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April-May 2023

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Stoke Hammond Speeding Working Group



The Speeding Working Group is now in possession of the certified hand-held speed detection device and with a current team of 5 officially trained operators, we are now ready to start Speedwatch in the village, and indeed by the time you read this article, it is hoped that the first official Speedwatch will have taken place. For a Speedwatch session to be held it is a requirement that there are a minimum of 3 trained operators present, so we would welcome additional volunteers to be part of our Speedwatch team.

If you would like to join the group, please email gregnoble@stokehammondpc.com or call on 07729 691888



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- 7th Apr: 2-3pm Good Friday Final Hour (Drop in)
Church open for reflection & quiet prayer
- 9th Apr: 09.30am Easter Sunday HC – SB
- 16th Apr: 10.00am Benefice HC Service - JW
- 23rd Apr: 09.30am Morning Worship – JW
- 30th Apr: 10.00am Benefice HC Service – JW



Note: To be held at All Saints, Bow Brickhill

MAY

- 7th May: 10.00am Benefice Service for the Coronation – JW
Note: To be held at St Mary's, Great Brickhill
- 14th May: 11.00am Family Service – JW
- 21st May: 09.30am Morning Worship – DW
- 28th May: 09.30am Holy Communion – JW

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Well, we start this PC News with some good news, as for what has seemed an inordinate amount of time to get sorted, a year actually, Bucks Highways have finally agreed to the proposed locations for the three new solar powered mobile vehicle activated (MVAS) speed indicator signs. One to be permanently located at the Leighton Road entrance to the village, the second on the Fenny Road and the third on the Newton Road. These new signs being solar powered with Blue Tooth technology, so no batteries to be recharged or the need to plug in a laptop to download the data, which will include information such as average and maximum speeds plus vehicle counts. These new MVAS along with our new Speedwatch Group which will very soon be hitting the road, should hopefully assist in reducing the speed of vehicles through our village.

We continue with good news, in that the PC is back to being a full council with 7 members, following the co-option at our February PC Meeting of Steven Julier and Mubasshir Ajaz. Steven being a resident of the village and Mubasshir from Newton Leys South, which now means the PC has two Councillors representing this important area of our Parish.

Still on the subject of Newton Leys South, and no doubt this item will be given greater editorial space in the separate NLS News section, and as touched on in the last PC News, residents on the Bovis side of the estate are very unhappy with the level of service and the high charges they face from the First Port management company. The PC required further investigation before they could potentially get involved. However, at the March PC meeting, Cllr Craig Champion presented the PC with much greater detail and what the process might involve. As a result, the PC resolved in the first instance to fund the hire of the Newton Leys Pavilion for a residents public meeting, and secondly, to agree in principle to enter into discussions to adopt the public open space and Dickens Lane Park currently maintained by the management company, but only once the residents of NLS have taken control of said management company.

Hopefully, many of you were able to get along to the Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) exhibition put on by the NHP Steering Working Group at the Community Centre over the weekend of the 25th/26th March. Your input and how you answered some of the questions put before you, will go a long way in helping the Working Group put together their draft document for presentation to the PC before then going out to you the residents.

The PC fulfilled their commitment to the residents of Mount Pleasant to back them in their campaign to get the grassed area on the corner of Leighton Road and Mount Pleasant declared a 'Village Green', by reading out a supportive witness statement at the recent Public Enquiry. This enquiry had been scheduled to last four days, but in the end only took a little less than three. It will however, be some weeks before a decision will be made and announced by the planning inspectorate.

The PC with the aid of many other Stoke Hammond organisations laid on four days of events for last year's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, and it's pleasing to see that the Stoke Hammond Community Association are hosting an afternoon Picnic Party at the Community Centre on Saturday 6th May to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

Stoke Hammond Neighbourhood Plan

New families, new houses, new businesses: Have your say on the neighbourhood plan

Hopefully many of you will have attended the Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition on the 25/26th March. This will have been our second consultation with Parishioners following the original scoping questionnaire which was used by the Steering Group to consider the draft content of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Exhibition was crucial to validate that we had interpreted the desires of the community correctly and reflected this in the plan. The steering group will now be reviewing the feedback received both on Planning policies and possible site allocations, the latter also in the light of a Strategic Environmental Assessment of each site that has been produced for us by Locality, a government agency who specialises in this work for Parish Councils.

The output from this work will be the production of a final plan from the Steering group that will need to be signed off by the Parish Council. Once this has been achieved the plan will be open for the formal Public Consultation across the Parish during the summer months.

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You may recall that in the last PC News we advised as to how unhappy the PC and indeed many of you parishioners were with the promise much but achieve very little aspect that is our Unitary Ward Councillor Phil Gomm. It was therefore agreed that we would write to all three of our Unitary Ward Councillors, requesting that one of the other two Ward Councillors became the representative for Stoke Hammond. It's rather disappointing to advise that we have to date received no real communication in response to our request and that for both the February and March PC Meetings, there was no representation or reports from any of our Unitary Ward Councillors. It would seem that Stoke Hammond has become a pariah as far as our Ward Councillors are concerned, but we will continue in our efforts to be correctly represented, and if necessary, escalate the matter to Buckinghamshire Council.

So, as mentioned, there have been two PC Meetings since the last PC News and before providing some brief details of matters/raised discussed, just a reminder that all aspects pertaining to planning matters can be found in the 'Planning Updates' section and copies of meeting agendas and minutes are available to view and download on our website www.stokehammondpc.com

The PC were joined by 22 members of the public for meeting held on the evening of Tuesday 7th February, and some of the items discussed/debated were as follows:

- The ongoing saga of the mess and rubbish at the layby on the Fenny Road, was yet again raised, something our Ward Councillor Phil Gomm had promised to sort. It was suggested that we should maybe get our local MP Greg Smith involved, to see if he could get things moving along.
- The tree engulfing the lamppost on Phoebes Orchard has moved on a bit, and the PC along with our contractor will be meeting with the residents of No20 to agree a mutually acceptable level of work in removing some of the offending branches.
- Following a recent meeting with residents on the Fenny Road who would be most affected by the proposed new bus stop, it was agreed to go with a wooden constructed with seating designed bus shelter. It is hoped that over time, we could adopt this design of shelter for all of the bus stops within the village. It was also suggested by a member of the public that perhaps the PC could add some sort of plaque to the shelter to commemorate the Kings Coronation. Our clerk will investigate.
- There were a couple of issues raised relating to the Dolphin PH, the first being that due to its overwhelming success, the car park at times could not cope, leading to customers parking their cars on the roads outside, which whilst totally legal was causing some issues, particularly if they were parked on the relatively narrow entrance of Bragenham Side. The situation would be monitored, but a positive side effect, was that vehicles were having to slow down to navigate past the cars. The second issue related to a blocked drain outside the pub, this along with several other blocked drains throughout the village, would again be reported by our clerk.
- The PC are still investigating the Community Payback Scheme and how best this could be implemented for the benefit of Stoke Hammond. But in order for the scheme to work, we would need to provide certain facilities for the scheme workers, for example toilets and handwashing, shelter from inclement weather and other such provisions.

YOUR GREAT BRICKHILL UNITARY WARD COUNCILLORS

The Great Brickhill Ward includes the villages of: Drayton Parslow, Dunton, Great Brickhill, Hoggeston, Hogshaw, Mursley, Newton Longville, North Marston, Oving, Pitchcott, Quainton, Soulbury, Stewkley, Stoke Hammond & Swanbourne.



Phil Gomm

It's been a privilege living and being part of the spirited multicultural Aylesbury Vale community all my life. People have always been my focus and as a DJ Presenter and owner of an events company, listening and delivering accurately has been key. Family is extremely important and it's been my pleasure to farm and breed horses with them. Recently, as a County Councillor, Chairman of Thames Valley Crimestoppers and Buckingham Neighbourhood Action Group I've gained a passion for advocating for the best for people which I endeavour to continue.

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Jilly Jordan

I am currently working as a Unitary Councillor in the Ivers. I have served on several committees, including planning (local and strategic) and finance, and I am Chairman of the local Community Board. We recently moved to live in the area. I am keen to use experience gained as a member of Buckinghamshire Council to the benefit of the local community. Clearly, we face many challenges, including those presented by major infrastructure projects. I look forward to getting to know members of the local communities and working together to maintain and improve the quality of life in our villages.

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Iain Macpherson

Iain has spent the last 39 years in business, initially in international sales and marketing roles for multi-national companies travelling extensively, but more recently in medium sized businesses in the food sector in the Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire area as Managing Director. He has always taken a keen interest in both national and local politics and has recently supported Greg Smith's campaign pre-election on the doorsteps. He's attended many fundraising events and local activities such as the anti-HS2 rallies. Iain is married to Angela, they have two mature children; Rosanna (31) and Angue (28)

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For the March 7th PC meeting there were 17 members of the public who came along to listen and take part, and the more interesting and worthy of note were as follows:

- Cllr Noble on behalf of the Speedwatch Group was pleased to announce that 5 people have now completed the online training course and 6 locations around the village have been approved for the operation of the scheme. Anyone logged as speeding will receive a warning letter from the Police, and if caught speeding on 3 occasions, the offender will receive an actual visit from the Police.
- Cllr Venn is continuing to work very closely with the Hills Group the developers of the Fenny Road site, and has raised issues concerning contractors vehicles parking on the kerb on Scott's Close. Hills have placed cones on the Fenny Road itself to prevent parking there when the site is open. Hills have also offered the community 30 days of manpower to do odd jobs around the village plus also offer their services to the Lindens Care Home.
- Cllr Noble gave an update on the farcical situation that had occurred regarding the Community Board Grant for the Community Centre, where it was granted, and for then some inexplicable reason it was then redacted. Cllr Noble expressed his thanks to his colleagues on the PC who came along to give their support at the Community Board meeting held in Winslow last month. The chair of the board finally confirmed the grant award, just before the resurfacing work at the Community Centre was about to get underway.
- The clerk gave several updates, including continuing endeavours to get the blocked drains throughout the village sorted. The tree engulfed lamppost on Phoebes Orchard was now sorted, and quotations were being sought to repair/replace the fencing by the brook on the land to the rear of the Community Centre.
- It was suggested by a member of the public, that until the long term plan for the Fenny Road layby is established, that maybe it might be a good idea to instal a couple of litter bins to hopefully reduce the amount of discarded rubbish. The PC agreed to investigate the costs for both installing and emptying these bins along with seeking permission from the highways department.

The dates for our next two PC Meetings are Tuesday 4th April and Tuesday 2nd May, both to take place at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB, starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings.

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

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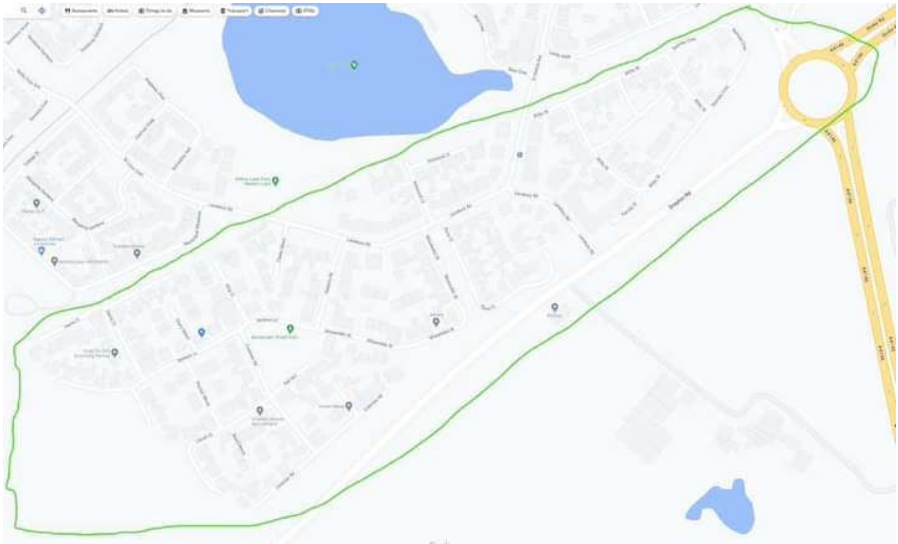


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Firstport and Newton Leys Management Company update

In the March Parish Council meeting it was agreed by the Parish Council that it would enter discussions with residents, about the adoption of the Public Open Space around the Bovis Homes part of the Newton Leys estate and Dickens Lane park, when they have control of the management company,

Cllr Champion has outlined how residents will be able to take control of the management company, but it will require a few volunteers to be directors of that company initially. If residents can agree with the Parish Council for the park and public open space to be adopted, it will allow the management company to be wound down and fees would no longer be required to be paid for service charges, registration of changes of ownership or re-mortgages. The restrictions in every property's deeds could also be removed.

Please keep an eye on the Newton Leys South Facebook page for updates. If any resident would like to volunteer to be a director of the management company, please email craigchampion@stokehammondpc.com

We are hoping residents should be able to take control of the management company by summer. A number of longstanding items can be resolved once residents have control including the installation of a defibrillator and grit bins by Dickens Lane park, as obtaining the consent of the management company has proved difficult in the past.

Local plan

Stoke Hammond Parish Council is in the process of drafting its Local Plan. This gives residents a say in the type and location of future development within the Parish Council area. Only one landowner adjoining Newton Leys came forward with a plan for future development and it is in the field to the West of

the estate facing Dickens Lane. The Parish Council over the last weekend of March, held a public consultation/exhibition at the Stoke Hammond Community Centre. Residents were able to look at proposals for development across the Parish and to offer their feedback on each potential future development and to also learn of the principles the Parish Council want to include to guide any future development.

The Parish Council is keen to increase recreational space and facilities around Newton Leys and Stoke Hammond village, but we would appreciate residents' views. An evening session will be arranged in Newton Leys Pavilion in April or early May to allow Newton Leys residents a local venue to provide their feedback if they were unable to attend the sessions in Stoke Hammond Community Centre.

Willis Street parking

We have received feedback from residents that parking at the top of Willis Street where it joins Parrot Court is regularly being obstructed due to the number of parked cars and the lack of parking. SHPC is raising this issue with Taylor Wimpey to see if any improvements can be made to the number of parking spaces available to residents.

New Newton Leys councillor

Mubasshir Ajaz who lives in Newton Leys South has become a Parish Councillor. Mubasshir is from the Taylor Wimpey side of the estate so will be able to advocate for the newer residents of NLS.



NO HANG UP SCAMS

'No Hang Up' scams are a particularly worrying type of scam which are becoming more common as of late, particularly with our elderly and vulnerable residents.

This is where the scammer will call the victim and tell them that there is a problem with their banking. The scammer will ask for the victim's PIN number and/or passwords. If the victim starts to become suspicious, the scammer will tell the victim that if they don't believe them, that they will hang up and that the victim then needs to call their bank or the police immediately. They do this with the intent of panicking the victim and making them feel flustered.

The scammer will then tell the victim that they are about to hang up and that that the victim must dial either 999 or their bank's telephone number (which is on the back of their bank card) straight away.

Because the victim is now feeling flustered, they don't always realise that the scammer has not hung up the call. The victim will then dial 999 or the telephone number for their bank. Due to them panicking, they do not realise that there is no dial tone before they dial.

The scammer will then "answer" the call pretending to be the Police or the bank.

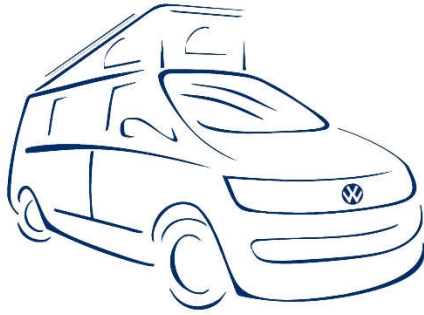
The victim will then believe that they are now talking to the Police or their bank. The scammer will ask lots of questions, so all the financial information that the victim believes is going to the Police or the bank is in fact, going to the scammer.

The scammer's whole purpose is to cause the victim panic so they aren't 100% concentrating on what they are doing and miss the important element that they have not hung up the call and that the line is still open.

- **ALWAYS** CHECK FOR A DIAL TONE WHEN PHONING THE POLICE OR BANK IF THIS HAPPENS TO YOU.
- USE A DIFFERENT PHONE WHEN MAKING THE SECOND PHONE CALL.
- ALWAYS TERMINATE THE CALL EVEN IF THEY SAY THEY ARE GOING TO.
- ALLOW YOURSELF SOME TIME TO COMPOSE YOURSELF AND THINK STRAIGHT.
- PHONE A TRUSTED FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER.
- The most important point here is, THE POLICE WILL **NEVER** ASK YOU FOR ANY FINACIAL INFORMATION AND THE BANK WILL NEVER ASK YOU FOR YOUR PIN OR PASSWORD.

We have had increasing amounts of reports of this type of scam and it is very important that we spread this advice to as many people as possible. Please share this information on your social media and to any family and friends who you believe would benefit from reading this.





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Economics

Hands up - I never studied economics beyond GCE (that's right - there was no S in it in those days) O level. I may therefore have the wrong end of the stick but bear with me. Over the last 12 months or so the cost of energy has been going up and up. Partly due to the war with Russia in Ukraine gas supplies have been reduced. As a result, energy companies have had less to sell and the price has increased accordingly on the global market. So, if the companies have been selling less how come the profit figures released last month show:

B P	2021 Profit	\$44 billion
	2022 Profit	\$77 billion
Shell	2021 Profit	\$20 billion
	2022 Profit	\$42 billion

I believe similar increased profits were declared by the owners of British Gas.

At a basic level as I see it there are 3 parts to the equation:

Cost of product + Profit = Selling price

Now if a man sells widgets and the cost of a widget is £10. He adds his profit margin of £2 and sells it for £12. If the widget cost goes up 3 times to £30 and he adds on his profit of £2 you might expect to have to pay £32

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The fuel companies are telling us that the increased selling price results from additional purchase and production costs. However if they are showing around a 100% bigger profits and they are selling less product then the profit figure in the equation must have been increased in the hope that we would not notice. I think we might be being taken for a ride.

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The Effects of Stress on the Body

We have probably all felt the visceral effects on our body from stress; there is our acute 'fight or flight' reaction where we feel the flood of adrenalin that makes us breathe fast, our stomach to churn and flutter, our voice to raise pitch and our hair to stand on end. Perhaps some of us are less aware, but we also have a response to prolonged, less immediate stress. This is mediated in the most part by cortisol, a hormone which is released in higher than normal quantities. It explains the way we can feel under pressure from day to day, nagging stressors we may face at work and with family life.

There is a very real effect of these prolonged stressors on our body, which includes fatigue from poor quality, interrupted sleep, irritable bowels, and difficulty concentrating and multi-tasking. From a physical point of view, we can often see this in how the body is held; tense muscles and faster breathing patterns can lift the shoulders, or we may slouch forward and hunch due to the feeling of anxiety stress can induce.

Fortunately, we are resilient and can usually cope well with the effects of stress, and most of us have managed to deal with stressful events or periods and had no lasting consequence on our health. However, problems can occur when the stressors persists for too long, or our coping mechanisms have been suppressed, such as in illness or ill-health. Persistent stress is known to contribute to, or sometimes actually cause many types of musculoskeletal pain conditions. It is particularly well-documented in persistent low back pain, repetitive strain type neck and arm pain, temporo-mandibular joint pain, and tension headache and migraine.

In these circumstances we can usually help reduce the impact of stress on the body. Learning relaxed, diaphragmatic breathing techniques will help reduce the muscular tension, as can techniques to contract and relax the muscles or stretch them. We can also get relief from heat and massage or the therapeutic effects of acupuncture. Physiotherapy assessment can help you identify where stress is having an impact on your body and guide you with strategies and treatments to help. Charlotte and Matt at Charlotte Lyons Physiotherapy are experienced Physiotherapists who can help. We are based at Craven House, Water Lane, Leighton Buzzard, LU71FA. You can find us at charlottelyonsphysiotherapy.com, contact us at charlottelyonsphysio@gmail.com, or call us on 07446 765945.

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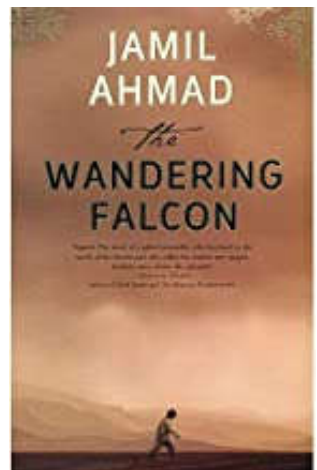
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The Wandering Falcon - by Jamil Ahmed

This book is a collection of short stories set in the no-man's land between Afghanistan and Pakistan in the 50's. The stories are linked by a young boy called Baz. The extraordinary tale begins with a young couple, the daughter of a tribal chief who was married to an older impotent man who elopes with a man of her choice and is pursued by her father and other tribal leaders. The couple are eventually caught and killed. They had a son who is taken on and cared for by various tribes and he is 'the wandering falcon' of the title.



Everyone in the group enjoyed the book for a variety of reasons. All agreed that it was well written and interesting and described the regions beautifully. A couple of our group especially enjoyed the book as they had an affiliation with the area - one had a grandfather who was brought up in Afghanistan and had told him many stories of his experiences growing up amongst the tribes and another told us that she had heard fascinated tales from her husband who had lived in Afghanistan as his father was working there building the railways. It was felt that the stories provided vivid insights in to the lives of the tribes and in particular the lives of women in the tribes who were 'protected' but suppressed with no voice or rights.

The only slight criticism was that the book started well and finished well but was a bit slow in the middle. However, overall, it was enjoyed by all.

Conclusion: different and well worth reading as well written and interesting.

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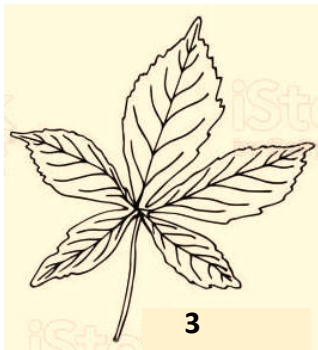
MAVIS'S QUIZ

In case you missed them, here are the answers to the last quiz where you had to identify the Airlines from their Logos.

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STOKE HAMMOND GARDENING CLUB



Our AGM was held on Thursday evening 9th March at the Sports Club. Despite horrid weather conditions we had a terrific turn-out. We like to combine the official meeting with a social get-together and so, after getting through the necessary items, renewing memberships and checking out plans for the coming year we introduced our speaker for the evening Hazel Roberts whose talk was entitled 'growing food not glut'.

We were advised how to plan and organise our planting but also what to do if we still ended up with far too much produce to eat immediately. Giving it away to neighbours and freezing as a last resort were discouraged but making jams, preserves, pickling, soups, juice etc. were a great alternative. After the ideas for fruit the dreaded courgettes were included - this struck a chord with everyone as who hasn't had loads of courgettes rapidly turning into marrows before your eyes! Hazel is apparently famous for her preserves and runs a craft/produce market in Milton Keynes. She had brought along some samples made by her for sale so we could try the results of all her advice.

So, after thanking the Speaker and the staff of the Sports Club for their usual help we enjoyed some light refreshments, the raffle was drawn and a good evening came to an end.

The Committee will now put their heads together for events etc. and everyone will hear in good time what is planned, however we have heard that there are still difficulties with our emailing arrangements so we are having them looked into promptly and apologise to anyone affected.



LADIES THAT LUNCH

The April 'Ladies that Lunch' will take place on Tuesday April 11th at the usual time of 12.30 in the Sports Club. **All welcome in April. £2 per person.**

In May 'Ladies that Lunch' will be very special. It will be different. **Regular Attendees** are invited to **Afternoon**

Tea at 3pm in the Sports Club (instead of the soup at 12.30). Kathryn from Brickhill Bistro is coming with an Afternoon Tea to celebrate the previous weekend's Coronation. The afternoon tea will consist of sandwiches, savouries and cakes. I do hope regulars will come along at 3pm on Tuesday 9th May to help celebrate their Majesties Coronation. **£2 per person** Please would you let me know if you are *UNABLE* to attend, bearing in mind the later time.

June's 'Ladies that Lunch' on Tuesday 13th will again be open to one and all and will be the usual soup, rolls, cakes, tea and coffee. £2 per person.

Happy Easter and let's hope for good weather on May 6th!

Hazel Turner – 01525 270404 hmt404@hotmail.com

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High Ash Group



So far this year our weekly meetings have been confined to indoors but we have made the most of it. We had a fun evening celebrating Burns night by throwing, toasting and eating the Haggis (as well as other Scottish themed activities). For the Chinese New Year, the scouts had a go at eating food with chopsticks, whilst the cubs learnt about willow pattern plates and made up their own paper plate stories.



Sadly, the scouts did not manage to win this year's District Scout Quiz but they all had fun giving it a go! Meanwhile the cubs spent a night in their sleeping bags at Gulliver's Land with over 100 other cubs from all over Milton Keynes. They had an active weekend (despite the cold weather) experiencing the light trail, a movie night, Dinosaur land and numerous theme park rides.

With Easter fast approaching the cubs have been brushing up on their map reading skills in between working on their book reading, hobbies and artist badges. The scouts have spent their evenings on similar activities including a bout of surprisingly successful cake making for Mother's Day. Whilst we are on the subject of cakes ... the scouts are keen to repeat their successful fundraising cake stall on the village green this year so please keep an eye out for adverts on the village social media!



Our next report should include more outdoor activities as the nights get progressively lighter. You may have heard that the waiting lists for scouting have temporarily closed in Milton Keynes as the groups are all over full – but in Stoke Hammond we still have some spaces for young people (aged 8 to 14) on Thursday evenings so please make contact if you have boys or girls who would like to join in the adventure of scouting



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(Email: join.highash@mkscouts.org). And finally like the rest of the UK we are still in need of some more adult volunteers to keep things going – could you and a few friends re-start the beaver colony for the under 8's???

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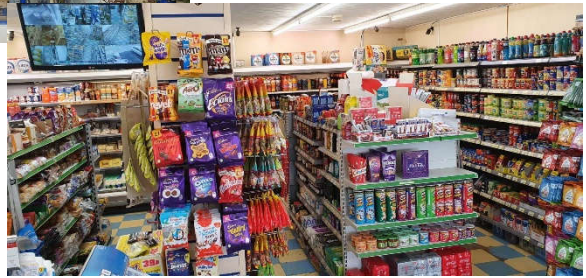
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High Ash C of E School Parish Council Newsletter

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April 2023 - Parish News

Sporting News...

We have delighted to be able to start participating in inter school sports festivals as well as League Football Matches.

Sports Festivals

On Wednesday 29th March, some of our Year Three children took part in a 'Have Fun Be Active' Festival at The Cottesloe School. The children will participate in a range of sports and have fun working as a team to complete many engaging activities.

Football

Our Year Six football team have recently played in two fixture games against St. Michaels School and Whitchurch School. The match against St. Michaels School was tight but managed to win 5.0. Our most recent match was against Whitchurch which we won 3-2 which enabled us to secure our position at the top of the league.

World Book Day...

Wow what a fantastic World Book Day we all had! The children and staff looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes and there was a real buzz around school with everyone getting to know each other's characters. Foundation enjoyed a webinar with Julia Donaldson where she read them one of her stories and Axel Scheffler was there to demonstrate how he comes up with the illustrations for Julia's books. The children enjoyed reading different stories throughout the day and exploring different characters.

Key Stage One enjoyed their character tea party, where they interviewed each other and found out more about their characters. The children listened to different stories throughout the day and made their own bookmarks for their reading at home.

Key Stage Two enjoyed a carousel of activities which included collecting data from book extracts and presenting in charts, drawing characters from picture books, writing letters pretending to be different characters and even took part in some collaborative story writing. The children had a fantastic day and a love of reading really shone through. All children were given a £1 book token to bring home in celebration of the day! Thank you for all your efforts with the children's costumes and to the staff for making the day such fun!

Joyful Tots



Joyful Tots is an inclusive drop-in for parents, carers, or anyone looking after a baby or preschool child. Friendly mums and carers are there to have a natter and babies & toddlers can learn to socialise. Refreshments are also available

Our opening times are 9am - 11.30am on Friday mornings during (BUCKS CC) term times in the side room at Stoke Hammond Community Centre

We've had a few newcomers join us recently and a couple of them have very young babies so we have quite a range of ages and it's handy for new mums to get some advice from those who've "been there, done that!"

Why not come down and make some friends this Friday! (but we're closed Good Friday and Friday 14th April for the Easter break)



If you'd like more information please Call Linda 07971 134497 or Diane 01525 270409 or message us on Facebook (Joyful Tots)

April 2023 - High Ash Parish News Continued:

Reading breakfast...

We had a great turn out at our reading breakfast on Shrove Tuesday, where children and their families joined us for a pancake breakfast. Plates were piled high with pancakes drizzled in chocolate sauce and were enjoyed over a good book. There was a real buzz in the hall and it was a fantastic start to Pancake Day!

Bake Sale...

We have introduced a once a month Bake Sale run by our children with the support of the High Ash School Association. This is to raise money for playground equipment. We kicked off the first bake sale with Year five and six children having raised a fabulous £313.07 so far. Involving the children in raising money for school play equipment will help them to understand and appreciate how hard it can be to buy something you want which hopefully in turn will mean that the children treat the new purchases with respect.

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THE Lindens

Our residents have enjoyed a fun filled time here at The Lindens with lots of activities going on which included a Valentine's Day Hearty Party with music from Graham's Musical Memories. The dress code was pink or red and we enjoyed dancing and singing along with the melodies.



Our residents made pizza from scratch for National Pizza Day enjoying the delicious results and loved flipping pancakes for Pancake Day, before choosing their toppings and tasting.



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Wishing you all a fabulous Easter,

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Finally, we are in spring and the warm weather is heading our way. We would like to thank all of our members who support us. The cricket season is soon upon us and we would like to remind the village of the rules of the field. Please pick up dog mess, no golf to be played on the field and please try to avoid the field when it is being cut, this is because it's not nice for Dave when he is cutting the field to have dogs or youngsters running behind or in front of the mower. We would love to see people use our field for games and activities. The club AGM will be held on the 28th April at 19:30. Please keep on eye on our Facebook page for any upcoming events we are holding which will also be published in the village Facebook page. Please come up and join us for a drink and watch your local village cricket club. Details of the fixtures will also be put on Facebook page.



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The charity is offering you the opportunity to be a part of this event by dedicating one of these limited Forever Forget-Me-Nots, which also includes an invitation to a private viewing of the display on Monday 17th April whilst the grounds are closed to the public. The Forever Forget-Me-Nots installation will then remain on display to the public for two weeks. Once the installation is removed, those who have dedicated a flower will be able to take it home to display as a forever keepsake.

By dedicating a Forever Forget-Me-Not you will be helping the charity to provide excellent local hospice care and be there for more patients and families across Buckinghamshire and its borders.



To dedicate a Forever Forget-Me-Not visit <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/foreverflowers> or call 01296 429975 for more information. Whatever you chose to do, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity will be very grateful for your support in 2023 and beyond.

Calling all ladies ...

We are a friendly group of ladies who meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Great Brickhill Parish Hall. We usually have a speaker but always make time for catching up with others during the refreshments.

On Wednesday, 13th April Jo Laurie Air Miss – WRAF will be giving us an illustrated talk, with photos and her own cartoons, of her career in the Women's Royal Air Force (WRAF 1949-1994) which has now formally merged with the RAF.

If you want to come along to see what Great Brickhill WI are all about, please feel free to turn up. You will be given a warm welcome and there is no pressure to join. Guests can attend 3 meetings, for a small charge, before having to join.

Our March Meeting: 'Dogs For Good'



Meet our Speakers:

Stuart and his wife Anne with Marley, their ten-month-old Labrador in training.

from the Charity: 'Dogs for Good'.
Website: www.dogsforgood.org

Marley introduced himself and then settled down while Annie and Stuart spoke about the work the charity do and the life changing differences the dogs make to people. They train assistance dogs to support adults and children with a range of disabilities and are now training dogs to help children with autism. They also run workshops to help train the family dog to benefit children with autism.

Future speakers include: The Story of Claydon House, Rapscallion Morris Dancing and Tales from the Auction Room.

If you would like to join, or need more information, please contact our Secretary, Amanda, on GB: 261476 or email: gbrickhillwi@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook: Great Brickhill Women's Institute - GBWI.

St Luke's Church News

February and March are always quiet months for us, but we did hold a prayer walk



in the village on a bitter day at the very end of January which missed the SH news cut-off. We try to have a few prayer walks over the year. A group of us walk round the village stopping to pray for anyone we know needs prayer, organisations in the village as we pass their premises and any special requests we may have. Feel free to stop for a chat or ask us for prayers if you see us wandering round the village on our next **Prayer walk on 22nd April!**

As usual we've also held our Community breakfasts the last few months, but please note there is **no**

Community Breakfast in April (as it falls on Easter weekend) but we'll be back

again on **Saturday 13th May** taking orders between **8.30-10.30am**. If you've not been before, come and see for yourself - our last 2 months have been the busiest ever. There's no charge (but you can make a donation if you can afford to). You don't have to have a "Full English": we serve cereal, fruit salad and pastries too, or you can just have tea and toast. It's all about the "craic"!



Forthcoming Services:



A full list of church services can be found elsewhere in the magazine, but our special services over the next two months include **Palm Sunday Family Service (2nd April at 11am)** celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem where palm crosses will be given out as mementoes. There will also be a Said Service of Holy Communion on **Maundy Thursday (6th April)**

at 7.30pm (to commemorate the Last Supper – the first Holy Communion). Whilst you're more than welcome to attend, this service might not be the best for someone unfamiliar with church! The church will also be open for quiet prayer between **2-3pm on Good Friday (7th April)** – you can drop in any time during the hour for just 5 or 10 minutes or the full hour. There are always Bibles available if you'd like to read quietly. Our **Easter Day** Holy Communion service is at **9.30am on Sunday 9th April** and will be led by **Rev Steve Barnes**. **All are welcome** to this service. Our next **Café Church** service isn't until **4th June** (starting from **9.30am**) so more about that in the next issue.



Church Activities:

Prayers: The church prayer group meets twice a month and we're always happy to accept prayer requests should you need. All prayers will be treated in confidence. Prayer request cards are available at the Community Breakfast or please speak to a churchwarden.



Food Bank: The church foodbank is free to all and is available in the church porch. It's currently being used a lot, so if you could contribute either financially or in kind, please speak to Dave or Diane Webber (see below)

Volunteers: We are still looking for volunteers to help out at church. Vacant roles include: **secretary**, **cleaners** on a 6-weekly rota, and someone to **organise the cleaning rota** (& deep cleans), someone to **organise church flowers** (just sort a rota and ensure the church is decorated for special services) an **“odd job man”** (to sort light bulbs, gutters, painting the gate), someone to **apply for grants**, someone **responsible for works projects** (even just one off works project like the church path), someone who could take on **church publicity** (physical and/ or digital) and an **“eco warrior”** to bring us into the 21st century (churchyard planning, energy use, insulation). Please consider if you could help (you don't have to attend church!) and contact a churchwarden if so. Thank you!

Church Spring Clean: We're planning to give the church a Spring Clean over 3 days from **3rd to 5th April** (it is very dirty!). If you'd like to help, please contact a churchwarden – and don't forget to wear old clothes and bring gloves if you want.



Fundraising Events:

Plant Sale: We are pleased to announce that the church will be holding its annual



Plant Sale from **9am** on **29th April** on the **Village Green** (with thanks to the Parish Council). If you'd like to place an order to collect on the day (if you've been to our previous sales, you know what we usually have), please call Diane or Dave (below) and we'll do our best to reserve what you'd

like. Aside from our own stall providing professional quality plants, we will be hosting a couple of other local stalls as well. Please come and support us – we'll be there whatever the weather!

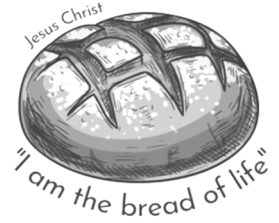
Afternoon teas at the Manor House: This year we've decided to through the generosity of Ed and Linda who have given permission for us to use their gardens for Afternoon tea at **Tyrells Manor** on **Sunday 21st May**. Limited places are available – more information to follow!



Church Fete: Save the date notice: **Saturday 15th July!** Contact us (below) if you'd like to go on our email list for reminders of social events or services.

Bible verse of the month: *John 6v35: Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.*

What does it mean?: Jesus said this to a group of followers who had been some of the 5000 fed on the edge of the Sea of Galilee. Some of them might have interpreted it literally – that they'd never be hungry or thirsty again, but Jesus didn't mean it in a literal sense. He explained to them that they shouldn't look for physical food that spoils or rots, but for bread that lasts forever. When they asked him how they could get that bread, he told them that God had sent them the bread and the bread was he himself: he gave life to (all believers in) the world. At that time, they didn't know that he would die on a cross, or that his death and resurrection would mean that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life, that was yet to come and that's why our celebrations are so joyful at Easter!



Funeral information: The Rector can conduct a funeral service at a crematorium if you wish. New rules mean that crematoria are not offering a religious service by default: it must be specifically requested. Also, any village resident can have their ashes buried in the churchyard (for a small fee) if wished. Please note that rules regarding churchyard memorials have recently changed. 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 are on the website). His phone goes straight to an answerphone but he'll reply as soon as he's able, or contact a Churchwarden. The Rector's day off is Monday. If you have a prayer request or enquiry, please call **Churchwardens: Harry on 07773065271 or Diane on 270409.**

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PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES FEB & MAR 2023



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:

23/00140/APP 1 Phoebes Orchard, Stoke Hammond MK17 9LW

Proposed single storey rear/side extensions, partial garage conversion and loft conversion with rooflights to front and rear.

Councillors resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

23/00118/ALB & 23/00120/APP The Lock House, Fenny Road MK17 9DG

Proposed rear extension and internal alterations including listed buildings consent.

It was noted that a previous similar application had been refused, and Councillors felt that the flat roof concept of the proposed extension was not in keeping with the design and look of the listed building, and for that reason OBJECTED to this application.

23/00117/AOP Little Acre, Leighton Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DD

Demolition of dwelling and erection of 4 dwellings.

Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application on the grounds that it will extend the village boundary, and that there is no detail in the application regarding access to the site and it interferes with the Stoke Hammond Neighbourhood Plan currently being developed. It should also be noted that the current Aylesbury Vale development plan states that no further development is required in Stoke Hammond. It is also the case that there is emerging evidence of the historical value of the Mount Pleasant farm area that is not properly captured in any planning documentation that needs consideration.

NOTE: The applicant has since withdrawn the application on the 14/03/23

23/00441/APP Fontaine House, Church Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BP

Householder application for the erection of a two-storey side extension and a single storey side extension.

Just before the Council were about to discuss this application, the applicant who was present at the meeting, advised that the application had been withdrawn, as a new amended design was to be submitted. The application was therefore not discussed.

23/00440/APP Hunters Lodge, Leighton Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DD

House holder application (retrospective) for installation of air pumps.

Councillors resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

23/00528/APP The Dolphin Inn, Leighton Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BB

Erection of fencing to provide enclosed area including cold store (part retrospective).

Whilst the Council wish to be supportive of The Dolphin, there were concerns about fire safety, with the distance between the cold store and the stairs to the first floor being very narrow, and that in an emergency this could compromise the speed and safety of exit. Reluctantly, Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application because of these concerns.

23/00562/APP 18 Brook Farm Close, Stoke Hammond MK17 9FN

Householder application for ground floor rear extension.

Councillors resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

PLANNING UPDATES:

22/03621/APP 30 The Methodist Church, Newton Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DE

Proposed new access and provision of 12 parking spaces.

Your PC had no objections to this application which has now been approved. There were some concerns about how cars would negotiate around the car park, but the applicant subsequently submitted some swept path analysis drawings to clarify this aspect.

22/03427/APP 26 Coleman Road, Newton Leys MK3 5QD

Conversion of part garage to living space.

Your PC had NO OBJECTION to this application which has now been approved.

22/002488/APP The Barns. Stoke House Farm, Stoke Rd, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BN

Demolition of existing car port and erection of an ancillary residential annexe.

Although originally supported by your PC but with the caveat to not in the future be sold as a separate property, the application was refused. The applicant has now APPEALED.

For further information/updates on these or other planning applications in our locality, please visit the following website selecting 'Aylesbury Vale' as the search area and then enter the application reference or use the map search facility:

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News from Buckinghamshire Council

23 March 2023

Dear Resident,

The biggest issue in my 'postbag' is understandably potholes. You may have seen the front page of a national paper this week leading on it and the features on most television channels. We had the good news last week that the government has announced some extra money to help towards fixing potholes and repairing roads after wet, then freezing weather caused extensive damage across the country.



The council has already added a further £5 million to our existing £100 million commitment to fix the county's roads and it's very welcome that the government is adding a further £2.3 million to this pot in Buckinghamshire. I hope this all demonstrates just how important this is to us. Fixing and maintaining our 2,100 mile network is a massive and very expensive task after a winter like this and our teams will be working hard to make the repairs and improvements we need. We need the roads to be dry for permanent repairs and most work at the moment is on making roads safe with temporary repairs.

Overall, the **£105 million we're investing** plus this extra government funding will really help but I do have to be very frank that repairing every pothole that is reported will be very challenging. The damage has been accelerated by the extensive extra HGV traffic from the HS2 and East West Rail projects and, as I said in my last update, we are also working hard to recoup costs from both so Buckinghamshire residents don't foot the bill for even quicker disintegration of the roads on the routes they use.

Please keep reporting any defects via [FixMyStreet](#) and our teams will get onto them. You can also [check for planned roadworks in your area via the council's website](#).

Roadworks

I often receive complaints about roadworks, particularly when these involve traffic lights. This can be very frustrating, with at times the appearance that no work is taking place. The majority of road works are by utility companies such as gas, electricity, water or cable companies, not by Buckinghamshire Council. These

companies have a legal right to dig up the roads and pavements when they need to repair or install new equipment. Ultimately, they provide the services we all need.

The council actually has very limited powers to stop these works. However, we do act to reschedule works where we see too many permit applications in a locality so as to reduce inconvenience for residents and road users. We also inspect roadworks sites, particularly if any issues are raised and will take action if the works being carried out are not as permitted.

You can [see what is happening in your area and who is responsible via the council's website.](#)

Ongoing support for residents

We had further good news from central government recently that our Household Support Fund money is being extended until the end of March 2024. This is vital funding that our Helping Hand service uses to support residents who need it most. We've previously used this money to provide food vouchers for eligible nursery and school children, and to provide targeted financial support to pensioners and other cohorts of people who need support.

We are working up a full plan for how this next tranche of money can be put to best use to help us provide ongoing support for our residents where it's needed most and I hope to update you further on this in the coming weeks.

Please don't forget the [dedicated section of our website](#) with information and advice if you are facing extra cost of living pressures.

Opportunity Bucks

This is a really important programme the council is rolling out that I've written about before and did want to remind you of this work that is ongoing. [Opportunity Bucks is our local response to Levelling Up](#) and aims to put into place strategies to make sure all people, regardless of where they live in Buckinghamshire, and regardless of their circumstances, have equal access to the opportunity to thrive and enjoy a healthy and good quality of life.

We have identified ten wards in Buckinghamshire where outcomes are not as high as in other areas and we are targeting many programmes of work in these particular areas, from education and skills to improving the public realm.

Some of these projects are major, some are smaller, but they all make a difference. A great example is [recent interview and CV writing workshops that the council put on at The Mandeville School in Aylesbury.](#) The school is within one of the ten Opportunity Bucks wards and the day involved council staff going into the school to meet Year 11 students to deliver two different workshops. The first focused on CV writing and the second held 'mock interviews' – all to allow the students to practice and gain confidence in these skills and to help them prepare for further education and career opportunities.

Affordable housing

We recognise that rents and house prices in Buckinghamshire are high and it's a key priority for this council to make it easier for people to live in a good quality home at an affordable price. This is a long term high priority strand of work that feeds into many strategies, from our Local Plan to our developing regeneration framework, to protecting our green space and developing 'brown before green' sites where possible.

We have some new schemes coming forward that will deliver new lower-cost homes in the county, working with developers and housing providers to meet local housing need. An old storage facility on Bellfield Road in High Wycombe is being developed to provide 68 one, two and three bedroom homes, all to be made available for affordable rent.

A further two sites close to the town, at Clay Lane and at Glynswood are also being developed to provide more affordable housing. The homes being built in the coming year will include affordable rental homes and low-cost homes to buy, allowing people to get onto the first rung of the housing ladder. Together these two sites will bring 43 new affordable homes to the area.

Buckinghamshire Libraries – the future's bright!

My wife was a librarian, so our libraries are close to my heart. Our library service has evolved in recent years and while traditional book borrowing remains at the centre of our libraries across Buckinghamshire, these cherished places are changing to become hubs for the community. Many host various classes, events and workshops and indeed have acted as Welcoming Spaces (warm and friendly places) during this winter. They also provide digital access for residents to use for free and many also now operate as Council Access Points.

Buckinghamshire has a total of 29 libraries and after a wide consultation with residents, we have agreed a new vision and strategy for them, which takes in their important role in local communities.

The strategy outlines the intention to:

- attract even more people to reading
- grow the libraries' cultural offer
- promote health and well-being through the Healthy Libraries programme and make libraries even more environmentally friendly, such as installing a 'Living Wall' at Aylesbury Library (a wall made of plants and greenery)

You can read the full strategy online which demonstrates our ongoing commitment to our network of libraries. If you haven't recently visited your library then I really recommend paying a visit; these are wonderful places at the heart of our communities that offer a big range of services and I look forward to seeing them continue to grow and flourish.

King's Coronation weekend – time to get planning

Lastly, I wanted to let you know we've put some [useful guidance on our website](#) to help you plan local events to mark this historic occasion, and I'm pleased to say we are waiving the usual road closure fee if the application is because of a street party. Please note that any applications need to be in by **Friday 7 April**.

I do hope as many communities as possible will organise local celebrations; it will be wonderful to have people come together again on a happy occasion after all the lost time of the pandemic!

A fantastic [programme of national celebration and participation](#) is planned across the whole weekend (Sat 6 May – Mon 8 May). You also have just a couple of days left to apply for National Lottery Funding to support your event – funding of up to £10,000 is still available for events and activities through the 'National Lottery Awards for All' programme and community groups are encouraged to apply. The applications should be made by Friday 24 March.

Launched to mark the Coronation, the [Big Help Out campaign](#) aims to give everyone the chance to try volunteering and make a difference in their community. The campaign starts on **Monday 8 May** as part of the weekend of celebrations, but you can volunteer at any time during the summer and beyond. If you are 16 years or over, simply register with the Buckinghamshire Volunteer Matching Service and the team will look for a local role that matches your preferences. [Find out more and how to register by visiting the Volunteer Matching Service](#).

Yours,

Martin Tett – Leader of Buckinghamshire Council



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Friday 28 th April	Pop up Pizza Night – Community Centre 17.30 – 20.30
Saturday 29 th April	St Luke's Plant Sale – Village Green – Times tbc
Sunday 30 th April	Henry Allen Trust Fun Day – Sports Club 12.00 – 17.00
Tuesday 2 nd May	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Saturday 6 th May	Coronation Picnic Party – Community Centre 13.00 – 17.00
Saturday 13 th May	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30

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

ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Louisa.pilates@gmail.com

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EDITORS NOTE



It's not long now to May 6th and the Coronation of our new King Charles III, so I thought it appropriate to add the official logos to the front cover and here within the 'Editors Notes' section. I'm sure it will be a day, well in fact the whole long weekend, that we will celebrate and remember for a long time.



You will see from the advert on the inside front cover, that the Community Centre is laying on a Coronation Picnic Party, to which all are invited. So hopefully, many of you will get along to join in the fun, have something to eat and maybe raise a glass or two to our new King.

May I please have copy for the June/July 2023 issue by the **20th May**
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