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Stoke Hammond Speeding Working Group



You may have spotted the Speedwatch team in action in the village, dressed as we are in yellow high-vis sat at the roadside with notepads and speed gun in hand. Many vehicles do slow down when they see us, so in some way that counts as a positive result. Sadly, a large number of the vehicles logged are exceeding the 30mph limit, but we can only report those at 36mph or above. On one session where the team were located on the verge of the Leighton Rd, out of 184 vehicles 16 were logged at 36mph or more and reported to the Community Speedwatch. We would still welcome additional volunteers to be part of our Speedwatch team, so if you would like to join us, please email gregnoble@stokehammondpc.com or call on 07729 691888



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- 6th Aug: 09.30am Morning Worship – JH
 13th Aug: 11.00am Family Service - JW
 20th Aug: 05.00pm Compline Service - JW
 This service will immediately follow the 3pm
 Afternoon Tea, So, there won't be refreshments
 after the service.
 27th Aug: 10.00am Benefice Service - tba



SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Sept: 10.00am Benefice Service – JW
Note: To be held at St Mary's, Great Brickhill
 10th Sept: 11.00am Family Service – JW
 17th Sept: 09.30am Café Church – tba
 24th Sept: 09.30am Harvest Festival with Holy Communion - JW
 This service will be followed by the Harvest Lunch, which starts at
 1 for 1.30pm, so there won't be refreshments after the service.

*Refreshments unless
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Your Parish Council was most pleased to receive and accept an invitation from the Hills Group and the Peabody Housing Association to attend a 'Topping Out' ceremony at the new Fenny Road development. Donned out in High Vis, boots, hard hats and protective gloves Cllrs Venn and Cllr Noble along with Kelly Harris our clerk were given a full tour of the site and the show home. What was quite

staggering to see in these energy efficient and semi passive homes was the thickness of the exterior walls which were almost double the width of normal walls packed with so many extra layers of insulation. Similarly, all homes have underfloor heating to the ground floors connected to air source heat pumps and solar panels on their roofs plus EV Car Charging points. At the end of the tour the actual 'Topping Out' process took place which involved the ceremonial laying of some bricks, and Cllr Venn was invited to grab a trowel and lay a couple of bricks on behalf of the PC.



We must also thank Hills for organising a litter pick in their efforts to give something back to the Community. It was quite outstanding and rather disappointing the amount of litter that they came across, filling some 10 bags.

We understand the Speedwatch Group have undertaken several campaigns over the last couple of months and motorists

certainly do seem to curtail their speeds when they see them seated at the roadside, in their yellow jackets, notepads in hand and a speed gun being pointed at them. Hopefully, the long awaited 3 new MVAS (Mobile Speed Activated Signs) are to be installed and functioning by the middle of August, which will hopefully further slow the speeds of vehicles as they pass through our village.

The matter of no attendance at PC meetings or any communications from our 3 Unitary Ward Councillors, unfortunately still continues, and although we wrote to Councillor Martin Tett the leader of Buckinghamshire Council, seeking his assistance

in this matter, we received back a very short and rather unhelpful response. Our clerk will again be writing to Cllr Tett to once more explain our total frustration with this situation and that we expect Cllr Tett to get more actively involved in resolving this current unacceptable position that we face.

At long last (and it may well have happened by the time of publication of this edition of the SH & NLS News) the residents in Tyrells Gardens have received notification that after something like two years or more, their wait is finally over as Bucks Highways have confirmed they are to resurface their pothole laden road. One would have hoped and this was explained by your PC to Highways on many occasions, that given many of the residents on Tyrells Gardens are elderly and less mobile, that they would have given this repair a much higher priority, but it would seem not, but at least the work is to now be done.

Aside from the normal two monthly PC meetings for June and July, an Extraordinary PC Meeting was held on the evening on Monday 22nd May to discuss 3 new planning applications that had been received, relating to Fontaine House, Church Road, The Birches also on Church Road and The Mellows, Hillersden Chase. Details of the PC's comments and decisions can be found in the 'Planning Updates' section.

The June PC meeting very nearly didn't happen, we already knew some Councillors were unavailable due to holidays and work commitments, but as we approached the 7.30pm start time there were just 2 councillors present along with the Clerk, but thankfully a third Councillor duly arrived, which meant the we were quorate and could officially go ahead with the meeting which was also attended by 6 members of the public. Aside from normal monthly business, some of the other items discussed and debated were as follows:

- Sadly, the Clerk had to advise that some of the gym equipment to rear of the Community Centre had been damaged with parts missing which was likely down to vandalism. A report had been filed with the police and a crime number obtained, in case we wish to make a claim against our insurance, and a quotation for repairs would be sought from the manufacturers. The PC were questioned about preventing future vandalism, albeit it should be noted this was the first recorded instance in the 6 years since the gym equipment was installed, but the possibility of maybe considering the installation of CCTV would be considered at the next PC meeting.
- In a further update the clerk confirmed a baffle had now been fitted to the streetlight to the rear of 31 Manor Close to reduce light spillage into the property and that the alleyway between Tyrells Gardens and the Fenny Road had been cleared. An application had also been submitted to Bucks Planning to reduce the Blossom tree on The Green.
- The Stoke Hammond Gardening Club had previously completed a Community Funding application but had not specified a figure they were seeking. They had now confirmed a sum of £350. The PC agreed that the Gardening Club does a great deal for the community and is important for mental wellbeing and inclusion. Because of this the grant application was unanimously approved.

For the July PC Meeting we headed off to the Newton Leys Pavilion where we were joined

by just 2 members of the public, but they were at least both residents of Newton Leys South.

- Following on from last month and the damaged gym equipment on the Community Centre land and the possibility of installing CCTV equipment, the Clerk had received quotes in the region of £5000-£8000, plus we would need to create a robust CCTV policy including the purchase of software or the use of a third party to edit footage if any requests were received from residents wishing to see footage that they appeared in. The PC felt that all these costs were prohibitive for what has been one possible vandalism incident in the space of 6 years and therefore decided to not proceed any further with this CCTV project.
- Separate too, but in some way related to the gym equipment, the PC had just received the 2023 RoSPA Playsafety report which had highlighted a number of issues with the play park equipment. The clerk will now seek out companies who maintain and repair such equipment and obtain quotes to make the recommended repairs.
- Cllr Champion gave an in-depth report into his investigations into S106 funds and how this can be best spent for the benefit of the community. The purchase of new land for recreational purposes maybe an option, but this could not be land that has already been put forward as part of the Neighbourhood Plan 'call for sites'. Cllr Champion also advised that Biffa Waste offer grants of up to £100,00 for projects within 10 miles of one of there waste sites, and would intend to apply for such a grant once an S106 project had been identified.
- Cllr Champion also apprised the meeting on progress with regard to the Newton Leys Land Management Company with 36 residents having replied to his letter confirming they wished the company to be taken over
- In the Clerks update, we learnt that investigations were still ongoing into who is responsible for the drain on The Green which has been causing some flooding issues in nearby properties. Bucks Council do not have it on their list of assets and will be sending out a technician to investigate further. We also learnt that an application for the funding towards the planting of 200 fruit trees in Newton Leys South has been submitted to Bucks Council and we are awaiting a decision. Unfortunately, the PC request to include funding for a Christmas Tree for Newton Leys South was rejected.

The next PC Meeting is in September, as we take a break for August, albeit if any important or pressing items do arise, then an extraordinary meeting will be called. So, Tuesday 12th September at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB, starting at 7.30pm.

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

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An Update from your Parish Council regarding the Great Brickhill, Wing and Ivinghoe Local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Councillors Newing and Venn, along with 6 parishioners, met the Community Policing team at the Dolphin on the 18th of July. It was an opportune event given the recent apparent increase in anti-social behaviour highlighted by the mindless attack on the bus stop at the entrance to Bragenham Side.

It was agreed by both parties that the hastily arranged meeting had been poorly advertised and so it was agreed another meeting would be arranged later in the year. The good news is that recruitment has been taking place and the Community Policing team has expanded in size. Joshua Walton-Taylor is Stoke Hammonds nominated Community Policing representative. He has only been in post for a month but has 4 years' experience in the role with the Hertfordshire Constabulary. Joshua is also an ex-resident of Stoke Hammond having lived in Manor Close for several years, with his parents, so maybe known to some of you.

The recent issues of car theft were raised by Parishioners. Joshua was able to supply some material that the Police provide to support prevention. He emphasised that the best help residents can provide is that if you spot any suspicious behaviour, cars or people that seem out of place then a call should be made on 101 which is the most efficient way to log concern and for dissemination of information to relevant police groups. They came supplied with prevention tips on house security, keyless vehicle theft, online safety, cold calling etc. It was a helpful an informative session.

We recommend looking out for promotion of the next visit as it is well worth 60 minutes of your time.

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There was so much to see - cottage gardens, rose garden, rock garden, herbaceous borders, water gardens, glass houses packed with exotic plants, bonsai trees, in fact it has the largest plant collections in the world. The arts and craft house, which was open for the first time this year, was full of information about the RHS and its captivating history, early plant gathering from all over the world and

the intrepid plantsmen travelling to far flung corners of the earth to bring back species to the RHS for identification and research. There was a lecture room where the students are taught with a film recreating the atmosphere and other rooms displaying details of the early RHS pioneers.

In addition to the above there were plant sales and advice, a variety of exhibitions, a very attractive shop, several restaurants



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and eateries and absolutely everything in the gardens and glass houses was very clearly labelled which was a bonus. If anyone wanted a rest there was a bus which toured around and as Wisley has 240 acres it would be impossible to see everything in one visit. The only downside was that the refreshments were found to be rather pricey and the M25 had to be suffered with fortitude as the road works were everywhere !!!! Otherwise we found our trip packed with horticultural inspiration and loads of information all in immaculate surroundings.

The Committee are meeting very soon to see what can be planned next but hope that everyone enjoyed the day.





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How much?

Is a phrase I usually follow with “is he paid to miss an open goal like that”. I don’t have a great deal of time for football or footballers but their salary and transfer fees do seem to be from another world.

Now there is a problem of money for a large proportion of the population and they have my sympathy. However, there is also money about and I wonder if some people have their priorities in the wrong order.

I’ve just made a trip to Leeds. The M1 is now 4 lanes all the way to the A1. Has this freed up space to ease congestion? No, it has increased the number of cars using it and the amount of petrol being consumed. This was emphasised by the recent garden club trip to Wisley. So much traffic, a 66 mile journey took 2 ½ hours out and 2 ¾ hours coming back. There’s no lack of money to buy petrol. And the recent F1 at Silverstone was a sell out. A 3 day pass was £229. But if you wanted a seat the price was £319 to £689!

MK theatre has always been on the pricey side. Large cast shows obviously have more costs and justify higher seat prices. However, October sees a well known comedienne doing a one woman show and prices range from £48 to £80. As the general advert for the theatre claims seats from £13 this could be a little excessive.

But what caught my attention earlier this month was a scantily clad model in the fashion section of a Sunday paper. I had to hide this from the good lady in case she got ideas:

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Scouts

High Ash Group



The highlight of the last couple of months has to be the group's camp at the start of June which was at our local scout campsite near Cosgrove. We were fortunate enough to have plenty of sunshine for our first proper camp back under canvas since the restrictions of COVID.....and we made the most of it!



The cubs had a great time pitching their tents, fire lighting and living outdoors, exploring the woods, and having a go at various challenges such as slack-lining and whittling. To achieve their outdoor challenge badges, they also had some time on

the shooting range being instructed on how to use the air rifles and another hour crawling through the site's caving complex.



The scout patrols were set a bit more of a tougher team challenge and had to walk into Stony Stratford to buy the ingredients for an evening meal on a limited budget and then return to camp and cook it over an open fire all great skills for life! The older scouts also wanted to have a go at sleeping under the stars in a bivouac on what turned out to be a fairly chilly night.....so not much sleep but all part of the adventure.

The rest of this term has been spent being outdoors as much as possible, doing local hikes, helping out with the Stoke Hammond litter pick and playing team games in the evening sunshine.

We concluded our Thursday night meetings with our AGM for the adults and a mass water fight for all our youth members!

We have now started our summer break but will be returning to the community centre again in September.



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olds) is still dormant as we still need a couple more adults to volunteer to help out on Thursdays between 17:30 and 18:30 – could this be you?? Also, if you have children between 8 and 14 who would like to take part in scouting locally, please contact Amanda McGee via join.highash@mkscouts.org.

DAVE POLLINGTON

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The summer is now upon us and we have cricket down the sports field. We have home games every Saturday and most Sundays. Please pop down and show some support to the village cricket teams. The midweek team have finished their season by winning the league. They are still playing in a cup competition. On the 23rd September we are having a village cricket game. Anyone is welcome to join in please register interest behind the bar. In the evening we will be hosting bandeeki. This is a favourite between the members and is always a great night. The cricket game will be kindly provided and sponsored for by JD roofing & general builders.

Memberships are now due and we welcome anyone who would like to join to come and visit us and speak to bar staff or Leanne Webster our membership secretary. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for any event or details for the sports club. Our opening ours are as follows –

Monday-Friday 6pm till close Saturday & Sunday 1pm till close

Our cricket nets have now been finished and will be in use for all. There are some rules for them that will be on display on a sign soon.

We hope you all have a lovely summer.

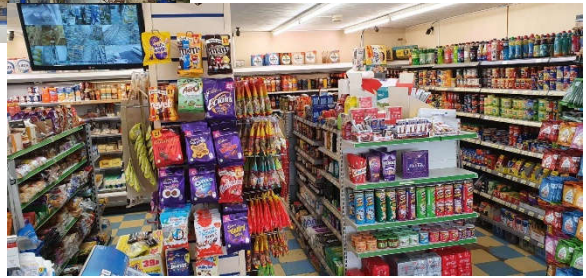
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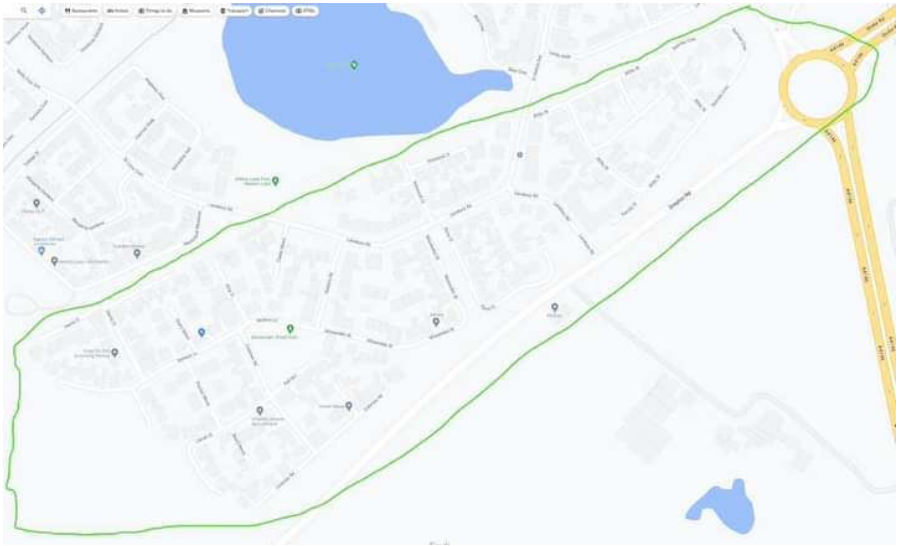
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Newton Leys Management Company

After a few weeks delay the Company Secretary for the management company has replied to our request for a vote to elect two residents as directors. They have advised us that the land around the Bovis estate and the Dickens Lane Park has not yet been transferred to the management company by the developers, so we are requesting further details about the status of that transfer and who we will have to contact to get this finalised. We are hoping to get enough details to proceed with the vote in the next few weeks and once this has happened, we can take control of the company.

Christmas Tree for Newton Leys

Stoke Hammond Parish Council is aiming to plant a Christmas tree on the land adjoining the park nearest the lake in the Autumn. The Council is getting quotes for the supply and planting of the tree currently. The aim is to also illuminate the tree over the Christmas period.

Newton Leys Orchard Bid

Councillor Champion has submitted a bid for funding to plant 200 fruit trees around the Public Open Space surrounding the Bovis and Taylor Wimpey parts of the estate. If we are successful in the funding bid, we would really appreciate support from the local community to help look after the trees particularly for the first few years. The bid is for a selection of different fruit trees around the perimeter of the public open space with the aim to improve the visual appeal of the estate, increase shade and shelter from the elements and also provide free and healthy food for the community.



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Sensory Activities



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Connecting with the Community

Prior to the pandemic, our residents expressed they'd love to get out into the community again. We've been attending a weekly community club, visited local lakes, such as Willen Lake, browsed garden centres, like Dobbies, attended local school fetes and enjoyed a complimentary meal at Caldecotte Pub, kindly gifted by Greene King.



Pet Therapy

Pet therapy, also known as animal-assisted therapy (AAT), is a type of therapy that uses the presence of animals to improve the physical, emotional, and social well-being of people.



We've been loving getting out, we believe it's important for our residents physical and mental health to be able to connect with the outside world.

We was recently visited by Lucia's Tiny Farm, who brought along rabbits, Guinea pigs, a tortoise, a rat, and Coco the puppy! We've also had presentations from the owners of both medical dection dogs and Stanly the emotional support dog. The benefits of pet therapy are numerous. We clearly see reduced stress and improved mood and social interaction between our residents in the presence of pets.



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LADIES THAT LUNCH

The Ladies that Lunch have all agreed that they want the lunches to continue during the Summer holidays. Dates for the next ones are Tuesday 8th August in the Sports Club serving soup, rolls, cakes, tea, coffee from 12.30. We finish at 1.45pm. The September Ladies that Lunch is on Tuesday 12th September again at the Sports Club, Bragenham Side from 12.30.

Seventeen ladies turned up in July, but little did they know that there was a big cricket match on and they couldn't sit in their usual seats! Thanks to Joe and Leanne though for shifting the tables so that the ladies had somewhere to sit. Thank you to everyone who came and all the ladies that helped me after a bit of an iffy start to the event.

The cost of £2 per person per lunch goes to pay the rent and electricity bill.

If you haven't been before, please feel free to come along, but it would assist if you could contact me in advance to let me know.

Enjoy the Summer. Hazel Turner hmt404@hotmail.co.uk

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Summer 2023

Busy End of Term

It has been wonderful to be able to, once again, open our doors and welcome in parents and invite them to our school events. We have been thrilled to host a welcome evening for new Foundation parents and meet those who will be joining the school in September, and we have also been able to invite parents and family to a number of events including Sports Day, Star Assemblies.

Year 6 Leavers' Events....

We are delighted that we have been able to give the Year 6 pupils an action-packed summer term and that they have all attended transition days and open events at their selected secondary schools.

Here at High Ash, the Year 6 pupils have been able to enjoy the following events and activities; Residential Trip to Manor Adventures, End of Year Production, Leavers' Blessing at the Church, Year 6 Prom and on their last day at school, Fri 21st July, a special Leavers' Assembly.

Fundraising News...

Our school fundraising committee HASA (High Ash School Association) have raised a £9,500 this academic year. This is all thanks to the parent volunteers who help support HASA events. The committee is thrilled with the success of the mixture of fundraising events we have held during the past year - the ideas have been innovative and creative.

The funds raised are so helpful to the school budget and support our Hook Days, buying of books, paying for coaches to get our children to sports festivals, subsidising trips, end of year treats for the children, Y6 Prom and many other extras that would not be able to happen without all this help! We really are grateful for the continued parental support.

Back to School...

We look forward to welcoming pupils back for the new school year will start on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

We hope that the local community have a lovely summer break and we hope that September sees the start of an exciting new academic year for both our existing and our new Foundation pupils

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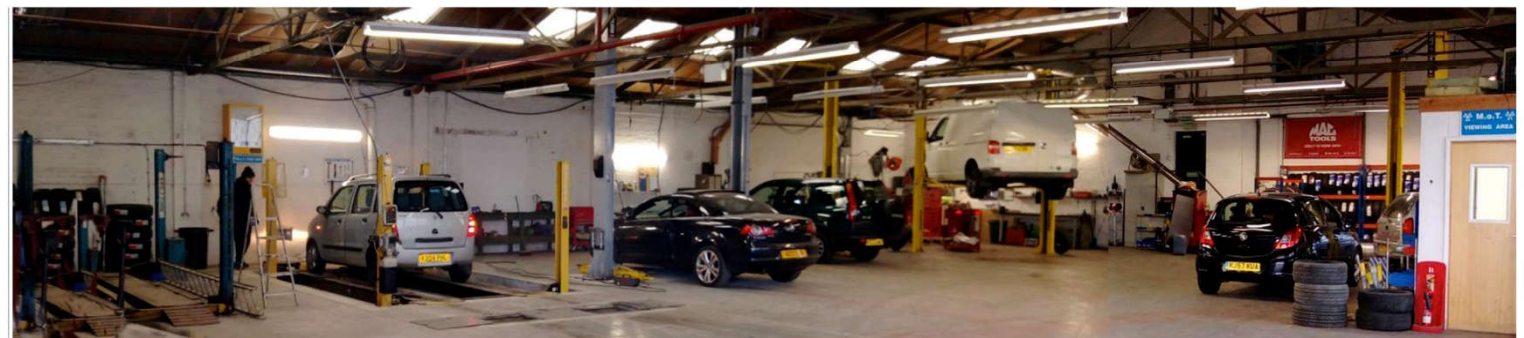
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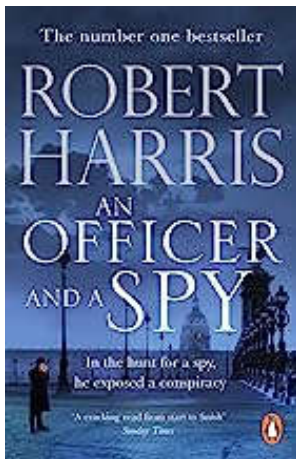
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STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



An Officer and a Spy - by Robert Harris.



This is a 2013 historical fiction thriller and is based on a true story of the French Officer Georges Picquart when from 1896 - 1906 he struggles to expose the truth about the doctored evidence that, following a public humiliation, sent Alfred Dreyfus (accused of spying) to suffer a life sentence on Devil's Island. Picquart ultimately puts his life and a blossoming army career on the line because he is convinced that there has been a massive miscarriage of justice and feels compelled to put it right.

With just one exception the Group loved it and we welcomed this alternative view of the book as that is what the Book Club is all about and everyone's opinion is valued. Otherwise we all felt that it was extremely well written and although very detailed and complicated by innumerable unpronounceable French names and army ranks it was agreed that it was a real page turner. Our 'token man', although he was familiar with the subject and with the film directed by Roman Polanski in 2019, really enjoyed reading it and someone even experienced 'butterflies' at one stage while waiting to read the Court's verdict !!!

Conclusion - although it was necessary to 'stick with it' the suspense is well worth it as it kept our attention and interest and was a fascinating read. One of our best !

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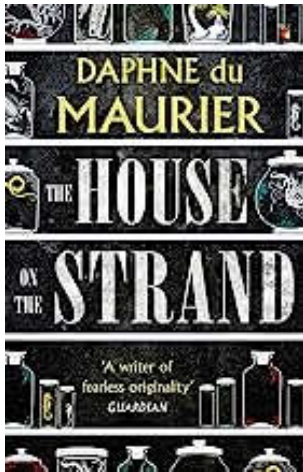
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Stoke Hammond Book Club continued:

The House on the Strand - by Daphne du Maurier.



The main character (Dick) is staying in a house (Kilmarth) in Cornwall loaned to him by his friend (Marcus) for a summer stay. Dick initially has some time there on his own before the arrival of his wife and two stepsons. During his stay he agrees to serve as a guinea pig for a new drug that Marcus has discovered in his biochemical research. The effect of the drug transports Dick from the house at Kilmarth to the same area in the 14th century. This may sound too fanciful and a bit weird but it keeps your attention and in some cases persuades you to stay with it to the end but it is essential to read the introduction before you start !

To my surprise the Group were almost unanimous in their dislike of the book. Comments included 'dreadful', 'gave up half way through', 'disappointed as usual enjoy Daphne du Maurier', 'couldn't recommend it', 'no real character descriptions' etc. Our 'token Man' found it interesting in part as he knows Cornwall very well and was trying to recognise areas described. He also found the history aspect worth reading but, in common with the rest of the Group, was aware of the cold relationships between the characters, particularly Dick and his wife Vita. There was one member of the Group with an alternative opinion. After a slow start she suddenly got in to it and really wanted to know how it would end. She enjoyed the parallel story lines and although found it a bit disturbing and occasionally long winded the different and unusual theme kept her interest to the end. Most of the Group thought it was rather a desperate last novel but one comment was that the Author was daring to tackle such a strange subject. Again, good to have at least one differing opinion.

Conclusion: main consensus - give it a miss and avoid disappointment !

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MAVIS'S QUIZ

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- 1: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest 2: Chicken Little
3: The Maltese Falcon 4: Where Eagles Dare 5: The Birds
6: Duck Soup 7: Batman and Robin 8: To Kill a Mockingbird
9: Iron Eagle 10: Three Days of the Condor**



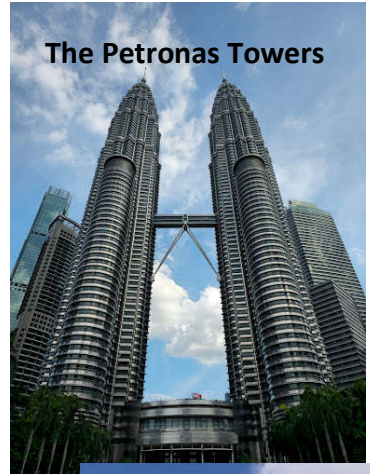
This time, do you know the tallest and shortest out of these world buildings and structures. Can you place them in order, starting with the tallest through to the shortest?



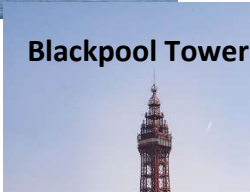
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don't have a baby just yet but are pregnant! Refreshments are also available.

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!"



We're closed for the summer holidays now but will be opening up again on 8th September – See you there!



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

St Luke's Church News



The **Open Gardens** in June was a great success. We were blessed by glorious weather: the Saturday was scorching hot, which no doubt helped the sale of refreshments. The Sunday forecast was for rain so there were fewer visitors, but instead it was hot and muggy with the rain starting at 6pm – after the end of the event! Over £1300 was raised. Thank you

to all who opened their gardens and those who supported the event.

The **Church fete** (see bric-a-brac stall above) was another matter as we hadn't expected the gale force winds that appeared. This would've meant gazebos taking flight and things blowing off tables and was deemed too much of a safety risk, so the fete was moved to the Community centre. Nevertheless, there were plenty there and we all enjoyed ourselves raising over £1000 in the process. Thanks to all who attended and for the organisation by the fundraising committee.

Forthcoming Special Services:



On **20th August at 5pm** we'll be having a **service of Compline** (Evening prayer). This short service won't have any hymns but will include reciting a psalm. It will immediately follow Afternoon tea which starts at 3pm, but there's no obligation to attend the tea.

Our next **Café Church** service is **17th September** (starting **from 9.30am**) Just turn up between 9.30 and 10.10am to enjoy a light breakfast. At about 10.15am, we'll break off from chatting for an informal service which might include anything from a Bible reading, a prayer, an invitation to share your thoughts about the subject or a brief talk. The "service" finishes at about half ten.



We will be holding our **Harvest Festival service at 9.30am on 24th September**. We



hope the church will be beautifully decorated with God's creations as well as donated goods. If you'd like to bring a gift to the service, there'll be a chance to offer your produce during the service. Alternatively, you can give your produce in advance to help decorate the church. At the end of the service, fresh

produce will be donated to Willen Hospice and commercial products (tins, packets or boxes) will be donated to Bletchley Food Cupboard. (We'll be serving Harvest Lunch on the same day in Stoke Hammond Community Centre from 1 for 1.30pm). If you'd like a lift to any of our services, please call one of the numbers below.

A list of church services is found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Church Activities:

Prayers: Our prayer group meets twice a month and we're happy to accept prayer requests. We usually pray for individuals the village and the wider community, national and international issues, organisations including schools, and of course that God's will be done! All prayers are in strict confidence. Prayer request cards are available at the Community Breakfast or speak to a churchwarden. (See below)



Community Breakfast: There is no Community breakfast in August, so the next one will take place on **9th September** with orders taken from **8.30 to 10.30am**. You don't have to have a full English as we also serve toast, fruit salad, cereal, croissants, pain au chocolat and boiled eggs! There is no charge for breakfast, but you're welcome to make a donation if you wish to.



Food Bank: The church foodbank is free to all and is available in the church porch and topped up roughly weekly. 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)



Toy Swap Shop: The swap shop is still available in the church porch, so please feel free to use it, particularly during the school holidays! If you have any toys, games or **children's** books that your children no longer play with, please feel free to donate them to the Swap Shop.



Fundraising Events:

Barn Dance with Pig roast: The Barn Dance will be held on **Saturday 19th August from 7-11 pm at Stoke Hammond Community Centre**. There will be a live band, Pig roast (Vegetarian option on request) and a licensed bar. If you haven't been to a Barn Dance before you're in for a treat! Watch a few dances to start, then have a go and try to



keep up with the caller's instructions whilst shedding a few calories! Tickets are **£10 per adult and £4 per child until 5th August, after which time they will be £12.50 per adult and £5 per child**. Tickets available from **Gillian 01908 371786** or churchwardens (see below)



Afternoon tea: The following day we will be holding afternoon tea in the church from **3pm on Sunday 20th August**. This is a chance to come and meet up with friends and neighbours and have a chat. There will be cream scones and a selection of cakes. The tea will be followed by a Compline service at 5pm, but you don't have to stay for the service. There's no charge for the tea but you may make a donation if you wish to.



Harvest Lunch: This takes place after the Harvest festival service on **24th Sept starting at 1 for 1.30pm in Stoke Hammond Community Centre**. A cold buffet with dessert and glass of wine (or juice) incl. Tickets are available shortly from Dave (270409)/Gillian (01908 371786). Contact us (below) if you want to go on our email list for reminders of social events /special services.



Bible verse of the month: *Mat13v10-13a: ¹⁰ The disciples came to*

him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" ¹¹ He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹² Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables:



What does it mean?: Jesus had just told the parable of the Sower to his followers (v 3-8) and was asked why he used parables. He knew God would open the eyes and ears of those who really wanted to know what they meant, by making them think about it. Those who couldn't be bothered to think just wanted to hear a story. They were the ones with closed minds which meant they couldn't hear or see. In our time when people are often divided, maybe that's good to reflect on.

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.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 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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(Not to scale)



Calling all ladies ...

We are a friendly, sociable 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.

Our July Meeting:



Evan Willison told us tales of his 30 years working with Charlie Ross at his saleroom and auction house in Woburn. His tales of purchases and treasured family heirlooms (or not!) had members enthralled and literally asking for more!

The bottle of wine was a prize for guessing the item next to Evan was 'The Arnold Foster Mother' for feeding lambs!



Why not give us a try? Great Brickhill's Membership is discounted at £17.55 (from now to 31st March 2024).

Please feel free to come along. You will be given a warm welcome and there is no pressure to join; you don't even have to live in the village! Guests can attend 3 meetings, for a charge of £5 per meeting (which includes tea/coffee and a raffle ticket), before having to become a member.

We don't meet in August so our next meeting is Wednesday, 13th September.

Chris Lowe is the speaker representative for the Aylesbury branch of the RNLI. His talk will be about what the RNLI do, how it started, how it's funded, rescues, new equipment and where the RNLI is going.



Future speakers include: DABS & DNA Detecting Criminals and Hearing Dogs.

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.

PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES JUNE & JULY 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:

23/01192/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.

This was a revised design to a previous application, to which the PC raised an objection, but they now felt this amended design addressed the previous issues and would sit well with this listed dwelling within the conservation area, and as such had NO OBJECTIONS to this latest application.

23/01344/APP The Birches, Church Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BP

Householder application for single storey front, side and rear extensions.

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application. However, it was noted that the planning notices had only just been put on public display, and should this lead to any adverse community comments, they reserved the right to revisit the application and make further comments if felt necessary,

23/00668/APP The Mellows, Hillersden Chase, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DH

Variation of condition 1 (Approved Plans and 12 (Surface water drainage) attached to planning permission 19/00874/ADP (Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to outline permission 16/03698/AOP for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of a residential development of 16 dwellings and associated works)

Cllrs OBJECTED to this application due to the negative drainage board report and the proposed extensive use of cladding on the houses which is not in keeping with the style of other homes in the village. Other sites are being developed in this area, with only one access point and services, and the impact this will have on what this application is trying to deliver needs to be understood.

23/01525/ALB Stoke Lodge, Lodge Lane, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BU

Listed building application for removal of section of garden wall and the erection of a new garden wall and gates within the rear garden.

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application

23/01532/AOP – Orchard End Hillersdon Chase, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DH

Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for residential development of 10 dwellings and associated works.

Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application on the following grounds:

- *Biodiversity is a big concern which needs addressing.*
- *No open space has been factored into this application. Bucks Council Planning has confirmed that for developments of 10 homes or more, open space must be provided.*
- *Surface water drainage is a concern, and this is supported by the LLFA who has*

objected to the application. Drainage concerns have been raised for all the applications at this site, and it is felt that all should be considered as one application.

23/01533/AOP Meadowbrook Off Newton Road, Stoke Hammond.MK17 9DH

Outline application with access to be considered for residential development of 9 dwellings and associated works.

Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application on the following grounds:

- The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan adopted in 2021 states Stoke Hammond does not have to take any more homes given the developments that have already taken place and the planning applications that were already approved.*
- Surface water drainage is a concern, and this is supported by the Buckingham & River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board who has objected to the application due to concerns around flooding. Drainage concerns have been raised for all applications at this site, and it is felt that all should be considered as one application.*
- Thames Valley Police has highlighted their concerns that the layout exposes many sides of the proposed plots, and that surveillance will be required, but this is not included in the application.*
- There are concerns over noise from the railway and a noise assessment should be carried out.*

PLANNING UPDATES:

Have others of you noticed that the Buckinghamshire Planning Department seem to have been getting their act together, particularly for the more basic and simple planning applications, which are now being processed in a matter of weeks, where it was not that long ago, that these types of applications were taking many months for a decision to be made. Long may this improved situation continue.

23/01026/APP 10 Tyrells Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BS

Householder application for demolition of single storey side projection. Erection of two storey side, single storey front and rear extensions. Widening of dropped kerb.
Your Cllrs had no objections to this application which has now been approved.

23/00709/APP 6 Dimmock Close, Bletchley MK3 5RB

Householder application for single storey rear extension
Your Cllrs had no objections to this application which has now been approved.

22/02488/APP The Barns, Stoke House Farm, Stoke Rd, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BN

Demolition of existing car port and erection of an ancillary annexe.
Originally supported by your PC but subsequently refused by the planners. The applicant appealed (22/00186/REF) the refusal decision, and have been successful with the planning inspectorate granting their appeal. The inspectorate felt the reasons for refusal were not correct and the main concern about the annexe potentially being used/sold as a separate dwelling in the future can easily be covered by a planning condition caveat.

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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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Stoke Hammond Neighbourhood Plan

We are in a lull with the Neighbourhood Plan because the Government have still not announced the Grants for 2023/24. This is now significantly delayed as we are a third of the way through the year, nevertheless they are still stating it is their intention to announce a scheme. Consequently, we have insufficient funding to complete the technical documentation which requires specialist input. However, the impact of the delay is not significant whilst the Bucks Local Plan remains under development, as we have met our targets for development within the current Aylesbury Vale Local Plan.



News from Buckinghamshire Council

Dear Resident

26 June 2023

With the longest day just behind us, the year suddenly seems to be rushing past. Summer is now well and truly here and it's been lovely to enjoy this long spell of warm, dry and settled weather. I know of course that some of the recent heavy storms have impacted a few of our communities with flash flooding and the council is supporting where needed.



Our roads

The dry conditions have allowed us to continue to make huge progress on road repairs, fixing the winter damage – to the extent where we have completed a remarkable 10,000 repairs since our new Buckinghamshire Highways contract began on 1 April on top of our annual re-surfacing programme. This is made up of some 4,300 individual repairs and over 6,000 using our 'Jetpatcher' on more rural roads. This of course demonstrates the impact the very harsh conditions that last winter had on the network, reflected up and down the country.

I have recently joined with other council Leaders across the south-east in writing to the Government asking for more money for our roads, given the heavy volumes of traffic and the large number of utility works in the region. I'm absolutely not complacent, we still have a lot of work to do, but I'm pleased that we've been able to respond at scale to complete so many repairs so quickly.

We have fifteen teams working on road repairs, including potholes, some round the clock, seven days a week. Alongside this we continue to roll out our programme of bigger improvement works, with over 200 larger re-surfacing, drainage and road safety projects on specific sections of the highways.

Our staff

Obviously to fix the roads we often have to close them or use other traffic management while we carry out the repairs. We do try to keep disruption to a minimum but we ask you to be patient and to bear with us as we carry out this essential work. I've been shocked at some alarming reports of our staff being not

just subject to verbal abuse but even physical violence while carrying out vital repairs on our roads.

I would ask everyone reading this to please appreciate the job they're doing and to treat them with respect. I understand road closures are frustrating and that, with the added disruption from HS2 and East West Rail, plus a very high volume of utilities works in the county, that getting from A to B is challenging at times but please be patient and understand that our people are doing this work to make the roads safer and better for all of us travelling around the county.

Summer support for residents

I know the news continues to be challenging around high prices, mortgage rates and energy costs as the Government works to bring down inflation. For many local households, the struggle to make ends meet remains a real challenge. The council has put in place a range of support across the summer for families as part of our continuing measures to help residents with the cost-of-living pressures.

Our Helping Hand service is issuing digital food vouchers to eligible families over the summer holidays to make sure that these families have support buying food over the summer months. Eligible families will be contacted directly in the coming weeks with their voucher codes.

Our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme now has even more locations – the scheme offers free holiday activities and a healthy hot meal to children in Reception – Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals. These are brilliant clubs which offer a range of high-quality activities from day trips, to adventure activities, to sports, dance and much more.

You can find out more about all of the support on our dedicated '[school summer holidays](#)' webpages, including lots of ideas for free or low-cost activities for families over the summer months.



Any residents can also contact our [Helping Hand service](#) for any wider support needs if you're experiencing hardship or financial struggles and need advice and support. We can help in a whole range of ways so please don't worry in silence and make contact if you need us.

Armed Forces Day and Schools Awards

I am immensely proud of our Armed Forces. We marked [Armed Forces Day](#) this month in a number of ways; we held an Armed Forces conference inviting local organisations to sign up to the [Armed Forces Covenant](#) to pledge support for our Armed Forces Community, to help where they can in assisting those who serve our nation, and their families. This might be by becoming a 'Forces Friendly' employer or through providing other support. We also commemorated Armed Forces Day

with flag-raising ceremonies in both Aylesbury and High Wycombe.



Ceremony honouring our Armed Forces personnel held in High Wycombe.

Recognising our amazing teachers

Late last week it was a huge pleasure to host our very first Schools Awards at Pinewood Studios. This was a fantastic event, created by the council, which recognised the incredible contributions of teachers, other school staff and students themselves across Buckinghamshire. I was honoured to attend and was so proud to see the winners collect their awards – and for the pride they showed in themselves too.



Winners at the Buckinghamshire Schools Awards ceremony.

Nominations were open to all staff in schools in Buckinghamshire, to vote across eleven categories from 'New Teacher of the Year' to 'Pupil Voice award' and 'Raising Attainment Award'. It was a fantastic night and I thank all the award sponsors too who covered the cost; it was brilliant to see such fantastic support and involvement from local businesses in this event.

You can see the [full list of winners on the council's website](#).

Stanley Hill Amersham

I don't normally make a specific reference to utility works but Stanley Hill in Amersham will be completely closed by Cadent Gas for some essential gas main replacement during much of August. Details are in the local media and will be distributed door to door, but this road is the A404 and a major road used by many from outside the area, so please take care during the school holiday period when driving through this area and expect delays.

Make the most of summer in Bucks!

I hope by now all Buckinghamshire residents have received the summer edition of 'Your Buckinghamshire' magazine which this time includes a brilliant 'summer trail' to complete. While I know lots of people will enjoy going away over the summer, there's also so much to do here across the weekends and during the holidays, much of which is low-cost or free.

From parks, leisure centres, libraries and local attractions, it's well worth staying put and making the most of what's on our doorsteps this year too – so do use the magazine 'summer trail' for inspiration. You can also take a look at [Visit Buckinghamshire website](#) and the [Buckinghamshire Family Information Service website for 'things to do'](#).

We're promoting some brilliant apps this summer too – why not sign up to our '[Better Points](#)' app which gives you rewards for staying active, at whatever pace suits you best! Or use the free '[Love Exploring](#)' app in our local parks and green spaces which creates bespoke activities and games to suit all ages when you're out enjoying the fresh air in these fabulous spots in Buckinghamshire.

Bucks Tree Mission

On the subject of open, green spaces, it was also great to see our Transport, Environment and Climate Change Select Committee last week note the fantastic progress we've made in our Bucks Tree Mission to plant over half a million new trees in the county – one for every resident. This is a really important project that is part of our ambitious, wider Climate Change and Air Quality strategy.

I'm delighted that the committee heard an update on the council's tree planting activity following the last tree-planting season, with 145,000 trees planted in the last twelve months alone.

You can read more about the great progress we're making on our tree-planting mission by reading the [full report on our website](#).

Annual Canvass

Please look out for an email or letter from the council in the coming weeks asking you to check your electoral registration details are up to date through our 'annual canvass'. This is an exercise the council carries out every year to make sure our electoral register is up to date, and importantly, so that all residents can exercise their right to vote when elections come up.

Being on the electoral register means that you can have your say and vote in future elections and it can also help with your credit rating. The easiest way to register is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Please be assured that emails coming from 'elections@canvass.buckinghamshire.gov.uk' with a subject line of 'Electoral Registration – Response Required' are legitimate, and not part of a scam, which we know was a concern for some residents last year.

Lastly, I hope you can continue to enjoy the warm dry weather. After a really hot weekend please take any precautions needed on warm days, like drinking lots of water, wearing a hat and using sunscreen if necessary. Also, please keep an eye out for more vulnerable friends and neighbours who may be more affected by the heat.

There's now a new [heat-health alert service](#) in place nationally so keep an eye out for alerts as we enjoy these spells of good weather.

Otherwise, enjoy the sunshine and take care.

Yours,

Martin Tett

Leader of Buckinghamshire Council



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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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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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Saturday 9 th September	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Tuesday 3 rd October	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Saturday 14 th October	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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Monday day/evening
Louisa.pilates@gmail.com
www.louisaharrisPilates.co.uk

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EDITORS NOTE

I think you would all agree, that we should all extend a big thank you to Sylvia Drummond who has created and maintains the magnificent floral display to the Old Village Pump and Trough, as pictured on the front cover. It provides a such a beautiful feature to the village.

I won't give up on this, because hopefully someone out there will eventually respond. So, please if you do have any ideas for new features or you have something you would like to contribute or see included, please do get in touch.

May I please have copy for the October/November 2023 issue by the **22nd Sept**
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