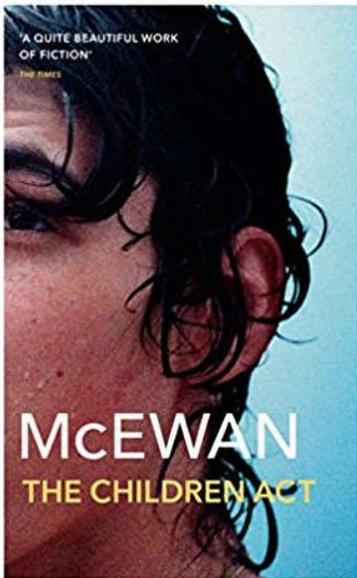
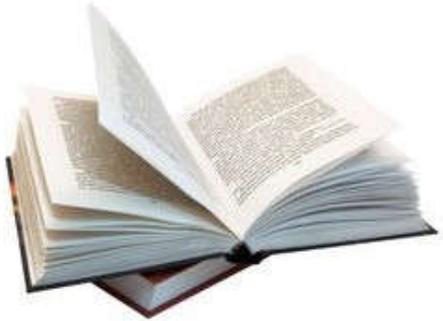
ZUMBA
fitness

GET DOWN FEEL GREAT



Beginners
welcome
at all venues

STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



'THE CHILDREN ACT' by Ian McEwan.

This month's book was again, very different. The title refers to the Children Act of 1989 and introduces us to the lead character, a High Court Judge, Fiona Maye, who is called upon to try a case where a youth, together with his parents, is refusing treatment which could save his life basing his decision on religious grounds. Meanwhile the Judge, a complex woman, has emotional problems of her own in dealing with her husband's infidelity. This comparatively short book (just over 200 pages) engages the reader in Fiona's uncertainties, like the decision to make an unorthodox visit to the boy in hospital, which has a deep impact on her.

Personally, I appreciated the research and attention to detail regarding the legal intricacies and description of the courts and their procedures. All the group seem to have enjoyed the book for a variety of reasons. Some said they loved it, best book they have read for a long time, well researched etc. but one or two commented that the problems with the husband were superfluous to the story line although the characters evoked their sympathy and understanding along the way. On the whole it was thought to be interesting and different and even 'hard to put down'. They would be happy to have another 'Ian McEwan' amongst the Club's future reads. The Children Act has been made into a film starring Emma Thompson and some of the group are going to see the film to discover whether it is a true interpretation and also whether they enjoy it as much as the book.

Next month's read is **'The Widow's Tale'** by Mick Jackson.

Exquisite Cleaning

We take pride in your home

FOR ALL OF YOUR DOMESTIC CLEANING

YOUR LOCAL STEWKLEY BASED COMPANY

CHOOSE FROM WEEKLY OR FORTNIGHTLY

FULLY INSURED

ALL STAFF POLICE CHECKED

ALL CLEANING MATERIALS PROVIDED

CONTACT **CHRIS STEVENITT** FOR MORE INFORMATION ON:

OFFICE: **01525-242042** OR MOBILE: **07850-540393**

EMAIL: chris@exquisitecleaning.co.uk

WWW.exquisitecleaning.co.uk

K J WINDOWS & DOORS

UPVC WINDOWS DOORS & CONSERVATORIES
FASCIA SOFFITS & GUTTERING

Keith Jones

07539367200





HIGH ASH SCHOOL

Mrs Sara Boyce MA N.P.Q.H

High Ash C.E. Primary School
Pound Hill, Great Brickhill,
Milton Keynes, MK17 9AS

T: 01525 261620

F: 01525 261988

office@highash.bucks.co.uk
www.highashschool.co.uk

Grow Together Shine Forever

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Stoke Hammond Parish News Letter - October 2018

It's hard to believe that it is nearly half term as we have been very busy since September. We have been to church this term to celebrate Harvest Festival and we also now have the three churches in our community leading a weekly assembly here at school, which is proving to be very popular.

Do you have a child ready to start school in September 2019?

We have held one of our two Open Mornings for prospective parents of children starting school in September 2019 and it was great to see such interest in our school. We do have space for up to 45 children in Foundation Stage so if you know of anyone locally that has a child ready to start school in September 2019, we do have another Open Morning on Tuesday 6th November. Please feel free to drop in between 9:30am and 12.00pm for a guided tour of our school by our existing pupils and informal meeting with the Headteacher.

We do have spaces in some other year groups too, so it's always worth checking with us if you are interested in securing a place at our excellent school.

You can apply online for a school place from the 5th November 2018. Please visit the Buckinghamshire County Council website www.bucckscc.gov.uk to complete an online application. **Application deadline is 3.00pm the 15th January 2019.**

Sara J Boyce

Sara Boyce
Headteacher

headteacher@highash.bucks.sch.uk



**“Why leave the comfort of your own home
to have a great haircut?”**

I am one of Britain's top stylists with
over **10 years' experience** as manager
and **Art Director** for **Toni and Guy**.

Book me to come to your home at a time of your choosing



**50% OFF INTRODUCTORY OFFER
FOR ALL NEW CLIENTS**



Tel: 07738658234

Email: sumin@superhairday.co.uk

www.superhairday.co.uk



*Visit Superhairday on Facebook for 33 of 5star
reviews from my clients and pictures!*

Painting & Decorating

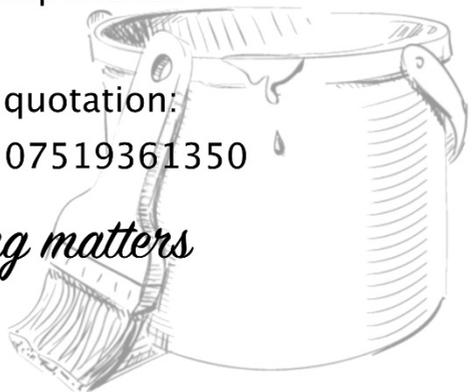
Dave Elliott

Your local painter, decorator & handy man
with 40 years experience

Call for a free quotation:

01525 270857 or 07519361350

For decorating matters



Stoke Hammond



a thankful village

STOKE HAMMOND

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

The Community Transport Scheme is in need of a Co-ordinator and additional drivers.

The Co-ordinator is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Scheme. Not as onerous as it sounds, demands on the scheme are light.

Drivers must be 18 or over and hold a full clean driving licence.

The work entails providing transport for elderly or disabled parish residents to medical appointments, the hairdressers, shopping and other similar venues.

Drivers are reimbursed mileage and other expenses eg parking. They also have to undertake a DBS check (provided free of charge).

Any individual driver is unlikely to be called upon more than 2 or 3 times in a year.

Interested? To find out more please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance. Either through the parish website

www.stokehammondpc.com

or telephone 07778 473392



LIMITED SPACES
BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

The Pilates Workshop .co.uk

Pilates in Stoke Hammond

Group Matwork classes at the Community Centre
MONDAYS 9.25am, 10.30am, 11.45am, 7.10pm & 8.15pm

*Small Equipment (Overball, Toning Circle, Bands),
Foam Roller, Pregnancy (Antenatal & Postnatal),
Children, Osteoporosis, Scoliosis, Low Back Pain, Golf,
Private Sessions (Matwork and Reformer) available*

*Classes also available: Aspley Guise, Berkhamsted &
Dunstable Studios*

louisa.pilates@gmail.com
www.ThePilatesWorkshop.co.uk
Tel: 07941 203589



Local Carpenter

- With many years of experience
- Good quality work
- Including doors, kitchens, fitted wardrobes and shelving
- Large or small jobs

You can contact James on these numbers:

Phone : 07970 750599

Home : 01525 270400



JBContractors

JB Thomas - Proprietor

STOKE HAMMOND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Why not hire the **Community Centre** or the **Meeting Room** for your party or business meeting. Discounted rates for residents of Stoke Hammond. To book or discuss your requirements please call 07555 711929 or 01525 270151 alternatively email your enquiry to:

shcommunitycentre@gmail.com



TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.stokehammondcommunitycentre.com



Coming Soon to Stoke Hammond...

Joyful Tots

- A place where we play, learn and share together
- For parents, Carers, or anyone looking after a baby or preschool child
- Our first introductory session will be 12.30 – 2pm on Tuesday 11th December in the Community Centre
- £2 per family – refreshments provided
- For more information Call Jacklen 07897 487657 or Diane 01525 270409

Newly resurfaced and repainted courts at Great Brickhill Tennis Club!

The refurbished courts are now open for all members to enjoy so why not come along and try one of the courses on our Autumn coaching programme.

There is something for everyone, whatever age or level of tennis you are.

Adult Improvers – designed to improve your overall game play

- Running on Fridays from 19:00-20:00
- 8 week course costing just £45

Junior Lessons – coaching for children aged 5 to 16 years

- Course runs on Fridays from 4pm (term time) until 14 December
- Coaching for ages 5-8, 8-11 and 11+ years

Even if you don't play tennis you may find our Cardio Tennis of interest

Cardio Tennis* – a great way to keep fit!

- Runs every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30am
- First session is FREE so you can try it and see how you get on
- 9 week course costing just £40
- Pay and play option available for £6 per session

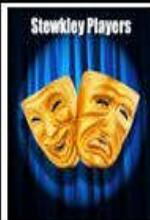
* - you don't need to be a member to join the Cardio Tennis course but we hope you'll choose to join when you discover how much fun you can have!

Go online for more information and to book your place!



clubspark.lta.org.uk/greatbrickhilltc





STEWKLEY PLAYERS present
their 120th production

Move Over Mrs Markham

a comedy

by Ray Cooney and John Chapman

in the Village Hall, STEWKLEY

WEDNESDAY 21st November 2018 at 8pm

THURSDAY 22nd November 2018 at 8pm

FRIDAY 23rd November 2018 at 8pm

SATURDAY 24th November 2018 at 8pm

Doors Open 7.30pm Licensed Bar

TICKETS £6.00 ON SALE FROM 29th OCTOBER 2018
Box Office Telephone: 07845 489 167

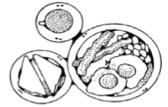
Nov 4, Nov 11, Nov 18: Sunday morning Box Office at the Village Hall
from 10:00 to 12:00

Please pay for tickets in advance. Cheques payable to 'Stewkley Players'

Church News

Review:

Community Breakfast: It was a little quieter than usual, but appetites were healthy and kept us busy! We are grateful to our sponsors: Kutti from the **Village stores** who donates bread and eggs, and Tim of **Pollards butchers** in Newton Longville, who gives us a discount off sausages and bacon. Many thanks to you both.



Harvest festival & lunch: St Luke's harvest festival service was enjoyed by all, thanks to the beautiful flowers decorating the church. Thank you to all who helped, especially to Alex of **Carolanne flowers** in Bletchley, who spent many hours in the freezing cold



church! Also this year we were privileged to have a magnificent harvest loaf baked by local schoolboy amateur baker **Toby Pollington**. Special thanks to Toby for his sterling work! (see photo). After being displayed at the harvest service, the loaf was given to the children of **Buttons preschool** who'd visited the church the previous Friday with their harvest donations in a week where they'd learned about harvest and sharing. The children had a tour of the church then sang songs in the choir stalls – a delight to hear! The harvest festival was followed by the harvest lunch which had to be moved to a bigger venue in the Community Centre at the last minute. The buffet was a delicious meal and

astoundingly good value. Thanks to all who helped out with donations, catering and setting or tidying up, especially Tracie and Valerie. Afterwards, harvest produce was given to Mr & Mrs Sturgess of the MK Lions food cupboard in Bletchley.

St Luke's Gift Day: In spite of - or perhaps because of – the delightful weather, there was a low turnout for the gift day, but those who were there enjoyed delicious home-made cakes and soup. There's still time to hand in your envelope donation to those places in your letter if you simply forgot!



Special services:

Café church: As we go to press, Café church (28th Oct) has yet to take place, but I'm sure it will have been a great success! A review will follow next month.

All Souls Benefice service: Will be held **Sun 4th Nov at 6pm at St Mary's Church, Little Brickhill**. If you'd like prayers said for a loved one who has died (either recently or in the past) or would like to attend the service, please contact the Rector.



Remembrance day service: We hope you'll join us for this year's service in the church at **10.45am on Sunday 11th November**. This year is a special commemoration, during which we will observe the usual two minutes silence.



Forthcoming events:

Prayer meetings: We are delighted that our prayer meetings are swelling in numbers, but we always have room for more. You don't have to be Church of England to attend – all denominations welcome! Meetings are at **8pm on Wed 14th and 28th**

November at The Birches, Church Rd. If you'd like prayers for someone, please let us know and if you'd like to join us, please call John Bowler, as we sometimes change times and dates last minute.

Community Breakfast: We will be holding our Community Breakfast again on **Saturday 10th November**, serving breakfast **from 8.30 till 10.30am**. If you've never been yet, now's the time to come along! There's no charge, you just pay what you feel it's worth or what you can afford. This will be our last Breakfast this year as the Community Centre will be in use for the old folks' Christmas party in December.

"Battle's over" commemoration: This year there's a special commemoration to mark 100 years since the end of WW1. The event, which is being organised by the Parish Council, will take place on the village Green at **6.30pm on 11th November**. St Luke's Church is offering soft drinks and mulled wine and we hope you can join us.

**BATTLE'S
OVER**


Christmas Fair: St Luke's Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 1st December** in the **Community Centre** between **2pm and 4pm**. The usual attractions will be there including Christmas hamper raffle, Church bookshop (selling cards and Advent goods), cake stall, refreshments, and a wide range of other stalls and this year you can visit Santa in his special grotto!



Christmas tree festival: Back by popular demand, it will be held on **Sat 8th Dec 10am – 5pm** and **Sun 9th Dec 10am – 3pm**. This year's theme is "All things bright & beautiful" There will be a meeting on **23rd Nov** at **6.30pm** at **St Luke's** for all those decorating trees. Please contact Hazel on 270404 if you'd like to decorate a tree.

A look ahead to our Christmas services – dates for your diary:

Sun 2nd Dec 4pm - St Luke's Church: Christingle service

Sun 9th Dec 4pm - St Luke's Church: Carol Service

Sun 23rd Dec time tbc - Village Green: Carol Singing

Mon 24th Dec 4pm - St Luke's Church: Crib Service (for children & adults)

Mon 24th Dec 11.30pm – St Luke's Church: Midnight Holy Communion (Mass)



Bible verse of the month: *Proverbs 3 v 5: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;*

What does it mean? One interpretation is: God has a plan for everything and though you don't understand why things have happened right now, with the passage of time (sometimes decades!) you might come to realise it was for the best.

Church Benefice Website: www.brickhillschurches.org.uk. If you want to come to a service, all church service times are listed on the website, along with contact details for the Rector. 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)

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 **Churchwardens: Harry, on 07773065271; Diane, on 270409** or **Treasurer: John, on 270202.**



PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Given to adults and/or children
in small heated in-door pool by
Qualified Swimming Teacher

Telephone for full details
01525 240240

Mutleys Dog Grooming



Located in Stoke Hammond

Call Tina on 07725 404714

- Pick up and drop off service can be arranged
- Nail clipping
- Specialised breed stripping
- All grooming requirements catered for
- Evening and weekends appointments available



DRIFRAME COSMETICS AND VIVA MK CHRISTMAS ITEMS



SOME ON LINE ONLY BARGAINS
PYJAMAS, BEDDING, CLEANING
AND EQUINE ITEMS

WWW.TEAMRINGLAND.CO.UK



I AM AN ARTIST LIVING IN STOKE HAMMOND.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO PAINT IN
WATERCOLOUR, PASTEL OR ACRYLICS?
I AM CONSIDERING CLASSES TO BE HELD
IN THE SPORTS CENTRE, TIMES TO BE
ARRANGED AM/PM?
SHOULD YOU BE INTERESTED
CALL ME ON : 01525 279547
MOBILE : 07565 899104
E.MAIL : tebbutt.j@sky.com



TEBBUTT PAINTINGS





PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH



For those of you who don't read the Stoke Hammond Village Report in the Leighton Buzzard Observer here is the picture that was published when Alistair Cook visited Stoke Hammond with his team the Bedfordshire Farmers to play in a friendly match against the Stoke Hammond team. To those of you who don't follow cricket, Alistair had a record-breaking career representing England in 161 test matches and was a 4 times Ashes winner and now plays county cricket for Essex and the occasional outing with the Bedfordshire Farmers. Alistair is pictured with Kutte from the Village stores.

Stoke Hammond Service Centre Bletchley

UNIT D, LYON ROAD, BLETCHLEY MK1 1EX

Tel: 01908 371110 & 01525 279009

Tyres ★ Exhausts ★ Servicing ★ MOTs ★ Diagnostics ★ Clutch ★ Engine

Established in 2006 and now one of the most accredited service centres around.



- ★ Free local collection and return.
- ★ Very competitive prices.
- ★ RAC inspected - 100%.
- ★ AA Select Garage.
- ★ MOT Testing Station.
- ★ Trading Standards, CAB, CVTS Approved.
- ★ All makes of car catered for.
- ★ Pleasant waiting area with hot drinks machine.



FORCES SSAFA *Help*

Service man or woman? Now or in the past? Member of Service family?

Do you need help – practical? financial? emotional?

Please call us (in confidence)
SSAFA Bucks:

01296 744530 (24 hrs)

www.ssafa.org.uk

Registered Charity No: 210760. Est. 1886. Registered Charity (Scotland) No.



Three generations. One sense of duty

“EVERYTHING BUT THE MOO”

Following last month's 'Things Domestic' for this eighth extract from the book 'Everything but the Moo' written by Hazel Turner's late mother Pam Murphy, we enter the now quite pertinent subject of a 'Woman in a Man's World'

WOMAN IN A MAN'S WORLD!

Farming is about the one career where a woman really is on equal terms with men – no one has so far ever had the temerity to suggest that milk from a farm run by a woman should be paid less than the normal rate or that wheat from that farm should be cheaper. However, I think that most woman farmers come about through taking over the family farm – I am not at all sure how a woman would set about purchasing a farm of her own without the money behind her. The expression of a bank manager approached by a woman for capital to buy a farm, even now, would probably make good material for Dr Who, if those I have come across are anything to go by! For some reason, although women must spend most of the nation's income by way of housekeeping, they are as a rule supposed to be quite unable to conduct a business, and one bank manager I approached for a quite normal bridging loan, spent so long painting a picture of their rocky fortunes that I cast prudence to the winds and said that if they were really so hard up I could lend them 50p until Friday!

I found early on that the one thing I should receive in abundance from my male counterparts was advice, good, bad and perfectly shocking, and even after a number of years every man who came through the farm gate felt impelled to give me the benefit of his *vastly* superior knowledge! Just let a crop kook as though it was doing rather badly and all and sundry would tell me that I should have ploughed it in, put more or less nitrogen fertiliser on – grazed it, or have some other answer. The temptation to ask if that fine field of buttercups they had laid down the lawn was being grown for a new kind of seed or crop was often great, but I found that my reward came when my cows were turned out to grass some time before any one else's in the neighbourhood, and the occasion when a farmer knocked at my back door and asked what it was my cows were grazing gave me deep satisfaction.

For some reason, all woman farmers are supposed to look like a well rounded Aberdeen Angus heifer from the rear, with legs like oak trees and a face like a well fed cart horse, topped with a bit of matted thatching. One of the commonest remarks I used to receive is the surprised, “But you don't *look* like a farmer!”

Certainly working on my farm, my usual dress was slacks, in various states of cleanliness, according to what I was doing, (just try climbing barbed wire fences in a skirt, or rounding up those heifers in a muddy yard in a full skirted dress) with a



Computer, Telephone and Broadband Specialist

No Fix No Fee Policy • Free Survey

Great rates for Stoke Hammond villager's

Networking, Broadband, Telephone
VOIP and IT Specialist

Virus/Malware removal a speciality

*VOIP is a bit like Skype but in my opinion better ---
1 internet connection and multiple telephone numbers
all over your broadband connection.*

Been in the Industry for over 30 years and have full liability Insurance, The Managing Director was personally responsible for getting high speed broadband to the village of Stoke Hammond and he wants all villagers to get the most out of this at a reasonable cost. He was on the SDLT executive committee and has helped out at numerous village and Church events with his "hobby" of PA/Audio.

Local references available upon request.

Call 01525 888166 or 07740 852836

alternatively email: techdean@techdean.co.uk for a free no obligation survey.

Or go on Facebook and search Techdean

Company registration number 9352505

Dave Reid

Property Repairs &
Alterations

Fully Qualified Carpenter

kitchen & bathroom upgrades
staircase conversions
replacement doors
general maintenance
small building work

07939 146630

davereid935@btinternet.com

based in Soulbury



Grass Cutting

also

Weed Control



- **Grass Cutting**
 - Mowing and Treatment
- **Patio/Driveway Weed Control**
 - Pesticide Spraying
- **Fully Licensed**
 - Qualified Pesticide Sprayer
 - See dlgservices online @ Facebook/Twitter
 - www.dlgservices.co.uk

Call Dave 01525 270713

Free Quote 07702 673539

sloppy jersey. The state of my makeup depended on the time of day and previous occupations during the day, but I always did make a point of dressing tidily to go out, even if my hands were always a give away. I shall treasure the remark of the American I met at a large London dinner, who having expressed the usual amazement told me I must be the “Prettiest farmer this side of Arizona”. This restored my deflated ego as the new vet’s assistant had complimented me that I did not look the fifty years he thought I was, owing to the ambiguity of my remark about the number of cows I had, sometime before my fortieth birthday!



I found that when advertising for staff it paid to use my surname only, without prefix, and then when answering their replies those that were not interested in working for a woman just let it drop, but on the whole I don’t think I had any more difficulty than a man in recruiting staff. Hans, my foreman had been with me virtually since we bought the farm and left only when I sold the farm in 1978. Ron Shipp, my cowman returned to me, having left and showed the same loyalty as Hans, so presumably they found no difficulty in working for a woman.

They knew that I was quite capable of using the thick edge of my tongue if things were not completed correctly, but I hope I was always fair if things went wrong that are beyond one’s control and to be certain to take the blame if it was my own fault.

One of the occupational hazards encountered were sales representatives, who seem to think that I had all the time in the world, and some of whom liked not only a good gossip, but to pour out all their own family woes and troubles, apart from trying to sell me items I did not want to buy! I reduced this to a fine art, and since I also had all the usual household chores to do, got through huge piles of ironing while doing deals on tractors, feed, or anything else I did need! The unfortunate salesmen told me later that they would rather have done deals with any of the men farmers on their beat!

The main cow food salesman I usually tried to deal with while I was cooking – he can have his cup of coffee and when I had finished with him – he was told politely

PICTURE FRAMING
by
COUNTRY FRAME



EST 1984

The Complete Picture Framing Service

Expert advice and framing on:
Prints, Posters Water-Colours, Oil Paintings, 3D objects and all types of needlework

A huge range of mouldings to suit everything
and over 100 different colours of quality mounting boards

Contact: **Paul Body**

10 Fishweir, off Chapel Square, Stewkley, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0HB

www.countryframe.co.uk

T: 01525 • 240163 M: 07771 • 508805

XMAS OFFER
25% OFF
ALL FRAMING ORDERS

XMAS OFFER
25% OFF
ALL FRAMING ORDERS



**J & J LUXFORD LTD
BUILDERS**

For all your building needs
Project managed
From design to completion

**EXTENSIONS / NEW
BUILDS**

Contact us

Office: 01525 240637

07885455203 –

07860726741

12 Ivy Lane
Stewkley
Leighton Buzzard
Beds LU7 0EN

Tel: 01525 240637 & 01525 240746
Mob: 07860 726741 & 07885 455203
Fax: 01525 240827

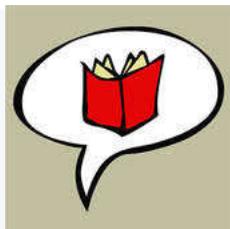
www.luxfordbuilders.co.uk

that the door was behind him.

One of my very minor irritations is that at meetings for farmers where I am often the only woman or at best two, the assembled company is almost always addressed just as “Gentlemen”. I find that even today on the whole women are given little encouragement in the running of farmers’ affairs, though on those committees that I do serve on I am fully expected to take my turn at chores in the form of votes of thanks, or the after-dinner speech.

On the whole, I find that my woman’s place in the extremely masculine world of gumboots and dufflecoats is one of kindly amused tolerance, and it is very much up to me to prove that I am no less efficient than they are, and if possible just that little bit more!

Next month: Middle Name - Houdini.



VERSES IN THE VALE

Back in year 2000, Aylesbury Vale commissioned a collection of poems and verses focusing on the various communities within the vale. Put together by a local poet know as ‘TOAD’ this is the verse about Stoke Hammond.

There’s something about Stoke Hammond,

What was it I wanted to say?

They were gassing on about something

In their community centre that day.

What was it I had to mention?

Perhaps something to do with the church?

St. Luke’s of a thousand ages,

Pause while I memory search:

It was beautiful, serene and ancient

And they found it not in the least distressing

That St. Luke’s being formerly St. Mary’s,

Their church was into cross dressing.

There’s something about Stoke Hammond,

They’re broadminded, they didn’t get mad

When settled by an alternative cult

Who danced on the Green – sky – clad.



Madisons Hair Salon

17 Greenway, Newton Longville, MK17 0AP

01908 632050

Situated in Newton Longville our Salon is modern and friendly, with very competitive prices. We also have ample free parking.

Prices

Cut	£22.00
Cut & Blow Dry	£33.00
Blow Dry	£20.00
Restyle	£33.00
Restyle & B/Dry	£44.00
Hair Up	£35.00
Shampoo & Set	£20.00
Shamp, Set & Cut	£33.00
Perms	£70.00
Men's Cut	£12.00
Clipper Cut	£6.00
Children: Under 5	£6.00
Under 10	£8.50
Under 14	£14.00

Beauty

Gel Nails	£20.00
Manicure	£15.00
Pedicure	£20.00
File & Polish	£7.00
Eyebrow Definition	£20.00
Eyebrow Wax/Tint	£12.00
Lash Tint	£10.00
Lash Lift & Tint	£40.00
Individual Lashes	£55.00

Colours

Roots	£45.00
Whole Head Colour	£65.00
Whole Head Foils	£80.00
Half Head Foils	£60.00
Top Foils	£40.00
Roots & Foils	£75.00
Ombre	£55.00
Ombre & Wh/Head Colour	£80.00
Colour Strip	£22.00
Toner	£12.00

**ALL COLOURS INCLUDE A BLOW DRY,
CUTS ARE £12.00 EXTRA. 25 %
DISCOUNT FOR OVER 65'S ON HAIR
SERVICES TUESDAY TO FIRDAY**

Waxing

Lip or Chin Wax	£6.00
Under Arm	£9.00
Half Leg	£20.00
Full Leg	£30.00
Bikini Line	£16.00
Men's Back & Shoulders or Chest & Abdomen	£22.00 – £32.00

**Check our Facebook page for
ongoing offers & packages**

VERSES IN THE VALE cont/d

They've been campaigning for a bypass.

Daily passed by sixteen thousand in a flash,

Now they rejoice, feet stepping off the gas,

By planning a Bypass Bash.

They've got Shush puppies instead of newshounds,

Streets of old schools, yet no local class –

What was that subject, I just can't remember.

The one that was giving them gas;

In the Dolphin, beer is flowing,

Everyone's having a glass;

Out on David Kessler's playing fields

They'll be playing some sporting match;

Fish and chips on Tuesdays

Comes at eight thirty on the van,

(They wish he'd visit before Soulbury

And are considering bribing the man)

They've got everything they need in life,

The post office is absolutely first class,

During their millennium party

Everyone was given a glass,

Their WI has no urge to strip,

Which is really all you ask,

If I just had a sniff of the missing element,

I'd have fully completed this task.

Let's see, I was sat in their citrus centre,

In the next field were springtime baas,

I was not trying to be a gasbag,

Letting the Stoke Hammondites be the stars.

I really can't remember,

I must be a dreadful ass,

Unless...Am I right? Could it be that...

Stoke Hammond aspires to mains gas.

SO STILL RELEVANT TODAY!

Stoke Hammond local Store

Under new management, the local shop has been refurbished and re-opened on 1st January 2011. It is currently known as "Stoke Hammond Food and Wine".



Opening hours are: Mon-Sat: 6am till 10pm
Sun: 7am till 10pm

Our products:

News & magazines	Beers, Wines & Sprits	Pet food
Confectionary & snacks	Soft Drinks	Health & Beauty products
Bread (inc. Turney's) & cakes	Tobacco & Cigarettes	Frozen food & Ice creams
Dairy products	Groceries	Greeting cards
Medicines	Baby food & other products	Household Sundries
Sandwiches & ready meals	Fruit & Vegetable	Stationary items

Other services:

- Paper delivery available for local residents (delivery charge is 25p per day).
- Negotiation is underway to re-open the post office as "Post Office Local"
- Pay-point/Top up services will be available.
- Cash machine will be available.
- Photocopier & passport photos will also be available.
- Pies and coffee will be introduced in the morning.

Exclusive Promotions:

Wines from £2.99	Beers from 6 for £5.50 <small>(500ml cans)</small>
-------------------------	--

Strong beers are from **£1.09** (500ml cans)

PAGEY'S SOW & GROW "PATCH"

That's what I call an Indian summer. Some rain which the garden wanted, loads of sun and warmth which the old bones wanted and a chance to ripen off all veg that's still hanging around. We are still cutting flowers (roses, dahlias, zinnias) by the bucketful, hardening off the last of the squash's for storage and drying off all the herbs to use through the winter. We had more French beans than we could eat and give away and I have saved the seeds/ beans for next year. Free French Bean seeds to anyone who wants them - just contact me page.chris1@googlemail.com and you can have them. Keep the seeds in a paper envelope in a cool, dark place and they will be fine next year.

So, we need to clear our borders before the weather gets much worse. I've dug up all the veg apart from cabbages, kale, swede, carrots and parsnips which are still in the ground for the next few months. Everything else is either stored, eaten, frozen or composted (see photo of before and after on my patch which I did this week). Leaving old growth in the ground only encourages disease, mold or a hiding place for those pesky slugs and . The same goes for all your annual flowers. Once they are spent pull them up and compost them. Half hardy perennials could do with some protection for the winter or you might have casualties and most herbs I pot up and chuck in the cold greenhouse. We talked about all this last month, but if you haven't got round to it, tidy the garden for the winter onslaught. I've planted my garlic, shallot sets, broad beans already. It is also a good time to plant shrubs and perennials provided you have some winter sun in your garden and your soil isn't just clay (waterlogged and freeeeezzing) - if it is plant in the spring. The advantage of planting now is that the roots will get 6 weeks or so of growth in their new surroundings (just like moving house) - bare root fruit trees, lilies and the like can be done if you are quick for example. Not only that but tulip bulbs can all be planted now for early colour in spring - the array of colours, shapes and sizes these days is amazing...just get a couple of pots going if you haven't done it before.



Lastly, it's the annual decision of dig or no dig. I find it more of a dilemma than ever (getting older and thinking about the pros and cons a bit more). I have always dug over my borders, raised beds and garden for the next year. Always added lots of compost for conditioning the soil (now) and in the spring for nutrition. The theory of digging, as I understand it, is that it opens the soil up for oxygen, enables frost to break up big lumps of clay and is easy to work in the compost /

manure which I dump on top - the worms do the rest. The downside is the winter rain can leach out the nutrients more easily - and you cop a load of back ache (and no sympathy from indoors). I've always dug my plot over (see photo). No dig is exactly that. You just pile on the compost / well-rotted manure - depending on what you are growing



MD Autocare

Vehicle Maintenance

Stoke Hammond's local Independent Garage.

Keeping the cars of Stoke Hammond & surrounding areas on the road since 2001

Available for:

Servicing & Repairs

Mots

Diagnostics

Air Conditioning

All Makes & Models

Fitting is free for all Bulbs, Blades & Batteries purchased from us
(Standard fitment only)

You can find us up the single track road, left of the Village Shop.

Mark, Jo & Nikki

MD Autocare, The Workshop, Olde Bell Close
Stoke Hammond, MK17 9BZ

Tel: 01525 270278

Email: mdautocare@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MDAutocare

there next, let the worms drag stuff down ...and go down the pub, job done. I've poo pood that before, but talking to GED the human dynamo last week who announced that was what he was going to do this year, I'm rethinking. So dig or no dig...what do you think? Don't forget free French bean seeds for those who want them everyone can grow them in the smallest area....chow, Pagey



Do you have any old unwanted garden tools (eg spades, shovels forks, shears, hand trowels, long handled hoes (with undamaged handles) , manual sewing machines, manual typewriters (no electric ones) haberdashery, cotton clothing, wool, plumbing tools, motor mechanic tools, masonry & bricklaying tools, electricians tools, green woodworking tools etc. Screws and nails, bolts, hinges locks, solder and flux?



Would you like to donate them to be refurbished and put to better use?

There is a charity called WORKAID (reg charity number 1041574) based at The Old Boot Factory in Chesham Bucks who will arrange for someone to come and collect them from the village who works from Milton Keynes or Leighton Buzzard. The charity tackles poverty by supplying disadvantaged people with the tools they need to gain practical skills and become self-supporting. The tools are refurbished by a team of dedicated volunteers in the workshop. They are then sent to vocational training projects in the UK and Africa to help the vulnerable and disadvantaged people to learn a trade. The charity has been running for thirty years. There is a charity shop that opens on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am until 4pm and they sell items that can not be used or sent abroad such as PAT tested electrical, a wide range of hand tools as well as haberdashery and garden tools such as mowers, strimmers, hedgecutters etc. The shop is located at 71 Townsend Road Chesham HP6 2AA.

Tel: 01494 775220 or emailshop@workaid.org.

www.workaid.org



Parties and events at The Three Locks Golf Club

The bistro & venue at The Three Locks Golf Club is the first choice for your events and celebrations. Perfect for special family events such as Christenings, birthdays, wedding receptions, anniversaries and wakes.

With its modern, contemporary decor, the venue offers you the perfect setting for business meetings or networking groups.

Select from our imaginative menus for a sit-down meal or a more informal buffet, the choice is yours.

There is space for dancing, so a DJ and Disco can be arranged for a livelier party!

With our personal service and attention to detail your event is sure to be one to remember.



**FREE hire for
Wakes and
Christenings**



The Three Locks
— GOLF CLUB —

Call 01525 270470 to discuss your personal requirements or to arrange a visit

Email: info@threelocksgolfclub.co.uk

www.threelocksgolfclub.co.uk



Partridge Hill, Great Brickhill, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire MK17 9BH



Buttons Preschool opened in Stoke Hammond in September 2015, we are situated in the community centre on Bragenham Side and offer 2 preschool sessions daily during term time, children attend 9-12, 12-3 or a full day which is 9-3, we are able to accommodate children from aged 2, we accept the local government funding of 15 hours as well as the 30 hour funding for those eligible families. We are also able to offer private funded sessions at very reasonable costs. We open at 8.00 and daily for those families wishing to utilise the breakfast club option, this is bookable in advance. We offer mid-morning

snack as well as water and milk being available all day, children bring a packed lunch daily and all staff eat lunch with the children

Buttons are proud to be part of the Stoke Hammond Community and have spent lots of time learning about the village, getting to know the locality and visiting places of interest

"On Friday 5th October a group of children from Buttons Preschool paid a visit to St Luke's church in Stoke Hammond. The children, their families and staff had been collecting food donations to deliver to the church as part of the Harvest Festival celebrations. Over the week the children had been learning about helping other people less fortunate and what it means to help people. They have also been finding out about where our food comes from.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Church and were happy to share their donations by helping to unpack and lay out the food. They were given a tour of the church, where they admired the stained glass window and sang in the choir stalls too! The bell ringer described as "the little old man John" also gave the children a little demonstration, to which the children were very impressed.





HEADY PLANTS

PATIO, PATH AND DRIVEWAY
CLEANING WITH PETROL
PRESSURE WASHER

CUTTER CLEANING WITH
HIGH REACH VACUUM

FOR A FREE QUOTATION
PLEASE CALL 0789297547



PLANT NURSERY FOR YOUR SEA-
SONAL PLANTS NEEDS ,COMPOST
AND BIRD FOOD.

STOKE ROAD, NEWTON
LONGVILLE MK 17 0BG

OPEN SATURDAY AND SUNDAYS



3 BAGS OF
COMPOST
£10

www.headyplantsandcleaning.com

AARON CARPET CLEANING MK

07549 149902 / 01908 579635

QUALITY, VALUE, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

STAIN REMOVAL, ODOUR CONTROL,
SCOTCHGARD® TREATMENT,
UPHOLSTERY AND RUGS CLEANED

LOUNGE FROM	£40.00
DINING ROOM FROM	£40.00
HALL + STAIRS FROM	£40.00
BEDROOM FROM	£30.00
2 BED HOUSE FROM	£120.00
3 BED HOUSE FROM	£140.00
4 BED HOUSE FROM	£160.00



FREE, NO OBLIGATION QUOTATIONS
WEBSITE - www.aaronmk.co.uk

Following the harvest festival lunch held in the community centre as a thankyou from the committee, the children received a Harvest loaf the following Monday- this was a lovely gesture and very much enjoyed during snack time, they were able to recount the time spent in the church and all children mentioned "John" the bell ringer.

The children and the team at Buttons Preschool are looking forward to returning to St Luke's in the near future to prepare for the festive season." It has become a lovely tradition to walk up to the church and decorate a tree as well as having milk and cookies whilst singing carols, this year the Buttons themed tree will be "All things bright and Beautiful"

We have had visits from Tina the "PCSO", Greg and his bouncy Labrador, Mick and his puppy, we have walked to the farm, the canal, across to the sports club, used the park and the MUGA (most weeks), we have visited Kutte in the shop and purchased stamps to put on letters to send to our twinning nursery, we have used the zebra crossing to learn about road safety, collected leaves and conkers as well as "magic" walnuts, in the spring we are looking forward to watching the daffodils bloom on the green.



In May our Buttons watched in anticipation as the eggs cracked and our ducks were hatched, 6 fluffy ducklings were born and all children were completely enthralled and amazed as they held them for the first time, placing them in the tuff spot of water to watch them swim. The staff were as sad as the children when the time came to say goodbye!

No two days at Preschool are ever the same, the children love to learn new things, they are eager to learn and develop and we are so proud to be part of getting our Buttons ready for school.

Buttons offer an Open Door policy and welcome visits at any time during the preschool day, if you are interested in coming for a show around please do feel free to either drop in or give us a call.



Come and learn how Pilates can enhance and improve your life with proper technique and guidance from exercise professional NIKKI Gladlish. Pilates doesn't have to be boring and serious it can be fun and safe too and I promise you will only work within your own capabilities. Call me to find out more!

Tuesday's 6.30pm - 7.30pm
 Southcott Community Centre,
 Grasmere Way
 Linslade
 LU7 2PJ

Wednesday's 6.00pm - 7.00pm
 Trinity Methodist Church Hall,
 North Street
 Leighton Buzzard
 LU7 1ES

£8.00 per class
 for block booking of 5-6 weeks
£10.00 per class drop in
 (please call in advance to check
 availability).

Booking Essential
 Limited spaces available

Contact: 07974 141874
 The Core Club or Nikki G Zumba
 Email: nikki@wiznft.co.uk

Brian's Lawn & Garden Services

- * Grass Cutting
- * Hedge Trimming
- * Garden Tidy Ups
- * Regular Service
- * Friendly & Reliable
- * Lives in Stoke Hammond



Call Brian 01525 270295
 Free Quote 07903 887416

YOU COULD ADVERTISE YOUR COMPANY OR SERVICES HERE FOR JUST £30 A YEAR (12 EDITIONS) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED THEN PLEASE EMAIL: shcommunitycentre@gmail.com

OR CALL GREG NOBLE ON 01525 270744





Tree of Light commemorations offer comfort at Christmas

The Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity Tree of Light commemorations are open to anyone in our community who wishes to spend some time quietly remembering friends and family members who have died. The ceremonies are open to all, regardless of religion or spirituality, and it doesn't matter whether your loved ones were cared for by Florence Nightingale Hospice or died at home or in hospital.

“The Tree of Light events are designed to give people a space where a part of the season is set aside to commemorate loved ones,” says Ann Kenny, the new Bereavement Support Team Lead at the Hospice. “Christmas can often be a time of conflicting emotions, or it can be so busy that those who are grieving can't find a time to process feelings of sadness which may come to the fore at this time of year.”

There are a number of different ways to commemorate loved ones through the Hospice's Tree of Light events. Sponsor a light in memory of them and write a dedication which will appear in the Books of Honour which can be viewed at the Hospice in December and early January, and at the two Tree of Light events. Or come along to one or both Tree of Light services which will take place at the Head Office of Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity at Walton Lodge, Walton Street, Aylesbury, at 5pm on Sunday 2nd December and at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Buckingham at 4pm on Saturday 8th December.

To sponsor a light in memory of someone, please call our Fundraising Team on 01296 429 975 to request a Tree of Light Form or find out more at www.fnhospice.org.uk/tree-of-light

Kirsty Shanahan – kirstyshanahan@fnhospice.org.uk – 01296 744713

Unit 2 Walton Lodge
Walton Street
Aylesbury
Bucks HP21 7QY

Telephone: 01296 429975
www.fnhospice.org.uk

Supporting total Hospice care for local people



Whether you are looking for short or long term accommodation The Orchard Hotel has so much to offer. This old family home has been sympathetically and tastefully converted and now provides accommodation and assisted living for retired gentlemen.

There are five single and two double fully serviced guest rooms, each with:

- En-suite facilities
- Personal colour TV
- Drinks making amenities
- Courtesy tea and coffee
- Fridge, freezer and microwave
- Personal laundry service, if required

Residents are invited to make full use of the guest lounge and sun room as well as the indoor and outdoor swimming pools and the beautifully and lovingly tended gardens.

The majority of guests at The Orchard choose to be self sufficient and prepare their own meals or eat at nearby pubs and restaurants. However, hotel staff are happy to cater for guests providing this is arranged in advance.

The Orchard is fully accessible for anyone with limited mobility. It is regretted however that pets cannot be accommodated.

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

STOKE HAMMOND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

It's that time of year again – AGM Time!

Tuesday 13th November
7.30pm at the
Community Centre,
Bragenham Side.

STOKE HAMMOND COMMUNITY CENTRE



Serving the community



You are cordially invited to our AGM to find out what we have been doing over the last year, and our plans for the forthcoming year. Your input will be welcomed and please enjoy some drinks and nibbles with us on the night.

The management committee comprises of the following positions: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Parish Council Representative and Secretary. With the exception of the Parish Council Representative, the management committee is elected at the AGM. If you are interested in being considered for one of these positions or as a volunteer member, please submit your nomination to the address below. Nominations need to be received no later than the 6th November 2018.

Greg Noble – Oak Farm, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond, MK17 9DB
email: shcommunitycentre@gmail.com



SENIOR CITIZENS XMAS LUNCH
SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH
SEE ADVERT ELSEWHERE IN THIS EDITION



WASTE COLLECTION DATES



EDITORS NOTE: APOLOGIES TO THOSE FEW WHOSE COLLECTION DAY IS A TUESDAY.

Waste Bin: 	Recycling Bin:  Paper, glass, cardboard, plastics, cartons, cans & tins	Food Waste Bin:  Non-recyclable or compostable.	Garden Waste Bin: 
	Wednesday 31 Oct	Wednesday 31 Oct	
Wednesday 7 Nov		Wednesday 7 Nov	Wednesday 7 Nov
	Wednesday 14 Nov	Wednesday 14 Nov	
Wednesday 21 Nov		Wednesday 21 Nov	Wednesday 21 Nov
	Wednesday 28 Nov	Wednesday 28 Nov	
Wednesday 5 Dec		Wednesday 5 Dec	
	Wednesday 12 Dec	Wednesday 12 Dec	
Wednesday 19 Dec		Wednesday 19 Dec	
	Wednesday 26 Dec	Wednesday 26 Dec	
Wednesday 2 Jan		Wednesday 2 Jan	
	Wednesday 9 Jan	Wednesday 9 Jan	



SPECIAL
PRIZES

Sign up to support our cause
before 1 December to win
one of our amazing prizes*

Don't miss our 3rd Anniversary Draw



4 VIP Tickets See Peter Pan at
Aylesbury Waterside Theatre
and meet the cast



4 Weekend
Grandstand tickets
Silverstone July 2019



An EXCLUSIVE radio
experience
with Mix 96's Wes!

- Support our cause today and be in to win one of these amazing bonus prizes
- Lucky winners will be selected at random on Saturday 1 December
- You get the chance to win cash prizes up to £25,000 every week
- Sign-up for only £1 a week and join the Anniversary Special Draw
- We get 50p from every £1 ticket (and a further 10p goes to other good causes in the area)
- Raising Money within the community for the community

To start supporting, visit:

www.valelottery.co.uk

and search for: **Stoke**



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before 1st December 2018

Terms and conditions apply – see website*.



ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

High Ash Scouts, Cubs, Beavers

Every Thursday 17.30 - 21.30hrs

Contact: John Till 01525 261444

Pilates - Group Matwork

Monday's 9.25am, 10.30am & 11.45am
7.10pm & 8.15pm

Contact: Louisa Harris 07941 203589

Buttons Pre-School

Monday - Friday

Contact: 01525 270501

**To Hire the Hall please telephone 07555 711929
or e-mail: shcommunitycentre@gmail.com**

SH NEWS – ADVERTISING RATES

For 12 editions: FULL Page - **£85.00** HALF Page - **£50.00** QUARTER Page - **£30.00**

To upgrade to full colour on rear cover, additional per month cost:

FULL Page – plus £15.00 HALF Page - plus £10.00 QUARTER Page - plus £5.00

Note: Upgrading to full colour is on a month by month basis, not a commitment for 12 editions

Bucks County Council	01296-395000
Community Transport Co-ordinator	07729-699488
Registrar (<i>Births, Deaths & Marriages</i>)	01296-382581
Aylesbury Vale District Council	01296-585858
Gypsy Hotline	01296-383774
Litter Enforcement Officer	01296-585395
Social Care Services (<i>Emergency Duty</i>)	01494-817750
MK General Hospital	01908-660033
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	01296-315000
Luton & Dunstable Hospital	01582-491122
SH Gardening Club (<i>Eileen Curry</i>)	01525 270858
Clerk to the Parish Council	07743-355484
Parish Council Chairman (<i>Greg Noble</i>)	01525-270744
County Councillor (<i>Janet Blake</i>)	01525-261288
District Councillor (<i>Neil Blake</i>)	01525-261288
District Councillor (<i>Ben Everitt</i>)	07817-756158
High Ash School	01525-261620
M.P. (<i>John Bercow</i>)	020-7219-6346

Police non-emergency number 101



OUR NEWS

the e-newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch supporters

OCTOBER 2018 EDITION

What could you really lose in a hack? Important advice from our partner Cyber Aware.

As supporters of Neighbourhood Watch, you know the importance of us all keeping our homes safe. To protect them we fit locks to our doors and windows, don't share our keys with strangers and get our locks changed if we are burgled. We also look out for friends and neighbours. However we don't always apply the same care online, even though it can mean putting just as much, if not more valuable information at risk.

From Cyber Aware research, we know people's inboxes can be a 'treasure trove' for hackers – with access to bank details, passport photos and home addresses. Hackers are able to exploit a weak email password and this can leave us vulnerable to the risk of identity theft. There's also the sentimental value of our inbox – what it means to us personally. If someone took a look inside your email they might also see the more intimate keepsakes we often leave in our inboxes - emails from a loved one etc.

And what about what your inbox might say about those other things you'd be less keen to share with the world? Perhaps you have emails containing private information about your medical history or a job search.

It's worth remembering that this information is valuable to you but it's also valuable to hackers and cyber criminals.



CYBER AWARE

Want to make your inbox as safe as your home? Here are 3 ways to stay safe online:

- Use a [strong and separate password](#) for your email account
- Activate a [two step authentication](#) on your email
- Use [password managers](#) to store passwords for your less important accounts

Consider the similarities between your home and your devices...

- You wouldn't have the same key for your car, house and bike lock - use a strong and separate password for your email account
- We upgrade TVs, washing machines and blenders as they become old and less effective or safe - install the latest software and app updates
- When we go on holiday or even to the corner shop we lock our front door - secure your tablet or smartphone with a screen-lock
- Home insurance is there in case the worst happens and our home is damaged - always back-up your most important data

The Cyber Aware #OneReset campaign is designed to make people really think about the emotional and financial value of our inboxes and treat them in the same way we treat treasured possessions in the offline world. We get the contents of our home valued, how much would we value the contents of our inbox? If we suffered a hack or were locked out of our email account we might feel a significant loss – both in financial and emotional terms.

It's time we mirrored our approach to security

offline in our online worlds. The Cyber Aware #OneReset campaign is encouraging the nation use #OneReset and take the simple step of having a strong and separate password for email accounts to help protect your identity. Your email account is a gateway to a vast amount of information and hackers can use it to access many of your other personal accounts, include your bank details.

For more advice on simple ways to be more secure online, visit the [Cyber Aware](#) website.

EDITORS NOTE

With Christmas looming this edition of the SH News contains quite a few adverts for Seasonal linked events, such as the St Luke's Xmas Fayre, Button's Christmas Party and the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. But before we get to these, there is a very important event that commemorates 100 years since the cessation of the hostilities that was World War One. So please do look at the back cover of this issue and I would hope as many of you as possible will attend this event on the Village Green to remember all that served and lost their lives to protect this nation of ours. We may be a 'Thankful Village' where all that left this village to serve in that war returned, but we should remember those from elsewhere who did not.

I thank Buttons Pre-School for providing a local organisation report for this month's edition and I would reiterate that this is the sort of thing I would like to include in future editions, so we can all learn more about what you do. You know who you are, so please do let me have more information about what you do and are planning.

May I please have copy for the December issue by **20th November**

Greg Noble, Oak Farm, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond. MK17 9DB
01525-270744 E-mail: gregnoble1980@aol.com

VILLAGE DIARY

Tuesday 6 th November	Ladies That Lunch – Sports Pavilion 12.30
Tuesday 6 th November	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 10 th November	Community Breakfast - Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Sunday 11 th November	WW1 Centenary Commemoration – Village Green – 18.30
Tuesday 13 th November	Village Show AGM – Community Centre 19.30
Friday 23 rd November	Christmas Shopping Evening – Sports Pavilion 18.30
Tuesday 4 th December	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 1st December	St Luke's Christmas Fayre - Community Centre 14.00 – 16.00
Saturday 8 th December	Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch – Community Centre – from 13.00
Saturday 8 th December	Bingo Fish & Chips Night – Sports Pavilion 19.30
Friday 14 th December	Gardening Club Xmas Dinner – Community Centre – Times TBA
Saturday 15 th December	Community Breakfast* - Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Sunday 16 th December	Buttons Christmas Party - Community Centre 14.00 – 16.00
Thursday 3 rd January	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30

* Subject to confirmation



YOU'RE INVITED TO
BUTTONS PRESCHOOLS

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Sunday 16th December 2018

2:00pm-4:00pm

Stoke Hammond Community Centre

£10.00 per Child 0 - 11yrs

Afternoon Tea, games, prizes, face painting and much more,
PLUS a visit from Santa and a gift for all.

Proceeds to Phoenix Rising:MK

If you would like to book a space,
please visit any of our settings to purchase
your ticket

01525 270501 for more details



Stoke Hammond



a thankful village



Stoke Hammond



a thankful village

**STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL
&
ST LUKE'S CHURCH**

WANT YOU TO JOIN US ON THE GREEN

TO COMMEMORATE THE

BATTLE'S

OVER



A NATION'S TRIBUTE

11TH NOVEMBER 2018

100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

6.30PM ARRIVE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN AND ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY TEA, COFFEE & MULLED WINE
6.45PM REVEREND JOHN WALLER WILL GIVE A RECITAL IN HONOUR OF ALL THOSE THAT SERVED
6.55PM THE LAST POST WILL BE PLAYED TO REMEMBER ALL OF THOSE THAT LOST THEIR LIVES
7.00PM THE BEACON* WILL BE LIT AS PART OF 'THE BEACONS OF LIGHT' CEREMONY ACROSS THE UK
7.05PM ST LUKE'S BELL WILL BE RUNG AS PART OF 'RINGING OUT FOR PEACE' ACROSS THE UK

* Beacon kindly sponsored by the SH Village Show