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Dear friends,

Recently, I had the privilege of taking part in Leavers' Services for both of our local schools. At one of those services, I spoke about how, when we move to new places, like a new school, we can easily get lost or confused, and it good to ask for help and guidance when we need it.

And as we go on through our lives, there will be times when we are faced with difficult decisions, or are unsure about what to do. At those times we can talk with friends or relatives, or with anyone whose wisdom we would trust. And we may bring these things to God in prayer, and seek God's word and guidance for us through the Bible.

At the end of the school service, I read these words from the Bible, which offer a promise for all of us:

How gracious God will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you ... Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.' (Isaiah Ch. 30, v. 19, 21)

Revd John Waller

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25th Aug: 10.00am Holy Communion Service - tba



JW – Rev John Waller DW – David Webber

SEPTEMBER

1st Sept: 10.00am Holy Communion Benefice - JW

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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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lain Macpherson

lain 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. lain is married to Angela, they have two mature children; Rosanna (31) and Angue (28)

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Over the last couple of months there has been some substantial major road works carried out particularly in the village itself, and whilst we welcome these muchneeded works there has been much frustration over the way these works have not been carried out in accordance with displayed advance warning notices and or letters posted to nearby homes. First, we had works on the Newton Road, admittedly by Anglian Water but sanctioned by Bucks Highways, that had warning signs displayed for several weeks ahead of the planned 4 day road closure commencing on Tuesday 28th May only for the road to suddenly be closed 3 days earlier on Saturday the 25th May. Similarly, for resurfacing works to be carried out on the Leighton Road, The Green and Fenny Road, we again had advance warning signs and letters advising of the planned road closure that would be between the hours of 9.30am till 3.30pm on each day, only for the road to remain closed until well past this time and indeed beyond 5pm which caused much inconvenience and frustration for our residents. There were also some comments made about the amount of road shavings and tarmac granules left on nearby pavement surfaces. We therefore upon your behalf's contacted Highways for an explanation and here for your information is their response: -

We apologise for the inconvenience caused to residents during the delivery of these schemes. Unfortunately we experienced a few issues while on site, including late material deliveries and plant breakdowns, which led to us to working later than anticipated. This extension was agreed with the Streetworks team. In order to keep the works on programme, and minimise disruption for local residents, we made the decision to extend the daily working time rather than allow the works to extend further into another week.

I understand that footway works were carried out prior to the resurfacing works. The road was not closed whilst the footway works were taking place.

Whilst we make every effort to correctly notify residents ahead of works commencing, unfortunately there are sometimes unforeseen circumstances that may lead to last minute changes.

We are due to return to site shortly and will review the areas of concern noted in your correspondence.

We would normally direct you to the Planning Section for details of new applications received and debated at the last two PC Meetings, but in fact none were received for review at either our June or July meetings. However, as this PC News was being prepared, we received details of a new Certificate of Lawfulness application (28/02068/CPE) relating to the site at the end of Brook Farm Close. You may recall in the last PC News that we covered a similar Certificate of Lawfulness (28/00613/APP) which was trying to claim that work had already started within the 3 year time frame for the planning application granted for the erection of 33 dwellings on this site, but this Certificate was refused by the planning authorities, we did however suspect that this would not be the end of the story. This new Certificate application which will be debated by the PC at our August meeting, contains further statements and documents to try and again support the developers claim that works had indeed been undertaken before the expiry of the original approved planning application.

Some of you may have read in the local press or seen in the media about plans by Affinity Water to use the Grand Union Canal network as a means to move millions of

gallons of treated waste water from Minworth a plant in the West Midlands to their Chaul End infrastructure near Luton which would involve the construction of a new extraction facility with treatment plant and holding reservoir at some point along the canal, probably within the Leighton Buzzard region. This is very much a long-term project not expected to be fully implemented until 2032 but to make people aware of their plans, Affinity Water have been undertaking presentations to Councils whose boundaries include parts of the proposed canal route. So it was, that at our July PC meeting, a representative from Affinity Water gave such a presentation and answered questions from your PC and members of the public. Slides from the presentation are available to view on our website and we will keep you updated as and when we learn more, but you can also head to following Grand Union Canal Transfer website for more information.



https://guctransfer.co.uk/

Still on the subject of the canal or more specifically the adjacent layby on the Stoke Road, we did in the last PC News give details of the meeting we had on site with various interested parties including Highways who advised they would investigate the possibility but unlikely closure of the layby. Well, we have heard back from Highways and not unexpectantly they have cited many reasons as to why the layby cannot be physically closed, the unjustifiable cost of doing same being the main reason given. On a more positive note, Highways have given the Canal and River Trust permission to place permanent 'No Moorings Allowed' signs along the layby side of the canal bank which the trust will enforce so that boats should only be mooring on the opposing east bank side.

Not far from the layby but further towards Stoke Hammond, a large white advertising sign for the service Centre suddenly appeared on the grass verge, and when one says large, it was visible from a great distance in both directions. Believing this verge to be the property of highways we contacted same, and you will have observed that the sign has now been moved next to and parallel to property hedgerow.

You can again find the latest MVAS (Mobile Speed Activated Results) elsewhere in this edition and a further Speedwatch operation was carried out in July, the operators monitoring traffic heading north on the Fenny Road by Scotts Close. For those manning the Speedwatch they do tend to have two different schools of thought in what they are trying to achieve, are we there in order to discourage drivers from speeding through the village bearing in mind the operators are highly visible at the roadside with bright yellow jackets and a radar gun in hand, or do they want to catch some speedsters? One thinks the answer is probably 'Yes' to both questions, in that you do want to try an educate drivers to observe the speed limit, but likewise if one has been sitting by the roadside for some 2 hours, you do sort of enjoy the moment when you capture the details of a vehicle exceeding the speed limit that you can report to the authorities. Anyway, for the most recent session, the drivers were very much behaving themselves and of the 197 vehicles that passed over the 2 hour period, only 2 were logged as speeding above the allowable percentage tolerances at 36mph and 38mph. The vehicle details have been sent to Thames Valley Police via the Speedwatch portal and the owners should soon be receiving an official warning letter. For updates from Newton Leys South and for progress on the Neighbourhood Plan please see the relevant sections. But there have been two PC Meetings since the last PC news and other than items already mentioned, here are some of the more important items.

For the June meeting held at the Community Centre on the evening of Tuesday the 4th your council were joined by 6 members of the public (MoP) and as you will see from the items below it seemed that grass its length and cutting was an important item.

- Cllr Venn mentioned the length of the grass by Lansbury Road and along Drayton Road was making visibility when driving difficult. It was agreed our clerk would contact Taylor Wimpey and Bucks Council to request they cut the grass.
- Still on the subject of grass, the PC had received several complaints about the standard of the grass cutting being provided by our contractors RTM Landscapes with areas being missed and grass cuttings being left on pathways. The Clerk was to raise this with RTM and to also at the same time request a cost for clearing the again overgrown alleyway between Fenny Road and Tyrells Gardens, although it should be noted this alleyway is not actually our responsibility but undertaken as a goodwill gesture.
- •Our clerk advised that a resident on Old Bell had been in touch to make the PC aware that a DHL delivery van had reversed into a lamppost, causing significant damage. The PC has been quoted £2405 + VAT to repair the lamppost and been in touch with DHL who are investigating. It was agreed to allow DHL 2 business days to respond before we agree to the work as it was felt health and safety was more important and the lamppost was in need of urgent repair. The matter would also be advised to the PC's insurers.
- •Under the section 'To report on Meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council' Cllr Ajaz and Cllr Champion gave an update on their meeting with the Bletchley Waste Management Company who operate the landfill site near Newton Leys. They were advised that with the amount of waste being taken in and the anticipated demand over the next few years, it is estimated that the landfill site will be open for another 6-7 years before it is full. The Environment Agency were also in attendance and talked about the complaints they have received, especially relating to the smell coming from the site. Complaints regarding the smell have eased since last year. None of the land owned by the waste management company will be put up for sale or donated for recreational use. Grants are still available and a MoP asked the PC for what use this these could be spent on and it was confirmed these can be used for leisure and recreational facilities. With regard to the July PC meeting held on Tuesday 2nd again at the Community Centre, we were joined by just one MoP which can probably be put down to there being live action from both the Euros and Wimbledon on TV that night, but anyway here follows some of the points discussed.
- It was agreed unanimously by the Council to proceed with the adoption of the streetlights, feeder pillars, play park and open spaces on the new Fenny Road development without the need for further searches as these had previously been carried when the development first went ahead. Our clerk was to advise our solicitors of this decision.
- The clerk gave us an update on the damage lamppost on Olde Bell Close in that our insurers have agreed to pay towards the cost. The DHL driver who hit the streetlight has denied causing the damage, so the insurance company doesn't believe they will be able to recover the costs.
- •The entrance signs to the village at the Leighton and Fenny Roads are now quite old and in a poor state, and we have been advised by Highways that they are not compliant with



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their current standards. To replace the signs to the two locations with ones that are to highway standards like those at the entrances to Great Brickhill would cost in the region of £4000-£5000 including installation by Highways, noting this is for a total of 4 signs one to each side of the road at both locations. It was agreed to start the process to obtain and instal the new signs providing it does not exceed the estimated costs.

•There has been a delay in laying the concrete bases for the new benches and outdoor table tennis table in Newton Leys South. It was agreed to seek a new contractor for the works if the bases could not be completed within the next 7 days.

The next PC Meeting is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday 6th August starting at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB. But please note unless any important items come before the Parish Council, there will be no meeting held in September.

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

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WELCOME TO THE NEWTON LEYS SOUTH SECTION

Taylor Wimpey Side

Progress is being made with the legal process for the public open spaces on this part of Newton Leys South to be adopted by Stoke Hammond Parish Council. There is a reasonable chance these will be adopted this year. The Parish council is adopting the grass areas around the outside of the Taylor Wimpey estate. The grass verges by the roadside will remain the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey until the roads are adopted by Milton Keynes Council.

Bovis Vistry Side

Resident directors are now in control of the Newton Leys Management Company and have now terminated Firstport's contract. There remains a number of financial issues to resolve with them, due to errors and omissions on their part.

In the meantime, almost every resident has now cleared any arrears and paid their final payments. Once the adoption goes through the management company will start winding down the company. If anyone has any queries about the management company, please check the Newton Leys South Facebook page for updates or email nleyspayments@gmail.com for specific questions.

The directors have made a number of improvements to the estate in preparation for the adoption which have included modernising lampposts within some cul de sacs, refurbishing and repainting the park, changing landscape provider to Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council. Two picnic benches and an outdoor table tennis table are also being installed, plus the park has had some of the thorny bushes removed to create more space to play.

The 200 fruit trees around the outside of both estates have largely done quite well, but in the hot weather, please feel free to water using the water tubes for any that look like they are struggling.

Cllrs Mubasshir Ajaz & Craig Champion

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STOKE HAMMOND GARDENING CLUB



We were all looking forward to our annual Afternoon Tea and Plant swap. This took place on Saturday 1st. June and despite the weather trying to spoil things everyone wrapped up warm and came along - a great turnout. It was rather dull and chilly but we all rose above it and enjoyed the vast choice of homemade cakes and the opportunity to grab a plant or two to fill a gap in our gardens. The raffle had some great prizes, including

some lovely paintings from our local artist Julie Tebbutt and thanks to everyone's generosity a tidy sum was raised from the raffle and donations to build up the Club's coffers for future events. Thanks for everyone's support to the Committee for their contribution to the cakes, raffle prizes, plants etc. and to individual members who brought along 'goodies'.



Following on, the Club's trip to Wrest Park, Silsoe was arranged for Thursday, 4th July (clashing with the election !!) We left the village at 11.30 am. as it was a much shorter coach journey than usual. I had never been to Wrest Park before but was mightily impressed by the lovely wide herbaceous borders, the beautiful landscaping and views, the manor house with very knowledgeable guides, plant sales,

book shop, a stunning Chinese bridge and mini temple and impressive statues

everywhere and, of course, a wellstocked shop and cafe. It was a bit disappointing that the upstairs of the house is not open to the public but the ground floor had displays and information about the owners over the years - mainly the De Grey family who'd lived there for over 600 years. The house was also used as a military hospital and convalescence home during and after the Wars.





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Gardening Club Cont/d.



The Countess's sitting room was splendid and an interactive exhibition added to the interest explaining life there hundreds of years ago with portraits displayed on the stunning staircase.

Apparently one owner wanted to improve the views from the house so he had the original house demolished and a new one built further back money no object! We could either take a long or short walk towards lakes and woodlands (there was a little 'bus' to take people on a tour round but it was a bit 'hit and miss') or just take in the views from the terrace outside the house whilst enjoying a cup of tea. We left at 4.30pm after a most successful visit when even the weather was kind.

LADIES THAT LUNCH



Ladies that Lunch will meet in August. In June we had full house, with quiche and salad, kindly made by Jenni Aldrich-Ross, along with soup for those who preferred it. Unfortunately, Covid hit the July lunch with several ladies absent including Jenni. I do hope everyone is now fully recovered.

There may be fewer ladies at the August lunch due to some people looking after grandchildren or on holiday. Please let me know if this is the case so catering can be adapted. If Jenni is fully recovered, she will make quiche and salad. Otherwise, it will be soup and rolls once more.

For those new to the village the ladies meet in the Sports Club on the second Tuesday of the month. The meal is served at 12.30pm, and the cost is £3 per person. This is to cover the rent and electricity used. The Clubhouse is wheelchair friendly and there are disabled toilet facilities available. If you want any further information do contact me. You will be made very welcome. In August Ladies that Lunch is on Tuesday 13^{t.} PLEASE NOTE: THAT THERE WILL BE NO LADIES THAT LUNCH IN SEPTEMBER. Back as usual in October all being well.

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Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys South Neighbourhood Plan Update

We completed a significant milestone on the 11th April with the end of the Regulation 14 Consultation on our draft Neighbourhood Plan.

All comments received can now be viewed on the council website but with names and personal details removed for data integrity.

The feedback received has been reviewed by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and a number of changes made to the draft plan which is currently at V3. The minutes of our meetings are all shown on the Council website.

Next Stages

- 1. The Parish Council agreed the amended version of the Plan at the June Parish Council meeting.
- 2. The plan will shortly be submitted to Bucks Council, and will comprise of the following five documents.

The Neighbourhood Plan V3 – a blueprint for development in our Parish governing 2021- 2040 The Design Code V2 - specifically for the village of Stoke Hammond

The Strategic Environmental Assessment - a report assessing any significant environmental impact of the policies and proposals identified in the plan as well as a review of the 8 sites shared with residents at the March 2023 Exhibition.

Basic Conditions Statement – Our statement that the Plan is fully compliant with the Basic Conditions laid down by government legislation

Consultation Statement – Our explanation of how the plan has been consulted on both before and during the reg 14 consultation period, and the action we have taken in response to this feedback.

3. Once Bucks are happy the Plan is aligned with national guidance and the AVDC/Bucks Local plan they will issue it for the Regulation 16 6-week consultation. They will advertise the consultation through normal Bucks Council channels. They will directly notify all those that responded to the recent consultation and all the statutory consultees again. At this stage feedback will go directly to Bucks Council planning.



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Neighbourhood Plan Update Cont/d.

- 4. Bucks will appoint a Planning Examiner and provide him with the plan and any comments received during the Reg 16 Consultation. It will be his job to determine if the plan meets the Basic Conditions, namely the plan is aligned with National and Local Policy, and other requirements set out by Law. He will determine if modifications are required and will recommend whether it can move forward or not to a referendum.
- 5. If the Plan passes inspection and is deemed fit for purpose, it will be submitted by Bucks to Parishioners in a local referendum. If 50% of parishioners who vote support the plan it will become part of the Local Plan Policy specifically for development applications within the Stoke Hammond.

Malcolm Newing
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Well, that's it for another year! We finished up the scouting calendar with our AGM and family BBQ at the community centre, with the cubs and scouts enjoying a bit of archery and the obligatory water fight on a lovely summers evening. It was a great opportunity to reflect on all the camps, activities, badgework and fun we have all had over the last 12 months.

Over the last few weeks, the cubs and scouts have been busy enjoying the outdoors including orienteering at Cambell Park, exploring the wildlife along



the canal, an Olympics inspired sports evenings and even a spot of litter picking around the village as part of their community service.

Where the weather has not been so kind to us, we have been forced inside, but made the most of it by the scouts having a go at learning their promise in sign language as part of deaf awareness week, whilst the cubs put their new knot skills to good use making Father's Day "messages in a bottle" gifts. We also managed to support the church fete by running a few

activities for them, so all in all it's been a busy time for everyone.

The fun starts up again in September with plans already in place for a final camp before the end of the summer. Meanwhile we hope everyone enjoys the summer holidays.

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Food

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It started over dinner talking to the Good Lady (obviously a rare occurrence in itself). I said are the baby sweetcorn the runt of the litter or do they breed them that way? I don't know she said but they come from India. "FROM INDIA" I said that's half way round the bloomin' world!

Well, I know we stop buying asparagus when the British season finishes cos it comes from Peru after that and it can't possibly be as fresh can it? It's also round the other half of the world

Part of the problem is that we (that's not just me and the misses but a collective we) are exceedingly lazy and use the well organised (but not necessarily eco-friendly) "click and collect". And you can't get the staff to differentiate between home grown and half way round the world stuff.

Then I looked in the fridge thinking where everything had come from — and I realised I didn't really have a clue. I did however have a wonderful choice of cheese ready-made meals and bottled water. Half the world population is walking miles to collect a meagre supply of contaminated water — we don't have much to grumble about in this country.



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And then I turned my attention to the wine supplies in the house – a matter I am much more qualified to comment upon. Australian Shiraz, Argentinian Malbec. New Zealand Cab Sauv. No I'm not doing my bit for being zero carbon by 2030 (or have they put it forward to 2070 yet?). One thing I have noted in this connection recently is the number of wines that are "bottled" in this country. This suggests it is imported in exceptionally large poly containers (if not absurdly huge great tanks). This may or may not be helping global ecology but as sure as eggs is eggs it will be helping the producer's profits!

Grumpy Old Man



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- 2 Hampton Court Palace
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- 4 Buckingham Palace
- 5 Edinburgh Castle
- 6 Lambeth Palace
- 7 Warwick Castle
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- 9 Warwick Castle
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PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES JUNE & JULY 2024



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:

For what may indeed be a first there have been no new planning applications to be considered in the last two months, so we move straight on to planning updates.

PLANNING UPDATES:

24/01200/APP 12 Larner Close, Newton Leys MK3 5QQ

Householder application for part conversion of existing garage and erection of rear orangery extension.

Cllrs had resolved that they had NO Objections to this application which was subsequently approved by planning on the 11/06/24

24/01131/APP 9 Harris Close, Newton Leys

Householder application for single storey rear extension.

Cllrs had resolved that they had NO Objections to this application, but a new amended site location/boundary plan has now been since added. The application is still pending.

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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MAVIS'S QUIZ

In case you missed them, here are the answers to the last quiz where you had to identify the breeds of dog from the pictures and the 4 possible suggestions:

1/ Akita 2/ French Bulldog 3/ Labradoodle 4/ Siberian Huskey 5/ Chinese Crested 6/ Scottish Terrier 7/ Mastiff 8/ Afghan 9/ Rottweiler 10/ Labrador Retriever





This time, how well do you know your British Palaces and Castles. Can you identify the building from the pictures. You do have a choice of 4 possible answers for each image.

1/ Windsor Castle Warwick Castle Edinburgh Castle Leeds Castle



2/ Buckingham Palace Blenheim Palace Hampton Court Palace Kensington Palace

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10/ Lambeth Palace
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Best of luck, but to save you having to wait till the next edition, answers can be found at the end of this months 'Grumpy Old Man' feature. 9/ Edinburgh Castle Bodiam Castle Warwick Castle Leeds Castle



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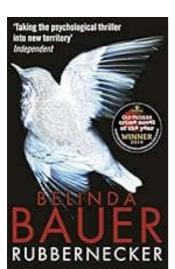




STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



Rubbernecker - by Belinda Bauer



Patrick Fort is a medical student with Asperger's syndrome which makes his life challenging. He is studying anatomy and in particular dissection but begins to suspect that something strange is going on in his cadaver lab. It all starts with a car crash and ultimately Patrick has a murder to investigate . The title seems to refer to the beginning of the book when people were stopping to stare at the crash.

To my surprise the Group mostly found it interesting, and well researched, with characters popping in and out although on that point it was felt that some of the characters you had been getting used to suddenly disappeared. Those who found

the details re. dissection interesting all agreed that they would not be leaving their bodies to science !!!! One member of the group enjoyed it as it was set in an area of Wale where she was born and others liked it as their attention was held by the murder solving part!

Conclusion". As many of the group thought it a good read, interesting and very unusual perhaps it is a good one to 'try'.

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The Cranford Chronicles by Elizabeth Gaskell



The Chronicles were written in the 19th century by a famous and well respected Author, Elizabeth Gaskell and has been considered a classic ever since. It is made up of three novellas (Cranford, My Lady Ludlow and Mr. Harrison's Confessions) and has no actual plots but a collection of satirical sketches which sympathetically portray changing small town customs and values in mid Victorian England. The base for the residents worry about their town was the sudden introduction of the train from Manchester rushing in their direction which they thought would bring in migrant workers and lawlessness and ruin life as they knew it. It had been

made into a TV series some time ago but this was thought by many not to be faithful to the book. Cranford is based on a small town (Knutsford) where the author grew up. The book has often been described over the years as a lovely, lighthearted read worth the effort.

The Group had varying opinions but overall did not completely enjoy t. Remarks such as 'couldn't get into it', 'didn't keep my attention', 'parts very good but not sure why certain subjects were included' and 'no continuity between the 3 sections'. One member considered it as a tale of life in a county town with its class snobbery and the women featured in one of the books seeming to have nothing to do but meet daily to discuss the comings and goings of those in their circle not to mention rumours of marriage engagements with no foundations

The next two group members to give their opinions had similar thoughts on the book stating that it didn't hold their attention, they couldn't finish it and both gave up on it.

THEN there was our one star who was a terrific fan describing the book as magic, absolutely enchanting, with beautiful words and definitely a sense of humour - all round excellent !!!! Makes you feel you should give it another try! Well, it just goes to show how different people react, what differing tastes we all have and this is what we love about our Club.

Conclusion: Although not given the 'thumbs up' the comments are varied enough to make one curious.

Our first next book will be - The Noise of Time by Julian Barnes

Joyful Tots





Joyful Tots is an inclusive drop-in for parents, carers, those pregnant or anyone looking after a baby or preschool child. You can have a natter over refreshments and babies a toddlers learn to play. You're welcome to come even if you don't

have a baby just yet but are pregnant! Refreshments are included. Your first session is free, then £2 afterwards.

We've been built up our numbers, but family holidays and illness have meant we've got room for a few more so come down, see what it's like and meet the children who'll be in your child's school class. You won't believe how quickly it all happens!



We are currently on a summer break but will be back again on Friday 6th September.

Our opening hours are 10am - 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)

St Luke's Church News

Welcome back to our Rector John Waller who has returned refreshed from his



sabbatical into another busy period! We thoroughly enjoyed the Midsummer fair and in particular the Morris dancers and the fire brigade in their engine. Thanks to everyone who came along and helped out or supported us. Then in July we held a quiz night. Those who came along were treated to their filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings, plus salads. It was a fun-filled affair and had some of us racking our brains to recall facts!

Also, this month we were delighted

that church member Ruth Shepherd completed a pair of tapestry church kneelers for wedding couples to use (many thanks Ruth) – just in time for a



couple of forthcoming weddings! The kneelers were on display at the church fete but if you missed them there, you can see them at our afternoon teas.

Forthcoming Special Services:

A complete list of services is available elsewhere in the SH & NLS News, but special services coming up include a **Café Church** service on

4th August. This is our most accessible service – a light breakfast is served from 9.30am onwards: your choice of cereal, toast, pain au chocolat or a bacon or sausage bap etc. Sit at the table and enjoy

chatting over breakfast, then at 10.15ish, an informal service begins. This might include anything from a Bible reading, a prayer, an invitation to share your thoughts about the subject or a brief talk. It finishes at about half ten. If you're new to church, this is a good introduction. If you're nervous about attending, please call Diane who will answer any queries you have or accompany you if you wish.

On August 18th we are holding afternoon teas from 3-5pm which will be followed by a service of Compline at 5pm. Compline is just a fancy word for evening prayer and is a lovely short service we offer without hymns.

Our **Harvest Festival** this year is on **22nd September**. The church will be beautifully decorated for our Holy Communion service at **9.30am**. This gives us time to finish preparations for the Harvest Lunch which starts at 1pm.

Fundraising:

The Bucks Historic Churches Trust hold their annual sponsored Ride and Stride



event on 14th September. Our Churchwarden Harry usually rides his bike for us, but can't this year. PLEEEASE would someone take

his place for us: you'd have to plan a route

and walk or ride a bike/ horse round our area visiting as many churches as possible. We can find sponsors for you. If you could help, please contact Harry or Diane urgently (details below).



Harvest Lunch: As mentioned above, we will be holding our lunch at 12.30 for 1pm



on 22nd September. Anyone is welcome to attend whether you are a churchgoer or not, on your own, part of a couple or a family with children of any age. Tickets will be advertised later in the month.

Come and join us for a veritable cornucopia!

Afternoon teas: We're looking forward to holding

afternoon teas again in the church between **3 and 5pm** on Sundays: on 18th Aug and 29th Sept. Join us for a cuppa and cake!

Prayers: The prayer group meets twice a month. We pray for

individuals, the community, national & international issues, and local organisations. All prayers are in strict confidence. We're happy to accept prayer requests: request cards are available at the Community Breakfast or churchwardens. (see below)

Community Breakfast; is open to everyone. The next breakfast will be on 14th



September (we're taking a break in August). Orders are taken from 8.30 to 10.30am. As well as full English (or parts of) we serve toast, fruit salad, cereal, croissants etc. You can bring visitors too! There's no charge, but you can make a donation if

you wish to. Donations to the Food bank are also collected.

Food Bank: The foodbank in the church porch is free to all. Villagers are welcome to use it on an ad hoc basis. If you're in desperate need, there is a list of phone numbers in the porch for those who need more or regular support. There is a family box which contains family meal items and duplicate items. If you can contribute,



financially or in goods, please contact Dave or Diane Webber (see below) Items most needed: ready meals eg beans with sausages/ tinned casserole, vegetable oil, fruit juice/squash, coffee.

> Toy Swap Shop: This is still in the church porch, so please feel free to use it. If you have any toys, games or children's books that your children no longer play with, please donate them to the Swap Shop.

Bible verse of the month: Matthew 7 v 3 - 5: 'Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your

eye," when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

What does it mean?: This passage is spoken by Jesus and follows after the Sermon on the Mount. He's just told people that they shouldn't judge others and follows it



up with this advice about hypocrisy. It is easy to judge others when we don't know their life experiences. It's easy to develop a prejudiced view based on your experience or stereotypes. It's easy to look down on others who're not as "good" as us, but Jesus tells us we need to self-reflect. When we can see where our own weaknesses are, we can begin to help others with their problems.

Funeral information: Clergy 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. Memorial stones must conform to the Oxford Diocese regulations. Please note that rules regarding

churchyard memorials have changed. If you'd like more details, please speak to the Rector or Churchwarden Harry Davies.

Church Benefice Website: www.brickhillschurches.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 the website). His phone goes straight to an answerphone but he'll reply as soon as he can, 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.**



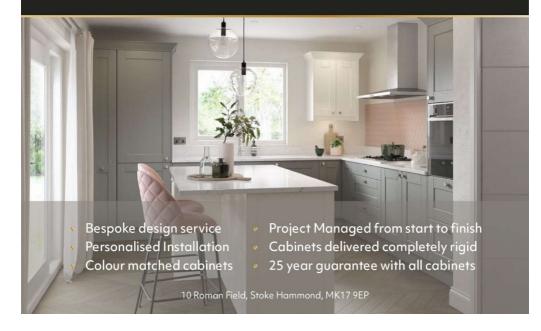




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We will find out more in the King's Speech on

Wednesday 17 July, particularly with regard to their objective of requiring large scale house building, potential amendments to the Green Belt and stimulating economic growth. When these details are known I will write again to update you.

During the General Election period electoral law prohibited me writing these newsletters. Now the election is over there is a lot to catch up on. Besides the new Government, I also want to tell you about the major new anti-littering policy we will shortly be introducing. So, stand by for several newsletters in your inbox over the next few weeks and please feel free to share them with friends and neighbours, or better still suggest that they sign up to receive them directly.

Your Council Tax and our budget

I wanted to start with a quick update on how we spend your Council Tax and the overall state of our finances. You will all have seen that local government everywhere is very hard pressed; we are no exception. This year we must save £41.3 million. This is on top of the £75.4 million already saved since the council was created in 2020. This remains very challenging. Whilst we are embracing new technology and looking to redesign processes and become more efficient, there is no getting away from the fact that we will be reducing what we do and the resources we have. We are having to take some tough decisions to stay solvent which will not always be popular, be it increasing parking charges, changing library staffing or reducing some highways services.

I'm often asked; 'what do I get for my Council Tax?' Most of the council's expenditure, some 71%, is on four legally required services. The early financial result for the first three months of the year show that we are spending more than our budgets on Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Home to School Transport and

MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR LEIGHTON RD 20/05/24 TO 17/07/24

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Leighton Road 20/05/24 - 17/05/24

looking after homeless people. This is concerning. We will continue to monitor these costs and will need to see what must be done to bring us back within budget.

Grass cutting and verge growth

I've had a huge amount of correspondence about growth of verges, hedgerows, and weeds in recent weeks. I think we owe many residents an apology. Whilst most people value the presence of more plants and the positive impact it has on biodiversity, it should never risk road safety or make towns and villages look 'tatty'. In rural areas we have reduced grass cutting to the legal requirement and there is an appeal to seeing more wild-flowers and long grasses by the roadside. However, in towns and villages we are still committed to two grass cuts a year. This year however, we were taken by surprise by the very wet and sunny weather. This led to far more vigorous growth than normal across the county. We have brought in extra grass cutting teams and accelerated the programme but frankly some areas have remained uncut for far too long. We will learn from this and plan ahead for similar weather next year.

Also, safety is paramount so we carry out three 'visibility cuts' around road junctions throughout the growing season. Such is the level of growth this season that we know in some areas we've needed extra cuts in these locations too, so we've brought in additional crews to make sure these are covered. It is important that you tell us if there are individual sites where additional cutting is needed for safety reasons and we will carry these out if they're reported to the council. We have already responded to around 150 such requests this spring and will always prioritise any requests where visibility and safety is an issue.

Weed spraying

These growing conditions have inevitably also led to high weed growth in our towns and villages. The appearance of our towns and villages and the state of our pavements is really important to me so, as I wrote back in May, we have re-instated a second cycle of weed-spraying and will carry out two full cycles of weed spraying across the county over the coming months on all public pavements, as well as 'siding out' in some targeted places. This is the process of clearing the edges of pavements where weeds and vegetation have grown through.

We use Glysphosate to spray weeds; this chemical is not harmful to people or animals and can be used safely close to water courses.

I know from talking to people throughout the general election campaign how important these local issues are, which is why we've taken action and are working hard to tackle what has been ideal growth conditions for all plants and weeds.

Summer roadworks

Over the past two months I have driven around the county a great deal. Like many of you, I have frequently been stuck in roadworks. It will come as no surprise to anyone who regularly travels on our road network that we've had a sharp increase in roadworks in recent years. The number of works permits requested by utilities firms such as water, electricity, gas and broadband, has gone from about 20,000 a year to

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60,000-70,000 a year over just the last three years. Coupled with our own programme of investment in local roads, it all means more work and more disruption on our network.

We have always tried to use the generally quieter summer months to programme some of the most disruptive works, including some of our larger scale improvement schemes. However, we've reached a stage where even the summer will see more disruption than usual this year given the demand for works. In particular, HS2 is closing the key A418 into Aylesbury at Stone across the weekends in July and for two weeks in August. We have no power to stop this as national government has passed special legislation allowing all works associated with the project to proceed, but we continue to press them to mitigate and minimise disruption where we can. We have worked hard to secure an offer of a free shuttle bus service from them from the end of July; more details on dates and times will follow so please look out for this information, plus the details on diversion routes and timings.

Of course, none of us wants more roadworks but with aging utilities pipes, demand for higher speed broadband and a major investment programme planned on the road network, the associated works are unavoidable. I know I'm delivering bad news on some level, but I do want to be upfront and advise people to check their journey before they travel, using your regular sat nav or route planner, and for specific information on who's carrying out the roadworks and their duration, you can check the council's website.

I hope that by warning of possible and more frequent delays this will allow you to plan accordingly. This is a situation that frankly is not going to ease up post summer either, but you do have my assurance that we will do what we can to co-ordinate works where possible and to hold utilities firms to account, making sure they're working within their permit agreements. We've added extra staff into our teams who will be out inspecting works sites to check this.

There was a proposal from the previous Government to substantially increase the fines we could impose on utility companies who broke their permit conditions. We will have to see if the new Government carries on with these changes; I hope so.

Gullies and drains

We had hoped for much drier weather by now after the exceptionally wet winter and spring. However, the very wet weather has continued. This has meant that the amount of water in the ground, the 'ground water', continues to be very high. Rain will quickly result in more flooding as the ground cannot absorb the new rain. We have instances of this across the county and in towns such as Chesham. We know it's critical that all agencies with responsibilities for flood management use this time to plan for next winter, given the terrible flooding we witnessed in some parts of the county over the last winter. As I've said before, as a council, we have a role in coordinating some of this work, which is largely the responsibility of the Environment Agency or individual water companies, such as Thames Water, depending on the causes of flooding in any particular area.

We are doing all we can to ensure this work continues apace over the summer – I know for example places like Chalfont St Peter are still experiencing impacts and

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problems from the terrible flooding there and we want all agencies to do what it takes to avoid any repeat and to find long-term solutions.

For our part, we have committed an extra £500,000 from reserves for repeat gully and drain cleansing and repairs to mitigate against heavy rainfall and potential flooding. It means that on top of our existing commitment to cleanse every gully, every year in Buckinghamshire, we are spending extra time and resource on 2,000 high priority locations as part of this programme of work.

From recent experience it feels like wetter weather is likely to be more of a theme and we are focussed on finding long term solutions to be more resilient overall to the impacts of heavier rainfall.

Littering

Last, but by no means least, another major issue for me is to tackle littering and the scourge of litter louts, particularly those who just chuck fast food and other waste out of their car instead of taking it home or putting it in a bin. We are about to take a decision on a really bold new policy on this, where we want to use greater powers and higher penalties to come down really heavily on litter louts, while in the process hopefully deterring others from doing the same. The new policy is due to be considered and voted on by the council's Cabinet this week, after which I will bring you a full update on progress.

On that note, we have a busy few weeks of activity at the council before the summer holiday season begins. I will be watching the new Government's proposal announcements and will write to you after they are announced. Also, I look forward to updating you in the coming weeks on some exciting new projects we're progressing locally, such as town centre regeneration work in Aylesbury.

Please keep safe and enjoy the hopefully better weather.

Yours,

Martin Tett Leader of Buckinghamshire Council



To keep up to date with the latest news from Buckinghamshire Council, please follow us on social media:

Buckinghamshire Council

The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF buckinghamshire.gov.uk







Work From Home/Online Frauds

Thames Valley Police are urging people to remain vigilant to what appear to be lucrative work from home opportunities being advertised online including on social media and in pop-up advertisements.

The reality is there is no job opportunity, and those targeted have been manipulated into sending their own money. This is also known as **Advance fee fraud_**where fraud criminals target individuals to make advance or upfront payments for goods, services and/or financial gains that do not materialise.

These may be framed as a **Career**, **Work from home** and/or a **Business** opportunity, and although it can sound appealing to be able to earn money from home, people only end up losing money.

Examples include:

- Being contacted unexpectedly via WhatsApp or Telegram.
- Being contacted after registering with a job search website
- Being asked to write reviews on behalf of products and or services including hotels
- Being told you can earn money from playing games
- Being described as a 'freelance worker'
- Being told you can only start earning commission once you have deposited money
- Being asked to make or receive payments in cryptocurrency
- Being invited to become part of private WhatsApp groups to be coached or trained

No genuine job opportunity would ask you to write fake reviews for a product or service you have not encountered personally. Please remember reviews are designed to help others decide if a product or service is for them, based on a genuine personal experience. A fake review is only ever intended to mislead others where they too could end up losing money.

Spot the signs

 You have seen an advert online or via social media that says you can earn a specific or minimum amount of money by running your own business.

- You are told the job is linked to marketing and/or trading/investments
- You are told to call a mobile number (beginning with 07) or respond to a web-based email such as @yahoo or @gmail. Genuine businesses usually advertise a landline number and/or their own email domain.
- You are given a reason to pay up front, such as to register, buy customer leads, set up a website, buy products to sell, or get an instruction manual.
- Many of these business opportunities only allow you to earn money
 if you introduce more people to it. These are known as Pyramid
 schemes.

Protect yourself

- Any advert that tells you that you can sit back and let a business run itself is a good sign that fraudsters are at work.
- **Be wary of paying money in advance.** Most legitimate employers should not require you to pay anything to start working for them.
- If you have got involved with a scheme you suspect is fraudulent, keep any relevant letters, emails, or documents as evidence. Do not get other people involved.

If you have been a victim of fraud, please report to Action Fraud online at **www.actionfraud.police.uk**, or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Remember, if an offer seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Those targeted in this instance have not only lost money but have also ended using their valuable time to work for free as they have not been paid.

It is always recommended to Stop, Challenge, Protect and <u>Take Five - To Stop</u> Fraud



Message sent by Jo Howland (Police, Neighbourhood Administrator, Aylesbury Vale)

ActionFraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

actionfraud.police.uk

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM Wing and Ivinghoe



Inspector
James Davies



Sergeant David Kuttner



Police Constable
Dionne Edwards



Police Constable Jake Bye



PCSO Tina Hobson



PCSO Connor Smith



Special Constable Sam Richards

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

To contact your local Team call

101 or email them on

WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk

You can also report an incident on our website:

www.thamesvalley.police.uk

In an emergency always call 999

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



VILLAGE DIARY

Tuesday 6th August Pal Saturday 14th Sept Co Tuesday 1st October Pal Saturday 12th October Co Friday 18th October Gir

Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30 Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30 Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30 Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30 Gin Tasting Evening – Community Centre – From 19.00

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

ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

High Ash Scouts, Cubs (Beavers)

Buttons Pre-School

Thursday 17.30 – 21.30hrs Monday – Friday 09.00 – 15.00hrs
Contact: Dave Pollington 01525 270864 Contact: 07495 369320 or 01908 533404

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

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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Buckinghamshire Council	0300-131-6000
Aylesbury Vale Area – Buckinghamshire Council	01296-585858
Registrar (Births & Deaths)	01296-383005
Registrar (Marriages)	01296-382481
Fly-Tipping on Roads	01296-382416
Social Care Services (Emergency Duty)	0800-999-7677
MK General Hospital	01908-660033
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	01296-315000
Luton & Dunstable Hospital	01582-491122
SH Gardening Club (Eileen Curry)	01525-270858
Clerk to the Parish Council (Kelly Harris)	07793-131810
Parish Council Chairman (Mubasshir Ajaz)	07775 932925
Gt Brickhill Ward Councillor (Phil Gomm)	07778 117647
Gt Brickhill Ward Councillor (Jilly Jordan)	07740 308468
Gt Brickhill Ward Councillor (Iain Macpherson)	

iain.macpherson@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

MP - Bucks & Bletchley. (Callum Anderson)

callum.anderson.mp@parliment.uk
PCSO Tina Hobson 07779 586565
High Ash School 01525-261620
St Luke's Church (Revd John Waller) 01525-261062
St Luke's Church Warden (Diane Webber) 01525-270409
St Luke's Church Warden (Harry Davies) 01234-822780
Stewkley Methodist Church (Mary Cottrell) 01296 688741

<u>Police non-emergency number 101</u> NHS Helpline non-emergency number 111

EDITOR'S NOTE

Election day came and went and we now have a new government, but how many of you knew as you made your way along to the Community Centre polling station that you were no longer voting for the parliamentary seat of Buckinghamshire? But in fact, because of recent and one would have to say not overly publicised changes to the boundaries of the Buckinghamshire seats, we are now part of a newly titled 'Buckingham and Bletchley' constituency which includes both the towns that makes up its name plus local villages such as ourselves. Other towns and villages previously forming part of the now defunct Buckinghamshire constituency have been subsumed into either Aylesbury or the also newly formed seat of Mid Buckinghamshire.

May I please have copy for the October/November issue by the 20th September 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 31 July	Wednesday 31 July		
Wednesday 7 Aug		Wednesday 7 Aug	Wednesday 7 Aug
	Wednesday 14 Aug	Wednesday 14 Aug	
Wednesday 21 Aug		Wednesday 21 Aug	Wednesday 21 Aug
	Thursday 29 Aug	Thursday 29 Aug	
Wednesday 4 Sept		Wednesday 4 Sept	Wednesday 4 Sept
	Wednesday 11 Sept	Wednesday 11 Sept	
Wednesday 18 Sept		Wednesday 18 Sept	Wednesday 18 Sept
	Wednesday 25 Sept	Wednesday 25 Sept	
Wednesday 2 Oct		Wednesday 2 Oct	Wednesday 2 Oct



We need your help!

Help us say thank you to volunteers and groups that have made a difference for our community in 2024.

Do you know an adult, young person or community group who deserves to be celebrated for going above and beyond in our local area?

Nominate them today for one of our Proud of Bucks **Community Awards:**

🏋 Good Neighbour Award



😰 Young Champion Award



🌠 Outstanding Group Award



buckinghamshire.gov.uk/pob-awards-24

Nominations close: Sunday 11 August









GIN TASTING EVENING

SAVE THE DATE



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Join us at the Community Centre on the evening of the 18th October when the Buckinghamshire based Foxdenton Estate Distillery Company will be giving a presentation and a chance for you to sample and indeed buy if you wish several of their renowned flavoured gins. The ticket price yet to be announced will include the gin tasting and a buffet with music provided by DJ James. There will also be a licensed bar offering a small selection of wines, beers, ciders and soft drinks. Further details will be posted within the village and social media over the next few weeks.

For additional information or questions please email

enquiries@sicommunitvassociation.co.uk