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# Carers Week - June 9th - 15th

Dear friends,

One of the things that impresses me about life in our villages is the number of people I see who give significant care and help, not only to members of their family, but also to friends and neighbours as well. And I find that they usually prefer to do it quietly, and with a minimum of fuss or attention, but that may mean that they miss out on help and support that could make a great difference for them, and the people they care for.

I am often humbled by the quality of care I see going on around me, both from paid workers and from willing volunteers. I give thanks for that, and I remember that Jesus said, in one of his parables:

> Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. (Matthew 25. 40)

> > Revd John Waller

# ST LUKE'S STOKE HAMMOND **CHURCH SERVICE DATES TO JULY 2025**

### **JUNE**

1st June: 09.30am Café Church - RB

8th June: 10.00am Modern Benefice Pentecost Service - JW

Note: To be held at Little Brickhill Village Hall

8th June: 02.00pm Baptism (All Welcome) 15th June: 09.30am Morning Worship - DW 22<sup>nd</sup> June: 09.30am Holy Communion - JW

29th June: 10.00am Benefice Service with choir - JW

## JULY

6th July: 09.30am Morning Worship - tba 13th July: 11.00am Family Service - JW

20th July: 03.00pm Afternoon Benefice Songs of Praise - tba

Note: To held at All Saints, Bow Brickhill 27th July: 09.30am Holy Communion - JW



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#### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

So, the Council Elections took place on the 1st of May and you the Parish electorate were voting for Councillors to represent us on what is our new Ward of Newton Longville, with just two councillor positions as against the previous three, when we were part of the Great Brickhill & Villages Ward. With a turnout of just 2521 across the Ward representing only 33% of those eligible to vote, the two Conservative candidates were elected. These being Cllr Jilly Jordan one of our previous ward councillors, and Cllr Caroline Cornell. As for Buckinghamshire as a whole, it was not good news for the Conservatives who previously held most seats, with them only winning 48 of the 97 seats available, leaving them 1 short of a majority. You will read elsewhere in Martin Tett's Bucks Council news report that after 14 years he is standing down as leader of Bucks Council. As for your Stoke Hammond Parish Council, it was an uncontested election, as only 6 candidates put themselves forward for the 7 available positions. Four being existing Councillors, namely Cllr Mubasshir Ajaz, Cllr Craig Champion, Cllr David Venn and Cllr Greg Noble, with the two new councillors being Cllr Mel D'Agostino and Cllr Stephen Clarke, plus, as you will read further on, Cllr David Jonathan was co-opted at our May Annual Parish Meeting, thus making your Parish Council at full strength. We should at this point pass on our thanks for the most valued contribution made by your outgoing councillors, Fran Sharkey and Malcolm Newing, albeit Malcolm will still be very much involved in our evolving Neighbourhood Plan.



Luckily for us the curse of vandalism rarely rears its head in Stoke Hammond, but sadly some person or persons, did decide that the book swap cabinet by the entrance to the Community Centre was fair game for target practice with a ball or an actual physical kick breaking the glass front door, which luckily is of a toughened/laminated variety and thus did not shatter into dangerous pieces. This book swap is very popular and well used by residents, but up till now has not been deemed to be the responsibility of any particular organisation. It was suggested at the May PC Meeting that perhaps this book swap could be deemed a community facility and that the Parish Council should take up this role and also purchase a replacement cabinet. This is to be an agenda item for debate at the next June PC Meeting.

Not quite vandalism, but the amount of litter and indeed rubbish being deposited in the bin outside the Village shop has led to the area becoming increasingly unsightly with the litter falling out of the bin, or indeed being dumped on the floor because the bin is full. We are aware that many drivers pulling up to use the shop, then use this as convenient opportunity to clear out the rubbish within their cars, but better this than simply throwing out of the car windows when travelling along. Anyway, for a trial period, your PC has agreed to increase the number of times this bin is emptied each week to see if this resolves the problem, with a possible view to make these extra collections a permanent thing.

Well, finally, after some 11 months since your PC placed them on order, and no doubt something many of you will have already observed, Bucks **Highways** have at removed the old and very tired looking village gates to

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gates are of similar style to those on the Newton Road which were similarly upgraded a year or two ago and certainly make you aware

> that you are entering Stoke Hammond and also as a result may well assist in making vehicle drivers reduce their speeds, as it now more obvious that you are approaching a residential area.

As is usual, Planning Updates can be found in that section within this publication, but it's probably worth highlighting a new application, which although not actually in our Parish, is one that could have a significant impact on us, and that is namely The Three Locks Golf Course and the application for the siting of up to 46 holiday lodges on part of the site. Many of you will recall, that this is not the first time we have seen an application like this, as a similar one albeit for up to 119 lodges was launched back in January 2021 but subsequently withdrawn in March 2023. We will most definitely have to keep a close eye, on how this new application progresses. Should you want to review the application details, head to the Bucks Planning Website and select Aylesbury Vale area and enter the reference 25/01120/APP.

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There was of course another planning application (24/03601/AOP) of particular interest and that related to the Chadwell Farm site that sits directly to the south of Newton Leys and was seeking outline planning permission for the erection of some

290 dwellings. Basically, this was the same application as seen in January of this year to which we had previously Objected, and with no obvious changes your Cllrs were as one in again in Objecting 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

Other than the two normal monthly PC Meetings an Extraordinary Meeting was called for the evening of April 29<sup>th</sup> to consider the PC adopting the open spaces and play park for what is known as the Bovis area of Newton Leys South. In fact, your PC had as far back as March/April 2023 agreed to the principle of adopting this land, as we had felt it was totally unfair that residents were paying double to maintain these areas with both a precept to the PC and a charge to a separate management company, but this wouldn't be possible until such time as residents took control of the management company (First Port) and full financials were available. Cllr Champion was now able to advise his colleagues and the Members of the Public that the takeover of the management company had been achieved and that the financial position was such, that after adoption the PC would receive a figure of circa £5200. Given all this information, the PC voted unanimously in favour of proceeding with the adoption of the open spaces and play park, and the matter would now be passed to the PC's solicitors for the necessary paperwork to be drawn up.

With regard to our normal monthly meeting held at the Community Centre on the evening of the 1<sup>st</sup> April, we were joined by 7 Members of the Public, and here follows are some of the more major points of discussion from that meeting.

- It was proposed by the clerk, that some of the PC's reserves sitting in our current account, could for now be moved into an interest-bearing savings account with Unity Trust, noting the savings already held with Unity Trust did last year earn the PC some £1200 in interest. It was agreed to transfer a further £20,000 into the savings account.
- Cllr Champion put forward the idea of the PC possibly purchasing the Layby land on the Stoke Road for future use as some form of recreational space. It was noted when a similar such suggestion had been made that the PC had been advised that any such purchase would be a very lengthy and drawn-out process, but it was agreed it was worth again exploring the concept and in the first instance make the enquiry via our local ward Councillor Jilly Jordan.
- The PC had received a Community Funding Application from the Community Association for assistance in the financing of the upgrading to the plumbing at the Community Centre. Cllrs, noting Cllr Noble had declared an interest, and took no part in the voting, were unanimous in their approval of the £350 funding.

As for the meeting held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Centre at which we were joined by 9 Members of the Public, this was a twofold event being both the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting. The former being an opportunity for local organisations including the PC to give a review of their past year's activities. So,



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© COMMON FARM, NEWTON ROAD, STOKE HAMMOND, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 0EB following ClIr Ajaz as the Chair of the PC giving his review, we also heard reports from the likes of the Gardening Club, High Ash Scouts, Ladies that Lunch, Stoke Hammond Community Association, St Luke's Church and finally Joyful Tots. We then moved onto the Annual Parish Council Meeting with the first order of business being the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the PC for next year, and ClIr Ajaz with no other nominations was unanimously re-elected as Chair, and likewise with no other nominations, ClIr Champion was also re-elected as Vice Chair. We then moved onto to consider the co-option of a ClIr to fill the one vacant PC position. There were some questions asked as to whether the co-option process be delayed until the June meeting, but the clerk explained the correct process for co-option had been followed and the notice of the election had been on our noticeboard and website since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. The majority of ClIrs agreed to continue with the co-option process, and consider the co-option application from a David Jonathan. After some questions had been asked of David, the co-option went to a vote, and with one abstention, the remainder of the Council voted in favour of ClIr Jonathan's co-option onto the PC.

The remainder of the meeting covered what tends to be normal monthly items, but a couple of subjects raised were as follows, remembering the full minutes from all PC meetings are available to view on the PC website:

- A proposal had been received from the Epic Boating Company for them to reinstate the memorial bench that had previously been situated at Lock 23 on the Grand Union Canal. After some discussion and information provided by a Member of the Public, that there are already two benches at this location and that the bench in question was never a memorial bench but simply an old pew. It was unanimously agreed that the PC would thank the Epic Boating Company but politely decline.
- It was brought to the PC's attention that the bus shelter near the Dolphin PH was in need of repair and that the roof is leaking. It was agreed that the clerk would make contact with 'Men in Sheds' who carried out a similar well received repair of the bus shelter on the corner of Bragenham Side.

For the next two scheduled Parish Council meetings, that for the evening of June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be held at the normal Community Centre venue, starting at 7.30pm. whilst the Newton Leys Pavillion will be hosting the July meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, again starting at 7.30pm. In future it is hoped to alternate the monthly meetings between these two different venues, so as to provide a better opportunity for residents from our Parish with two distinctly different communities to attend PC meetings.

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

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# Obituary: Allen Siemen 11.12.42 - 12.04.25

# Allen's Life Story

Allen Siemen was born in Dresden, Germany on 11 December 1942. He was only just almost 3 years old when the Second World War ended. Allen and many others were transported all over the world. Allen went to London, and then he moved on to Bletchley. He stayed in various digs.

Allen had many jobs in his life. He worked for the council doing a variety of jobs, he was a bin man for a few years, and he was also a grave digger at St Mary's Church. He had a job at Willowbridge Marina too. In his younger days he was a long-distance lorry driver, he was away from home working on the lorries a lot.

As Allen got older Allen dabbled in antiques, French Polishing, and repairing old furniture. He loved making rocking horses, and he also helped at the church and chapel when items needed repairing.

We got married in November 1961 when I was 17 and Allen was 19, together we had 5 children, 3 boys Roger, John and Ken and 2 girls, Mandy and Sharon. Roger now lives in Ireland, with 2 boys and 1 girl. Mandy lives in Bletchley with 2 boys, John lives in Bedford with 2 girls, Ken in Southampton with his 2 girls and Sharon lives on the Isle of Wight and has 1 girl and 1 boy. Due to his work, Allen was not around much as the children were growing up.

We came to live in the village forty-two years ago, prior to which we lived in Bletchley. We had had a few moves but never really settled. So, when 'Little Thatch' came up for sale we put in an offer and it was accepted, so we moved in. Fortunately, we only had one child still living at home at that time. Allen started to renovate the cottage. We lived there for a few years then decided to move again, this time to Bragenham Side.

Allen loved most antique things, he had a collection of grandfather clocks, tables and chairs. He took his time repairing old furniture and making it look beautiful again. He started going to antique fairs, he would leave home at 4.30am in the morning and not return home until late, but he would have sold everything he made or had repaired.

All the villagers were so very kind to me and Allen when he was alive, but since he has been gone the villagers have gone the extra mile, and I have received lots of lovely cards and flowers so thank you all so much.

Allen was a grandad to Michael, Harry, Lee, Joe, Emma, Rebecca, Megan, Emma, Jessica, Ben, Rachel Daniel. Great Grandad to: William, Thomas, Amy and Dylan.

Allen will be missed by his many friends and family and even Tiger (his dog) is missing him.

Audrey Siemen May 2025



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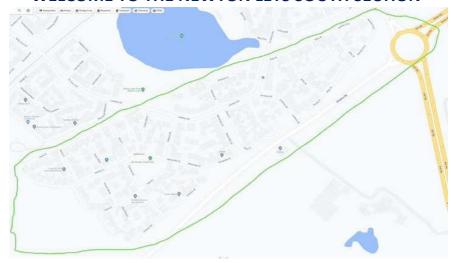
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#### WELCOME TO THE NEWTON LEYS SOUTH SECTION



We are slowly getting closer to competing the adoption of Newton Leys (Bovis estate), and also the Taylor Wimpey side.

On the Bovis side Stoke Hammond Parish Council held a meeting on 29th April to agree to proceed with the adoption as the finances have now been finalised from Firstport.

The directors of Newton Leys Management Co Ltd have a final park inspection to carry out and to have the land transferred from the builders.

We are aiming to complete the adoption of the public open space around the Bovis estate and the Dickens Lane park over the summer if we can.

On the Taylor Wimpey side of the estate Councillor Ajaz and Champion have walked around the estate and provided Taylor Wimpey with quite a long list of works that will be required to be fixed before the public open space around that estate can be adopted. There are a lot of TW's trees that need to be replaced and a few areas of grass that needs to be tidied up.

# S106 update

As part of the planning application Stoke Hammond Parish Council has had to prepare documents on the justification for changing the use of the fields it is trying to purchase to be changed to recreational use. We have completed that and are meeting our planning consultant to discuss the application this week.

We have had to conduct multiple surveys and reports on the site and will be considering those reports as part of the process.

# Cllrs Mubasshir Ajaz, Craig Champion & David Jonathan

PS: Given the really dry weather we're currently experiencing, any residents who are happy to volunteer their services to water the recently planted fruit trees, would be much appreciated by all.



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# **LADIES THAT LUNCH**

A change of seats and table positioning made the Ladies that Lunch date in May interesting! Sky chaps were putting in up to date screens and SKY televisions when Jennie and I arrived making the usual tables unavailable initially. Then Middleton's appeared later with a large quantity of liquid

refreshment in time for the FA Cup final on 17 May.

Jennie had made delicious quiche and salad, and home-made soup was available too. Some people had both and tea or coffee and cake. Where else can you obtain all that for £3?

The dates for the next two months are Tuesday 10 June and Tuesday 8 July. Again, all being well both quiche and salad and home made soup will be available for £3 in the Sports Club. We serve up at 12.30 and it's a first come first self-service. All welcome.

In other news I gave an annual report at the Annual Parish Meeting about our activities during the year at the May meeting.

Hazel and Jennie.

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Catch Up Newsletter 19/05/2025

What a weekend for football! And I'm not talking about the FA Cup... Did you know Tattenhoe FC under 15s and Milton Keynes College FC also had huge wins this weekend in their respective cup finals? And the Buckingham Swans won their major rugby match over at Twickenham. We love to see it!

In other good local news, Milton Keynes City Council are stepping up their fight against potholes. 34 sections of the cities' roads are going to be resurfaced in the next few months, including Stoke Road in Bletchley. I know how much of a blight potholes are, and this is why our government is putting such a focus on getting this job done.

And nationally things are looking up too. We now have the fastest growing economy in the G7, and today's UK-EU deal will make a real difference to our prosperity. Whilst there is still a lot to do, I promise our government is working hard to deliver for hardworking British people.

#### In Westminster

Among other things, last week I:

- Took part in the committee stage of the Terminally III Adults (End of Life) Bill.
- Met with GMB to show my support for publishing ethnicity pay gaps (pictured).
- Spoke in favour of the Mansion House Accord, which unlocks up to £50 billion extra investment for our economy.



## **Constituency Surgeries**

My next surgeries will be taking place at the following:

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Field View Studio, Castle Street, will be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (see dates above) during the Bucks. Art Weeks period, 10.30 to 5.30 pm (or indeed at another time by appointment). We will be exhibiting our lively and contemporary work by this year's group of 12 Artists and Makers. Look forward to seeing Ceramics, Print Making, Textiles, Glass Art, Pencil and Pastel Portraiture, Handturned Wood, Watercolour and Mixed Media Paintings and of course the captivating art of 'Riveting Welds". Expect to meet the Artists too - new BAW exhibitors are with us this year. (Catalogue/Website Numbers 51-62). The garden is also 'Open' and with plenty of seating for a moment of Rest and Relaxation, a drink and cake in hand.

Also in Wingrave, Julie Pugh's lovely Studio will be open (Friday 20 – Saturday 21st) showing 'One of One' Jewellery at nearby Home Farm, so just head on down Castle Street for a warm welcome and a spot of enjoyable browsing at both venues.

Rowsham? Check out Jenny Lowe's wonderful animal sculptures – and her garden too - during selected BAW days. (Catalogue/Website Number 71). Then crossing the A418, find 'Rowsham Creatives' exhibiting at Manor Farm (Catalogue/Website Number 72).

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Visit the BAW website/catalogue for specific details of artists' venues and opening times. Please note BAW full opening period is  $7^{th}$  – 22nd June.

Catalogues and advertising material available from Wingrave shop (and at Field View entrance gates) from the beginning of June.

BAW Website: https://www.bucksartweeks.org.uk/for-visitors/BAW Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/bucksartweeksofficial/

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# **MAVIS'S QUIZ**

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# STOKE HAMMOND SPORTS CLUB - NEWS

Following this year's AGM, held in April, we have seen a number of changes in personnel here at Stoke Hammond Sports Club. Amongst the changes are 3 new appointments of the club's executive committee - David Tooth as Chairman, Paul Harris as Vice Chairman and Tom Tooth as Secretary with Julia Walker continuing as Treasurer. The new committee gives it's thanks to the outgoing committee, in Particular to Joe & Mel D'agostino - the outgoing Chairman and Bar Steward (respectively) - who have stepped down after many years of service to the sports club.

In addition to the change in personnel, we are pleased to say that a number of changes have happened and are planned for the clubhouse. Our Sky TV package has been upgraded which now allows us to show more than one sporting event at once on both of our large TV Screens. A decorator has been booked to paint he clubhouse with an anticipated end of May/early June finish date. Renovations are also planned for our Male and Female toilets.

The beginning of Spring has marked the end of the football season, with our Sunday morning Vet's team ending another successful season finishing as runner's up in the league (earning promotion) and also runner's up in the cup following a closely contested final at the end of April. With the football season coming to an end, the Cricket season has swiftly begun with our Saturday league, Wednesday league & Sunday friendly teams in action every week throughout the summer. Please come down, enjoy a drink on our decking and watch the teams in action!

The pool teams have finished a successful Winter season. The A team finished 4th Place in division 1 as well as finishing runner's up in the cup after a narrow 5-4 loss in the final. The B team, having been recently promoted, managed to keep their spot in Division 2 finishing in 8th place. The summer season is due to start sometime in July - please come down on a Tuesday evening and support the teams.

The darts team are soon to begin their summer league campaign. Please come and support the team on Monday evenings throughout the summer.

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- \* Pay-point/Top up services will be available. 
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# Sports Club News cont/d....

Memberships are now due - please pop in and ask at the bar for a membership form.

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.

Tom Tooth, Secretary.



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## STOKE HAMMOND GARDENING CLUB



We have not had any meet-ups since our AGM but are all set for our Afternoon Tea and Plant Swap for our members on Saturday 7th June - 2.30pm onwards. Hopefully everyone will have been informed of it and will come along in their droves!! We understand that a motley selection of plants will be there for the taking but we repeat that

bringing a plant is definitely not a necessity just come and chat and enjoy the home made cakes until they run out!! We are always concerned about the weather but no point worrying about something you can't control!

We are then about to investigate trips and you would be surprised how much checking has to be done to find a good one.

However, we are hopeful that we will come up with something to suit everyone.

The Committee

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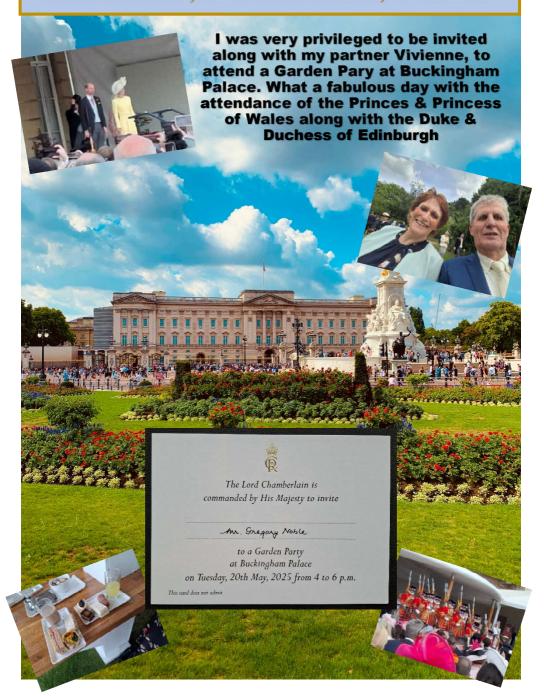
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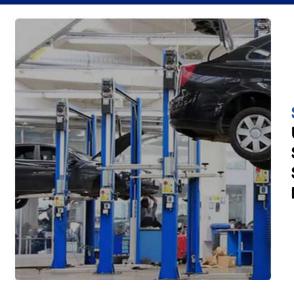


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Volunteers and donations needed: more info to follow...

#### June 2025

It's been a short half term, but a busy one. We returned to school after Easter with a whole school trip to Woburn Safari Park. Every year group took part in different workshops related to their topic but it was great to come together enjoy this experience as a whole school.

We commemorated VE Day on Thursday 8th May, by wearing red, white, and blue. The children learnt that this day marks the end of World War II in Europe, celebrating peace and remembrance. Through our reflection we watched films of the celebrations in London in 1945 along with Churchill's speech followed by the King's speech.

We are really proud of the Year 6 children who have worked so hard to demonstrate what they have learnt whilst at High Ash in the Year 6 SATs. As a special treat to celebrate the children's superb work and behaviour during the Year 6 SATs and Year 5 assessments this week, they enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of fun on the inflatables and the Tea Cup ride. This wonderful treat was kindly professionally organised by one of our school parents, T Smiths Funfair from Stoke Hammond. A huge thank you to them for helping us mark the end of a busy week in such a memorable way!

We are really proud of our in-house Catering Team too who again received 5 stars after a Food Hygiene Inspection. The team work hard to provide delicious meals every day, preparing well over 1,000 covers a week. They've been including seasonal ingredients where possible too as part of our Climate Action Plan.

We've reached out to parents asking for donations of any old or unused LEGO bricks to support our Design and Technology curriculum. LEGO will be used to

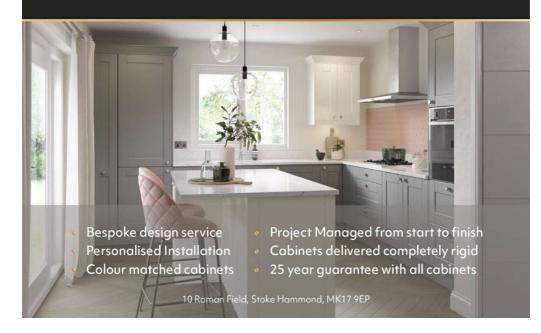




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help pupils explore construction, design, and problem-solving in creative, handson ways. If you have any spare bricks at home, please consider sending them in with your child. Your support will greatly enhance learning and engagement in our DT lessons. If you have bricks to donate we would love to hear from you, just contact the school office.

When we return after half-term we'll be looking forward to Sports Day, our annual Music Concert, and welcoming our the families joining the school in September. We're really excited too that HASA, our PTA will be hosting our first summer fayre since before the Covid pandemic. We hope to see you on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 11am-2pm.

www.highashschool.co.uk



# Joyful Tots



Joyful Tots is an inclusive drop-in for parents, Carers, those who are pregnant or anyone looking after a baby or preschool child. You can have a natter over refreshments and babies à toddlers learn to play.

Refreshments (inc. fruit) are included. Your first session is free, then £2 after that. We don't charge a termly fee because we know

what it's like with little ones – you never know how they're feeling till the day.







With the lovely weather we've had, we've spent a

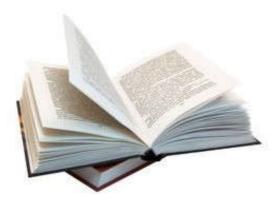
lot more time in our secure outdoor area recently. We've been on the ride-ons, baby buggy and pull-alongs as well as the slide and chalk drawing on the paving slabs. For the tinies, we have a picnic rug laid under the cherry tree with toys on. We're looking forward to more outdoor fun over the summer term!

Our session hours are 20am - 11.30am on Friday mornings during (Bucks CC) term times in the side room at Stoke Hammond Community Centre

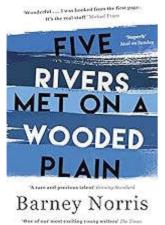


If you'd like more information please Call Diane 01525 270409 or Ashlynn 07930 240926 or message us on Facebook (Joyful Tots)

### STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



### Five Rivers Met on a Wooden Plain - by Barney Norris



This is written by a young Author who usually writes plays - he has been highly praised as this was his first novel and he is thought to show great promise. It is a tale about 5 different people who all have their problems and overlap in an unexpected way. Inevitably parts are described as depressing but overall clever and thought provoking.

Some of the Group read the first chapter which was full of swear words and worse and were put off from continuing but others were quick to point out that persevering had its rewards and readers had to accept that the first chapter was not representative

of the whole book. Our token man felt the book was about loneliness, he found it we'll worth reading but missed 'a plot', thought the first chapter was set to shock and related to and felt sorry for several of the characters.

So, the Group were a bit undecided about recommending it, some feeling the first off-putting section unnecessary!! However, others thought that a few of us were missing the point.

Conclusion: worth trying if you are not likely to be put off early and are more realistic!

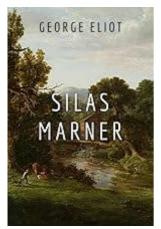
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### Silas Marner - by George Elliot



This novel was published in 1861 and was George Eliot's third novel. - it is recognised as a classic. The theme is betrayal and secrets and running through it is the importance of community and the sadness of being isolated.

Silas Marner is a reclusive miser who, to add to his troubles, is subject to fits but his sad existence is elevated by a new caring relationship which improves his lot.

Some in the Group had read it before, years ago, but others welcomed the opportunity to try a

classic. There was a beginning, middle and end which made a change and was appreciated. Most found it interesting and enjoyed the words used and the flowing descriptions. Our token man felt it was a bit hard going although interesting - but preferred the film!

Conclusion: worth giving it a chance as truly a classic.



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# OUR ACTIVITIES



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## SAVE THE DATE!

### SAT 9TH AUGUST

This summer, we're excited to bring back our beloved Annual Summer Fete! We invite you all to come along for some fun in the sun! The day will be full of fair games, good food, and entertainment! Keep your eyes peeled for more details.

We're currently looking for stall holders and food vendors to showcase their goods, crafts, or services at the fete. If you're interested in setting up a stall, we'd love to have you be a part of our event!

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### BANK HOLIDAYS

When I left school back in the mid sixties it was "suggested" by my parents that I should obtain some form of employment with a view to paying them rent. At that time there was no lack of available jobs. I believe it's the same now: there are plenty of vacancies although it seems people are over qualified and don't want to do anything beneath their anticipated level of employment.

So, I bought a copy of the Evening Standard and reviewed the options. I ended up getting an interview with a small Bank in the City. Notwithstanding my limited GCE results I persuaded them to give me employment. I say *give* as my salary was a mere £12 per week. (To put that in perspective, beer was only 1/9d - you do the maths).

In addition to that I was expected to work Saturday mornings every other week. Annual Holidays were mentioned in the employment contract - 8 days per year!

Having set the scene, the value of bank holidays can be appreciated. Bank holiday week-ends were eagerly awaited and get-aways planned.

And so, it went on for a few years. But as life progressed the country prospered – everyone strived to own a car and most of them appeared on Bank holiday weekends.

Travel became a chore. The joy went out of rushing to the hills for a break. Since then, I have never been away on a Bank Holiday.

That is until last Easter Monday. I was persuaded by a friend to venture forth. "It will be alright" he said. We would be heading North on the Monday and everyone else would be coming home. Blow me down if he wasn't right! We had an easy trip. But it made me think – what is the point of Bank Holidays. Back in the 60's there were only 4 holidays a year. Now there









# PCC Newsletter May 2025

### Latest news and views from your Police and Crime Commissioner



At the start of this month, the Chief Constable and I presented awards to community groups across Thames Valley as part of our Community Fund at an event in Milton Keynes.

As well as being an opportunity to provide over £200,000 of cash taken from criminals to worthwhile local groups, it was also an opportunity to say a huge thank you to those who do so much to support our communities. You can read more about the funding, below.

In April, we received confirmation that my bid to fund an additional 68 neighbourhood police officers for Thames Valley had been successful. These new officers to be recruited this year are on top of the increase that we have already seen in neighbourhood policing locally. This is the keystone of my <u>Police and Crime Plan</u> and once these officers hit the streets there will be more than two and a half times as many neighbourhood police officers as when I launched my <u>Crimefighters strategy</u> in 2023.

Overall crime in Thames Valley continues to fall, and Thames Valley Police are doing a good job but there is more work to do. I urge you to report crime or concerns directly to the police, don't assume someone else will do it. Reporting on social media, turning a blind eye or assuming that crimes will be dismissed won't lead to action.

Only reporting crimes to the police will lead to more criminals being caught and, if cases can be prosecuted, victims getting the justice they deserve.

Matthew Barber

are 8 and what do we get?

Traffic jams all round the country. (Sit at home and listen to traffic reports – most entertaining).

Blocked airports

Inflated prices for holidays

Repeats of Mary Poppins and the Great Escape

I believe all the above could be alleviated by cancelling bank holidays! Not to the detriment of the workers however. Everyone should be given an additional 8 days holiday to be taken at their pleasure. This would spread the congestion and remove the overinflated holiday prices.

Oh, and one final thing - there doesn't appear to be any Banks left!

### Grumpy Old Man



I am a fully qualified hair stylist with 20 years experience. After spending a few years in various salons specialising in cutting and colouring, I then decided to start my own business venture in freelance hairdressing. I provide a very reliable and friendly service and always look forward to meeting new customers.

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### ANSWERS TO MAVIS'S QUIZ:

- 1 Jamie Oliver
- 2 Nigella Lawson
- 3 Ansley Harriott
- 4 Gordon Ramsay
- 5 Mary Berry
- 6 Paul Hollywood
- 7 Prue Leith
- 8 Madhur Jaffrey
- 9 Marco Pierre White
- 10 Delia Smith



### High Ash Scout Group: Adventure, Achievement and Outdoor Fun!

The High Ash Scout Group has been bustling with exciting activities, skill-building challenges and well-earned celebrations!

The end of the Easter term saw our annual family bingo evening, where plenty of Easter eggs were won and much-needed funds were raised for our group. Pancake Day was another highlight, with Scouts lighting fires and cooking delicious(ish) pancakes—an annual tradition that never disappoints! Our Cubs recently stepped back in time for the "Meet the Flintstones" camp, packed with adventure. They tackled caving, obstacle courses, archery, axe



throwing, and fire lighting, alongside fascinating insight sessions on early hunting methods and Stonehenge. The

weekend ended with a lively campfire and outdoor disco, bringing plenty of laughter and



camaraderie.

Teamwork was a theme one week, with Cubs taking on bomb defusing and minefield challenges, testing their problem-solving abilities in fun and creative ways.



A proud moment came at the District St. George's Day parade in Milton Keynes when our Cub Leader, Darren (Akela), was awarded the Chief Scout Commendation in recognition of his dedication to our pack. Additionally, one of our Cubs earned the esteemed Chief Scout Silver



Award—the highest award in Cubs—presented at a special fun-day at Paccar Campsite, celebrating the achievements of Buckinghamshire Cubs.

Both our Cubs and Scouts enjoyed a hike through Brickhill Woods to Stoke Hammond, taking in the beautiful scenery in the spring sunshine. Back in the village, teams embarked on a treasure hunt, uncovering hidden clues and answers while exploring the local area.

Meanwhile, our Scouts have been practicing pioneering, sharpening their skills in preparation for an eagerly awaited summer camp in June.

With adventure, teamwork, and achievement at the heart of everything we do, the High Ash Scout Group continues to inspire young people to challenge themselves, learn new skills and most importantly, have fun!



Thank you to everyone who continues to support the High Ash Scout Group - if you want to join the adventure either as a young person 8-14 years, or as an adult volunteer, please make contact via join.highash@mkscouts.org.



Lead Volunteer – High Ash Scout Group

dave.pollington@mkscouts.org

### STOKE HAMMOND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO www.stokehammondcommunitycentre.com



### Free online volunteering platform for Buckinghamshire

Volunteer Bucks, the online volunteer platform for Buckinghamshire, helps potential volunteers to find and apply for volunteering opportunities according to interests, location, and availability.

Launched by local charity Community Impact Bucks in September 2024, the platform now has over 300 volunteer vacancies ready to be filled from 129 organisations from across the county – from foodbanks and community libraries, to conservation charities and youth organisations.

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.

To register as a volunteer or as an organisation looking for volunteers, go to the Volunteer Bucks website. www.volunteerbucks.org.uk

### Social media



>> Volunteer Bucks is 6 months old >>

Since launching in Sept 2024:

Nearly 900 volunteers & organisations have registered

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90+ positions filled

Have a look at the apps and apply via the platform>> www.volunteerbucks.org.uk



### St Luke's Church News

What a busy time we've had over the last couple of months! Of course, it did cover



Easter with our *Palm Sunday* procession from the Green to the church followed by the Easter service, with beautiful decorations by the flower arrangers (special thanks to

Alex). As if that weren't enough, we were surrounded by flowers again for the *Plant Sale* the next week. Tables groaning with flowers were soon sold off on a beautiful day, raising much needed funds. In early May, a good number of people enjoyed tea, cream scones & cakes at the church. Delicious *home-made cakes* and a good chat were enjoyed by all! Our





Annual Meeting also took place in May and we

shared our "Big Brekkie" Community Breakfast by supporting Christian Aid. Donations were increased by £109 by the Bring and Buy sale at the Wednesday Coffee Morning. Thanks to all who brought and bought! If you couldn't make it to the breakfast, you can still

donate to Christian Aid online at: <a href="https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-009429">https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-009429</a> or search Christian Aid.

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

Café Church service will be on 1st June from 9.30am. It's our most accessible service: after a light breakfast of bacon/sausage butty, cereal or croissants, during which you can chat, a brief (15min) informal

croissants, during which you can chat, a brief (15min), informal "service" with a discussion or some-thing to think on follows with



prayers & a Bible reading/song. We look forward to seeing you. Everyone's welcome! On 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10am there'll be a Modern Benefice Service for Pentecost (Whitsun) at Little Brickhill Village Hall which will include activities for children.

There'll be an **Afternoon Benefice Songs of Praise** on **20**<sup>th</sup> **July** at **3pm** at **All Saints, Bow Brickhill**. If you'd like to request a hymn or just come and sing your heart out, join us! Please ask if you'd like more information on these services.

### Fundraising:

Unfortunately owing to availability and clashes, please note that dates for several events have had to be changed. Coming up this month, we have the

Church Fete on 21st June from 1-4pm at the Stoke Hammond Community Centre



in Bragenham Side. We'll have all the usual stalls, tombola and refreshments as well as Morris Dancers and we hope an ice-

cream van. Our helpers will call on you the

week before the fete to collect foods and drinks for the Tombola stall and  $2^{\rm nd}$  hand or unwanted goods for the bric-a-brac (no clothes thank you). Afternoon Teas at Tyrells Manor will be



served on **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> July** with one **3pm** sitting. Tickets are **£20pp** and will include a glass of prosecco or elderflower cordial and canapes on arrival. Special diets can be catered for. Please contact Dave Webber for tickets and details. Future events include:**30<sup>th</sup> August: Pig Roast & Barn Dance 6-10.30pm** (tickets A: £10, Ch: £5)

20<sup>th</sup> September: Beetle Drive 29<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Fayre

If you'd like to make a donation to the church please send a BACS to sort code: **20-57-40** ac no.**00869198** (Stoke Hammond Parochial Church Council) and tell us (<a href="mailto:treasurer.shpcc@yahoo.com">treasurer.shpcc@yahoo.com</a>) you've done so, adding your postcode & house name or number if you're able to gift aid your donation.

### **Church Activities:**



**Volunteers:** We would appreciate new volunteers to join our **cleaning team**. Cleaning takes about an hour and the rota is once every 6 weeks. 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. We'll accept prayer requests via cards at the Community Breakfast or church-wardens. Call us. (see below)



The next Community Breakfasts are on 14<sup>th</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> July at the Community Centre. Orders are taken from 8.30 to 10.30am. As well as full English, we serve lighter breakfasts and we welcome your visitors too! There's no charge, but you can make a donation if you want. Food bank donations are also collected here.



Our rector John Waller is walking **70Km for Christian Aid** in May and would be delighted if you'd like to donate. The QR code takes you to his web page or search <a href="https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk">https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk</a> and type in "John's Walking Challenge".



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, vegetable oil, cat food, orange juice, squash, sugar and milk.

**Toy Swap Shop:** in the church porch so feel free to use it. If you have toys, games or **children's** books that you no longer need, please donate them to the Swap Shop.

Bible verse of the month: John 8 v 12: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

What does it mean? When Jesus spoke these words, he was speaking to the rule-bound Jewish religious leaders and trying to tell them who he was but he was explaining through a metaphor, which they couldn't understand. In the Bible, light symbolises the truth, knowledge and life, while darkness represents ignorance, sin and death. Jesus was explaining that he was

the source of truth and the way to eternal life. His true followers would show his light reflected in how they spoke and their deeds. Even today, we can often tell Christians acting in Christ's light from their kind actions and words.

Funeral information: Crematoria don't 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.

### <u>Church Benefice Website:</u> <u>www.brickhillschurches.org.uk</u>.

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 07773065271 or Diane on 270409 or dianejwebber@gmil** 



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# PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES APRIL – MAY 2025



In this section you will find details of planning applications received, comments made by your Parish Council, and any updates on previous planning applications.

### **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

This was the same application with some additional details and correspondence that the PC had first seen in January to which Cllrs had resolved to OBJECT and with no obvious changes your Council again resolved to 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.

25/00621/APP – 24 Lansbury Road, Newton Leys South MK3 5RA Householder application for construction of single storey side extension Cllrs resolved they had NO Objections to this application.

### PLANNING UPDATES:

25/00404/COUAR Paper Mill Barns, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB

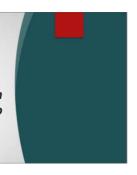
Prior notification application (Part 3, Class Q) for change of use and conversion of an existing agricultural barn into 1no. dwelling and demolition of adjacent barn and change of use of land to garden and parking space

Cllrs had previously resolved that they had NO Objection to this application which has since been approved on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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: <a href="https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application">https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application</a>

### Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys South Neighbourhood Plan Update

Unfortunately, still very little to report as we are very much in the hands of Buckinghamshire Council, as we await them to confirm an examiner for our submitted plan.



# MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR FENNY RD 18/03/25 TO 21/05/25

Report Generated: 22/05/2025 11:14:27 Speed Intervals = 5 MPH For Project: Fenny Road Projects Notes/Address: Location/Name: Incoming

21/05/2025 13:59:59 through Traffic Report From 18/03/2025 00:00:00

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Max Speed = 65.0 MPH on 03/04/2025 01:45:00 85th Percentile Vehicles = 107,593 counts 85th Percentile Speed = 32.8 MPH Total Vehicles =126,580 counts

Volumes - weekly vehicle counts

AADT: 1959.9

11:00 to 12:00 16:00 to 17:00 Time Average Daily

5 Day 2,026 142 195

AM Peak PM Peak

85th Percentile Speed: 32.8 MPH Speed Limit: 35 MPH Speed

10 MPH Pace Interval: 20.0 MPH to 30.0 MPH 50th Percentile Speed: 26.5 MPH Average Speed: 26.7 MPH

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Avg Speed

Sunday 1043 7.4 39.1

Saturday 1353 6.1

Friday 1466 7.7





## News from Buckinghamshire Council

Dear Resident 23 May 2025

I wanted to write to you at the earliest opportunity, to introduce myself as the new Leader of Buckinghamshire Council. It is the greatest honour that fellow councillors have put their faith in me to undertake this role and my work starts immediately.

I firstly want to thank all of our residents for placing their faith in their newly elected councillors and for trusting in them to make a positive contribution to the lives of the people of Buckinghamshire.



As Leader, I will serve and lead this council with residents' best interests at heart. There are over 550,000 people in the county and not everyone will agree with every decision but as is often said, to govern is to choose and the choices to come, as difficult as they may be, will be made with our residents and our county in mind. Always.

First and foremost, I'm committed to public service to the people of Buckinghamshire, and I will, as my predecessor before me did, keep you up to date on all the important news and information that you need from us.

### A bit about me

I am absolutely passionate about Buckinghamshire; I've had a long-standing connection here and live in the county with my family. It is undoubtedly true that Buckinghamshire is a fantastic place to live, work, start a business and to raise a family. We should all be very proud of that, and as a family man and a company director in the county, I have direct experience of what it's like to work and to build a life here.

I have also been involved in politics in Buckinghamshire for over a decade. I was first elected in 2015 to the former Wycombe District Council and held the Economic and Regeneration Portfolio. I have then served as a councillor on Buckinghamshire Council for more than five years and was proud and delighted earlier this month to be re-elected as ward Member for Ridgeway East. I was also Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transport under the previous administration.

I have always valued face-to-face contact with residents and have benefited from speaking to residents in all parts of the county. Those conversations help inform my immediate priorities as I step into this role. Looking to the future, your councillors will work together, as elected Members, regardless of political party, to make decisions that positively impact the county.

Much excellent work is already underway making progress on the challenges we face, and I want us to accelerate this. We are examining new ways of doing things, making savings and finding efficiencies while continuing to deliver improved services. I will go into more detail about our priorities in the coming weeks and months.

# MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR NEWTON RD 18/03/25 TO 21/05/25

For Project: Newton Road Projects Notes/Address:

Location/Name: Incoming

Report Generated: 22/05/2025 11:20:07

Speed Intervals = 5 MPH

Time Intervals = Instant

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85th Percentile Speed = 29.5 MPH

85th Percentile Vehicles = 25,118 counts

Max Speed = 50.0 MPH on 19/03/2025 17:20:00

Total Vehicles =29,551 counts

ADT: 457.6

Volumes - weekly vehicle counts

Average Daily AM Peak

PM Peak

08:00 to 09:00 15:00 to 16:00 Time

5 Day 491 35

10 MPH Pace Interval: 20.0 MPH to 30.0 MPH 85th Percentile Speed: 29.5 MPH 50th Percentile Speed: 25.1 MPH Average Speed: 24.8 MPH Speed Limit: 35 MPH Speed

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
ount over limit	40	99	4.5	59	61	9	49
over limit	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.6
vg Speeder	37.8	38.2	38.3	38.2	38.0	38.3	37.9
vg Speed	16.0	15.7	15.6	13.8	16.0	17.6	17.3

### **New Cabinet**

At this week's Buckinghamshire Council Annual General Meeting, I announced your council's new Cabinet – the ten councillors who will carry out this important work forward on behalf of residents, under their given portfolio area. You can Igo to the Council's website for details of who your new Cabinet Members are, the Deputy Cabinet Members who have also been appointed, and the work they are tasked with. Please look out for more updates and progress reports. You will rightly hold me and this council to account for our actions and our delivery and in turn, I will keep you informed and involved as we get this new era for Buckinghamshire Council underway. Enjoy the Spring Bank Holiday weekend and I'll be in touch again soon,

Leader - Buckinghamshire Council Steven Broadbent



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### **NEWTON LONGVILLE WARD Your new Ward Councillors**



Councillor **Jilly Jordan** 07740 308468



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### VILLAGE DIARY

 $\begin{array}{lll} Tuesday \ 3^{rd} \ June & Parish \ Council \ Meeting - Community \ Centre - 19.30 \\ Saturday \ 7^{th} \ June & Community \ Fun \ Day - Sports \ Club/Field \ 12.00 - 17.00 \\ Saturday \ 14^{th} \ June & Community \ Breakfast - Community \ Centre \ 08.30 - 10.30 \\ Saturday \ 21^{st} \ June & St \ Luke's \ Church \ Fete - Community \ Centre \ 13.00 - 16.00 \\ Tuesday \ 1^{st} \ July & Parish \ Council \ Meeting - Pavillion \ Newton \ Leys - 19.30 \\ Saturday \ 5^{th} \ July & Afternoon \ Tea - Community \ Centre \ 14.00 - 16.00 \\ \end{array}$ 

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July Afternoon Tea at Tyrells Manor – 15.00

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July Community Breakfast – Community Centre 8.30 – 10.30 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August Pig Roast & Barn Dance – Community Centre 18.00 – 22.30

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

### ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

### High Ash Scouts, Cubs (Beavers) Curious Cubs Buttons Pre-School

Thursday 17.30 – 21.30hrs Contact: Dave Pollington 01525 270864

<u>dave.pollington@mkscouts.org</u> www.scouts.org.uk Tuesday 12.30 – 14.10hrs hello@curious-cubs.com www.curious-cubs.com Monday – Friday 09.00 – 15.00hrs

Contact: 01908 533404

<u>enquiries@buttonspreschools.co.uk</u> www.buttonspreschools.co.uk

Louisa Harris Pilates Monday day/evening

Contact: 07941 203589
Louisa.pilates@gmail.com
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Chair Yoga

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

So, did the front cover bring make memories for some, when what is now 16 years ago on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009, that the new Village Sign on the Green was officially unveiled. If you were there, you will recall that the sign 'put up a fight' and despite the best efforts of Neil Blake and Keith Chambers the tarpaulin cover was having none of it and refused to be removed. Eventually, with audacious use of poles and Keith clambering up the sign, the reveal finally happened to much applause from the attending crowd of residents.

At the same event, the memorial bench for Joseph Cato, Robert Gale and Samuel Baily, Stoke Hammond residents who lost their lives whilst serving in World War II was also unveiled.

Well done to the 'Wombles' a group of villagers who did on a Sunday in May, spend several hours litter picking around Stoke Hammond village.

Finally, I hope you liked the little insight into my trip to Buckingham Palace.

May I please have copy for the August/September 2025 issue by the **25<sup>th</sup> July**Greg Noble, The Birches, Church Road, Stoke Hammond. MK17 9BP
01525 270744 E-mail: gregnoble1980@aol.com



### WASTE COLLECTION DATES

STOKE HAMMOND VILLAGE & NEWTON LEYS SOUTH

Waste Bin:	Recycling Bin: Paper, glass, cardboard, plastics, cartons, cans & tins	Food Waste Bin:	Garden Waste Bin:
	Wednesday 4 June	Wednesday 4 June	
Wednesday 11 June		Wednesday 11 June	Wednesday 11 June
	Wednesday 18 June	Wednesday 18 June	
Wednesday 25 June		Wednesday 25 June	Wednesday 25 June
	Thursday 2 July	Wednesday 2 July	
Wednesday 9 July		Wednesday 9 July	Wednesday 9 July
	Wednesday 16 July	Wednesday 16 July	
Wednesday 23 July		Wednesday 23 July	Wednesday 23 July
	Wednesday 30 July	Wednesday 30 July	



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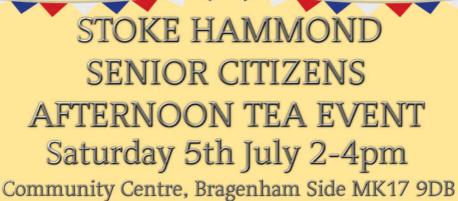
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