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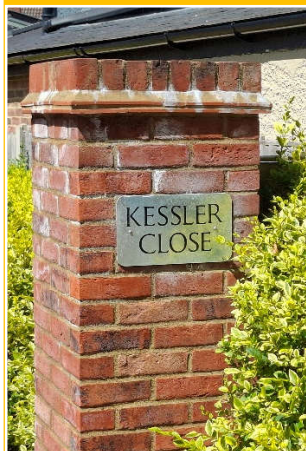
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Aitken Close, the latest new street naming as a permanent memory to someone who was special and important to Stoke Hammond. In this case the late Margaret Aitken (please see editor's notes for more details).



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Saying 'Thank-you'

Dear Friends,

It is good to say 'Thank-you'. I am sure that we have all had the experience of feeling that we are being taken for granted, when nobody shows that they appreciate what we do. And we know how good it feels when somebody takes the trouble to say 'Thank-you', and to show that they do appreciate us.

We all have troubles and difficulties in our lives, but we all have many things to be thankful for as well. Perhaps we would have a better perspective on our lives if we paid more attention to all the good things we have, and were grateful for them.

But who do we say our 'Thank-you' to? The most important thing we can do, as well as showing our gratitude to other people when we can, is to thank God for all the good things in our lives. Many people pray in some way, and a very important part of prayer is to give thanks to God, as well as asking for the things we want, for ourselves and for others – and that is something we can all do.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4. 6)

Rev'd. John Waller



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AUGUST

3rd Aug: 09.30am Café Church - DW

10th Aug: 11.00am Family Service - JW

17th Aug: 05.00pm Compline Service - JW

Note: *The service follows Afternoon Tea starting at 3pm**

24th Aug: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion - tba

31st Aug: 09.30am Holy Communion – JW

SEPTEMBER

7th Sept: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion - JW

Note: *To be held at St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill*

14th Sept: 11.00am Family Service

21st Sept: 09.30am Morning Worship – Lay Leader tba

28th Sept: 09.30am Harvest Festival Holy Communion– JW

Note: *Followed later by Harvest Lunch at the Community Centre 12.30 for 1pm*



JW – Rev John Waller

DW – Dave Webber

Refreshments unless otherwise stated are served after all services at St Luke's

**There is no obligation to attend the tea before the service, nor to attend the service after the tea, however there are no refreshments after this service.*

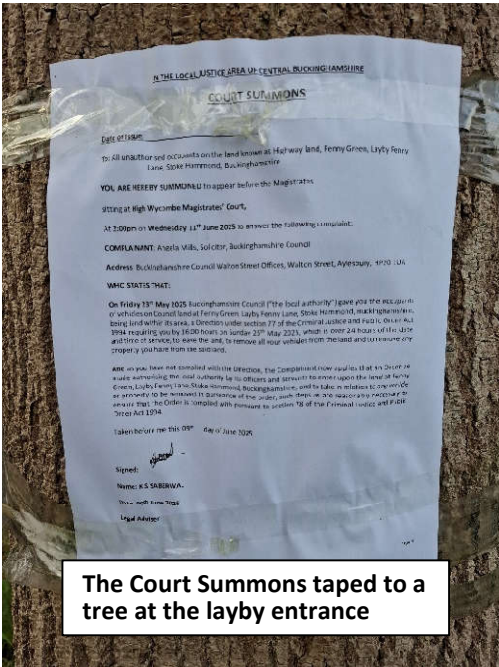
Details and any late changes to church services are posted on the Benefice Website:
www.brickhillchurches.org.uk



After a most successful first litter-pick on Sun 11th May, we are planning a second for the morning of Sun 31st Aug from 9-12. Meet up on Bragenham Side in front of the Community Centre promptly at 9am for a Health & Safety briefing. All necessary equipment will be provided, but please bring along your own sturdy gloves. We look forward to seeing you all.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

As this edition of the SH & NLS News was heading across to the printers, Parish Councillors Stephen Clarke and Mel D'Agostino were due to be holding what was to be their second Public Surgery at the Community Centre on the evening of the 24th July. Providing an opportunity for residents to discuss and raise concerns they may have but in a more informal and private manner than is provided by the Public Participation sessions at our normal monthly PC meetings. Items discussed will then be passed onto the rest of the Council to determine whether some form of response and action is appropriate. Depending on whether these surgeries are well received, they may well become a regular item in addition to the PC Meetings.



So, what news on the Stoke Road layby, and are we any closer to getting it closed off? Well, those of you who read this column on a regular basis, will know that we are very reliant on our Ward Councillor Jilly Jordan and her discussions with Bucks Highways, but some progress has been made, when at the end of May a Court Summons was obtained. The summons was addressed to all unauthorised occupants of said layby and stated that by 16.00 hours on Sunday 25th May 2025, that they had to leave the land and remove all vehicles and any other property from the layby. We understand that Cllr Jordan accompanied by the police, has since been back to the layby to evict any vehicles/occupants that have returned. We as a Parish Council will continue to press Cllr Jordan for details and timeline for the laybys permanent closure.

Still on the subject of Highways, and as recently posted on Facebook, please be aware that the Newton Road between Church Road and the Fenny Road junction will be closed for what is being called 'development works to make adjustments and carry out resurfacing' from the 20th August until the 3rd September. Unfortunately, at this time we have no details of what will be the sign posted diversionary routes.

Some of you may recall we made mention in the last PC News about the land south of Newton Leys (Chadwell Farm) and the planning application (24/03601/AOP) for the erection of up to 290 dwellings, and that this was now the second time that we as a PC had been asked to make comment. Well, it is now four times that we have made comment, for as new documents are added we are once more being invited by planning to make a further comment, which we did at our PC Meeting in July and again at our Extraordinary meeting of the 16th July. Whilst, it is quite frustrating to have to look at the same application over and over again, one must recognise that some of the new documentation could maybe involve some major and significant change, and

as such it is important that this is brought to people's attention. However, we have not changed our tact on this application, and for both of the latest requests for comment, we reiterated our Objection for the same reasons as cited before, namely:

- The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) states that Stoke Hammond does not need to take on more homes as we have met our allocation.
- This application is outside of our draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- More information is required by Bucks Highways, so information is currently missing from the application.
- The houses in the application all face Newton Leys, with any green space located at the bottom of the development next to the farm

As usual, for other updates on new and previous planning applications, please refer to the Planning Section elsewhere in this publication, where one can also find the latest results from our 3 MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs), but the volunteer 'Speedwatch' team which does have two of our councillors as members, has also been in action, and we thought you might be interested in what they recorded. Their first session being held on the afternoon of the 12th June monitoring traffic on the Leighton Road at the corner of Mount Pleasant as it entered from the direction of Leighton Buzzard. Over a 2 hour period starting at 2pm, some 197 vehicles passed by of which 11 were travelling in excess of the reportable speed of 36mph, with a fastest speed being logged at 51mph. For their second session on the 2nd July the Speedwatch were positioned on the opposite side of the road monitoring traffic as it headed south out of the village. Over a 2hr period again starting at 2pm some 268 vehicles were counted of which 6 were reported for travelling at 36mph or above, with the fastest speed this time being 39mph. For vehicles reported to the Community Speedwatch scheme, the registered keepers will receive a warning letter from Thames Valley Police and if a vehicle is reported on 3 separate occasions the keeper will actually receive a personal visit by the police. It is worth noting that there were many of the vehicles travelling above the 30mph limit, but the scheme only allows speeds of 36mph or above to be logged and reported.

So, since the last PC News there have been two scheduled PC Meetings plus the aforementioned Extraordinary Meeting held on the 16th July. For the June meeting held at the Community Centre on the evening of the 3rd June, the full council were joined by 15 members of the public (MoP) and our Ward Councillor Caroline Cornel, who during the meeting gave a brief update on Ward matters but also provided a fuller report which can be found on our website. As for other matters discussed and debated, some were as follows:

- *Concern was raised by some Councillors about the ongoing costs relating to the fields purchase and the likelihood of success if a planning application was submitted for change of use from agricultural to recreational. After a fairly lengthy discussion it was agreed that we would approach our planning consultants to give an indication of their costs for putting together a plan of action and their thoughts on how successful such an application might be.*
- *With regard to the vandalised Book Swap cabinet, it was agreed by the PC that they would take responsibility and set a budget of £150 to purchase a replacement cabinet. Cllr Noble would search eBay and other such sites to try and find a suitable unit.*

- *The PC had received a Community Funding Application from the Gardening Club for assistance in the financing of coach trips and other excursion costs. Recognising the value and importance of the Gardening Club for our residents, the PC were unanimous in their approval of the £350 funding.*
- *During the public participation session, a MoP mentioned that the bin by the bus stop on Fenny Road is being used for dog waste. He asked if a laminated sign could be added to the bin to try and prevent this. The MoP will send the information to Cllr Noble who will then install the sign.*
- *Again, during the Public Participation session, the matter of the new bench at Lock 21 was raised, as previously the PC were against the idea, but given new information would they now reconsider their stance. However, noting the area of land does not belong to the PC but the Canal & River Trust who had now given their approval, it was felt the PC need not make any further comment.*

For the next PC Meeting held on the evening of 1st July, we headed across to the Newton Leys Pavillion where we were joined by 3 MoP. Our ward councillor Caroline Cornel was in attendance, but was suddenly called away on an urgent personal matter, but did leave us with a written update before she left. The planning item on the agenda relating to Chadwell Farm has already been covered earlier in this PC News, but some of the others matters discussed were as follows:

- *At the previous June meeting, it had been proposed to go back to our Planning Consultants to enquire about them producing a plan of action for obtaining a change of use planning application for the fields the PC are seeking to purchase. They had advised a cost of £1900 to produce same. Some felt this was excessive and not a good use of PC funds. After a lengthy discussion, with not all councillors in agreement, it was proposed we proceed with the planning application but not use the services offered by our planning consultants. 5 Councillors voted in favour with 1 abstention and 1 not taking part in the vote due to a conflict of interest.*
- *A representative from the developer for the land opposite Dickens Lane in Newton Leys South that does form part of our evolving Neighbourhood Plan was at the meeting to explain the proposal for the PC to be party to a Section 38 Highways agreement. Which relates to a proposed footpath from Dickens Lane to the new development site. It was agreed that some consultation would be required with the owners of nearby properties and that as part of the Section 38 agreement, vehicles must be prohibited from using the pathway. But in principle all Councillors were in favour of this Section 38 agreement.*
- *At a previous PC meeting it was agreed to request a quotation from 'Men in Sheds' for repairing the bus shelter next to The Dolphin PH. They had produced two quotations, and it was agreed to accept the second slightly higher quotation at £1,039.88 which was going to use a higher grade of timber, thus offering a longer life time.*
- *At a previous meeting the subject of the overflowing litter bin at top of Newton Road near the bypass had been brought up. This bin of a relatively small size having been originally gifted by Mc Donalds Restaurants. It was agreed by all that a larger bin was required, and to then be added to the existing twice weekly bin emptying schedule.*



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- *Still on the subject of litter bins a MoP asked as to whether a litter bin could be installed at Lock 21. But aside from having to liaise with the Canal & River Trust as it would be sited on their land, the issue of access for emptying the bin would also have to be addressed as the Lock can only be reached via a private owned track.*

With it being the Summer Holidays and as is normally the case, there will not be a scheduled PC Meeting in August, but should any urgent matters arise then an Extraordinary Meeting may be called. For the next planned meeting, this will be in September, but again due to holidays will not be the normal first Tuesday of the month, but the 9th and at the Newton Leys Pavilion starting at 7.30pm.

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

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Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys South Neighbourhood Plan Update

It has been a tortuous process waiting for the examiner to be appointed by Bucks Council. I'm pleased to report that Andrew Freeman has now been employed by the council and commencement of the examination of our Neighbourhood Plan should start imminently.

Hopefully the referendum will happen this year and with a positive outcome, our plan will be formally merged with the Aylesbury Vale/Bucks Local Plan.

Malcolm Newing

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group



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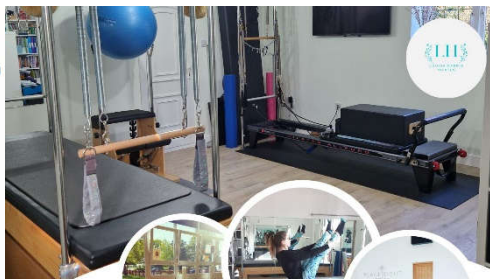
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Rosemary Anne “Nibs” Clay

19 December 1939 – 17 June 2025



Here follows extracts from Jason’s eulogy to his late mother-in-law Rosemary “Nibs” as read out at the Cremation Service held in Birtton on the 21st July 2025

How does one even begin to condense a life into a five minute eulogy. The truth is you can’t.

When I started planning this tribute, I had a play around with AI. I think Nibs would have approved as she always embraced new technologies. This, much to Karen’s dismay, as when trying to address her affairs, she found everything to be online with no paper statements in sight. I didn’t use AI, I couldn’t. The prompt I gave it was to write a eulogy for my mother-in-law in the style of Les Dawson. One line however stood out.

“And if, in the silence of night, you hear footsteps where none should fall... speak not. It is only her, passing once more through the corridors of your mind, reminding you that love is not always soft—but it is eternal.”

Her Nibs, that’s what her Dad always called her. She was born in 1939 and it was six years before they even met. Born to Rose and George at the Royal Bucks hospital in Aylesbury, Nibs’ early years were spent living at Orchard Cottage in Stoke Hammond, before Rose moved back in with her parents, Granny and Grampy Lewis, until George returned home from the war. In fact, Nibs did not leave Stoke Hammond until 2014 and lived in Buckinghamshire her entire life.

Nibs attended primary school in the village, and secondary school at Bletchley Road. During that period, at ten years old, she first met Peter, another lad from the village. In 1954 aged fifteen, Nibs left school, as was the norm back then, but Peter left the year before even though there was only four months in age between them. Just take a moment to ponder what childhood for Nibs and Peter must have been like, no mobile phones or internet. Very few families even had a television. In 1953 the village came together and watched the Queen’s coronation on a rented set. Incidentally, over a decade later in 1966, Nibs and Peter rented a television for the Football World Cup final, and found their home full of happy viewers. Apparently, England did quite well. Rationing of sweets didn’t end until 1953. There was less traffic on the roads and kids played out in nature, cycling to get about and making up her own fun.



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After leaving school, Nibs worked for W. O. Peake as a talented seamstress, making among other garments, fur coats, which only the best seamstresses were allowed to do. Peter, after considering a career as a Cooper, started an apprenticeship with Lathams as a cabinet maker. As the swinging sixties began, the childhood friends married in July 1960. What an amazing time that must have been with all the possibilities of what life has to offer ahead of them. Peter fondly recalls trips to London to visit the theatre, jazz clubs to see Chris Barber and the comedy of Tommy Cooper. It was on one of these trips when Peter returned from using the facilities, to find Nibs attacking a fellow theatre goer with her handbag, for having had the audacity to proposition her.

Life however, has its ups and downs. In 1961 Nib's and Peter's world was turned upside down with the birth of Mandy on Christmas day. She only lived for an hour. Seventeen months later Karen arrived followed by Wendy in 1966, Nibs' pride and joy until the day she died, although I prefer to call them Hinge and Bracket, just don't tell them I told you so.

Aside from raising a family, life was taken up with serving and helping others, be it the copious cricket teas served from the old tin shed, or the eighteen years as Church Warden for St. Lukes in the village. A lifelong Anglican, Nibs also had close ties with the Women's Institute acting in many roles but mainly as Treasurer. Indeed her subs were paid up for the coming year and the WI have kindly offered to return them. A lovely gesture matched by the families insistence that they go to the WI charity of the year. Generous until her passing and beyond. Nibs also gave over forty years to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, organising and collecting, until her health dictated that she had done her bit just two years ago.



Life changes when you least expect it. Nibs had already ended her working career, running the staff restaurant at British Home Stores and following Peter's retirement in 1995 after fifty years with Lathams, they said goodbye to 35 years of living at Bragenham Side, and moved onto Intrepid, a narrowboat on the Grand Union canal. My personal memories of this time are my strongest and no one could ever forget the Fenny Stompers playing jazz all afternoon and into the balmy summer evening in their mooring garden. As Peter says, "Those eighteen years were some of the happiest years of our lives."

As the door to Intrepid regrettably had to close, due to the increasing difficulty of managing the locks, a new door opened. In 2014 Peter and Nibs, beset with wanderlust, spread their wings and moved to Wing. Eleven more happy years of village life followed with both Nibs and Peter making new friends and taking up new pursuits. When Karen and I were in-between homes for three months, not only were we welcomed with open arms by Nibs and Peter into their home, but also by the village and their friends.

The last words were given over to Peter, her husband for 64 years and eleven months and friends since 1949.

"The last two years Nibs had several bouts of pneumonia. She could not fight the last one off and died peacefully in hospital. My much loved wife, a brilliant mother and great friend to many. I miss her so much, rest in peace, Peter."

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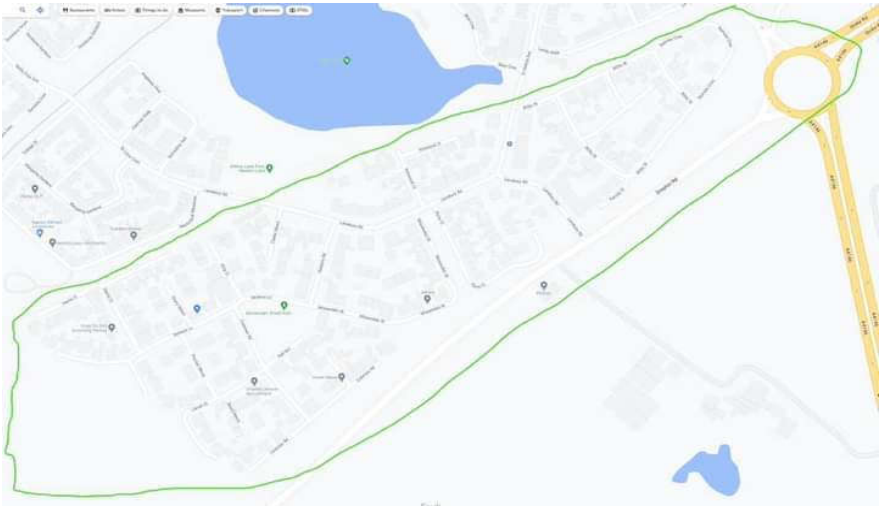
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WELCOME TO THE NEWTON LEYS SOUTH SECTION



Parish Council meetings in Newton Leys Pavilion

We will be holding 50% of Parish Council meetings at Newton Leys Pavilion this year. The other 50% will be at Stoke Hammond Community Centre. Please keep an eye out for dates on the Newton Leys South page. Each meeting has a section for the public can ask questions.

Developments around Newton Leys

There are currently two major planning applications for estates to be built next to Newton Leys. One to the South for over 300 properties and the other is to the West.

The proposed development to the West is in accordance with our Neighbourhood Plan and would provide additional public open space, a sizable MUGA and a playing field. These facilities would be a significant benefit to residents of Newton Leys.

The Parish Council has been asked if it would allow a path to be created to join the two developments over the public open space land at the end of Dickens Lane. We will be asking for views of residents on the location and design of pedestrian access to these new facilities (Please see the plan over on the next page).

Fruit trees around the estate

The majority of our fruit trees around the estate seem to have survived the drought and some have fruit on this year. Please feel free to take fruit once it is ripe, but try to only take what you will use and be gentle with the trees. They are still very young and it has been a very dry year for them.

Cllrs Mubasshir Ajaz, Craig Champion & David Jonathan

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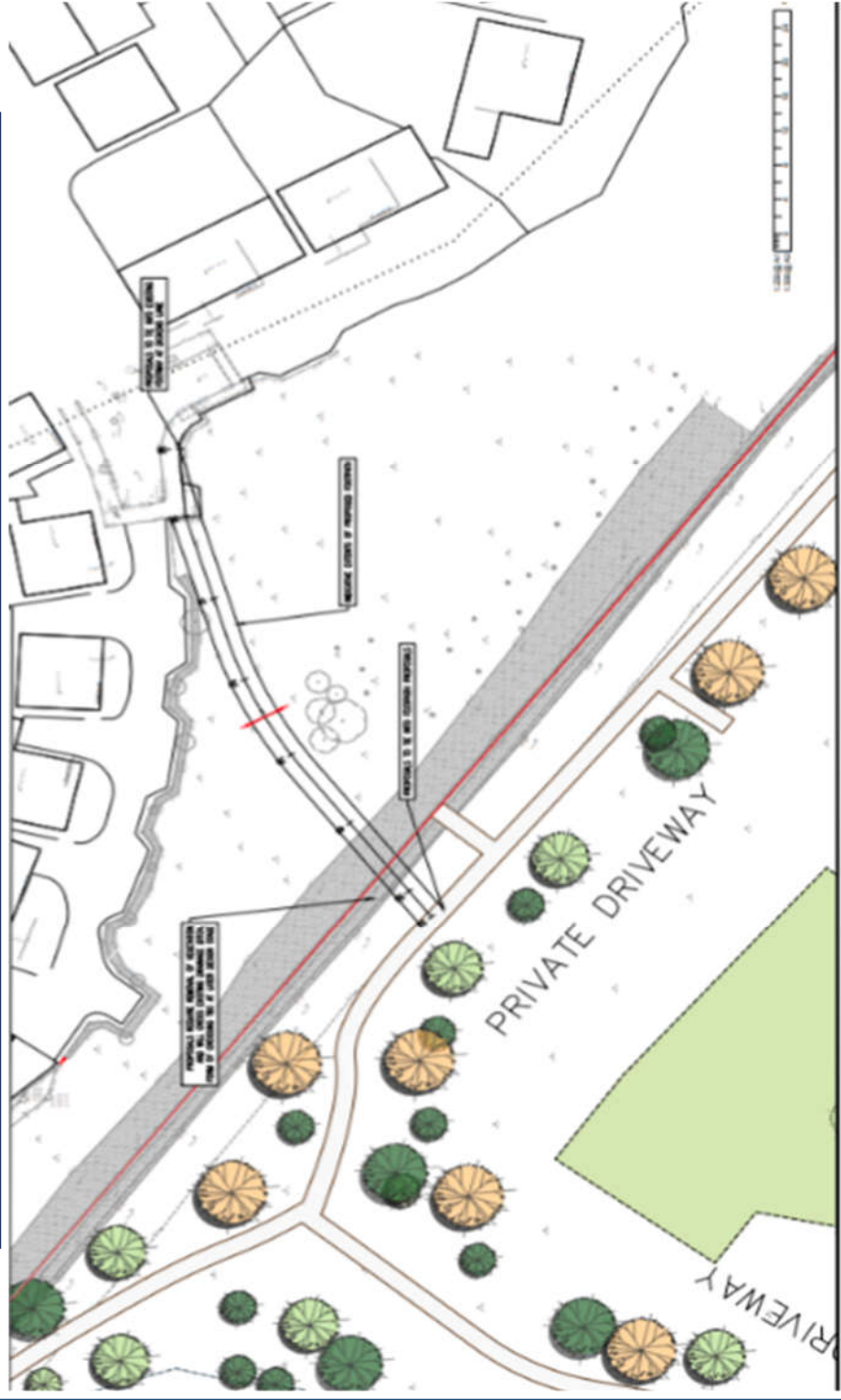
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**John's walking challenge for Christian Aid
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Dear friends,

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The donations reached the amazing total of £960.00, and as most of it was Gift Aided, the final total was £1,180.00, to support the work of Christian Aid to bring about positive change with people in poverty. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Revd John Waller

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LADIES THAT LUNCH

Thank you to all those who come to Ladies that Lunch on a second Tuesday in the month in the Sports Club. It is lovely to see new faces that appear from time to time and all the regulars. We were all thrilled by the new comfortable chairs and the new round tables by the window. It means more ladies may sit together and catch up with the news.

In addition, there is a new cooker, so thank you to the Sports Club for ordering one. Unfortunately, though I managed to fuse it so thanks to Robert Tooth for fixing the problem! Jen Aldrich-Ross saved the day when we heated the soup in the microwave for those that wanted it while others plumped for her homemade quiche and salad.

It may be holiday time when you read this item, but the ladies requested that both August and September lunches go ahead. The dates for your diary are **Tuesday 12 August and Tuesday 9th September. Lunch will be served at 12.30 and we finish by 1.45.** All are welcome. If you have children or guests attending over these two months, please let either myself or Jen know as this affects the amount of food we need to purchase. The cost remains at £3 per person, which covers the rent of the building.

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Catch Up Newsletter 21/07/2025

Good afternoon,

Parliament is breaking up this week for the summer recess, and I'm looking forward to spending more time out and about across the constituency over the coming weeks. It's always a pleasure to catch up with residents, community groups and local businesses – and to hear directly from you about the issues that matter.

I'm especially pleased to share some good news this week: Willen Hospice has received over £430,000 in vital government funding to support their incredible work. This is well-deserved recognition for the compassionate care they provide to so many families in our area.

Many residents in Winslow, Whitchurch and Oving will also be relieved that recent water supply issues have now been resolved. I know how disruptive this was, and I'll be following up directly with Anglian Water when I meet with them in the coming weeks to ensure lessons are learned.

With Parliament being in recess, this newsletter will be sent less regularly over the summer while I engage with constituency duties. In the meantime, thank you for reading. If there is anything I can help you with, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Callum

In Westminster I:

- **Took part in the Department for Business and Trade's parliamentary questions.**
- **Met with local firefighters in Westminster Hall (pictured).**
- **Attended a Homes England briefing on the delivery of new homes and places.**
- **Received answers on Ministerial Questions relating to trade in developing countries, reporting charity impact and our military alliance with France.**



Constituency Surgeries

My next surgeries will be taking place at the following:

- **Wednesday 6 August 11.30-12.30pm - Buckingham**
- **Tuesday 19 August 1.30-2.30pm – Winslow**
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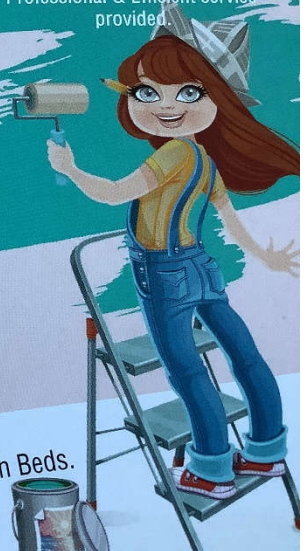
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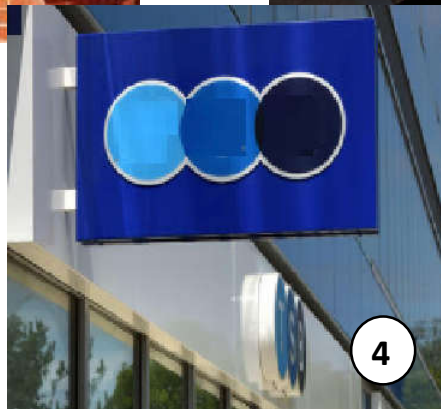
MAVIS'S QUIZ

In case you missed them, here are the answers to the last quiz and were you able to identify the celebrity chefs?

1/ Jamie Oliver 2/ Nigella Lawson 3/ Ainsley Harriott
4/ Gordon Ramsay 5/ Mary Berry 6/ Paul Hollywood
7/ Prue Leith 8/ Madhur Jaffrey 9/ Marco Pierre White
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This time, and I know they're fast disappearing from our High Streets, but can you identify the banks and building societies from their logos?



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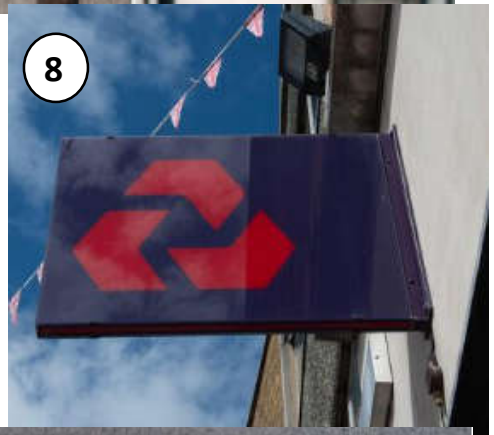
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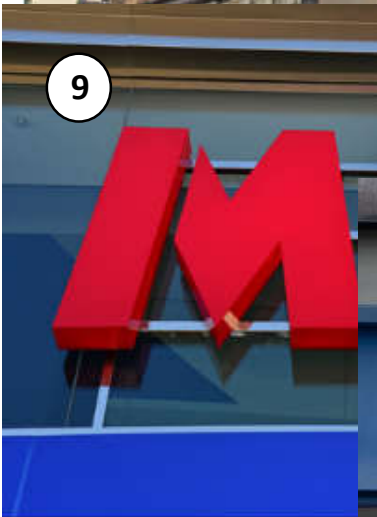
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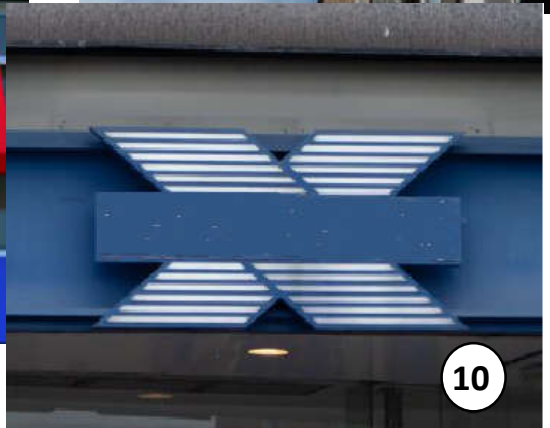
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STOKE HAMMOND SPORTS CLUB - NEWS

It's been a busy few months here at Stoke Hammond Sports Club. Members, guests and visitors will have noticed the change in appearance of our clubhouse. The entire interior has been redecorated with a much lighter colour scheme. All chairs and tables have been replaced with much comfier and modern looking seats and tables and the clubhouse layout has been updated. We have a new till system, allowing us to provide members with a membership card that can also be used to make purchases from the bar, along with a much more functional system for our bar staff to use.

The cricket season continues, with the warm weather allowing our teams to play their matches in the glorious sunshine! our Saturday league, Wednesday league & Sunday friendly teams continue to play each week so please come down, enjoy the weather and watch cricket with a nice cold drink in hand. We are also looking forward to hosting our annual village cricket day on Saturday 6th September- a fun, friendly game of cricket for villagers of all abilities. There will be a BBQ all day and live music following the cricket. Please come down and enjoy a fun filled day and if you want to take part in the cricket match, there is a sign up sheet in the clubhouse.

Our Darts and Pool Teams continue to play their matches on Mondays and Tuesdays respectively and our Vets football team are looking forward to the new football season beginning next month.

As always, we look forward to welcoming members and their guests. Please keep an eye on Facebook for any upcoming events and promotions which will be posted onto our page - Stoke Hammond Sports Club - and the Stoke Hammond Village group. We welcome any feedback and ideas for improvement at the sports club, please email shscsecretary@outlook.com to get in touch.

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With the lovely weather we've had, we've spent a lot more time in our secure outdoor area recently and have introduced water play and a few new outdoor toys and games.

We are now closed for the summer holidays, but reopen on 5th September. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Our session hours are 10am - 11.30am on Friday mornings during (Bucks CC) term times in the side room at Stoke Hammond Community Centre



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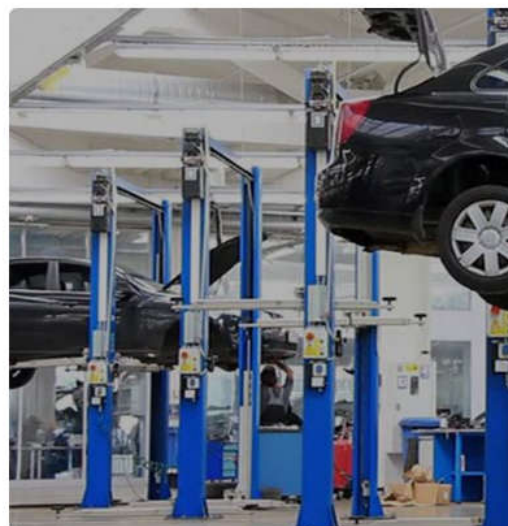


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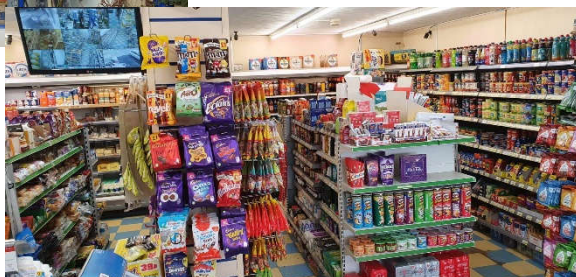
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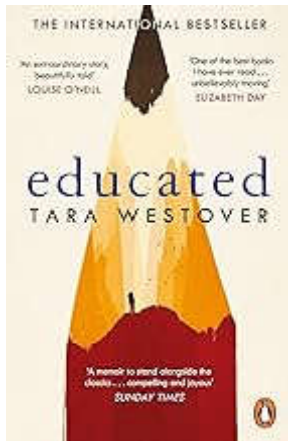
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STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



Educated - by Tara Westover



Tara was a teenager by the time she set foot in a classroom. Born to Survivalists whose only interest was preparing for the end of the world by stock-piling, The family were isolated and there was no-one to ensure the children had an education. Tara decided to educate herself as a way out of a strange household. The book charts her progress as she hits the heights even then worrying that she had achieved too much.

The group had various opinions - it was thought to be well written and informative with insights to the dominance of the Mormon religion and other aspects

which our token man knew about so found interesting. This type of obsessiveness left little space for anything else. Several of our group loved it from the very start even describing it as 'highly recommended'. It was thought to be an insight in to Tara's unusual life, and also described as beautifully and descriptively written. Another member of the group thought the mother, who failed to influence or encourage her daughter's lust for education, had little common sense and had therefore caused our group member to lose interest and just skim over the second half !!

The attack by the brother caused consternation and realisation of the difficulties to be part of such a strange family. So, three readers loved it, one thought it didn't ring true, a couple found it difficult to read but had sympathy for Tara - but no-one actually disliked it.

Conclusion: worth a try as some reviews full of praise even calling it a 'great book'



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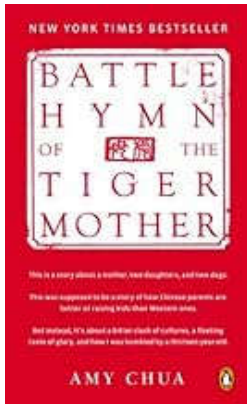
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Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother - by Amy Chua



This book is about a mother and two daughters plus two dogs! Tiger Mother meaning strict disciplinarian. The main theme is supposed to be how Chinese parents are better at raising children than Western parents but doesn't achieve it - a satirical memoir.

The group were again mixed in their views. It was said to be repetitive - hated what the mother was doing to her children, worried about their lack of recreation etc. - didn't enjoy it at all and found to be against everything they looked for in parenting.

Also said to be a thoroughly enjoyable read, although bit of a cultural shock and harsh but still interesting. Even a mention of amusement in parts as the mother did not worry about criticism to herself. Thought to be an easy read and her wanting her kids to achieve was admirable although a balance between severe strictness and guidance is needed.

So, one or two had read it back in 2017 - didn't like it then or now. Our token man described it as horrible, husband taking no control and the woman appalling! Last but not least it was thought to be a sick joke.

Conclusion - overall not recommended at all



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Well, I could write about the weather and how mean it had been to us - however, firstly our Afternoon Tea and Plant Swap down by the canal. After beautiful weather all week, lots of lovely cakes laid out, plants on display, gazebos up etc. the afternoon was cloudy, chilly and then rain ! However, our loyal members still came

along and we moved from garden to house and it was fun.

It was accepted that I had lost my touch with weather ordering !



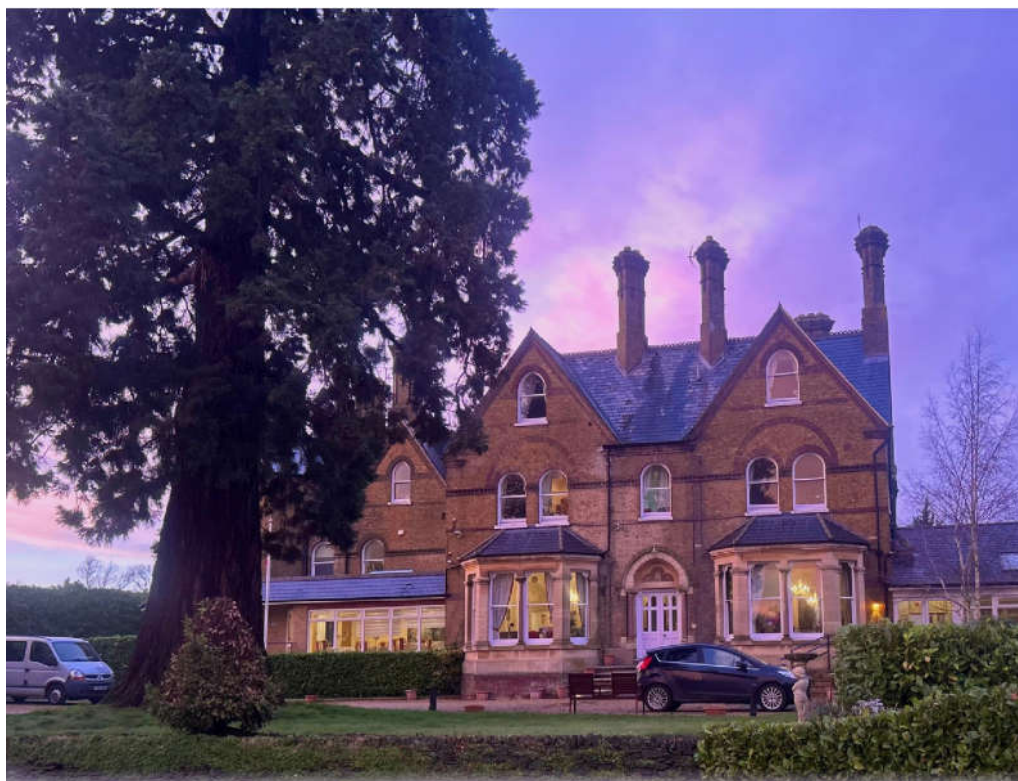
Next was our trip to Barnsdale Gardens (of Geoff Hamilton fame) on the 15th. Barnsdale is beautiful with the gardens formed in rooms all with a different themes and wonderful information everywhere. But, the forecast was dire, the drizzle started on the way and there was a brief period of calm when we arrived before the succession of showers set in which

made a leisurely stroll to admire everything difficult ! Again, all our trippers made the most of it and braved the elements when they could,



relaxing in the excellent cafe in-between ! We had to give in and board the coach for the return earlier than planned but everyone insisted that they had enjoyed the day which was a comfort !!!!! Better luck weather-wise next time !





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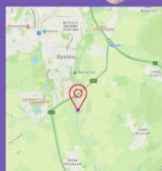
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As a boy my Mother would ask if I'd done my homework. Yes I would reply, knowing that I would race into school early the next morning and crib from someone else's work.

Today we might get asked by the dentist how often we brush our teeth? "Twice a day" we reply (as if he can't tell anyway). A fine example of increasing a number to the required answer.

There are of course some questions which require a reduction in numbers. "and how fast were you going sir?" "about 32 officer" . Sadly, the technology of today rather negates this question.

"And have you been drinking sir?" "Only a pint Officer" (see above paragraph re tech)

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July 2025

Latest news and views from your Police and Crime Commissioner



At the end of last month, I was pleased to publish my latest Annual Report which marks the conclusion of the first year under my second term as your Police and Crime Commissioner.

I remain focused in delivering my plan to Protect Communities, People and Property, ensuring that national directives are integrated effectively into the Thames Valley and maintaining a policing service that reflects the needs of our communities.

As we move into the second year of my **Police and Crime Plan**, I remain committed to working closely with the Chief Constable, our partners, and the public to build on our achievements, address emerging challenges and continue to make Thames Valley a safer place for all. You can read more about the Annual Report, below.

I was hugely disappointed with the Government's 'Comprehensive Spending Review' announcement on 12 June, which risks damaging the effectiveness of policing across Thames Valley. As well as leaving the 'Safer Streets' mission in tatters, the review will also mean that local council tax payers bills will be maxed out. Despite already saving over £20m in the last two years, seeing record numbers of police officers, arrests up and crime falling, this settlement risks pushing these achievements into reverse.

As part of my education strategy under the Violence Prevention Partnership (VPP), we have recently published two Bite-Sized education videos which are focused on Child Exploitation and Online Harm. I would urge parents of children in primary and secondary schools and schools to learn, use and share these resources. You can read more about the resources, below.

Matthew Barber
Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley

High Ash Scout Group: Summer Adventures and firefighting Fun!

As the summer term draws to a close, the High Ash Cubs and Scouts have packed in a season full of excitement, learning, and outdoor fun!



One of the standout evenings was a visit to the Blue Light Hub in Milton Keynes, where we were given a behind-the-scenes look at the life of a firefighter. From exploring the fire engines to trying out the hoses, the group were fully immersed in the world of emergency

response. The evening ended with an unexpected live call-out, giving everyone a real-time glimpse of how swiftly the crew mobilises—heading straight to an incident on the M1! Well done to all the cubs who subsequently gained their fire safety badges.



Back in Stoke Hammond, the group made the most of the warm evenings with team games and Scout skills practice, including tent pitching and outdoor cooking. These skills were put to good use during the summer camp at Phasels Wood, near Kings Langley. Nestled in a woodland clearing, the Scouts enjoyed the shade on a hot weekend while cooking meals over open



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Over 650 people have already signed up to the platform in its first six months, with 90 volunteers already having started in their role and many more in the pipeline. Extra features include an online quiz to help those unsure what type role would suit them, and an interactive map. If you are 13-17 years old or need support, there is a team on hand to help.

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fires, playing games in the woods, and taking part in exciting activities like canoeing on the canal and summer sledging.



We wrapped up the term with our annual AGM, BBQ, and water fight—a fun and refreshing way to celebrate the achievements of our young people and volunteers

We're now on our summer break and will be back in action in September. If you're interested in joining us, we currently have spaces for Cubs, Scouts, and adult volunteers. Please get in touch—we'd love to welcome you to the adventure!

Dave Pollington (Baloo)

High Ash Scout Group

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PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES JUNE – JULY 2025

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NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

24/03601/AOP – Land South of Drayton Road, Newton Leys

Outline planning application with all matters reserved apart from access for up to 290 dwellings, open space, landscaping, drainage features and associated infrastructure following demolition of existing agricultural buildings

For the fourth time of asking as additional details and correspondence are added to the application the PC has with no obvious or significant changes resolved to again OBJECT to this application citing the same following reasons:

- *The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) states that Stoke Hammond does not need to take on more homes as we have met our allocation.*
- *This application is outside of our draft Neighbourhood Plan.*
- *More information is required by Bucks Highways, so information is currently missing from the application.*
- *The houses in the application all face Newton Leys, with any green space located at the bottom of the development next to the farm.*

25/01738/APP – Pennhurst, Church Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BP

Householder application for reinstatement of original driveway

Cllrs resolved they had NO Objections to this application.

PLANNING UPDATES:

No updates to report at this time.

For further information and updates on these or other planning applications in our locality, please visit the following website and then enter the application reference or use the map search facility: <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

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**All welcome, pop along for a mingle and a chat
with friends and neighbours whilst enjoying a cup
of tea or coffee and a biscuit on the side**

The Sports Club, Bragenham Side. MK17 9DB

St Luke's Church News

We picked the hottest day of the year (so far!) to hold the Church fete. In spite of the heat, many people still joined us, but it was a step too far for those who'd been



to the High Ash fete the same morning: our takings were down. The Morris dancers managed to break us all into a sweat when they asked us to join in dancing with them. Refreshments were popular as expected, and it took a good while for the queue for the ice cream van to die down. We've got more events coming up in the next couple of months, so we'll hopefully catch up then!

Forthcoming Special Services: (For further details, see the list of services elsewhere in the SH news)

Café church: We're holding a Café church drop in (our easiest service to follow / join in) on **3rd August** from **9.30am**. Enjoy bacon /sausage butties or rolls, cereal or croissants, and chat, followed by a 15min, informal "service" starting at **10.15am**. It may include a discussion /something to think about, prayers & a Bible reading/song. Donations are taken as collection. **Everyone's welcome!** If you're interested, but can't make that date, the next one is **5th October**.



Afternoon tea followed by Compline (a short evening service) will take place on **17th August**. Afternoon tea starts at **3pm** and you can drop in from then on. We'll be enjoying homemade cakes and scones. There's no charge, but you may wish to make a donation. The service will start at 5pm. There's no obligation to stay for the service, nor an obligation to come to the tea if you just want to come to the service! The service won't have any hymns or music and will only last 20-25 minutes.



Harvest Festival: The Harvest Festival will be held on **28th September** at **9.30am**. The Church will be beautifully decorated: come and join in thanking God for our food. Offer your garden produce at the altar (fresh produce is donated to **Willen Hospice**). **All are welcome!**



Events:

The **Tea at Tyrells Manor** will now be on **Sun 3rd August** with only one **3pm** sitting. Tickets are **£20pp** and will include a glass of prosecco or elderflower cordial and canapes on arrival. A delicious menu of home-made fayre on china dishes awaits you! Special diets can be catered for. Limited places available. Please contact Dave Webber 07711026193 for tickets and details.



Pork Roast & Barn Dance will be held on **30th August** from **6-10.30pm** (tickets A: £10, Ch: £5) Pork roast (included in the price) is served in a bun (Gluten free/ Vegetarian alternative also available). Live music by The Ouzel Valley Ranters who

give instructions for the dances. Barn dance dress is optional and there will be a bar. **Fun and laughter 100% guaranteed!** Book tickets with Dave Webber (see above) On **20th September** we'll be holding a **Beetle Drive** at the Community Centre. This is a fun event ideal for families and involves racing to draw a beetle using dice! Look out for more information on the village Facebook page.

Our **Harvest Lunch** will be on **28th September** from **12.30 for 1pm** at Stoke Hammond Community Centre. More information to follow at a later date.

Future dates: **18th October: St Luke's Gift Day**

29th November: Christmas Fayre

Donations: We are always grateful for donations, so if you'd like to make one to the church (maybe towards our new £2000+ mower) please send a BACS to sort code: **20-57-40** ac no.**00869198** (Stoke Hammond Parochial Church Council) and email treasurer.shpcc@yahoo.com to advise us, adding your postcode & house name /number if you can add gift aid.



Church Activities

Volunteers: We're keen to recruit new volunteers to join our **church cleaning team**. Cleaning usually takes about an hour and the rota is once every 6 weeks. No payment I'm afraid, your reward will be in heaven! We'd also like offers of **altar flowers** if you'd like to help with those. There's no arrangement needed, just pop a few flowers in the 2 altar vases. If you'd prefer to make a donation or for more information, please contact Hazel on 270404.



Prayers: The prayer group meets twice monthly. We pray for the community, individuals, national & international issues. All prayers are in strict confidence. Prayer requests can be made via cards in the church, at the Community Breakfast or call a churchwarden. (see below)

The next **Community Breakfasts** are **9th Aug** and **13th Sept** at the **Community Centre**. Orders are taken from **8.30 to 10.30am**. As well as full English, we offer light breakfasts (cereal/ croissants etc) and welcome your visitors too! There's no charge, but you may make a donation by cash or card if wished. Food bank donations are also collected here.



The **Foodbank** in the church porch is free to all villagers who are welcome to use it



on an ad hoc basis. If you're in desperate or regular need, there's a list of phone numbers in the porch for more support. There's also a family box containing family and duplicate items. If you can contribute to the foodbank financially or in goods, (no alcohol or aerosols please)

contact Dave or Diane Webber (see below) Items most needed include casseroles/pies, tinned meat/fish, cat food, orange juice, squash, sugar and milk.

Toy Swap Shop: is in the accessible church porch. During the summer holidays, we appreciate more people might be looking for toys. If you have spare toys, games or



Children's books, please donate them to the swap shop. If you don't feel you have anything to swap, you're welcome to borrow a toy/game and return it later.

Bible verse of the month: **Luke 12 v 15-21:** ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' ¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

What does it mean? Jesus tells his disciples "The Parable of the Rich Man" not just to warn them against greed, but to demonstrate that happiness is found in relationships with our family, friends, neighbours and especially with God: it's not found in our possessions! Our good fortune should be shared with those around us.

Funeral information: Crematoria no longer offer a religious service by default:



it must be specifically requested. The Rector can conduct a funeral service at a crematorium or at the church to be followed by cremation or burial as you wish. Also, any village resident can be buried or have their ashes buried in the churchyard if wished (for a small fee). Memorial stones must

conform to the new Oxford Diocese regulations. If you'd like more details, please speak to the Rector or Churchwarden Harry Davies.

Church Benefice Website: www.brickhillchurches.org.uk.

St Luke's offers baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact the Rector if you'd like to discuss any of these (contact details on the Benefice website). His phone goes straight to an answerphone but he'll reply as soon as he can, or contact a Churchwarden. The Rector's times off are Monday, and Friday afternoon. If you have a prayer request or enquiry, please call **Churchwardens: Harry on**

MAP
(Not to scale)



MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR LEIGHTON RD 21/05/25 TO 22/07/25

For Project: Leighton Road

Project Notes:

Location/Name:

Report Generated:

Speed Intervals

Time Intervals

Traffic Report From

85th Percentile Speed

85th Percentile Vehicles

Max Speed

Total Vehicles

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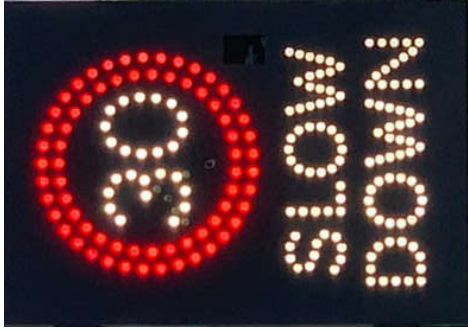
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Volumes -

weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	2128	1993
AM Peak	169	141
PM Peak	169	154

Speed

Speed Limit:	35
85th Percentile Speed:	38.5
50th Percentile Speed:	31.6
10 MPH Pace Interval:	25.0 MPH
Average Speed:	31.73
	to 35.0 MPH

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Count over limit	5475	5316	6036	6108	6181	4490	4028
% over limit	30.4	30.4	30.5	29.8	31.0	28.5	28.6
Avg Speeder	39.2	39.2	39.3	39.3	39.2	39.1	39.2
Avg Speed	13.0	12.7	12.6	12.1	12.6	14.2	14.5



News from Buckinghamshire Council

Dear Resident

21 July 2025

I hope this email finds you well. We're two months into the new council and lots of work is well underway so I wanted to update you on what is going on, the focus being key projects and services that you should all see and experience. Those that will touch your lives and the lives of people you know or members of your family.

Town Centres – an update

Progress is continuing at pace under our programme of regeneration work within our main town centres. I'm really pleased to be able to share with you some footage of the completed upgrade of one of our main shopping areas in High Wycombe Town Centre – White Hart Street Quarter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T0pO5mDAScE>

This work is part of the council's major investment in our town centres to upgrade and modernise them, attracting more people and new businesses into our main towns. There are many strands to this work. In High Wycombe we have also announced some major funding to establish a new cultural hub in the town, encouraging more local events and activities. Meanwhile in Aylesbury, work continues on the new Pavilion Quarter, a brand new district to complement the existing Exchange development and introduce new routes around the heart of the town, also acting as a new entertainment space and place for small businesses.

As well as our regeneration work, keeping our towns and villages clean, safe and attractive is a big priority. We want these places to be welcoming and vibrant. As you'll be very much aware, it's been a very dry summer so far but the grass still needs cutting and the weeds dealing with. Weed management in some places falls to Town and Parish Councils and Buckinghamshire Council manages the bulk of grass cutting across the county. Last year more than 6 million square metres of grass was cut as part of the annual programme! This year we are carrying out three grass cuts in towns and villages and over the many miles of rural areas we focus on maintaining visibility at junctions and bends. Resident reports of overgrown grass are invaluable to us as they allow us to respond to any problems quickly, so if you spot a problem please do let us know via our website.

I know people want to feel safe in our town centres both day and night and our team of community wardens are present to keep an eye on any low-level issues and to provide reassurance. We are continuing to upgrade our CCTV network with new cameras and new technology and we are working with Thames Valley Police to deliver targeted work to keep town centres safe during the summer months. We will be launching a 'Safer Bucks Partnership' survey in the coming weeks to find out more about people's feelings on community safety so please look out for that on our [Your Voice Bucks website](#) coming later this summer.



MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR FENNY RD 21/05/25 TO 22/07/25

For Project: Fenny Road

Project Notes:

Location/Name:

Report Generated: 16/04/29

Speed Intervals

Time Intervals

Traffic Report From 21/05/2025

85th Percentile Speed 32 MPH

85th Percentile Vehicles 104180

Max Speed 60 MPH

Total Vehicles 122565

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Volumes -

weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	2050	1945
AM Peak	141	147
PM Peak	198	175

Speed

Speed Limit: 35

85th Percentile Speed: 32

50th Percentile Speed: 26.1

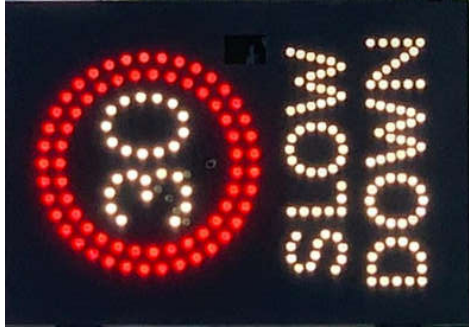
10 MPH Pace Interval: 20.0 MPH

Average Speed: 26.31

30.0 MPH

to

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1100	1032	1119	1136	1202	891	810
6.2	6.2	6.0	5.8	6.1	5.5	5.7
38.8	38.8	38.7	38.7	38.8	38.6	38.6
10.4	10.2	10.0	9.9	9.9	10.7	11.1



Longer opening hours at our libraries

This month has seen extended hours start at libraries across the county, all part of our new 'Library Flex' service. This is a really good example of how we are doing things differently to improve and modernise our services. The new service launched at Aylesbury Library earlier this month and will follow at Amersham and Buckingham before being rolled out to five other larger libraries during the summer.

The new system means customers can use library services without staff being present during quieter times – a bit like self-access gyms, while ensuring staff are there for face-to-face support and queries during busier times. It also means organisations can make use of the library building outside of staffed hours for events and meetings. It's a positive way to allow even more access to these valued services; we are ensuring safety measures are in place at times where staff aren't present including live CCTV and emergency phones. Check our website for all the information you need about our library service.

Summer progress on the roads

One positive of the dry weather is that it allows us to forge ahead with our large-scale road maintenance and improvement programme, backed by a record £120 million of funding. We have more than 340 schemes planned this year under this programme alongside the many unplanned essential works we also carry out. We repaired more than 30,000 road defects last year and we resurfaced 700,000 sq metres of road. We continue to charge forward with this important work; please report any problems using our website so we can respond as quickly as possible. We maintain over 2,200 miles of road, nearly 30,000 street lights, more than 700 bridge structures and 44,000 road signs so there will always be some defects or broken parts that need our attention – please keep us informed so we can keep on top of any problems.

Other key projects

We are reaching major milestones in many other areas of the council's work too. Two projects I want to highlight today are our Children's Homes programme and the South East Aylesbury Link Road. We are establishing ten new council-run children's homes as part of a transformation programme for children in care and we have just completed work on the first of these. We have more than 500 children in our care, many of whom are being looked after by foster carers but we need more places locally to allow children in our care to stay close to their local community and friends; it's also much better value for money than costly private placements that might take vulnerable children away from their familiar surroundings. So, it is great news that this project is progressing so well and the first of these new homes is finished and ready.

I also wanted to highlight that we are anticipating the first section of the South East Aylesbury Link Road to be finished and open in the coming months. This is a huge project many years in the making and with lots of complex components to bring together. Of course, a project of this scale has an impact and I appreciate the patience people have shown in dealing with the disruption.



The first section that will open soon is a dual carriageway and two roundabouts that will join up with HS2's new Stoke Mandeville Relief Road. I will bring you more news on final dates but did want to highlight the stage we are at with this major piece of new infrastructure that, when finished, will ease congestion in and around Aylesbury, include new cycle routes and unlock lots of potential for building new and affordable homes in this area.

MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR NEWTON RD 21/05/25 TO 22/07/25

For Project: Newton Road

Project Notes:

Location/Name:

Report Generated:

Speed Intervals

Time Intervals

Traffic Report From

85th Percentile Speed

85th Percentile Vehicles

Max Speed

Total Vehicles

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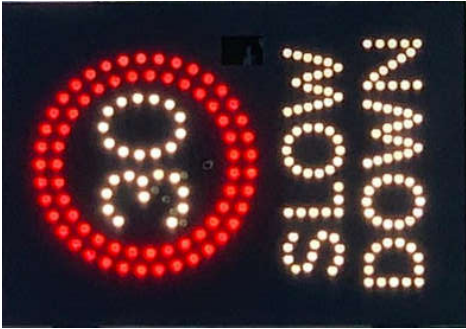
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Volumes - weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	410	381
AM Peak	35	28
PM Peak	44	39

Speed

Speed Limit:	35
85th Percentile Speed:	29
50th Percentile Speed:	24.4
10 MPH Pace Interval:	20.0 MPH to 30.0 MPH
Average Speed:	24.3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Count over limit	30	18	32	27	25	18	15
% over limit	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Avg Speeder	38.0	37.5	38.3	38.4	37.5	37.8	38.2
Avg Speed	16.8	16.6	16.5	16.4	16.7	18.2	18.0

Our financial position

We recently reviewed what's called the 'Budget Outturn' for the previous financial year and I'm really pleased to be able to confirm we ended 2024/25 with a balanced budget, being able to redirect some funds back into our reserves. Of course, we constantly monitor income and expenditure through meticulous financial management and planning effectively for risk. While overall, funding for local authorities remains in a precarious position this council is in a stable position. I must also caveat this by saying that overall reform of local council funding is still very much needed to put councils on a sustainable footing.

71% of our budget goes on four legally required statutory services (adult social care, children's social care, school transport for children and temporary accommodation) with demand for these continuing to rise. I can however reassure our residents that at this time, we are in a constrained but stable position financially and as ever, seek to find ways of doing things differently to provide the best possible value for money for our residents and their council tax.

Summer

As a final note, I want to wish everyone a lovely summer; whether you're staying put, working through or going away, I hope you find time to explore some of the many events and attractions our lovely county has to offer, particularly worth it during these warmer months. Do take a look at our website for a few ideas on things to do – from walks and trails to attractions and other cultural activities. And for those of you with children, our Family Information Services also offers a wealth of information particularly around free and low-cost things to do. Don't miss the upcoming WhizzFizz events that are already underway - the full details are on our website. And our excellent fostering team is out and about at local events too for anyone who wants to stop by for a friendly chat and to find out more about the perks we offer our valued foster carers.


I also want to thank everyone who works in education for their hard work and dedication as we reach the end of another academic year and wish all students collecting exam results in the coming weeks all the very best.



Steven Broadbent

Leader - Buckinghamshire Council

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YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Wing and Ivinghoe



**Inspector
James Davies**



**Sergeant
David Kuttner**



**Police Constable
Dionne Edwards**



**Police Constable
Jake Bye**



**PCSO
Tina Hobson**



**Special Constable
Sam Richards**

The neighbourhood policing team work with our local communities to make Aylesbury Vale safer

To contact your local Team call
101 or email them on

WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk

You can also report an incident on our website:

www.thamesvalley.police.uk

In an emergency always call 999

Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TVPAYlesburyVale



VILLAGE DIARY

Sunday 3 rd August	Afternoon Tea at Tyrells Manor – 15.00
Saturday 9 th August	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Saturday 30 th August	Pork Roast & Barn Dance – Community Centre 18.00 – 22.30
Tuesday 9 th Sept	Parish Council Meeting – Newton Leys Pavilion – 19.30
Saturday 13 th Sept	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 8.30 – 10.30
Saturday 20 th Sept	Beetle Drive – Community Centre – Times tba
Sunday 28 th Sept	Harvest Lunch – Community Centre – 12.30
Tuesday 7 th October	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30

For Church dates/times please see the 'Church Services' section

ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

High Ash Scouts, Cubs (Beavers)

Thursday 17.30 – 21.30hrs
 Contact: Dave Pollington 01525 270864
dave.pollington@mkscouts.org
www.scouts.org.uk

Louisa Harris Pilates

Monday day/evening
 Contact: 07941 203589
Louisa.pilates@gmail.com
www.louisaharrisilates.co.uk

Chair Yoga

Wednesday 9.30 – 10.15hrs
 Contact: Sally Peers 07766 756199
sallyyogalondon@gmail.com

Buttons Pre-School

Monday – Friday 09.00 – 15.00hrs
 Contact: 01908 533404
enquiries@buttonspreschools.co.uk
www.buttonspreschools.co.uk

Joyful Tots

Friday 10.00 – 11.30hrs
 Contact: Diane 01525 270409
 or Linda 07971 134497

To Hire the Hall please telephone 01525 270151 or e-mail: enquiries@shcommunityassociation.co.uk

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PCSO Tina Hobson	07779 586565
High Ash School	01525-261620
St Luke's Church (<i>Revd John Waller</i>)	01525-261062
St Luke's Church Warden (<i>Diane Webber</i>)	01525-270409
St Luke's Church Warden (<i>Harry Davies</i>)	01234-822780
Stewkley Methodist Church (<i>Mary Cottrell</i>)	01296 688741

Police non-emergency number 101

NHS Helpline non-emergency number 111

EDITORS NOTE

So, as you will see from the front cover, another of our new estate roads has been named after someone who did something that little extra bit special for Stoke Hammond, and in this case, it was the late Margaret Aitken, born in the old village shop on the Green in 1925 and the author of the 'Stoke Hammond Yesteryear' book, that was previously serialised in this publication. We also have images of Murphy Lane in recognition of Pam Murphy who once resided at Tyrell's Manor. We then have Hessler Close in memory of David Kessler who among other things kindly gifted the Sports Fields on Bragenham Side to the Community. Finally, Harrup Close so named after John Harrup who was the warden at St Luke's Church for over 50 years. Did any of you out there spot my deliberate mistake (well I'd like to think it was, rather than an error on my part!) in the last publication, whereby the front cover stated it was the July/August copy when it was of course the June/July edition – Apologies, for any confusion caused.

May I please have copy for the October/November 2025 issue by the **19th Sept**

Greg Noble, The Birches, Church Road, Stoke Hammond. MK17 9BP

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WASTE COLLECTION DATES

STOKE HAMMOND VILLAGE & NEWTON LEYS SOUTH

Waste Bin: 	Recycling Bin:  <small>Paper, glass, cardboard, plastics, cartons, cans & tins</small>	Food Waste Bin:  <small>Non-recyclable or compostable.</small>	Garden Waste Bin: 
Wednesday 6 Aug		Wednesday 6 Aug	Wednesday 6 Aug
	Wednesday 13 Aug	Wednesday 13 Aug	
Wednesday 20 Aug		Wednesday 20 Aug	Wednesday 20 Aug
	Thursday 28 Aug	Thursday 28 Aug	
Wednesday 3 Sept		Wednesday 3 Sept	Wednesday 3 Sept
	Wednesday 10 Sept	Wednesday 10 Sept	
Wednesday 17 Sept		Wednesday 17 Sept	Wednesday 17 Sept
	Wednesday 24 Sept	Wednesday 24 Sept	
Wednesday 1 Oct		Wednesday 1 Oct	Wednesday 1 Oct

NEW for Sept 2025



Starting September 2025
Newton Longville Pre-School will
have a limited number of spaces
available for babies from 12 months
old. We will also be offering an early
drop off from 8.30am and a late pick
up at 4pm.

Secure, healthy, friendly,
fun environment for
children 12 months to 5
years old, right on your
doorstep!

15 & 30 hour funded sessions available!





STOKE HAMMOND SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON TEA EVENT

What a fabulous turnout there was for the Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea Event held at the Community Centre on Saturday 5th July. More than 50 residents sat down to enjoy a variety of crustless finger



sandwiches, followed by the arrival of cake stands overflowing with a delightful array of sweet savoury delights along with scones, clotted cream and jam plus



fresh strawberries. There was also of course tea/coffee and chilled Prosecco served in fluted glasses which were continually being 'topped up' by the volunteer helpers. To finish off the afternoon, all were entertained by Les, best known as our village mobile hairdresser, but who is also an accomplished vocalist, who sang a superb number of classic 'crooner' songs from the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Matt Monroe.

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