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The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.

There is a more recent version of the Bible that translates the verse in this way:

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood.

These words express the wonderful truth that God has chosen to come and share in the reality of human life, in order to show the full extent of his love for us. And because this was true in the particular time and place of the human birth of Jesus, so it can be true for all times and all places, and be true for us, our families, and our neighbourhood, today.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas. *Revd John Waller*

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DECEMBER

- 3rd Dec: 04.00pm Christingle Service* - JW
10th Dec: 04.00pm Carol Service - JW
Note: Carols, choir & bible readings (no sermon)
17th Dec: 09.30am Morning Worship - JH
24th Dec: 04.00pm Crib Service** - DW
24th Dec: 11.30pm Christmas Holy Communion - SB
Note: No refreshments served after this service
31st Dec: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion



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

JANUARY

- 7th Jan: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion - JW
14th Jan: 11.00am Family Service - JW
Note: To be held at St Mary the Virgin Gt Brickhill
21st Jan: 09.30am Café Church - tba
28th Jan; 09.30am Holy Communion - JW

JW – Rev John Waller
JH – Jeremy Hopkinson
DW – David Webber
SB – Rev Steve Barnes

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We couldn't possibly start this PC News without marking the sad passing of Margaret Aitken a person most synonymous with Stoke Hammond. Margaret was born in Stoke Hammond in what was then the village shop and spent most of her life until her later years living in the village. Margaret is probably best known for her book 'Stoke Hammond Yesteryear' which with her kind permission was serialised in past editions of this publication. The book now out of print, but you may find copies available on eBay and other websites, charted Margaret's early life in the village from 1925 through to 1948 and provided a fascinating insight into Stoke Hammond during that period. The PC extends their most sincere condolences to Margaret's family and friends. A Eulogy in memory of Margaret can be found in this edition of the SH & NLS News.

The residents of Mount Pleasant and those in the know, were extremely disappointed to learn that the Inquiry in respect of their application supported by the PC to officially declare the open space that fronts Mount Pleasant as a Village Green has failed. This particular piece of land which has passed through many ownerships and several rejected planning applications, was until fenced off by the latest owner, simply left open as a grassed area that many enjoyed over the years for recreational purposes. Following the 3 day Public Inquiry held in February of this year, all were awaiting the Inspectors decision, and here is where it gets a little confusing, for in fact the Inspector deemed that having reviewed all of the evidence he would have ruled in favour of the Mount Pleasant residents for declaring the space officially as a 'Village Green' but because of a technicality that should have prevented the Local Authority from allowing this application to have been put forward in the first place, he had no alternative but to reject the application. Apparently, this issue was raised by the objectors/land owner at the very start of the Inquiry, but the inspector determined that it was a highly technical subject matter on which he wasn't able to rule at the time, and that to be fair to the applicants that the inquiry should still go ahead. But subsequently it was indeed determined that the Local Authority had misinterpreted the law relating to this type of Village Green application, hence the reason for its ultimate failure.

By the time of reading this PC News the two (yes two) Parish Xmas trees will now be illuminated. It may take a while for the newly planted tree in Newton Leys South to achieve the magnificence of the well-established Fir tree on the Village Green, but when that was first planted some years ago, it was no taller than the Newton Leys new Fir.

We now have 2 months' worth of results from the 3 new Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) and these make interesting reading, particularly in relation to vehicle numbers and some of the recorded speeds. Summaries for the results for the period 10th October through to the 15th November can be found on the pages following this PC News section. These and other MVAS results are available to view on the PC website www.stokehammondpc.com

These same and future MVAS results/data will provide valuable information and evidence when investigating potential traffic calming measures, which some 75% or those who completed the recent Speeding/Traffic questionnaire indicated they

wanted to see albeit it was a 50/50 split as to whether this should be speed humps or some form of chicanes.

Given, the number of comments expressed at PC meetings and posted on social media, it was a little disappointing that only 56 questionnaires were completed online or posted in the survey box at the Village Shop. But a quick resume of the responses showed that some 89% believe there is a speeding problem through our village, with some 59% agreeing that the aforementioned new MVAS are a measure that assists in slowing vehicle speeds. 68% felt the Speedwatch operation was also a positive measure but would like to see it operating more often, but this does require additional volunteers. Some 64% were in favour for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit through the village, but we have already established that the police will not enforce this, but things such as '20 is Plenty' signage on our streetlighting columns may be worthy of further investigation. When it of course came to the question as to whether there is a parking issue, some 71% said Yes, with all of those more or less citing the Dolphin as the cause of the biggest issue. Everyone, of course loves the fact we now have such a fantastic pub with excellent food in the parish, but the overflowing of vehicles from the car park onto the roads outside is causing major concerns, with many believing it is only a matter of time before a major accident occurs. It is for this reason that whilst the PC like parishioners loves our revitalised pub, they felt they could not support the recent planning application 23/02168/APP for a single storey rear extension to provide further restaurant seating capacity, which would potentially only further exacerbate the parking problem. The PC felt that Highways who had concluded there would not be any issues caused by this proposed extension, should



in fact carry out a traffic and parking survey at peak times to properly assess the situation.

As is usual, details and comments on other recent planning applications put before the PC and updates on previous can be found in the Planning Section.

The PC were very pleased to be able to provide Community Funding support to the Sports Club towards their Firework event and what a spectacular display it was.

There have been two PC Meetings since the last PC News, with first being in October held on the evening of Tuesday 3rd attended by 5 members of the public, and in brief the most significant points discussed were as follows:

- Concerns were raised around the parking on the grass verges opposite Tommy's Carwash and the marina. The police have advised that it isn't a police matter, and that Bucks Council are limited in what they can do. Most of the cars parking there have no tax or MOT and some are SORN. The DVLA will need to deal with the SORN vehicles and Bucks Council are due to serve notice on three of the vehicles. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Bucks Council advising that the cars have been reported and to find out what they plan to do about them, plus the Clerk would write to all businesses at Willowbridge Marina and

Tommy's Carwash to politely ask them and their customers to refrain from parking on the grass verges.

- Still on the subject of car parking, a member of the public (MoP) wanted the matter of inconsiderate parking by the canal bridge on Bragenham Side brought to the PC's attention. Cars are parked on both sides and it is difficult to get agricultural machinery through. Highways have been contacted but are unable to help as there are no parking restrictions in place. The police can only help if the cars are parked dangerously. It is believed the verges on the village side of the bridge are owned by Bucks Council and the other side are privately owned. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Highways to ask if any signage could be put up stating no parking or whether the area could be declared a no parking zone. Half of this road falls under Soulbury Parish, so the Clerk will be contacting Soulbury PC for their thoughts on the matter.
- The question of whether to repair or replace the damaged bus shelter at the corner of Bragenham Side was discussed. The first quotation for a new wooden shelter seemed rather high, albeit there is not a great choice of companies offering wooden constructed shelters. A MoP advised that there was an organisation of ex-carpenters who might be able to offer a repair to the existing shelter. It was agreed to explore this avenue before committing to the purchase of a new shelter.
- The clerk advised that Proludic the original suppliers/manufacturers of the play and gym equipment to the rear of the Community Centre had now been instructed to carry out the necessary repairs and maintenance of the equipment.

As for the November PC Meeting held on the evening of Tuesday 7th November, which was attended by 9 members of the public, the main items not already mentioned elsewhere, were as follows:

- A MoP raised concerns regarding the footpath from the village to the Lakes Estate and that the bridges are rotting. Councillors were unclear as to the exact location of the bridge and whether this was the responsibility of the PC. The MoP was to forward details for the location of the bridge so that further investigations can be carried out.
- Cllr Champion gave an update on his S106 investigations and advised that various sites across the Parish had been looked at and funding options were being investigated. He was also hoping to be talking with the Lawn Tennis Association in the next few weeks.
- Cllr Newing was pleased to confirm that the Neighbourhood Grant we have been waiting for has now been received and we can continue the work with our NP consultant. (Please see the Neighbourhood Plan section for greater details).
- In the Clerks update on Parish Improvements and enhancements, it was confirmed that the play park and gym equipment have now all been repaired. A new dog waste bin has been ordered for outside the Sports Club, which will hopefully lead to less dog mess being left in the vicinity. The alleyway between Bragenham Side and Manor Close has now cleared of foliage and the bush on the corner of Phoebes Orchard has been cut back to improve the view of approaching traffic when exiting onto the Leighton Road.

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- A quotation received for the repair/replacement of the tired looking planters at the Leighton Road entrance was to be reviewed, but it was felt a much more professional looking design should be considered. Not just for this entrance but also for the Fenny Road. It was however noted, Highways would need to be consulted on any proposed change of design.
- A Community Funding application from High Ash Scout Group to go towards their camp event in December was unanimously supported.

Normally, there is no PC meeting held in December, but due to the late received and number of new planning applications since the last November meeting an extraordinary meeting has been called for Tuesday 5th December to discuss these applications. The meeting will start at 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB. The next full PC meeting will be on Tuesday 9th January starting at 7.30pm at the same community centre venue.



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MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR LEIGHTON RD 10/10/23 TO 15/11/23

For Project: Leighton Rd 10 Oct to 15th Nov

Project Notes:
 Location/Name: 20/11/2023 17:33:41
 Report Generated:
 Speed Intervals: 5 MPH
 Time Intervals: 00:00:00 through 15/11/2023 12:59:59
 Traffic Report From: 10/10/2023 through 24/10/2023 18:25:00
 85th Percentile Speed: 37.5 MPH
 58608
 85th Percentile Vehicles
 Max Speed: 65 MPH
 68951
 Total Vehicles
 AADT: 1886



Volumes - weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Average Daily	1973	1859						
AM Peak	155	139						
PM Peak	176	159						
Speed								
Speed Limit:	30							
85th Percentile Speed:	37.5							
50th Percentile Speed:	30.8							
10 MPH Pace Interval:	25.0 MPH	35.0 MPH						
Average Speed:	31.02							
Count over limit	6902	5828	5828	5567	5647	4757	3904	
% over limit	54.7	53.9	55.1	55.1	55.3	54.8	55.2	
Avg Speeder	35.4	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.3	35.3	
Avg Speed	12.3	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.8	13.8	

MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR FENNY RD 10/10/23 TO 11/23

For Project: Fenny Road 10th Oct to 15th Nov

Project Notes:

Location/Name: Incoming 20/11/2023 16:05:24
 Report Generated: 20/11/2023 5 MPH
 Speed Intervals: 5 MPH Instant
 Time Intervals: 10/10/2023 00:00:00 through 15/11/2023 12:59:59
 Traffic Report From: 10/10/2023 33.5 MPH
 85th Percentile Speed: 54172
 85th Percentile Vehicles: 65 MPH on 11/11/2023
 Max Speed: 63732 02:50:00
 Total Vehicles: 63732
 AADT: 1744

Volumes -

Weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	1807	1719
AM Peak	108	109
PM Peak	171	163

Speed

Speed Limit: 30
 85th Percentile Speed: 33.5
 50th Percentile Speed: 26.9
 10 MPH Pace Interval: 20.0 MPH
 Average Speed: 27.23 to 30.0 MPH

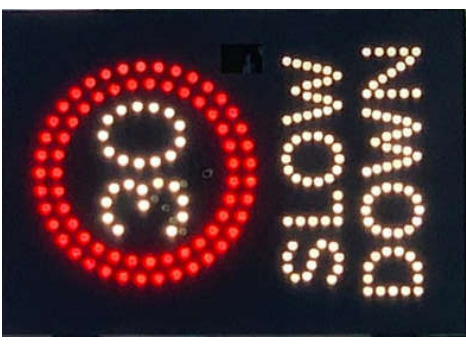
Count over limit	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
% over limit	2537	3165	2624	2415	2615	2409	1924
Avg Speeder	28.0	27.9	26.9	26.9	27.4	28.5	29.3
Avg Speed	34.7	34.7	34.7	34.8	34.6	34.8	34.7
	11.6	11.3	11.5	11.5	11.1	12.0	13.3



MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR NEWTON RD 10/10/23 TO 15/11/23

For Project: Newton Road 10th Oct to 15th Nov

Project Notes:
 Location/Name: 16:07:04
 Report Generated:
 Speed Intervals: 5 MPH
 Instant: 13:59:59
 Traffic Report From: 10/10/2023 through 15/11/2023
 85th Percentile Speed: 29.7 MPH
 85th Percentile Vehicles: 11627
 Max Speed: 50 MPH on 05/11/2023 14:40:00
 Total Vehicles: 13679
 AADT: 373



Volumes - weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	391	367
AM Peak	28	24
PM Peak	45	39

Speed

Speed Limit: 30
 85th Percentile Speed: 29.7
 50th Percentile Speed: 25.4
 10 MPH Pace Interval: 20.0 MPH to 30.0 MPH
 Average Speed: 25.13

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Count over limit	228	324	310	227	252	222	189
% over limit	12.2	12.9	13.2	11.7	12.9	13.3	13.5
Avg Speeder	33.4	33.2	33.2	33.0	33.1	33.0	33.5
Avg Speed	17.2	17.1	16.5	17.1	17.5	17.8	18.9

Stoke Hammond Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has signed off the contents of the Pre-Submission Plan and it is now with our Consultants and Localities (Government Department) Consultants AECOM for a technical review. The two key elements of the document are the Stoke Hammond specific Planning Policies and the sites we are recommending as favoured by the local community.

Both the policies and the sites have been created on the basis of residents' inputs largely via our original scoping questionnaire and the exhibition held in March.

Steering Group members continue to meet Parishioners who are unaware of the plan and what it entails. This is disappointing because it has been included for some months now in this magazine and the exhibition was trailed in posters around the Parish and a door drop leaflet.

Nevertheless, I'm certain that the feedback we have received is largely representative of Parishioners' views. Those who have yet to be engaged should be aware firstly, that the Policies are intended to provide protection against unwanted and undesirable developments in the future, Secondly, whilst it's recognised that most people would rather further development did not take place, given the housing shortages in the UK, this is unlikely to be a sustainable objective. Consequently, it is better for us to nominate sites.

The good news for those who are just becoming aware of the plan is that we will be holding a further exhibition in Jan/Feb during the 6-week consultation period, when Parishioners will have the opportunity again to comment on the Pre-Submission Plan.

Subsequently the Steering Group will amend the submission following this consultation, will get it signed off by the Parish Council and then submit the final document to Bucks County Council for their concurrence it is considered a viable plan that can be associated with the existing Aylesbury Vale Local Plan and the new emerging Bucks Local Plan. Once we have that agreement the Plan will formally be delivered to the Parishioners in a referendum where a 50% acceptance will see it become a formal document that developers will have to take into account.

I know from my own personal learning over the last 24 months that Planning is a bit of a mystery but I am totally convinced this is a good thing for us to deliver if we are at all concerned about the future growth of our Parish.

Malcolm Newing

Chair to the NP Steering Group

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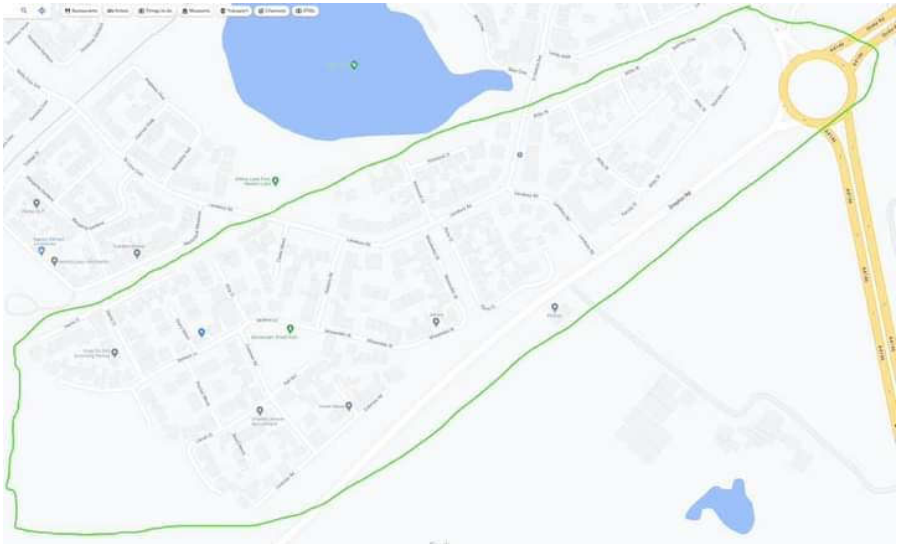


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Christmas Tree

Hopefully, by the time you read this the Newton Leys Christmas tree will be planted and the lights will be on. Stoke Hammond Parish Council has funded the tree and lights. It is located next to the park by the lake.

Newton Leys Management Company (Bovis side of the estate).

Councillor Champion has been chasing the Management Company to appoint two residents as directors of the company. The Management Company has been very slow to arrange the meeting where residents will vote to appoint the residents as directors. We are still hopeful that residents will have control of the Management Company in December.

Keep an eye out for any mail from Firstport for an Extraordinary General Meeting and please ensure you vote for the resident directors. Alternatively, once a date for the meeting is agreed we will hand deliver a form to make sure you can vote even if you can't attend.

Community Orchard

We are waiting for confirmation of whether our application to plant a selection of fruit trees around the outside of the Newton Leys estate has been accepted. If we are successful, the trees would probably be planted in Spring.

Have a great festive season.

MARGARET FLORENCE AITKEN

1925 - 2023



Margaret seated at her favourite Methodist Chapel organ.

Margaret was born in 1925 at the village shop on the Green in Stoke Hammond, the youngest of three. She was surrounded by her large family-Grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins all close by and all part of the thriving Methodist Chapel. She was raised by the village!

Margaret was a very musical child like her father. She had

piano lessons from a young age and became a very proficient pianist. By the age of 14 she was one of the chapel organists and held this post for 80 years.

She left school and was signed up for an apprenticeship at Rodex Coats but had to leave to work in the family grocery business when her brother Fred joined up at the start of the War. Here she thrived, learning to drive the mobile shop van which travelled around the local villages delivering groceries and paraffin for heating. She also became sub-postmistress.

Stoke Hammond was not really touched by the War in real terms but on one occasion a convoy of Churchill tanks came into the village and parked up on the village green. Margaret thought the village had been invaded! A large and loud party of young soldiers crowded into the shop to buy cigarettes. With trembling hands and addled brain, she set about serving them but soon realised she had undercharged them which of course, they were very happy about. Another highlight was when the village girls learnt that an RAF wireless station was coming to Stoke Hammond complete with lots of young airmen.

Into the mix came a young curly headed tractor driver called Andy, who had been posted to Tyrells Manor Farm. He lodged with Margaret's cousin so she knew all about him before he came into the shop for a stamp to send a letter home to Sussex. Before long he was buying a stamp every day.



Margaret with friends receiving an original local artist picture of the Methodist Chapel

They married in 1946 and went to live in Sussex on the family farm. Margaret was very homesick for Stoke Hammond and within three years they were able to buy a piece of land with her father's help and built Fairfield's Farm where she lived for 35 years.

The 1950s were taken up with babies and children and farming took a back seat for

Margaret but when she took up the reins again, she was never quite allowed to forget an unfortunate incident where she was at the wheel of the tractor when it slid down a steep bank into the brook while Andy was loading the trailer behind. She never admitted liability! They ran the farm and dairy business as a team.

Gillian, Judith and Alison were brought up in a loving, happy and musical home where their lives revolved around the farm, the village and the Chapel. When they left home Margaret and Andy started to spread their wings and travel, visiting USA, New Zealand and Europe. Margaret began to invest in herself. She learnt typing, hairdressing, watercolour painting and creative writing where she found she had a talent for poetry. She also started teaching music at the village school and when she retired at the age of 60 she announced that she was going to publish a book. By the age of 70 she had!

She lived her life the Methodist way, helping other people, supporting older family members and friends in the village. Her garden was her pride and joy and she always had plants and flowers in the house. She was very competitive and believed that if you were going to enter a competition, you might as well win!!

Along came grandchildren, whom she doted on and they her. In the fullness of time great grandchildren also joined the family. She loved them all and was always available for a cuddle or a tickle.

When she lost Andy in 1999, life was never quite the same but she still carried on doing things. She moved to Bletchley to live next door to Alison who supported her to the end. She continued to attend clubs and Chapel in Stoke Hammond until its closure a few years ago.



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The Club's Fish & Chip evening took place at the Community Centre on Thursday 26th October and we were delighted to welcome so many members both original and new - it was great to see you all. Our speaker for the evening was Chris Day from Buckingham Nurseries whose Talk was very topical concerning gardening in a changing climate. It was

extremely interesting and well-illustrated both with on screen visuals and plants which he had brought with him.

The fish and chips were hot and tasty and we were delighted to receive many emails from members who had enjoyed the evening. The Club would like to thank everyone who supported the event and our next get-together will be the AGM. Members will receive details in the New Year but we take this early opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and good gardening in 2024.

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Most burglaries are carried out by opportunists. If a burglar sees a home in darkness during the evening then it is a fair bet there is no-one in. Fit a simple time switch that comes on about 20 mins before it gets dark, so around 4.30pm or 16.30 hours until whatever time you go to bed. A low-wattage LED bulb is enough to avoid your home standing out from the rest.

Cameras...



If you have CCTV cameras then the infra-red will come on as darkness falls, and many a good piece of evidential footage has been ruined by a spider's web reflecting the infra-red back into the lens. Make sure you clean your cameras, and then check them regularly - also make sure that you check that you can play back and take down footage on your system and that the time is set correctly. CCTV and/or a video doorbell is a big deterrent to burglars, as they do not know whether they have already been seen and the Police called.

Action needed...

Theft of property from gardens can be a problem, but having spent time and money on your home garden and equipment you need to consider its security. The value of equipment, structures and plants often amounts to thousands of pounds.

Browse our home garden security pages below for advice, tips and ideas to implement the best police preferred standards and reduce garden theft.

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See the scam email impersonating British Gas here.

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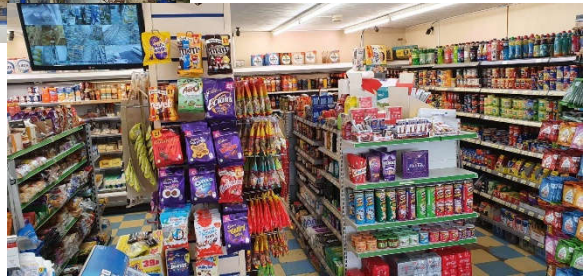
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MAVIS'S QUIZ

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- 1/ Franklin D Roosevelt 2: Michael Caine
 3: Oscar Wilde 4: Abraham Lincoln 5: Serena Williams
 6: John F Kennedy 7/ Clint Eastwood
 8: Vincent Van Gough 9: Marie Curie 10: Mae West



This time, how well do you know your Bond movies, and in particular the central villain in each film. Here are pictures of 8 bond villains, can you name the film, the villains name and the actor who played the part. To assist we've given you the first initial/s to each of the 3 answers.

Film: L _ _ _ _ T _ K _ _ _

Villain: E _ _ _ _ C _ _ _ _

Actor: J _ _ _ _ _ P _ _ _ _



Film: M _ _ _ _ _

Villain: H _ _ _ D _ _ _

Actor: M _ _ _ _ _ L _ _ _ _ _

Film: T _ _ M _ _ W _ _ T _ G _ _ _ G _ _ _

Villain: F _ _ _ _ _ S _ _ _ _ _

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Villain: E _ _ _ _ K _ _ _

Actor: S _ _ _ _ M _ _ _ _



Film: G _ _ _ _ _ _

Villain: A _ _ _ T _ _ _ _ _

Actor: S _ _ _ B _ _ _ _

Film: S _ _ _ _ _

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Best of luck, but to save you having to wait till the next edition, answers can be found on the 'Planning Section' Page



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be NO Ladies that Lunch in January. We meet again in February 2024. Mark Tuesday 13th February in your diary, 12.30 in the Sports Club. The normal £2 fee will apply, but an early warning, that due to the increase in costs that as from APRIL the cost for attending will be £3. My apologies, but this is unfortunately unavoidable.

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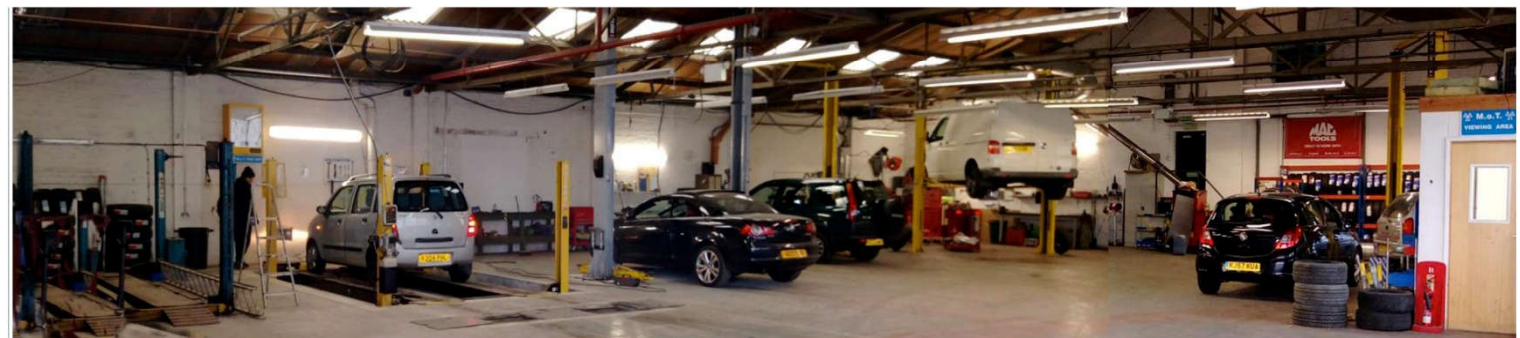
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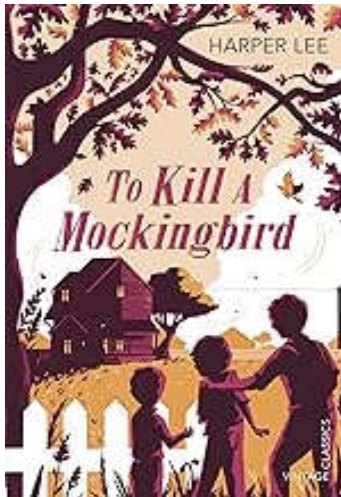
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To Kill a Mocking Bird - by Harper Lee



Everyone has heard of this book and of the film starring Gregory Peck. It is a story dealing with racism experienced through the eyes of youngsters Scout and Jean Finch whose lawyer father sets an example to his children as he defends a black man (Tom) falsely accused of rape of a white girl.

Every member of the group enjoyed it and found it a lovely story. We wondered if America was totally different now? It was obviously well written and several thought, by the end of the book, that they almost knew the characters. Even those who had read it before and seen the film felt that all the descriptions and thought-provoking content were well worth experiencing again. Only slight derogatory comment was that possibly the assault on the children at the very end was unnecessary and could have been the opening of a follow up book. Also, it was felt that a bit more detail of Tom's emotions would have been welcome.

Conclusion: A great read even if you are familiar with the story.

You can find Book Two review over the next page



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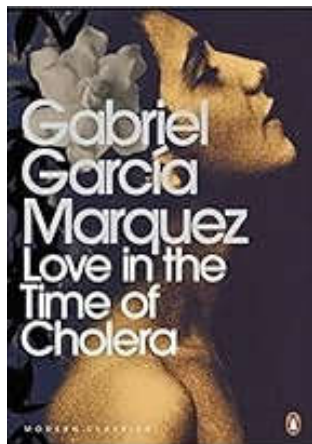
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Love in the Time of Cholera - by Gabriel Garcia Marquez



I have been told by innumerable people that this book is a well-known classic and, when listening to Desert Island Discs where a very go-getting woman was the subject, she chose this book as the only one to accompany her to the desert island ! Great encouragement to investigate it.

One explanation of the main theme suggests that lovesickness is an illness comparable to cholera. At the start a young man becomes infatuated with a young woman who reservedly reciprocates his attention although always keeping him at arm's length. The story follows them into old age with innumerable twists and turns and a slightly bizarre ending.

The majority of the group found the book 'hard going'. They thought it was lacking an actual story line, was repetitive and were waiting for something concrete to happen with each new chapter. Everyone agreed that it was well written and the author had a pleasing 'turn of phrase' but although it was good in parts it was also disturbing in others. However, one of the group thought the book brilliant and really enjoyed and appreciated it feeling that its purpose was to explore the many different ways of 'loving' and of interpreting the actual meaning of the word 'love' - So, the one champion of our latest book felt that this was certainly achieved and illustrated beautifully and with skill.

Conclusion: Perhaps worth a try even though all members of the group with, the exception of one, definitely did not enjoy it.

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Connecting with the Community



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Joyful Tots



Joyful Tots is usually 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 & toddlers can learn to socialise.

Sadly, we have to announce that as we no longer have a parent helper on the management team, we have temporarily suspended the group.

If you are a parent with a baby, toddler or preschool age child, and would be prepared to commit to 2-3 hours of the group on Friday mornings and be part of the public face of the management team (and possibly help with social media) **we'd love to hear from you!** Please contact Linda or Diane – no formal meetings are involved and as a management team member you wouldn't have to pay an attendance fee.



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

PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES OCT & NOV 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:

23/02779/VRC - Land to The East Of Fenny Road, Stoke Hammond

Buckinghamshire Variation of condition 1 (Approved Plans) attached to permission 21/04404/ADP (Variation of condition 1 (Approved Plans) attached to permission 17/04457/ADP to allow for changes to the site layout, new house types for all plots, new apartment buildings and amended landscape scheme - Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to outline permission 14/03000/AOP for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of a residential development of 64 dwellings)

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application. But in relation to the proposed pumping stations, the PC would like reports from the relevant experts to be taken into consideration when deciding on this application.

23/02168/APP - Dolphin Inn Ph, Leighton Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BB

Single storey rear extension to accommodate additional seating Councillors
Whilst the PC are very supportive of our revitalised Dolphin Inn, they resolved that they OBJECT to this application. Although the report submitted by Highways concludes there will be no additional issues with parking because of this application, Councillors believe a traffic and parking survey should be carried out at peak times to properly assess the impact given there are significant concerns being raised with respect to parking safety within the village, arising from the current pub operation

23/03198/ALB – Stoke Lodge, Lodge Lane. Stoke Hammond MK17 9BU

Listed building application for removal of existing air conditioning unit fixed to external wall and relocated on the ground adjacent to existing position. Existing wall to be made good.

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

23/03199/ALB – Stoke Lodge, Lodge Lane, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BU

Listed building application for timber gate/ fence post fixed to the side of the existing building (retrospective).

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

23/03088/APP – Stoke Lodge, Lodge Lane, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BU

Removal of an existing electric vehicle charging point to the external wall of the existing house and erection of a new free-standing electric vehicle charging post adjacent to the existing house.

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Planning Application News Cont/d:

23/03302/APP Unit 1, The Granary, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB

Householder application for a detached double garage.

Because of the late receipt of this planning application, it will be considered at an extraordinary meeting to be called in December and the clerk would apply to Bucks Planning for an extension to the comments submittal date.

23/03281/APP Unit 2, The Granary, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB

Householder applications for detached double garage

Like the previous application and its late receipt. This will be considered at the December extraordinary meeting.

PLANNING UPDATES:

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 had 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. The application has now been Approved but a planning condition has stipulated the colour and appearance of both the brick facing and cladding. There are also many conditions surrounding the pumping station and access to same such as visibility splays and to ensure sufficient turn offs and parking. There is also a very strong condition concerning Great Crested Newts and how they must be protected if they are found to be domiciling on the site

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:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

**ANSWERS TO MAVIS'S QUIZ 1 – Licence to Kill – Elliot Carver – Jonathan Pryce
2 – Moonraker – Hugo Drax – Michael Lonsdale 3 – The Man with the Golden Gun – Francisco Scaramanga – Christopher Lee 4 – A View to a Kill – Max Zorin – Christopher Walkin 5 – The Spy Who Loved Me – Karl Stromberg – Curd Jurgens 6 – The World is not Enough – Electra King – Sophie Marceau
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Money Again!

I think Dickens said “if income is £20 and expense is £19 and sixpence – happiness. If expense is £20 and income is £19 and sixpence – misery.

Well, the news this week set me thinking. Everton have been docked 10 league points for losing 124 million pounds over the last 3 years. That’s disgraceful I thought. It transpires that they are “allowed” to lose only £105m! It appears they were found out by an “Independent Commission”. So, who sets up such a Commission? Who sits on such a Commission? Were they tipped off by another premiership club?

If that were a company, the shareholders would be up in arms. The CEO would be made to resign. Liquidators would be put in. The company would go into insolvency. With any luck a competitor might buy out the company and retain the brand names.

Think of the poor Rugby clubs who have folded and they were only talking in thousands not millions.

AND while on the subject of money, does anyone actually *own* anything today? I’ve been noticing the % of new cars driving around. At the same time, I have been looking at the price of new cars. E.g. £36,000 for a new Mini! Now I have a number of fairly affluent friends and colleagues but I’m not sure any of them would lash out £36k cash on a new car. It’s all on credit. And it’s not only new cars. Most on line adverts for “pre-owned” motors give details of finance arrangements. TV’s washing machines and general household goods all seem to be available for payment through instalments, Beds Sofa’s etc will probably have worn out at the same time as the final payments are made and the financing programme starts all over again! No, I don’t think anyone owns anything anymore.

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Scouts



High Ash Group



Since our last report the group has had a successful visit to The Lindens Care Home for an evening of playing games with the residents, playing music and concluding with a rowdy indoor campfire sing song!



The scout's annual day trip to London by train, bus and tube coincided with Armistice Day, so we had the added challenge of successfully keeping clear of the various demonstrations in the



capital. The group made it to the side of the Thames for the two minutes silence before heading into the London Dungeons to test everyone's nerves whilst learning about the city's more gruesome past! The

return leg of this fun adventure took in various pre-planned landmarks including time for the scouts to explore Leicester Square's M&M store and Regent Street's famous Hamleys toy store.



The cubs had an enjoyable time reflecting on the war years by being spies for an evening. Each team had to search for clues and decode



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A big thankyou to everyone who brought hot chocolate and cakes from the scout's fund raising stall at the Sport's Club fireworks night. We made almost £250 which was fantastic, whilst the scouts enjoyed baking and finishing off the last few remaining "Rocky Roads" the following week.

The group is now busy preparing for this year's Christmas Camp more on that in the next edition. We still have a few spaces for some more scouts (10 to 14 year olds) to join the troop on Thursday evenings at the community centre. We can also offer a couple of spaces to anyone looking to do their service section of the D of E scheme by coming along to help run team games and help out with our activities. We are always keen to welcome new adult volunteers to the group you will find it a rewarding experience. We are still not able to reopen our beaver colony for the 6 to 8 year olds but have plenty of support ready to go if there are a few adult volunteers who would like to have a go at running this on Thursday nights (5.30 to 6.30). For more information please make contact with Amanda McGee via join.highash@mkscouts.org.

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Our St Luke's Open day went well, and we were pleased to welcome and offer refreshments to all those who came. The service was enjoyed by those who attended, There wasn't much interest in healing prayers this time but we'll offer them again at a future service.



The November Community Breakfast was on Remembrance Day and at 11 o'clock we duly held 2 minutes silence. The Remembrance service was well attended, and those present paid their respects.

Many thanks to those who supported our Christmas Fayre. We enjoyed the stalls and activities and thank Father Christmas for

welcoming us into the Christmas spirit (more of which, later!) by sharing out a supply of sweets for youngsters.

Forthcoming Special Services:

On **3rd December** we will have the **Christingle service**. Gifts of an orange decorated with sweets with a candle are given at the service, particularly to any children, but also adults if we have leftovers (which we usually do!) Although the service is aimed at children, adults without children are also welcome.



We have our **Carol service** on **10th December**, which consists of 9 Bible readings and hymns or a choir anthem in between. We'll be finishing off with mince pies and drawing the Christmas hamper raffle after the service.



Carol singing on the Green is back by popular demand, and this year we're hoping that lots of children and young people will join us. It will be taking place at **5pm** on **Friday 22nd December**. As usual, free mulled wine (or soft drinks) and mince pies will be available, so wrap up warm and join us!

Then as Christmas day approaches, we'll be holding our popular **Crib service** on **Christmas eve** for children of all ages, followed by our **Christmas Communion service** starting at 11.30pm so we can celebrate Communion on Christmas day (as it passes midnight) and sing the elusive 4th verse of "O Come all Ye Faithful" including the line "Ye Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning"!



January 21st will be the first **Café church** service of the year from 9.30am. Our most accessible service starts with a drop-in breakfast buttie or croissant, and chat (the 15 minute “service” starts at 10.15). If your New Year’s resolution is to go to church, here’s your chance! If 9.30 is too early, our Family service starts at **11am on 14th January**. A full 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 pray for individuals the village, the wider community, national and international issues, organisations including schools, and 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’s no breakfast on 9th December, due to the Old Folks Christmas lunch so the next breakfast is on **13th January**. Orders will be taken from **8.30 to 10.30am**. As well as full English (or constituent parts of) we serve toast, fruit salad, cerea, croissants, and pain au chocolat! There’s no charge for breakfast, but you’re welcome to donate if you wish to.



Food Bank: The church foodbank in the church porch is free to all and topped up roughly weekly. Apologies that we missed a week recently, (due to the Christmas Fayre taking up so much time.) It’s currently being used a lot and we expect it to get worse over winter, so if you can contribute either financially or in kind, please speak to Dave or Diane Webber (see below) or bring your donation to the Community Breakfast. Items most in need are tinned meats or ready meals such



as beans with sausages and tinned casseroles.

Toy Swap Shop: The swap shop 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. If you can’t afford Christmas presents for your children this Christmas, please take something for your child(ren). Wrapping paper will also be available.

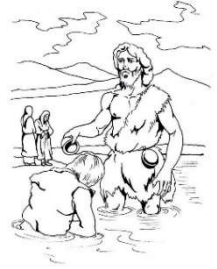


Introduction to Christianity course:

We are planning a free course for those who might be interested in finding out about the Christian faith. It will be held in the Community centre on **Tuesdays from 9th January to 13th February**. Each session will be about 2 hours and include (hopefully hot) food, following which there will be a talk and perhaps group discussions depending on the theme. If you would like more details, please contact Diane (see below).



Bible verse of the month: Mat 3 v 1-3: *In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:*



*"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"*

What does it mean? Isaiah prophesied that someone in the wilderness would prepare the way for the Messiah, and that turned out to be John. Isaiah also prophesied (Isa 9v1-7) that the Messiah would follow. John knew that the Messiah was his cousin Jesus. Before Jesus started God's work on earth, he went to see John and asked to be baptised by him. John initially refused but did so at Jesus insistence and felt greatly honoured. Today we still baptise people into the church as they prepare for their spiritual journey through life. During Advent, we prepare for Jesus' coming in the same way that the prophets prepared for the coming of the Messiah and by Christmas, we will celebrate that joyful anniversary.

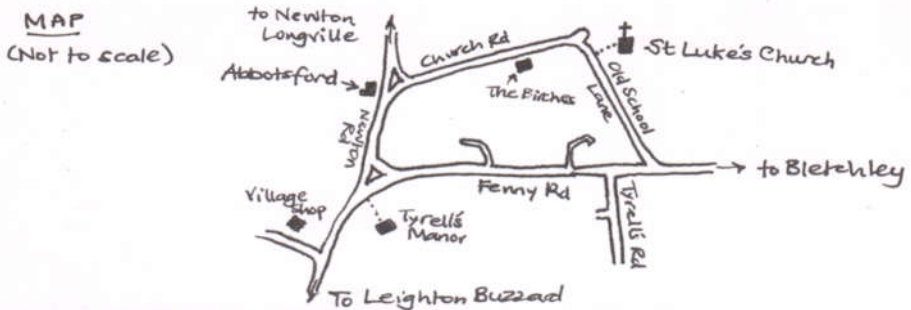
St Luke's church would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas!

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. Memorial stones must also conform to the Oxford Diocese regulations. Please note that rules regarding churchyard memorials have recently changed. If you'd like more details, please speak to the Rector or Churchwarden Harry Davies.



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

St Luke's offers baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact the Rector if you'd like to discuss any of these (contact details are 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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Grow Together Shine Forever

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

December 2023

To support the launch of **Anti-Bullying Week on Monday 13th November**, the theme this year is to 'Make a Noise'. We discussed bullying and what it means and how to speak out if it is happening to us. We started the week with celebrating differences and diversity so we invited the children and staff to come into school in odd socks!

Children in Need - Friday 17th November - All the children were able to come to school in non-uniform for a small donation to support this charity. Children in Need are the leading independent funder for children and young people in the UK. They believe that every child and young person deserves the opportunity to thrive and be the best they can be. Through their grant making and wider work, they aim to create lasting, positive change across the UK for the children and young people who need it the most.

Christmas Events and Celebrations!

We are busy preparing for our festive celebrations.

Nativity Productions - Our Foundation and a Year One and Two Nativities will take place on **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December at 2:00pm and 5:30pm**. Parents will be invited.

Christmas Tree Walk - Friday 1st December at 9:00am - The whole school will be walking to the woods for our annual Christmas Tree Service. Parents will be invited to walk with us to the woods from school. They will sing carols, say prayers and have a Christmas biscuit!

HASA Christmas Craft Fair - Friday 1st December from 2.30pm - Parents will be invited to this event.

Christingle Service - we are holding our Foundation/KS1 Christingle Service on **Thursday 14th December at 1:45pm at St Mary's Church**. Our KS2 children will have a **Christmas Carol Service on Monday 18th December at 1:45pm at St Mary's Church**. Parents will be invited to join us at these events.

School Community Christmas Concert Invite- this will take place on **Wednesday 6th December at 1:30pm** in the school hall. You will be entertained by our talented children and refreshments and mince pies will be available. All are invited to join us at this festive event. **If you would like to reserve seats, please contact the school office on 01525 261620 or email office@highashschool.co.uk**. Only those with seats reserved will be able to enter the school. Thank you.



News from Buckinghamshire Council

Dear Resident

14 November 2023

It was, as ever, an honour and a humbling experience to attend my local Remembrance Day event in Little Chalfont. The importance of this day and recognising the sacrifices of conflict feel particularly pertinent at this time of international turbulence and with the troubling events that are continuing in both Ukraine and the Middle East.



In regard to the latter, I am aware that current events in the Middle East are generating strong views and emotions within our county. I am determined that these events do not endanger the excellent community relations and friendships between and within communities in Buckinghamshire. Therefore, I would urge those of all faiths and none to recommit to the shared values that we have here.

These values allow us to live in peace alongside each other. To hold different views and faiths without fear. To walk our streets without concern that we will be targeted or stigmatised. To enjoy equal protection under the law.

I am incredibly proud of how our communities have responded to crises in recent years - from the incredible outpouring of community action and neighbourly support shown during the pandemic, to the generosity of people donating money and time to help those facing cost of living pressures.

Above all, it is important that we carry on 'looking after each other' across Buckinghamshire. Please hold on tight to your community spirit and keep looking out for your neighbours.

Christmas Toy Appeal

Continuing the theme of community spirit, I wanted to highlight that the annual Christmas Toy Appeal has now launched. Run by local charity 'Inspire Bucks' this is such an important venture which is often the only way that some local children, in really disadvantaged situations, get a Christmas gift.

The appeal seeks donations of new toys and gifts and monetary donations for the charity to buy presents too. In the past the appeal has been overwhelmed by the generosity of local people who've donated. These gifts have made a huge difference to the Christmas experience of many children across the county.

The presents are given to local children in crisis, who are living in the care system or who are facing severe financial difficulty and we need gifts for all ages. The charity works with social workers, schools and food banks to identify recipients and all the children will receive at least one gift. Last year the appeal helped give a Christmas present to nearly 3,500 children in Buckinghamshire. It would be brilliant if you can help out.

The appeal tends to be shorter on gifts for 0-2 year-olds and teenagers, so if it's easier, if you are in a position to help, there's an appeal [Amazon Gift List](#) enabling you to purchase something direct.

And if you use this link, it will take you straight to the 'Just Giving' donation page.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and for making such a difference to the lives of these local young people.

Housing Strategy consultation

Another way to make a big difference to local people's lives is to ensure there are enough high quality, affordable homes in our county. Obviously, this is a long-term priority and a lot of work is underway to address the housing shortage in Buckinghamshire. We want to make sure that there is a strong housing offer in Buckinghamshire that provides affordable, accessible, sustainable and suitable choices for all life stages.

We have published a draft housing strategy which sets out how we aim to achieve this over the next five years, and we would really like your comments on it. The strategy has been developed with the input and support of many partners including housing associations, developers, community groups and other public sector organisations.

You can view the strategy and give us your comments by going online or by requesting a paper copy from the council; [all the details of how to do this are on our website](#).

Climate Change update

Each year we track progress on our ambitious Climate Change & Air Quality Strategy and I'm really pleased to be able to share that we are well on our way achieving our target of cutting the council's greenhouse gas emissions by 75% by the year 2030 and reaching net zero by 2050.

We compare current emission levels to our 1990 baseline. Our Climate Change & Air Quality Strategy annual report has just been published and shows that we have achieved a net reduction of 73.4% - we were at 70% this time last year so our activity is clearly working.

The report highlights how we're doing this; a big factor is how we've exceeded our tree planting targets in the last twelve months, with more than 145,000 new trees in the ground across Buckinghamshire. We've also progressed a number of schemes to help people use less energy in their homes, such as our Sustainable Warmth programme and our Energy Doctor scheme. Where we can, we are pushing for new developments to demonstrate that they follow environmentally-friendly principles such as the new Kingsbrook Secondary School in Aylesbury, which was designed around reducing the carbon footprint of the building and its operations. We also continue to progress greener travel options all aimed at reducing car use and upping the availability of electric transport modes.

There's always more work to be done but I'm proud of the strides we're making.

I'll close with a quick reminder to everyone to take extra care during the shorter days and darker evenings; look out for each other and keep a closer eye on neighbours. We all know this time of year can feel lonelier for some so think about reaching out and checking in.

Stay safe and well,

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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VILLAGE DIARY

Tuesday 5 th December	Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Saturday 9 th December	Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch – Community Centre – 13.00
Tuesday 9 th January	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Saturday 13 th January	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30

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

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EDITORS NOTE

Is it Xmas already, I think once we changed to bimonthly from monthly editions, it seems that the year goes by much quicker, or is it because I'm just getting older!!

Anyway, as usual at this time of year aside from wishing you all out there the merriest of Christmases and Best Wishes for the New Year. I must thank all our contributors and delivery persons for all your hard work over the last year, for without you this journal would not happen and or be delivered to all homes in Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys South.

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