

# SH & NLS NEWS

**Stoke Hammond & Newton Leys South**

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## The Way of Love

Dear friends,

This year Easter is quite early, on March 31st, so the season of Lent will also begin early, after Ash Wednesday on February 18<sup>th</sup>. One of the customs of Lent, along with the traditional discipline of giving up something we usually enjoy, is to take time to pause and reflect on our faith and God's calling to us.

This year we will be taking part in a Lent course produced by the Diocese of Oxford, entitled *The Way of Love*, and there are two opportunities to join in with this.

Firstly, anyone who is interested can register to receive an email every day, offering some brief reflections and prayers. If you would like to try this, you can register on our diocesan website here: [oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see)

Secondly, we will be holding some weekly discussion groups during Lent, to discuss the course material together. Full details will be available soon, and you would be welcome to join one of the groups.

In these and other ways, we can take the opportunity during Lent to take a fresh look at 'the way of love' that Jesus calls us to follow, seeking to love God as we love our neighbour.

*Revd John Waller*

## ST LUKE'S STOKE HAMMOND CHURCH SERVICE DATES TO MARCH 2024

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11<sup>th</sup> Feb: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion - JW  
**Note:** *To be held at St Mary Magdalene Little Brickhill*  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb: 10.30am Ash Wednesday Benefice Said HC - JW  
18<sup>th</sup> Feb: 09.30am Morning Worship - JH  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb: Holy Communion - JW



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

### MARCH

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar: 09.30am Café Church - tba  
10<sup>th</sup> Mar: 11.00am Mothering Sunday Family Service - JW  
17<sup>th</sup> Mar: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion – JW  
**Note:** *To be held at All Saints Bow Brickhill*  
24<sup>th</sup> Mar: 09.30am Palm Sunday Holy Communion - JW  
28<sup>th</sup> Mar: 07.30pm Maundy Thursday Benefice Said HC – JW  
**Note:** *There will be no refreshments at this service.*  
29<sup>th</sup> Mar: 2-3pm Good Friday – Church open for refectation & prayers  
31<sup>st</sup> Mar: 09.30am Easter Day Holy Communion - JW

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Well, we're already some way into the New Year having already held the first of our normal monthly PC Meetings on the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup> January, more of which anon, but December was slightly different than usual, for from not normally holding a meeting in what is a busy month for all, we actually ended up holding two very different meetings. An Extraordinary Meeting had been called for Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> December because of the number of Planning Applications that needed to be reviewed, in fact it was a record number for a single session, but because there was now a desire to add other items to the agenda it was declared and deemed to be a normal monthly PC Meeting. So yes, a total of 9 planning applications had to be considered details of which can be found in the Planning Section, but the one concerning Brook Farm Close 22/00613/APP and the application to erect 42 new homes on the land to the rear of the existing development caused the longest debate. There is already planning permission in place for 33 new homes, but many felt that squeezing these extra 9 homes in was pushing things too far and the PC agreed and unanimously objected to this new planning application, citing the following reasons:

- *An earlier application was approved for 33 houses. This application has increased the households by 9 to 42. By building this number of houses into the available space it creates a development that is out of keeping with the existing Brook Farm developments and places an unacceptable impact on both green space and parking.*
- *The original application was made in 2016 and much of the material used to support this application dates to that time. The demographics of Brook Farm have changed since then and Cllrs feel this should lead to, at the very least, a refresh of the supporting evidence. In addition, Cllrs question why this application has not timed out.*
- *Parking at the existing development is already an issue. The volume of vehicles means that parking frequently flows out onto the roadside. When comparing the agreed application with the new updated application, households increase by 11, parking spaces for householders reduce by 18 and this includes an increase in tandem parking bays of 7. In addition, visitor spaces have been reduced by 7. This level of provision is unacceptable and will cause a badly congested development with inappropriate arrangements for householders.*
- *The proposed outdoor play area is not large enough and what has been proposed is unsafe due to its proximity to the trainline and the attenuation pond. It will also be too noisy for anyone to enjoy the play area.*
- *A further area of concern raised by the change in the scope of this application is the lack of green space provision which is completely out of sync with local plan policies.*
- *It does not appear that there are any provisions on the West side of the development for electric charging points.*
- *There are huge concerns that no attention has been given to how HGVs will get to the development due to the only access being via a residential street that is narrow and has cars parked on both sides of the road. There are a couple of bends in the road which HGVs will struggle to manoeuvre, and the road simply isn't suitable for construction vehicles, HGVs etc. to travel on.*

Subsequently, because of the level of comments and objections to this application an Extraordinary Meeting was called for the 18<sup>th</sup> December to decide whether the PC wanted to 'Call In' this application, which would mean that the discussions

regarding this application would be held at an open forum planning committee meeting where objectors can make their cases in person. Prior to the meeting the PC had been in touch with the Planning Officer responsible for this application who confirmed that the earlier application was still live, despite it having been agreed over 3 years ago. It was explained that the single days' work digging a trench on the site had been accepted as commencement of work on site. The PC agreed unanimously that a formal request would be made to the Chairman of the Planning Committee that this application was indeed to be 'Called In'.

Some rather disappointing news concerning our PCSO Joshua Walton-Taylor, as he has now moved on to a Neighbourhood Team based in Bletchley. Joshua only became our local PCSO mid last year and at this time there is no news regarding as and when there will be a replacement to fill his role on the Winslow Neighbourhood Team, so for the time being we have no local PCSO.

The latest sets of data from the Mobile Speed Activated Signs (MVAS) have been downloaded and the results can be viewed on the pages following this report and are also available on the PC website.

The Speedwatch operation will resume once the weather is a bit more inviting, it's not really fair to expect the volunteers to sit by the roadside in the depths of winter. It was pleasing to receive so many positive comments about the lit-up tree for Xmas on the village green which also served to provide a magnificent backdrop for the St Luke's Carols on the Green Concert. The contractors we employ to instal the lights tell us that the tree in Stoke Hammond is probably the largest and best formed tree that they have the pleasure to work on.

During December the PC again met, this time in a private session to discuss anticipated expenditure and income for the 2024/2025 financial year in order to set a budget and based on eligible households that pay Council Tax, to determine the Parish Precept. Whilst we believe that there may be a discrepancy in the numbers provided by Bucks CC regarding eligible households, in that they are not truly reflecting all of new homes in Newton Leys South, particularly those occupied in the last year, a budget/precept was set at £65,376.00. This figure would mean that for Band D household their annual Council Tax precept figure would be £79.19

Work is progressing well on the Neighbourhood Plan and at the January PC meeting the draft Pre-Submission Plan prepared by the Steering Working Group was to be considered. The PC voted to accept the Draft Plan which will now be presented for public consultation. Please go to the Neighbourhood Plan section for more details. Other than that, the further main items discussed at the January meeting were as follows:

- Following the vandalism last year to the bus shelter on the corner of Bragenham Side, the PC were approached by the voluntary organisation 'Men In Sheds' about them providing their services to repair the shelter. With a very reasonable cost of just under £500 the PC agreed that was an attractive proposition and voted to instruct them to undertake these works. The PC does have a long term aim to replace all of our bus shelters with more in keeping designed and well-constructed structures, but because of the cost, this will happen over several years, so the refurbishment of this shelter was felt to be a good short-term solution.*

• *Some years ago, the PC decided to accept a Devolved Services Agreement with Bucks CC whereby we took over the responsibility for the maintenance/grass cutting of all Bucks CC owned grassed verges within the village boundaries. The monies received from Bucks CC for us now being responsible for this operation in no way covers the actual costs involved, but most would agree that during the summer months the regular PC rather than haphazard Bucks CC grass cutting service means the verges look their best and the extra costs involved are well spent. The reason for mentioning this is that Bucks CC have asked if we wish to continue with this Devolved Services Agreement for 2024/25 albeit without providing any actual financial figures, but for the aforementioned reasons for the quality of grass cutting by using our own contractors the PC were unanimous in agreeing to continue with this arrangement.*

• *Cllr Champion and Cllr Ajaz both residents of Newton Leys South (NLS) presented a list of new facilities they would like to see in NLS which included grit bins, dog bins, benches, an outdoor table tennis table and a defibrillator. Maps of NLS were provided detailing the proposed locations for each of these items. The PC has set aside a budget for these new facilities for NLS but deferred any decision until a full breakdown of costs including installation charges could be provided.*

• *Still on the subject of NLS Cllr Champion gave an update on the progress for the residents on the Bovis part of the estate taking over the Newton Leys Management Company and it was good news, as they have succeeded in doing so, with Cllr Champion and another NLS resident now being directors of the Company (see the NLS news section for more details).*

• *Cllr Champion also advised that although very early days with many hurdles to cross, discussions are progressing well as regard the PC using S106 funds to secure further recreational land within the Parish.*

Dates will be announced for the public exhibition relating to the Neighbourhood Plan, but as for the next PC Meetings both of which it is anticipated at this time will be held at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB. These will be 7.30pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February and 7.30pm Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, to which the public is welcome to attend.

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

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# Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys Neighbourhood Plan Update

## **Planning: the imminent threat**

*Planning and future developments in this General Election year, will become an increasingly important issue as we move forward in 2024.*

*The National Planning framework has undergone changes in December that provide a significant focus on Neighbourhood Plans particularly those that chose to include recommended site allocations. This has become of greater importance to Stoke Hammond/Newton Leys because although we have met the target, we were set by the Aylesbury Vale Local Plan which until now has offered some protection, overall Aylesbury have fallen behind in delivering their 5 year plan which has given a boost to any new proposed developments anywhere within the Vale, unfortunately including our Parish.*

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

*The good news is we have reached a significant point in the development of our own Neighbourhood Plan. We shared our first draft with the local community at the Exhibitions in March of last year, outlining the 9 policies we were working on and sharing the 8 sites which we were considering including to allocate within the plan. Since that date we have been reviewing feedback from the exhibition and have also received feedback from a government consultancy, Locality, who have carried out a Strategic Environmental Analysis (SEA) of our policies and the 8 sites. This looks in some detail at Landscape, Historic Environment, Biodiversity and Flood risk. In addition, we have had a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) completed by Locality to consider the specific requirements of the Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys Parish.*

*Following the Exhibition, the proposed site allocations were reduced from 8 to 5 and a new policy SH10 included 'Community Assets'.*

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We now have a Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan to present to parishioners that includes our detailed policies, a design code that covers all aspects of Stoke Hammond Village and the 5 sites (4 in Stoke Hammond Village and 1 in Newton Leys) the steering group have arrived at for inclusion, following a review of the SEA and parishioner feedback.

To date parishioners have taken part in a scoping questionnaire back in December 2021 and the 2 day exhibition in March 2023. We have now arrived at the Reg 14 formal consultation that will be open to everyone from the 8th February for a six-week period ending on the 14th March.

The following New Documents will be available on the Stoke Hammond Parish Council Website to support this consultation

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Pre-Submission Plan including the detailed policies and the 5 recommended sites.

The Design Code which describes the key features of the village such as its important views, variety of estates including those impacted by conservation and historic issues, network of footpaths, bridleways and cycleways and important green spaces.

The management summary of the HNA

Results of the Site prioritisation from the March Exhibition

Results of the preferred use of the Bragenham Side Greenspace.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report

I understand that Planning is a dry topic but it is important that parishioners give us a clear steer on the pre submission Plan. The feedback needs to be both positive and critical to enable us to ensure the final amendments to the plan clearly has the majority support of Parishioners. The next stage of the process, once we have amended following this consultation period, is that the documentation will go to Bucks Planning. They will determine if the document is in broad alignment with National and Bucks County Policy. Once they are happy with the documentation, they will carry out a further consultation, and then an independent examination, before the plan is subject to a formal referendum. and then an independent examination, before the plan is subject to a formal referendum. If this achieves 50% support then the plan will become a part of the Aylesbury Vale Local Plan with specific relevance to Stoke Hammond Parish.

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*Any new developers will then have to address the specifics within our plan as part of any future applications.*

### *Parish Plan*

*Completion of this activity is the first step in developing a Parish Plan that will address future development within the Parish but perhaps more importantly development of improved Sports, Recreational and other facilities to enhance the overall parish experience.*

### *Communication for the Consultation Period*

*We will endeavour to make the documentation available in hard copy but the sheer size of the documents doesn't allow for this to be done for everyone.*

*Associated with the documentation is a feedback form that can be completed online, sent in via email or placed in a box at the Stoke Hammond village shop or in the mail box at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side. Feedback is crucial and will be possible throughout the 6 week consultation period. A copy of the form we will be using is included with this edition of the SH & NLS News.*

*Please publicise through your own contacts as much as possible. We will do supporting door drops and Facebook posts throughout the 6 week consultation.*

*We will also have 'Walk in Surgeries' at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side on the evening of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 7-9pm and the afternoon of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2-4pm where Steering Group members will be happy to explain the content of the Plan and how it was developed and we will also host a session at Newton Leys Pavilion, Furzey Way on the evening of Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 7-9pm.*

*The Steering Group who represents all areas in the Parish have worked hard to get to this stage and it's now your opportunity to have 'Your Say'.*

*Please take the opportunity to make your voice heard.*

*Malcolm Newing  
Chair - Stoke Hammond Parish Council*

## **OPENING TIMES**

**Monday 9:30-2:30**

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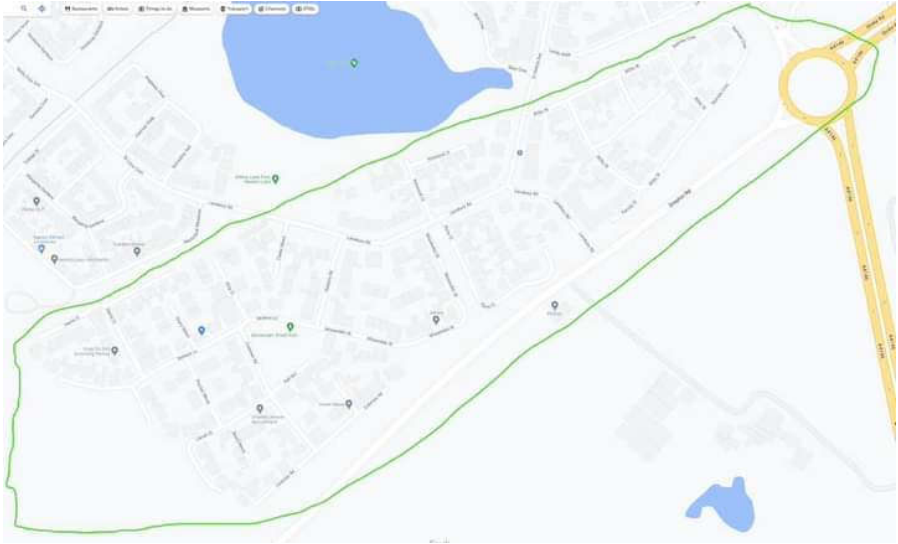
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## WELCOME TO THE NEWTON LEYS SOUTH SECTION



### **Newton Leys South Facebook page & Local Plan consultation**

If you live in Newton Leys South there is a specific Facebook page to keep residents informed. Please join as announcements about the estate are made on this page. On the most important announcements in the next few weeks will be the timing of the consultation exercise on the Stoke Hammond Parish Council Local Neighbourhood Plan. This is likely to start in February and run for 6 weeks.

**IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT RESIDENTS OF NEWTON LEYS LOOK AT AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THIS LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AS IT INCLUDES A SECTION ON THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIELD TO THE WEST OF NEWTON LEYS.**

**There will be a session arranged for residents to give their views on the Local Plan at the Newton Leys Pavilion. Please make every effort to come.**

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

Councillor Champion and Kieron Duggan (both residents of Newton Leys) are now directors of the Management Company. The new directors have asked for details of the financial position of the company and once this is received, we'll start negotiations with the Parish Council to adopt the land (which would mean we can close the company down).

**It is very important to continue paying the service charge requested by Firstport.**



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We are also chasing the builders to transfer the public open space and park to the Management Company.

### **Community Orchard**

We were successful in our grant application to plant 200 fruit trees around Newton Leys South's public spaces. Please keep an eye out for announcements on the Newton Leys South Facebook page for opportunities to help with the planting and upkeep of these fruit trees.

### **Investment in community facilities**

Stoke Hammond Parish Council are looking to agree the installation of a number of items around the estate. We had a good response from residents on which locations and facilities were preferred and Councillors Champion and Ajaz are finalising the sites. We are looking to install a selection of park benches, picnic tables, dog bins, a defibrillator and a table tennis table in the Dickens Lane park.

### **Lansbury Road resurfacing**

As I write this the vast majority of Lansbury Road has finally been resurfaced. For any residents who live on the estate that use that road will know it has been a rollercoaster (almost literally at times) but the final part by the junction still needs to be done.

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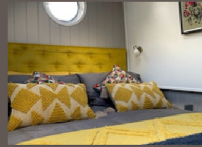
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**official business and a social evening - full details will be sent by email or letter to all members nearer the time. Hope to catch up then.**

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**Happy new year to you all. We have had a fabulous festive period this year. Was so nice to see you all. We are still waiting to confirm some social events so please keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details. We have some new**

**members take on committee roles due to people leaving our committee. For any comments for the committee please contact David Tooth [David2th@yahoo.com](mailto:David2th@yahoo.com). We are very keen to take any comments from regulars and villagers. All of our sports teams are doing well. We have Stoke Hammond Youth Vets' football on a Sunday morning, please keep an eye on the face book page to see when they are playing at home.**

**Once again, we please ask you all to make sure dog poo is picked up. The Parish Council have kindly installed a new bin outside the clubhouse. There are 3 bins around the field. So, there is absolutely no reason for the poo to be left on the ground. We are all keeping an eye on the situation and we will be reporting any dog owner who does not pick up after their dog to the local authorities. You could face up to a £1000 fine.**

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# PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES DEC 23 & JAN 2024



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

## **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**23/03302/APP – Unit 1 The Granary, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB**  
Householder application for detached double garage.

*There was some discussion surrounding the fact that when this barn was given planning permission under class Q it lost all permitted development rights and no extensions or outbuildings are allowed under class Q. Although not an unanimous decision the PC resolved they had NO Objections to this application.*

**23/03281/APP – Unit 2 The Barn, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB**  
Householder application for detached double garage.

*Effectively a mirror image of the previous application as units 1 & 2 are part of the same barn conversion. A similar discussion as before and although not an unanimous decision the PC resolved they had NO Objections to this application.*

**23/03307/APP – The Lock House, Fenny Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DG**  
Householder application for single storey rear extension with minor internal and external alterations.

*Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application, subject to Heritage approval.*

***\*This application was approved by planning on the 15/12/23\****

**23/03308/ALB – The Lock House, Fenny Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DG**  
Listed building application for single storey rear extension with minor internal and external alterations.

*Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application, subject to Heritage approval.*

***\*This application was granted Listed Building Consent by Heritage on the 15/12/23\****

**22/00613/APP – Brook Farm, Leighton Road**

Erection of 42 residential dwellings including associated parking and landscaping.  
*Cllrs resolved TO OBJECT to this application on many counts. Please see The PC News section for full details concerning discussions and the reasons for the Cllrs OBJECTIONS.*

**23/03488/APP – Burnell Farm Cottage, Drayton Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 0ED**  
Demolition of detached garage and attached outbuildings and construction of two storey side/rear extension and single storey attached garage

*Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.*

***\*This application was approved by planning on the 20/12/23\****

**23/03565/ALB Stoke Lodge, Lodge Lane, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BU**

Listed building application for 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.

*Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.*

***\*This application was granted Listed Building Consent by Heritage on the 12/01/24\****

**23/03668/APP 12 Harris Close, Newton Leys, Bletchley MK3 5QH**

Householder application for single storey rear extension and detached garage conversion linked together.

*Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.*

**23/03269/APP 12 Manor Close, Stoke Hammond**

Householder application for erection of timber framed outbuilding (Retrospective)

*Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.*

**23/03204/APP Land to the West of Willowbridge Marina, Stoke Road, Stoke Hammond**

Change of use of vacant land to land for wood workshop and associated storage area (Use Class B2 and B8)

*Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application, but they would like to see bollards erected on the grass verges to prevent more parking.*

**PLANNING UPDATES:**

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 had resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application which was approved by planning on the 18/12/23*

**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 had resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application which was granted listed Building consent on the 08/12/23*

## 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 had resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application which was granted listed Building consent on the 08/12/23*

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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Watts - Leslie  
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2 – Coronation Street –  
Ena Sharples – Violet  
Carson

3 – Crossroads – Meg  
Richardson – Noele  
Gordan

4 – Neighbours –  
Charlene Robinson –  
Kylie Minogue

5 – Brookside – Bobby  
Grant – Ricky  
Tomlinson

6 – Emmerdale –  
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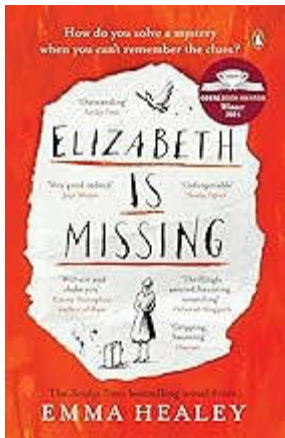
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## STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



### **Elizabeth is Missing** - by Emma Healey



This tender novel is about an elderly woman - Maude - who believes her good friend Elizabeth is missing and she is determined to find clues in order to find her. It is set in 1946. The story was adapted for TV in 2020 starring Glenda Jackson. Maude has dementia which makes things difficult both for her family and for her as she tries to piece together a double mystery. This is said to be the first novel by this young author.

Some of the Group found it difficult if they had their own dealings with the problems of dementia in people they tried to look after, but having said that everyone agreed that humour lightened the tale. It was

described as thought provoking and scary and it was mentioned that in the first three quarters of the book nothing much happens but it all gathers momentum in the last quarter. The condition Maud suffers with was very well described, as was people's reactions to her and we appreciated her tenacity and determination. One member of the group was very impressed with the book and has looked up other novels by the author and will give them a try - as it was her first novel, we wondered whether she had had any experience as a carer. Overall, it was enjoyed as was the TV adaptation but although it was good for a first novel not many of us would necessarily merit an award.

Conclusion: Not really able to recommend it generally.

*You can find Book Two review over the next page*



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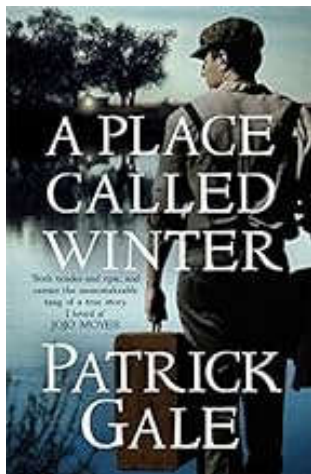


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**A Place Called Winter** - by Patrick Gale



This story is both emotional and moving and is about Harry Cane who is living a comfortable, easy life in Edwardian England when a chance encounter awakens previously unaccepted desires which threaten to scandalise him and his family. He decides to take the drastic step of abandoning his current life and loved ones and escape to the harsh and difficult world of the Canadian prairies. Apparently, there was an offer at the time to give anyone who would go to Canada huge acres of land if they were willing to cultivate it. There follows an intriguing tale of how he manages with many connecting stories along the way with a possible connection with the true story of the author's grandfather.

Everyone in the group enjoyed it in many different ways. The main character, Harry, gained sympathy from us all and was thought likeable as was the friend he made in Canada, Paul. It was thought to be well researched (although possibly not as hard and tough as it must have been), well written and descriptive plus rather sad. The various relationships formed were extremely well portrayed. A couple of the group described it as rather bitty in places as it went back and forth in time and the couple of occasions when Harry found himself in a Psychiatric establishment were slightly confusing but overall it was described as 'a good and interesting read', enjoyable, a page turner, and having concluded that we liked the Author's style we will be looking out for another novel by him.

Conclusion: A rewarding and worthwhile read.

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The #Shopkind campaign is backed by the Home Office and supported by major high street retailers as well as the nation's independent shopkeepers, and the shop workers union Usdaw. The aim of the campaign is to encourage positive behaviours in shops, acknowledge the importance of shop workers and raise awareness about the scale and impact of violence and abuse against shop workers.

If you or someone you know works in the retail industry and would like more information on protecting people in the work place, go to the following website: [ShopKind \(nbcc.police.uk\)](http://ShopKind.nbcc.police.uk)

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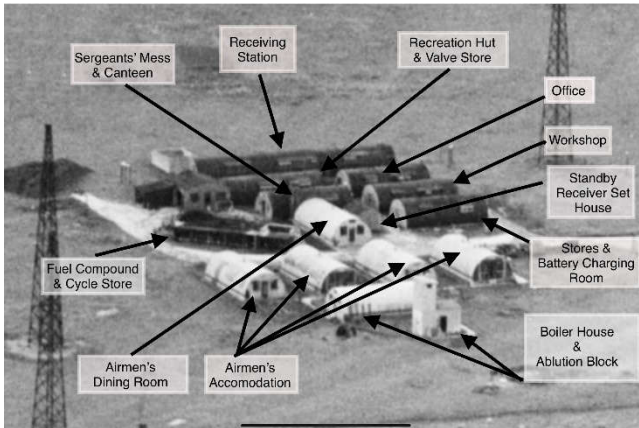
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## RAF Stoke Hammond - By Nick Ellins



RAF Stoke Hammond came about as the allied nations endured the darkest days of the Second World War, and needed to increase their intelligence for enemy activity taking place in the Middle and Far East.



Across the globe, military agents and resistance groups scanned the airwaves to locate and write down enemy communications. They listened in the original language and codes of the enemy, and then retyped and transmitted what they heard in the same coded form to the UK, via agreed frequencies

at set times and by using high speed Morse code.

This activity became known as the 'Y service'. The name came from a simple phonetic representation of the words 'Wireless Interception' or WI.

RAF Stoke Hammond would act as the final collecting point, or Y network terminal, for the highly sensitive information coming through. Working almost exclusively for the Government Code & Cypher School at Bletchley Park, it was staffed entirely by RAF personnel at both ends and operated in total secrecy. Bletchley Park relied on its wireless interceptions to give it the core material to decode.

Bletchley Park used RAF Stoke Hammond as its key receiving station for this network and RAF Greatworth (near Brackley) for the transmitting side. The three sites together were set up in a specific and closed unit under the RAF No.26 (Signals) Group called 372 Wireless Unit.

RAF Stoke Hammond was built across 1942, commissioned in February 1943 and came in to full service in March 1943. This was timed to allow it to work with the newly built Bletchley Park Communications Centre sited in the Block E Auto Room.

The personnel at Dorcas Lane:

- tracked the set frequencies that Bletchley Park decided the listening stations should transmit on
- located the high speed Morse code once the transmissions started
- worked to maintain the integrity of the signal

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The received transmissions then went automatically down a dedicated landline straight in to Bletchley Park for decoding and analysis.

Wireless operators and aerial technicians worked in shifts throughout the day, seven days a week with just half a day off duty each week. There was limited accommodation in Nissen huts on the Dorcas Lane site, but from October 1943, they were mainly housed at RAF Church Green next to Bletchley Park itself and

transported in to Dorcas Lane each day.

The workload was high, requiring 24 wireless operators and 11 wireless operator mechanics. By 1944, with a total headcount of nearly 60 people were required to operate the site, and around 75 high frequency receiver masts sat in the Dorcas Lane fields.

When the Second World War ended, Bletchley Park closed quickly.

RAF Stoke Hammond kept its important role however, and it was placed under the strategic control of the fast evolving RAF Leighton Buzzard (renamed RAF Stanbridge) as the Government and military focus moved to tackling what would become known as the Cold War.

RAF Stoke Hammond maintained its role as a highly secret wireless network terminal right across the conflict, doubling the capacity of its wireless receiver buildings, and also becoming the global centre of excellence for the calibration of all RAF transmitters.

As global political tensions eased and communications technology rapidly moved on, the need for wireless interception reduced and services were steadily outsourced. By the autumn of 1973, RAF Stoke Hammond was effectively closed after three decades of covert service for the nation. The same fate would eventually befall most of the similar sites, including RAF Stanbridge which finally shut in 2013.





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The March Ladies that Lunch will be on TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>. Same time and same venue. Cost remains at £2 per person until April when there will be an increase to £3 to cover the increasing cost of electricity and rent.

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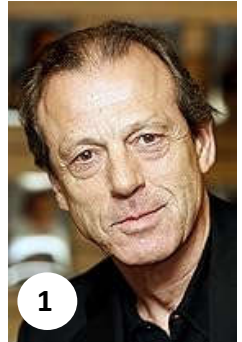
In case you missed them, here are the answers to the last quiz where you had to identify the Bond Movie villain, naming the film they were in, and the actor who played them:



- 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 7/ Goldeneye, Alec Trevelyan, Sean Bean 8/ Skyfall, Raoul Silva, Javier Bardem.



*I'm guessing most of you could name most of the Bond films but maybe struggled a bit on some of the villains' names and the actors who played them. So, this time we're following a similar theme but maybe a bit easier, as we're looking at classic TV soap characters. So, can you from the following 8 pictures, name the soap, the character's name and the actor who played them? To assist we've given you the first initial/s to each of the 3 answers.*



Soap: E \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 Name: D \_ \_ W \_ \_ \_  
 Actor: L \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_



Soap: C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_  
 Name: E \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 Actor: V \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_



Soap: C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 Name: M \_ \_ R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
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**Name:** B \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_  
**Actor:** R \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_



**Soap:** E \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** R \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_  
**Actor:** P \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_

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**Soap:** D \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_  
**Actor:** L \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_



**Soap:** C \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** M \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_  
**Actor:** N \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_

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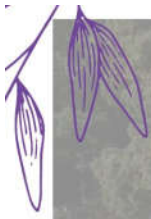
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## Elvis Presley is in the building



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## Connecting with the Community



Keeping the home full of fresh flowers.



We recently went over to Stantonbury Theatre to watch their pantomime performance of Snow White.

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## ***When All!***

is said and done – more is said than done. A quote from Aesop amongst others. But don't we talk a lot in this country. And not only this country but worldwide as well.

Committee's Reviews Enquiries Meetings Panels, all sorts of things so that people can get around and talk waffle, project their own importance and as often as not achieve nothing.

COP 28 finished with lots of agreements declarations and, perhaps more noticeable, back slapping and self-congratulation. I'm looking for a summary of what has been achieved in the first 27 meetings. Never mind, there's going to be another one in November this year so everything will be alright. Perhaps we will no longer see smog over industrial China and con trails over the skies of the UK (if you can see the sky through the line of planes queuing up to land at Luton).

And the Post Office fiasco. Most of us will now know of this following a Drama on TV recently. How many years has that been going on? Court meetings prosecutions Solicitors fees... Lots of talking – no resolution. - Ongoing.

And Rwanda. Now there's some talking – about two years so far and still to be approved by the House of Lords. It's only cost a few million pounds and not a plane has been dispatched. I understand it was supposed to be a safe country. Safe from what? They had a civil war from 1990 to 1994 followed by genocide where the Hutu's tried to wipe out the Tutsi's. Googling what is the current problem with Rwanda reveals Political repression, Freedom of expression, repression across borders amongst others. Well maybe that is grounds for some talking!

But it's not just large-scale matters that form the basis for ongoing and unproductive talking. It comes down to local village matters too. It took over 50 years from the original suggestion (1950) of building a village bypass to it's opening (2007). Plans, routes, objections etc. etc. that was some talking! In the meantime, a small group demonstration and some pressurising did result in a much-needed pedestrian crossing being built. Not so much talking there!

And continuing on a local theme we have a new evolving village plan. We have had a village plan before but this has seemingly become outdated and shelved in favour of this one. I recall there are also two other plans of a County nature covering Stoke Hammond. Lots of meetings lots of talking but do they stop the mass house building in our village(/town)?

I'm not one for joining committees. There's only one committee that works and that's a one-man committee. And if it affects me - it is me!

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# Scouts



## High Ash Group



The group finished off last year with a fantastic Christmas camp on the far side of Buckinghamshire (a big thankyou to the Parish Council who helped us make this such a successful event). We had a theme of space, which saw the cubs and scouts designing and firing their own rockets as well as cooking moon rock cakes on open fires. The whole

weekend was packed with activities from G swings and night-time zipwires to team games in the extensive woodlands using the latest laser tag tech. Fortunately we were camping inside in a large purpose built log cabin so we had somewhere cosy to shelter out of the torrential rain and play 1980's space invaders, have a movie night and enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner. We



all returned to Stoke Hammond a little sleep deprived but with many happy memories after our weekend of adventure!



The last couple of weeks before the holidays was a mixture of making tree decorations and playing party games. Our thanks goes to everyone who brought one of our little reindeers over the festive



period – and helped us raise funds towards replenishing some of our camping equipment ready for next summer.

The spring term is already well under way with a whole variety of badge work, new experiences and challenges planned for the year ahead. This week the cubs and scouts spent the evening learning all about Jui Jitsu – and having a go at some clever self-defence moves.

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 – and a small waiting list for the cubs. 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 need some more adult volunteers to help support the



group .... you will find it a rewarding experience ..... please make contact if you think you can help (no prior scouting experience needed – just enthusiasm!). For more information please make contact with Amanda McGee via [join.highestash@mkscouts.org](mailto:join.highestash@mkscouts.org).

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High Ash Scout Group

MK District Scarf

# 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 learn to socialise.

Sadly, we still don't have a parent helper on the management team, so the group is still temporarily suspended. We hope to restart soon, and will post on the village FB page and group Whatsapp when we do.



**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)

# St Luke's Church News

Well, it seems ages since Christmas, but what a jolly time we had! We ran out of Christingles at the **Christingle service** and were delighted by the choir's singing at the **Carol service**. Our thanks to Kutti (from the shop) and Vivienne who provided



wine for mulling at the **Carol singing on the Green**. We had some feedback that people couldn't read the carol sheets in the dark. Some used their phones as torches, but it's hard to balance a carol sheet, your phone and a cup of mulled wine and a mince pie as well! Our **Crib service** went down a treat, with people laughing their heads off as they tried to follow the actions in the story and lusty

singing at the **Midnight service** was considerably aided (for some) by the consumption of alcohol beforehand! Our January **Community breakfast** started quiet then suddenly developed into a big rush. Thank to those who came and joined us as a customer or helpers! We have just started our **Introduction to Christianity course** and those attending seem to be enjoying it. Certainly, it gives people the opportunity to spend time thinking about the important things in life we usually don't have time to think about and the informal chatting over dinner gives a chance to socialise as well. If you think you might be interested in this course, please let us know and we may be able to run another course if there's enough demand.



**Forthcoming Special Services:** (For further details, see the list of services



elsewhere in the SH news)

**Ash Wednesday:** There will be an evening service (without music) at Great Brickhill on **14<sup>th</sup> February** for this service of repentance.

**Café Church:** Join us on **3<sup>rd</sup> March** from **9.30** on for our most easily accessible "service". After a bacon or (veggie or meat) sausage butty and chat, we'll have about 15 minutes of a talk/worship maybe



a reading and a prayer before the close. Everyone's welcome!

**Mothering Sunday:** We'll be celebrating on **10<sup>th</sup> March** at **11am**.

Please come along for this special Family Service to celebrate mothers. There'll be a small gift for mothers

as well! Come and find out about **Palm Sunday** in our celebration of Jesus' triumphal return to Jerusalem on **24<sup>th</sup> March** at **9.30**.



During Easter week we'll be commemorating the Last Supper on **Maundy Thursday** evening on **28<sup>th</sup> March**. The Next day, **Good Friday**, the church will be open for personal reflection and prayer from 2-3 and pew Bibles are available. We will be celebrating **Easter Day** with Holy Communion at 9.30am, followed by refreshments and Easter eggs!



### **Fundraising:**

This time of year is quiet for us, but we can give you a heads up about a couple of events: a sponsored walk probably in April and on 4<sup>th</sup> May, our annual Plant Sale.

### **Church Activities:**

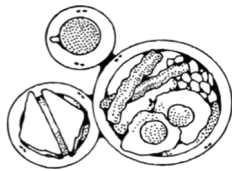
**Lent Course:** We're planning to run a 6-week course again this year starting on **20<sup>th</sup> February**. There'll be weekly sessions (with a lunch of soup and roll included) on **Tuesday** lunchtimes in parallel with evening sessions in the same format throughout the benefice. We'll be using the Diocesan **Come and See** series again, this year on "The Way of Love" - which is taken from Jesus' summary of the commandments. Anyone can participate by going on the Oxford Diocese website at [www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see) and registering for a daily email and weekly video by Bishop Steven (independent of St Luke's course). No experience needed!



**Prayers:** The prayer group meets twice a month. We pray for individuals, the village, the wider community, national and international issues, and organisations (including schools). All prayers are in strict confidence. We're happy to accept prayer requests and request cards are available at the Community Breakfast or speak to a churchwarden. (See below).



**Community Breakfast:** is open to everyone. The next breakfasts will take place on **10<sup>th</sup> February** and **9<sup>th</sup> March** with orders taken from **8.30 to 10.30am**. As well as full English (or constituent parts of) we also serve toast, fruit salad, cereal, croissants and others. You're welcome to bring visitors too! There's no charge for breakfast, but you can make a donation if you wish to.



**Food Bank:** The church foodbank in the church porch is free to all and topped up roughly weekly. It's currently being used a lot, so if you can contribute financially or in kind, please speak to Dave or Diane Webber (see below) or bring your donation to the Community Breakfast. Items most needed are tinned meats or ready meals such as beans with sausages, tinned casserole, coffee and veg oil.



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

**Bible verse of the month:** *James 3 v 1-2, 5-6a* Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup> We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

<sup>5</sup> Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup> The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body.

**What does it mean?** In his letter to the new Christians of Jewish descent, the apostle James warns those who would be leaders that they should be careful to be models of propriety, acknowledging that we all stumble, but should make particular effort to “keep a tight rein on their tongue” (1:26). James later describes the tongue as “a restless evil, full of deadly poison.” It is certainly true that what we say - including lies bearing false witness - can cause untold damage. For this reason, we should all (not just those who are leaders) strive to control our anger and hold our tongues so that we can seek peaceful reconciliation through discussion and debate – a far better use for our tongue!



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



**Church Benefice Website:** [www.brickhillschurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk).

St Luke's offers baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact the Rector if you'd like to discuss any of these (contact details are the website). His phone goes straight to an answerphone but he'll reply as soon as he can, or contact a Churchwarden. The Rector's day off is Monday. If you have a prayer request or enquiry, please call **Churchwardens: Harry on 07773065271 or Diane on 270409.**

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# News from Buckinghamshire Council

Dear Resident

4 January 2024

I hope very much that you've enjoyed a happy Christmas and that you're looking forward to what 2024 will bring.

We are hitting the ground running here at the council now the New Year is underway and we have already considered many important items at our first cabinet meeting of the year today (Thursday 4 January).



One of the most important decisions we took today is about the council's budget. We have published a financial plan, our 'Medium Term Financial Plan' to take us through to 2027. This outlines how we will 'balance the books' right up to the end of the 2026/27 financial year and some of the key areas and projects we are proposing spending money on over the next four years.

You might have heard in the news about the acute pressure council budgets are under. We are experiencing the same here in Buckinghamshire with escalating costs and demand for critical services like social care, temporary accommodation for families who've become homeless and home to school transport services.

These services alone now account for 71% of our total spend and they are all essential services that we are legally obliged to provide, and that some of the most vulnerable of our residents rely on. For example, we have some individual clients whose needs are so complex that the cost to support them alone can run into tens of thousands of pounds per week.

Because the cost of these services has risen so significantly, a number of councils are finding it harder and harder to balance their budgets and more and more are having to effectively 'declare bankruptcy'.

We are not in that position here in Buckinghamshire and I am pleased that we've produced a plan that balances our books right up until 2027, and which still proposes continuing investment in many key services such as roads and schools. However, anyone who looks at the detail of these proposals will see that we can only do that by making significant spending reductions and it's likely that residents will see and feel a difference in some of our 'universal' services.

We are not having to take actions like reducing bin collections in the immediate



**February 2024**

The children have returned to school after the Christmas break to a short, but exciting term. We've already had two school trips - our oldest children have visited Bletchley Park to support their studies of World War 2 and our Foundation children went to the Pantomime as they're looking at traditional tales and storytelling this term.

### *Reflections this half term....*

This half term we are looking at 'Stewardship' and how we can look after our environment. We are looking forward to hearing from people in our community who have responsibility to look after our land. Thank you to Mrs Turner and Mr Watkinson for coming into school to talk to our children.

### *Visitors to school...*

Showing compassion, tolerance and kindness are core elements of our school's values. We believe it is important the children learn about and respect the diversity around them. An organisation called 'Show Racism the Red Card' is visiting school again this term to talk to our Year 3/4 children, following a very successful session with our Year 5/6 children in November. The sessions look at history of racism and explore the meaning of discrimination and stereotyping and ultimately look to ensure the children learning to be inclusive in all they do.

### *Parents' Evenings - March 2024*

The school will be holding Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March so you may see more traffic around the school gates than usual outside school hours. We will of course remind parents to park considerately and to use the Parish Hall car park and walk up to school on these evenings.

### *Can you help us?*

We are looking for a therapy dog. If you have or know of a trained therapy dog we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school on 01525 261620 or email [office@highashschool.co.uk](mailto:office@highashschool.co.uk). Thank you.

future, but we are having to consider decisions like reducing the opening hours at our Household Recycling Centres, balancing this with still providing residents with as much flexibility as possible.

Our costs have been impacted by inflation too, which at its peak ran as high as 11% for consumer prices. However, the costs of the services we purchase have gone up far more – for example, prices for road construction and repair costs have risen between 20% - 30%. We have seen similar sharp increases in accommodation costs for vulnerable children.

With council tax making up 80% of our overall funding to pay for all of our services, we simply have no choice but to propose putting council tax bills up again this year. I am sorry to have to start the new year with this news, but it's important to me that we are upfront about these proposals and what they will mean for you.

The 2024/25 budget plan proposes a rise of 2.99% in the basic rate of council tax and a 2% rise in the Adult Social Care precept, meaning a proposed total rise of 4.99% in council tax bills, or an extra £1.69 per week for the average Band D household.

I know that household budgets continue to be very pressured and if you are worried about how to pay the bills, there is help available. In the first instance, please make contact with our council tax team to discuss your options; you can also look at the advice and information on our dedicated 'Cost of Living' web pages.

### **Spending plans**

The budget proposal we've considered this week also outlines how much we propose spending on other key services in the coming years. These plans reflect our overall corporate priorities and importantly, also take in feedback from residents provided during our 'Money Matters' survey which ran during last autumn.

Over the next four years we're proposing spending:

- £105 million on the highways network
- £25 million on supporting housing and homelessness
- £14.7 million on climate change and flood management projects
- £37.6 million on town centre regeneration and economic growth

I do want to highlight that we have already made considerable savings from becoming a single unitary authority in 2020. The council forecasts that by 2027, it will have saved a total of nearly £172 million from both savings and additional income. Unfortunately, the escalating financial pressures I've already talked about come on top of these savings.

As part of our medium term financial plan we've put forward further solutions to ultimately reduce our costs, including:

- investing in additional children's homes to reduce the heavy cost burden of external placements

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- making savings in Adult Social Care through providing help for some residents, where it fits their need, to live more independently
- rationalising the council's office space, such as closing the King George V site in Amersham
- investing in more housing and temporary accommodation units to bring down the spend on costly nightly-paid accommodation

This is a lot of information that is quite complex and I can honestly say it's been more difficult than ever before to finalise this year's budget plan, with some tough choices having to be made to balance the books.

Overall, I want to assure you that providing good service and value for money is the most important principle than underpins these plans. We also want to ensure any savings are realistic and achievable, that we deliver a responsible budget that really can work, and that we do not excessively rely on using our reserves. While times are very tough, we've always made prudent financial decisions here in Buckinghamshire to do the very best we can for our residents, and you have my commitment that we will continue to do that to the very best of our ability.

These financial plans now go through further scrutiny next week at a series of meetings next week, where residents can put forward any questions they have about these plans. You can do this by emailing:

[budget.scrutiny@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:budget.scrutiny@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

The final plan will then be voted on by the whole council during February.

### **Severe weather**

Before I sign off, I just wanted to make mention of the very bad weather we've experienced across Buckinghamshire in recent days, including the impacts of Storm Henk. It's been a really wet winter already, so the heavy rainfall and high winds have made a bad situation worse, with rain falling on already saturated ground. Together with very high river levels, the water then sometimes has nowhere to go and I know many residents have experienced flooded roads with the drainage and water systems simply unable to manage the levels of water.

I want to thank our teams who worked very hard responding to multiple incidents of flooded roads and fallen trees and branches especially during Tuesday and Wednesday.

I'm very aware that some places are experiencing repeated flooding too when conditions are like this and I want to assure that we will work hard to press Thames Water and the Environment Agency to find solutions to those places that are more vulnerable when we experience weather like this.

Unfortunately, these conditions are also going to take their toll on our road network which is ever the case during the winter months. While we made huge progress repairing and improving the roads during 2023, I'm aware myself as I drive around that there are new potholes and defects appearing and further cold spells due will exacerbate this.






## E-Scooters

Under current legislation, the riding of **privately** owned e-scooters is illegal on roads, pavements, cycle ways and any other public area - this is defined under the road traffic act 1988. E-scooters are also covered by the same legislation as motor vehicles and therefore subject to the same requirements of MOT, tax, licensing and specific construction regulations. It is not currently possible to get insurance to ride privately owned E-scooters in public, meaning there is currently no way it can be legal.

Privately owned e-scooters can be legally used on private land providing the land owner has given permission.

As you are likely aware, in some areas of UK there is a trial of government owned e-scooters, these e-scooters are legal to ride on roads and cycle paths, however you do still need a full provisional license to ride these. In the Bucks area, one of the government owned E-scooters brand is 'Zipp' and you can find them in various different places across the towns, these can be rode legally.

If you use an e-scooter illegally:

-  You could face a fine
-  You could get penalty points on your licence
-  The e-scooter could be seized

We understand that many people are not fully aware of the legislation surrounding e-scooters, so Thames Valley Police will be looking to educate people found on private scooters used anywhere other than private land. Persistent offenders are likely to receive the same punishment as a driver of a vehicle would for no insurance, which is 6 points on licence, a fine and the scooter seized.



### Message Sent By


Jo Howland

(Police, Neighbourhood Administer, Aylesbury Vale)

We will be working hard to make defects safe during the bad weather before being able to work on permanent repairs in the spring. Please do report any issues using 'Fix My Street' and we will get to them as soon as we can, prioritising the most urgent and dangerous defects.

Yours, **Martin Tett** Leader of Buckinghamshire Council

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# MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR LEIGHTON RD 16/11/23 TO 08/01/24

For Project: Leighton Road 16<sup>th</sup> Nov to 8<sup>th</sup> Jan

Project Notes:  
 Location/Name:  
 Report Generated:  
 Speed Intervals:  
 Time Intervals:  
 Traffic Report From  
 85th Percentile Speed  
 85th Percentile Vehicles  
 Max Speed  
 Total Vehicles  
 AADT:

Incoming  
 08/01/2024 16:38:28  
 5 MPH  
 Instant  
 16/11/2023 00:00:00 through 08/01/2024 13:59:59  
 36.9 MPH 80097  
 60 MPH on 22/11/2023 05:35:00  
 94232  
 1758

## Volumes - weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	1847	1747
AM Peak	136	134
PM Peak	155	145

## Speed

Speed Limit:  
 85th Percentile Speed:  
 50th Percentile Speed:  
 10 MPH Pace Interval:  
 Average Speed:

30  
 36.9  
 30.5  
 25.0 MPH to 35.0 MPH  
 30.69

Count over limit  
 % over limit  
 Avg Speeder  
 Avg Speed

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6617	6270	7155	8291	8910	7106	5732
53.1	50.8	53.5	52.6	54.6	53.7	53.4
35.0	34.8	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
12.7	12.1	12.0	11.8	11.7	12.8	14.0





# MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR FENNY RD 16/11/23 TO 08/01/24

For Project: Fenny Road 16<sup>th</sup> Nov to 8<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Project Notes:**

Location/Name: 08/01/2024

Report Generated: 12:30:59

Speed Intervals 5 MPH

Time Intervals 00:00:00

Traffic Report From 16/11/2023 through 08/01/2024 11:59:59

85th Percentile Speed 32.9 MPH

85th Percentile Vehicles 75831

Max Speed 65 MPH

Total Vehicles 89213

AADT: 1667



## Volumes - weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	1721	1649
AM Peak	123	125
PM Peak	157	149

## Speed

Speed Limit:	30
85th Percentile Speed:	32.9
50th Percentile Speed:	26.5
10 MPH Pace Interval:	20.0 MPH to 30.0 MPH
Average Speed:	26.81

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Count over limit	2686	2337	2897	3918	3935	3533	2821
% over limit	25.1	22.5	24.0	23.5	24.9	27.0	27.0
Avg Speeder	34.6	34.4	34.6	34.5	34.6	34.5	34.6
Avg Speed	12.1	11.8	11.3	9.8	10.7	11.9	12.9

# MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR NEWTON RD 16/11/23 TO 07/01/24

For Project: Newton Road 16<sup>th</sup> Nov to 7<sup>th</sup> Jan

Project Notes:  
 Location/Name: Incoming  
 Report Generated: 08/01/2024 16:44:54  
 Speed Intervals: 5 MPH  
 Time Intervals: Instant  
 Traffic Report From: 16/11/2023 00:00:00 through 07/01/2024 23:59:59  
 85th Percentile Speed: 29.6 MPH  
 15858  
 Max Speed: 55 MPH on 16/11/2023 20:35:00  
 Total Vehicles: 18656  
 AADT: 352

## Volumes -

### weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	381	351
AM Peak	27	27
PM Peak	38	34

### Speed

Speed Limit: 30  
 85th Percentile Speed: 29.6  
 50th Percentile Speed: 25  
 10 MPH Pace Interval: 20.0 MPH to 30.0 MPH  
 Average Speed: 24.82

Count over limit	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
% over/limit	246	286	312	459	368	276	257
Avg Speeder	11.1	12.0	11.6	12.4	11.4	11.6	12.4
Avg Speed	33.4	33.2	33.3	33.2	33.3	33.4	33.5
	18.0	17.4	17.1	14.9	16.6	18.0	18.7



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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 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	NP Consultation – Community Centre 19.00 – 21.00
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	NP Consultation – Community Centre 14.00 – 16.00
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	NP Consultation – Newton Leys Pavilion 19.00 – 21.00
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30

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

### **ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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## EDITORS NOTE

As I write this, we're enduring the coldest to date temperatures of the winter. With my car telling me as I drove to Bletchley early this morning that the temperature was minus 8.5 C – Now that is chilly!

This will be a first time read of the SH & NLS News for some newly arrived residents in Stoke Hammond who moved into their new homes on Murphy Lane part of the Fenny Road Hills Development just before Xmas.

Welcome to you and I hope enjoy the SH & NLS News.

May I please have copy for the April/May issue by the **22<sup>nd</sup> March**

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