

# SH & NLS NEWS

Stoke Hammond & Newton Leys South

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JUNE/JULY 2022

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## SPORTS & GAMES ACTIVITIES



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## YEE-HAW!!

Y'all local folk invited to a shindig & moonshine at the  
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Barn Dance | Bar | Hog Roast  
Child focused dancing from 5:30pm | Main dance 7:30pm | June 3rd



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## TREE-SURE HUNT AROUND THE VILLAGE

Saturday 4th June 10.30 - 11am | Sports Club  
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Queens Canopy Tree dedication 1pm,  
tea and coffees provided on the Village Green



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## DERBY DAY & THE JUBILEE CONCERT ON A GIANT OUTDOOR SCREEN



SATURDAY 4TH JUNE ON THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FIELD

Derby Day Picnic & Tote  
(1pm - 6pm)

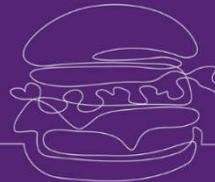
Jubilee Concert Screening  
& Bar (7pm -late)



Best Jubilee Hat competition for kids and adults



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## 'BIG LUNCH' KIDS STREET PARTY

Bragenhams Side 1pm to 4pm | June 5th

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Depending on the publication/distribution dates for this edition of the SH & NLS News, you might hopefully be reading this report just before the four days of planned Platinum Jubilee Events. If indeed before then something to really look forward to, but if after, then hopefully the weather was kind and everyone had a great time and really helped celebrate Her Majesty the Queen and her 70 years of reign. Irrespective of it being before or after the Parish Council must say a massive thank you to the organisations, the people and indeed sponsors, who all got together to make the four days a reality and show that when we put our minds to it, together we can make something special happen in our parish.

Something special can also be a phrase used to describe the new hand pump and trough now in place on the small green at the entrance to Church Road. The site of the original village water pump, this new cast iron pump in its resplendent green colour with the new stone trough below, just looks and feels so much more in keeping than the old pump housing it replaced. Whilst financed by the PC much thanks must go to Cllr David Venn and his neighbours for man handling everything into place. The PC would also like to thank Sylvia Drummond for planting the trough with a rather beautiful display of colourful plants.



The Dolphin PH is once again in the news when mysteriously the pub sign to the building frontage was inexplicably removed. Having contacted the current owners, the PC learnt that they knew nothing about its removal but did confirm that the sale is still proceeding but like most property sales the progress is painfully slow.



We must welcome to the Council Craig Champion who put himself forward for the vacant position and was unanimously co-opted onto the council at our April PC meeting. So, we're now back to full strength of 7 councillors. Craig hails from Newton Leys South, so will provide a valuable and important link for this northern part of our Parish.

In the last PC News, we mentioned about the proposal to purchase 3 new solar powered speed signs, to be located at the main entrances to the village, namely Leighton Road, Fenny Road and the Newton Road. Please be assured this has not been forgotten because we do recognise that speeding in our village is a very important issue to you all. Unfortunately, we're now at the behest of some hidden department within Bucks Highways who have to approve the proposed locations. Despite much chasing we have still not been able to get an answer from this elusive department. Our Ward Councillor Phil Gomm has promised to try and expedite the application upon our behalf.

Just a quick update on progress for our evolving Neighbourhood Plan (NP). We now have two teams within the Steering Group, the Green Team, primarily dealing with Heritage and Green Infrastructure Spaces and the Brown team, dealing with Housing and

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Development. Both teams have engaged in meetings with our appointed NP Consultant Neil Homer of O'Neill Homer Limited. Neil is advising the teams of the steps and information they need to collect and collate to take us through each stage of putting together the NP. But the NP does require consultation with you our parishioners, and it won't be too long before we will be reaching out to you all for your valued input.

There have been two PC meetings since the last PC News, these being April and May, with the latter being both the Annual Parish (APM) and Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM). Some struggle to understand the difference between the two, but basically, the APM is an opportunity for parish organisations including the PC to provide a review of their last years activities. Whilst, the APCM is to 'all intents and purposes' a normal monthly Parish Council meeting with a few additional annual items included.

So, to the April PC meeting which was attended by 11 members of the public and our Unitary Ward Councillor Phil Gomm. Unfortunately, both the Chair and Vice Chair were isolating due to Covid, which meant just a team of 4 Councillors, but luckily the first item on the agenda was the co-option of a new Councillor, and as mentioned earlier Craig Champion was duly elected, which at least meant we were now 5 councillors for the evening.



Before Cllr Gomm gave us his normal round up on local council matters, there was the important matter of presenting an award to one of our parishioners. The Proud of Bucks Community Awards celebrate individuals that have demonstrated care, creativity and commitment towards their local community, and Cllr Gomm duly presented our very own Claire Critchlow with the award of Highly Commended Best Adult Contribution which recognised Claire's outstanding achievements

in our community. Well done, Claire.

There were 3 items of planning to be considered, details of which can be found within the 'Planning Section' of this publication. A few other items of interest from the April PC Meeting were:

- As regards Highway matters, it was noted that the potholes (well the largest ones at least) to Tyrells Gardens had at last been filled in, as was the one by the pedestrian crossing. And still on the subject of the crossing, a request has been made to highways about repainting the very faded white lines and upgrading the orange beacon lights to energy efficient LED.
- Cllr Gomm advised that the issue of the school bus in relation to covering Newton Leys South (NLS) had now been resolved and 9 children from NLS who previously had no access to this service now do.
- The Red Maple tree has now been planted on the village green and will be registered as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Campaign running in conjunction with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



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- The layby on the Fenny Road and what is happening was a question asked, to which Cllr Gomm advised things were in hand but couldn't give details or a timeframe.

So, forward to the two May meetings, where for the APM, the Chair of the PC Malcolm Newing gave a review of PC activities over the last year, which was followed by similar reports from Buttons PreSchool, St Luke's Church, the Community Association, the Village Show, the Gardening Club, the Book Club and finally Cllr Phil Gomm on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council. Given the number of reports, we were a little behind schedule for starting the APCM, the first order of which was to elect the PC Chair and Vice Chair for the next year, with Cllr Newing and Cllr McNally being both re-elected to their respective Chair and Vice Chair roles. There then followed the agreeing and signing off of annual accounts and other such similar items.

There was one planning item to be discussed relating to Rectory Farm, details of which are in the 'Planning Section, but a resident of Lodge Lane wanted to revisit a planning application relating to the erection of a single storey home office and gym at a neighbouring property, namely Stoke Lodge. For although we had considered this application 22/00780/APP at a previous meeting and had 'no objection' to the plan, the resident was adamant that no planning notices had been displayed on the site, and for this reason he missed the deadline for submitting his comments/objections. Cllr Gomm confirmed that if indeed it was proven that planning notices had not been publicly displayed, then the resident would be given extra time to submit his comments, but irrespective of this the PC could not now change their stance/comments as these had already been submitted. A couple of other items of interest from the meeting were:

- Cllr Gomm, made mention that Bucks Council are investigating the possibility of providing a Council Waste/Recycling site in North Bucks to alleviate the ridiculously long journeys that residents in this region have to make to reach our current official sites such as Aylesbury and Aston Clinton.
- Following a request from the Village Show management team, and to assist with the parking issues associated with the popularity of this annual show, the PC agreed that the show organisers could, providing ground conditions are suitable use the PC field adjacent to the Community Centre for car parking purposes.
- It would seem the viability for the possible reinstatement of the Village pond at the top of Church Road is looking less likely, but further clarification is to be sought from a specialist surveyor before any further decisions can be made.

The June PC Meeting will be held at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June commencing 7.30pm with the July meeting being the same time and place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Noting, there is no PC Meeting in August, but you're most welcome to visit us on our PC stand at the Village Show on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August.



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

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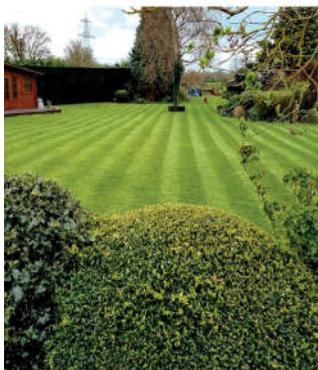
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if you haven't been before, in case you require gluten free rolls, soup and cake. Vegetarian soup is served automatically as some people prefer it! We look forward to welcoming you. Dates: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

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## ST LUKE'S STOKE HAMMOND CHURCH SERVICE DATES TO JULY 2022

### JUNE

5<sup>th</sup> June: 11.00am Jubilee Pentecost Family Service – DW

**Note:** To be held at Stoke Hammond Community Centre

12<sup>th</sup> June: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion – JW

19<sup>th</sup> June: 09.30am Café Church – DW

26<sup>th</sup> June: 09.30am Holy Communion – JW

### JULY

3<sup>rd</sup> July: 09.30am Morning Worship – tba

10<sup>th</sup> July: 11.00am Family Service – JW

17<sup>th</sup> July: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion – JW

**Note:** To be held at All Saints Church, Bow Brickhill

24<sup>th</sup> July: 09.30am Holy Communion – JW

31<sup>st</sup> July: tba Special Benefice Service – tba

**Note:** To be held at St Mary the Virgin Church, Great Brickhill

**Details of church services are posted on the Benefice Website:**

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## Age?

A short while ago I came across a phrase I've since been using. "How are you" I asked a colleague who replied "I'm still above ground"!

A friend once told me not to worry about age - it's only a number. Well, it is but I have recently got old very quickly. It started off with Covid in 2020. My significant birthday was cancelled. So, I became 69 and 13 months. And so, it went on until this year when I was 69 and 35 months! Alas no excuses this year and I jumped to 72. Goodness me that seemed a significant number!

As I left later youth and approached middle age, I managed to stay mentally young by associating with younger groups - cycling, running climbing. This worked for a while but times move on. I can no longer hang out (or keep up) with a younger generation. So today I am off to the bowls club where I actually bring the average age down! This may keep me fit for a while longer. And of course, if I do need to convince myself that I'm not really that old I take solace in watching "Songs of Praise" and estimating the average age of the congregation.

I have to admit that I have now reached an age when things are starting to crumble around the edges. Fortunately, they have not started falling off but no doubt the time will come. In the meantime I am taken by another response to "How are you"...

"Well, I wake up in the morning and stretch out my arms. If I don't touch wood either side - I get up".

**Grumpy Old Man**

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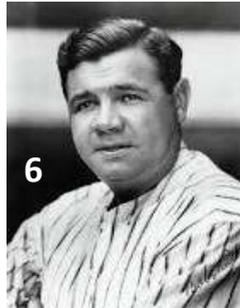
# MAVIS'S QUIZ

In case you missed them, here are the answers to the last quiz where you had to name the characters and the TV Sitcom from their classic catchphrases.

- (1) LANCE CORPORAL JONES – DAD'S ARMY (2) VICTOR MELDREW – ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE (3) BALDRICK – BLACK ADDER (4) MR HUMPHREYS – ARE YOU BEING SERVED (5) FRANK SPENCER – SOME MOTHERS DO HAVE THEM (6) DEL BOY – ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES (7) ALF GARNET – TILL DEATH US DO PART (8) HAROLD STEPTOE – STEPTOE AND SON (9) MICHELLE DUBOIS – ALLO ALLO (10) BASIL FAWLTY – FAWLTY TOWERS



*Now for something different, can you name these famous sports people from the images below. No assistance on this one, you either know or don't know!*



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already have received notice of this so this is just a reminder and we hope you can join us. Any queries 01525 270858

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## NEWS FROM NEWTON LEYS SOUTH (NLs)



During the April Parish Council meeting we had another member of the community voted onto the Parish Council, Craig Champion, he is a great asset to the Parish Council and will also help with ensuring Newton leys south has a voice on the Council so welcome Craig!

Hopefully, you will have seen the Jubilee celebration's that will be taking place in Stoke Hammond it has been very well planned and there are lots of events for all ages, as well as beacon lighting and children's entertainments. There were loads on this subject in the last edition of this magazine plus more recently on Facebook, please take a look and please do come along and participate. As part of the celebrations, we have purchased two jubilee benches, one for Stoke Hammond the other for NLs, we are hoping that Taylor Wimpey will assist in placing the concrete slab for the bench in the park on Coleman Road intime for the Jubilee weekend, "fingers crossed". We will then look to install a notice board in the park.

You will have seen the civil engineers beginning to prepare the streets and roads ready for handover to Buckinghamshire Council, I believe this will be in early 2023. Taylor Wimpey has around 5 more private houses to sell near the site office and then the two blocks of flats on the entrance are sold to a Housing Association, so the site is near complete.

The new park on Lansbury finally opened and it seems to be used a lot, it is always full, and people seem to enjoy the new park and play area. There have been a few incidents of young adults using the park at night and leaving rubbish and broken glass in and around the park. We will monitor this going forward.

I hope to see a lot of residents at the Sports Field and Community Centre in Stoke Hammond during the Queens jubilee weekend.

Enjoy the extra bank holiday weekend.

Councillor Stephen McNally

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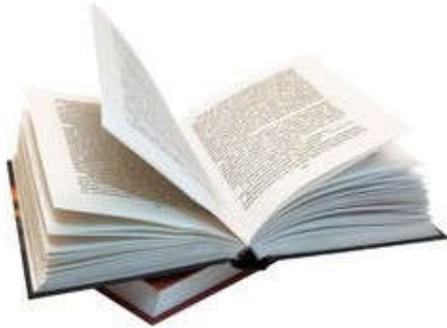


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## STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



### **My Sister, the Serial Killer - by Oyinkan Braithwaite.**

One of the things we like about our club is that it makes us read books that we would never have taken down from the shelf. This is certainly the case with 'My Sister, the Serial Killer' by Oyinkan Braithwaite.

The theme of the story concerns two sister who are polar opposites. The younger one is irresistible to men and the older one is the opposite. The younger one makes a habit of killing off her men friends when they annoy her and the older one then rushes to her aid and cleans up the mess! We assumed that it was meant to illustrate a loyalty to your sibling but even the most deepest thinking

amongst us could find no merit in this particular book. The only time the older sister reacted at all was when her sister managed to 'step on' with a man she was fond of! We thought it was pushing sister loyalty a bit too far and it was difficult to accept that she would not have been reported to the Authorities eventually. In fact, I think she got away with it in the end !!!!

We all agreed that the best thing about it was the short chapters which meant that we could swiftly move on in the hope that the story would develop. To sum up, none of the group enjoyed it.

Conclusion: Honestly not worth bothering with.

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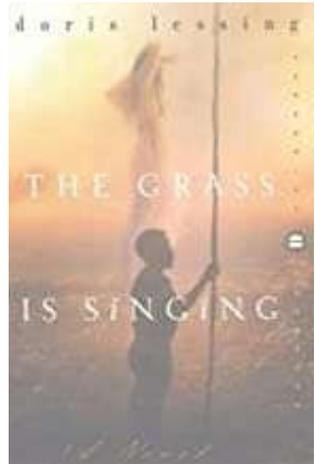
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## The Grass is Singing - by Doris Lessing

Now for a complete contrast - this novel by a famous author is set in Rhodesia and tracks the tragic life of Mary. In the first few pages we learn that Mary has been murdered on her own veranda which makes you wonder where we go from there but the story takes us back to Mary's younger days and the events leading up to her marriage to Dick Turner, an unsuccessful farmer on a remote farm. She is unable to settle to her life there, has an inbuilt dislike of the local Rhodesian farm hands and servants, and added to this, her husband is full of useless money-making ideas which never work adding to her despair and frustration. Eventually she makes herself both physically and mentally ill and the tragic outcome is her murder by her one remaining house-boy. Apart from a complaint that it tended to drag a little at the end there was not even a happy ending!



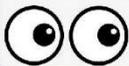
Although we all agreed that the book was beautifully written and reminded us of things, we had heard about concerning the treatment of ethnic workers we seemed to be waiting for something concrete to happen long before it did. It was however described by some of the group as both enjoyable and a brilliant description of real situations and as such should be compulsory reading for 6th form students.

Conclusion: worth reading as a good and true illustration of life in rural Rhodesia and the problems of the white farmers. However, overall, a bit depressing.

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# PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES APRIL & MAY 2022



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:

### **22/00780/APP Stoke Lodge, Lodge Lane, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BU**

Erection of a single storey home office and gym/games building.

*This was a redesign and relocation of a previously refused application. Following dialogue with the applicant and viewing comments made by heritage your PC had NO OBJECTION to this new application.*

### **22/00917/APP 10 Harris Close, Bletchley MK3 5QH**

Loft conversion with rear and front dormers.

*It was felt that this conversion would be overbearing in size and be out of character to the rest of the building with privacy concerns for neighbouring properties, and for these reasons the PC OPPOSED this application.*

### **21/04404/ADP Land to the East of Fenny Road, Stoke Hammond**

Variation of condition for already approved planning for 64 new dwellings.

*As this application was for minor alterations to the design and landscaping for the already approved development, your PC felt there was no reason to oppose, so they had NO OBJECTION to this application.*

### **22/01251/APP Rectory Farm, Newton Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 0EB**

Erection of 336 sq. m. agricultural building to cover an existing silage clamp.

*It was noted from the application documents that this type of agricultural building would normally fall under permitted development, but because the siting of the building was less than 25 metres from a trunk or classified road, this is why planning permission had to be sought. Whilst the PC had NO OBJECTION in principle to the application, they wanted it noted that no slurry from this building should run towards the road.*

## PLANNING UPDATES:

### **21/00143/APP Three Locks Golf Club, Great Brickhill MK17 9BH**

Change of use for siting of 119 Lodge Style caravans.

*Not actually in Stoke Hammond but something that would have a dramatic effect on the area. Not really an update, other than to say, since originally been submitted on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021, it is still awaiting a decision.*

For further information/updates on these or other planning applications in our locality, please visit the following website entering the application reference or use the map search facility - <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications>

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### *Sporting News...*

We are delighted to have been able to participate in lots more sports festivals this term. Our Year 6 Football team have been playing some friendly matches and won the local league this year. We have also had school teams participating in Dodgeball, Cricket and Hockey festivals so far. We are, as a school, all very much looking forward to our School Sports Day on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### *School Activities...*

Also during June we are going to have lots of other activities going on, including our Music Concert on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 6.00pm, the Induction Evening for new Foundation Parents on 27<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm and the Oracy Showcase in school on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

We are aware that with the events taking place during June that there may be some additional cars parked in the vicinity of the school. Wherever possible we will be reminding parents to park considerately and also to use the Parish Hall Carpark.

### *Walking Bus*

Our Walking Bus supported the National Walk to School Week 16-20 May and encouraged other children and parents to walk to school during the week and all those who participated got a sticker!

We are very grateful that we have several of our community volunteers who have offered to be involved in the Walking Bus again this year. If you feel you could offer a small amount of time in the morning during term time we would love to hear from you - please contact us at [office@highashschool.co.uk](mailto:office@highashschool.co.uk)

*Sarah J Boyce*

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## News from Buckinghamshire Council



12 May 2022

Dear Resident,

I am sure the increasing cost of living is impacting most of you reading this in some way. We have all noticed the rise in energy bills, fuel, food costs and the price of other essentials. For many people, this means revisiting household budgets, changing spending habits and generally tightening our belts. Sadly, for some households in Buckinghamshire, it's pushing them into a more serious financial situation.

We recognise this is probably the most important issue facing the people of Buckinghamshire at the moment so we have brought forward a package of measures with the aim of providing direct support for those who need it most, alongside more universal help to offset the general rise in living costs.

- We have begun paying the £150 national council tax rebates for householders in Band A-D homes, putting in place a scheme which allows us to do this as quickly as possible where other council areas are facing delays.
- If you live in a Band A-D property and pay by direct debit, you will be getting the £150 paid direct back into your bank – if you don't pay by direct debit we will make contact with you directly to process the rebate.

We wanted to go beyond the national support with extra help too, so have introduced our own additional schemes for Buckinghamshire residents:

- We are making £150 payments to some households in Bands E-H in receipt of benefits such as Employment and Support Allowance.
- Under a further strand of Buckinghamshire Council help, the council is also topping up payments under both schemes through our Helping Hand programme, meaning some residents will also be eligible for an extra £25 payment on top of the other payments.

We have also agreed this week how an extra £2.4 million of vital funding for Buckinghamshire households in financial hardship will be spent. Use of the money will again be coordinated through our [Helping Hand service](#), which is there to help families

and individuals in the county who are struggling to afford food, clothing and other essentials.

Residents struggling with these costs can contact the council's Helping Hand service which can:

- Help with energy, cooking, lighting and water bills.
- Support with food costs through vouchers.
- Pay for household essentials such as sanitary products, boiler servicing, warm clothing.
- Help you find the right support that works for your circumstances.

£880,000 of the funding from the government's Household Support Fund has been allocated to provide food vouchers to families in need, including covering children's meals during school holidays if they are eligible for free school meals during term time. These digital food vouchers will also be available for Afghan and Ukrainian families who've arrived in Buckinghamshire as a package of wider support for these families under Helping Hand.

Our aim is to get support to people who need it as quickly as possible, so we've aimed to be pragmatic and practical, to try to provide support as widely as possible while at the same time getting help to the people who need it most.

If you are facing severe hardship, please contact our Helping Hand team by calling **01296 531 151** – this line operates **Mon – Thu 9am – 5:30pm** and **Fri 9am – 5pm**. You can also use the online contact form on the Helping Hand webpage at [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/helping-hand](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/helping-hand).

### **Welcoming our new arrivals from Ukraine**

The response from Buckinghamshire has been phenomenal and I'm so proud of how the people of our county have come forward to welcome families from Ukraine who've temporarily fled the conflict. We've seen among the highest numbers of visa applications under the Homes for Ukraine scheme of any area in the country.

The council has set up a new team to provide all support needed to help these families settle into life in Buckinghamshire, from finding suitable schooling and employment and providing practical and emotional support. So far, nearly 150 families have arrived in the county with more to follow and they are being supported by our Helping Hand for Ukraine scheme, which brings together all the strands of help mentioned above. We've got more than 100 staff volunteers also supporting this effort.

If you want to find out more about the scheme and how it is working, please [follow the links on our homepage](#).

## **Bin day changes in the south of the county**

A quick reminder for some residents in the south of the county that they may have a new bin day from this week. We've updated the round routes as part of improvements to the recycling and waste service in the former Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe district areas. All affected households will have received a letter and calendar explaining the changes and detailing the new schedules; if you need to, please [check your new bin day online](#).

## **The Jubilee weekend**

We are all very much looking forward to celebrating Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in just a few week's time now. You'll hopefully be aware that there's a national four-day weekend to mark the occasion, with **Thursday 2 June** and **Friday 3 June** both designated as Bank Holidays ahead of further celebrations at the weekend (Saturday 4 - Sunday 5 June).

The event will be marked locally within communities up and down the county so look out for local information about what's happening in your own area. We know we've had many applications for road closures for street parties and similar celebrations.

You can find out more about how this wonderful occasion is being marked in Buckinghamshire [via our website](#) which includes an online directory of local Jubilee events.

To see the programme of national events, [go to the official website](#) of the Royal Family.

## **Bucks Climate Challenge**

I just want to close with a reminder about the important work we all continue to do to tackle climate change in Buckinghamshire and how we're working together to reduce carbon emissions across Buckinghamshire. This is one of the most important priorities of the council and it takes us all working together to make a difference.

We've now become the first council in the UK to support the United Nations 'AWorld' app. In short, this app allows users to join the 'Bucks Climate Challenge' team to see directly what impact their own actions are having on the local climate, and how Buckinghamshire as a whole is making progress. This is an exciting development so please download the 'AWorld' app today and join the Bucks Climate Challenge team to help give us a better picture of the gains we're making to reduce carbon emissions.

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# St Luke's Church News

**Review:** We thoroughly enjoyed our services at Easter and we're grateful to pupils at High Ash school for their hand-made Easter cards which were distributed round the villa we displayed in church. Our sponsored walk took place on a lovely sunny day! About a dozen walkers set off in small groups and met up at The Plough in Simpson for lunch. Everyone enjoyed the day and we raised about £1300. Shout out to all the walkers and sponsors!



On 7<sup>th</sup> May, our plant sale was also a great day, though it started off somewhat showery! Plants were very popular and we raised over £500. (see photo)



We've just held our Big Brekkie and Bring and buy coffee morning and will be making a donation of £300+ to Christian Aid in the near future.

## Church Activities:

**Food Bank:** We're very grateful to those who continue to support the food bank, but please note that **we don't accept out of date food, opened packets or anything requiring refrigeration or freezing, Nor do we accept any alcohol or any aerosol products** owing to the possibility of abuse, since the food bank is open to anyone at any time. Donations can be made at Community breakfast, to church committee members or deliver to Abbotsford, Newton Rd (see map). The food bank is in the open church porch for any villager to use at any time.



**Prayers:** A small group of us recently enjoyed a prayer walk round the village and prayed for those we know of who have asked for prayer as well as spontaneous prayers for the community. Our prayer group is continuing to meet and we're happy to pray for personal requests as well as local, national and global issues. Please speak to a church member, contact one of the wardens or complete a prayer request card at the Community breakfast.



**HELP!** Our **Treasurer** has recently been suffering from ill health and would like to step down. If you think you could help but would like a chat first, please contact a church member or the Rector. In addition, we're still looking for volunteers to help on the church **cleaning**

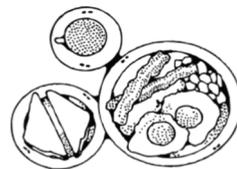
**rota** (once every 6 weeks). We'd also appreciate anyone who'd be interested in helping with a **one off clean** getting in touch. Please also get in touch if you'd like to

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go on our **altar flower rota** to offer flowers for the church. If you can help with any of these positions, please contact Hazel on 270404 (cleaners & flowers) or a PCC member (Treasurer). See numbers below. Thank you!

**Community and Social:** (Subject to Government guidelines)

**Community Breakfasts:** We'll be holding our popular Community Breakfasts again on **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jun & Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July** with orders taken from **8.30 – 10.30am**. Contact us (details below) if you'd like to go on our (GDPR) email list for reminders of social events or our email list for services and social events.



**Afternoon teas:** We're looking forward to holding afternoon teas again this year in the church between **3 and 5pm** on Sundays: **26<sup>th</sup> June** and **21<sup>st</sup> August** (the latter of which will be followed by a service of Compline for those who wish to stay for it)

**Services:** See full listing elsewhere in the newsletter

**Health & Safety:** We have recently decided to return to full Holy Communion with bread and wine from the common cup. Of course, individuals are entitled to decline either or both if they feel they aren't comfortable to take them.

**Café church:** We're having a Cafe Church service from 9.30am on **19<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> August** at St Luke's! Anyone who's been will tell you our all age introductory service is very informal: a simple (free) breakfast and chat with your neighbours followed by a 15 – 20 minute "service" of a short talk, sometimes with prayers, sometimes music. Come along and join us!



**Family Service at the Community Centre:** We'll be holding our **Pentecost** (Whit Sunday) Family Service on **5<sup>th</sup> June** (the weekend of the Queen's jubilee) at the Community Centre. We're planning an inclusive service suitable for all and it would be lovely to see you there!



**Fundraising:**

Our fundraising committee have arranged a proposed programme of events for the year – put them in your diary now to avoid disappointment:

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July: St Luke's Church fete** – all the usual stalls and attractions at our renowned fete!

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** Beetle Drive and Bingo

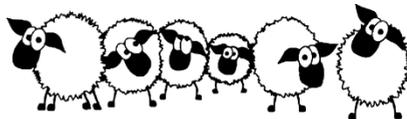
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November:** Christmas Fayre

We're also hoping to do teas on the Village Green for the Jubilee Saturday around the tree planting and have a stall at the Village Show.



**Bible verse of the month: *Mat 9: v 36-38:*** <sup>36</sup> *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* <sup>37</sup> *Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.* <sup>38</sup> *Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'*

**What does it mean?:** This quote is about Jesus' life. Between his baptism and death he travelled through towns and villages in Judea



and Galilee teaching in synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing people's disease and illness. The disciples travelled with him to help and learn. There were always plenty of people who needed help, so Jesus told them they should "ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers". The Lord of the harvest is God and whenever we need something – "harvesters for the fields" (the harvesters are those that preach and convert people, the harvest is people for God's kingdom) - we can ask God in prayer and he'll provide what we need.

**Funeral information:** You may wish to know that the Rector can conduct a funeral service at a local crematorium if your loved one prefers cremation. New rules mean that crematoria are now no longer offering a religious service by default: it has to be specifically requested by the family. Also, any resident of the village is entitled to have their ashes buried in the churchyard (for a small fee) if they wish. Please also note that the rules have recently changed regarding memorials in churchyards. If you'd like more information, please speak to the Rector or Churchwarden Harry Davies for details.

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



St Luke's offers baptisms, weddings and funerals which are now freely available. Please contact the Rector if you'd like to discuss any of these. The Rector's contact details are on the website. His phone goes straight to an answerphone but he'll reply as soon as he's able, or contact a Churchwarden. The

Rector's day off is Monday. If you have a prayer request or enquiry, please ring

**Churchwardens: Harry, on 07773065271; Diane, on 270409 or Treasurer: John, on 270202.**

**MAP**  
(Not to scale)



## VILLAGE DIARY

2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Community Association AGM – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Church Fete – St Luke’s Church – Times tba
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea – Community Centre – 14.00
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Village Show – Community Centre 13.00 – 18.00

*For Church dates/times please see the ‘Church Services’ section*

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Summer is on its way and you will see from the front cover that the ever-popular Village Show returns in August. Leading up to the show we have the Scarecrow Competition, and what a variety of styles and themes we had last year. Can you surpass yourselves this year, I do so very much hope so? Get your thinking caps on, the 'Mole Catcher' last year's winner was brilliant.

Something I ask on a regular basis, please do let me know if there any features or content you would like to see in the SH & NLS News, or indeed do you have something you would like to contribute, if so, do get in touch.

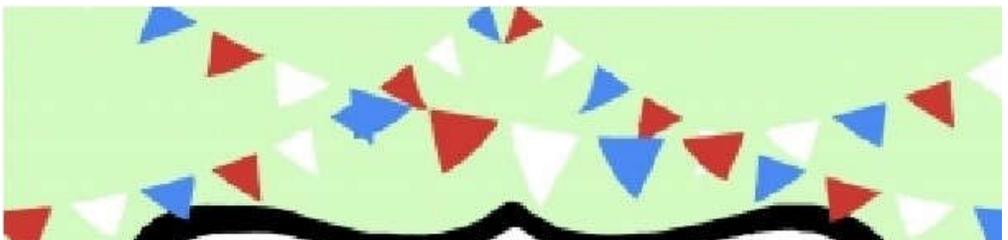
May I please have copy for the August/September 2022 issue by the **20<sup>th</sup> July**  
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Wednesday 1 June		Wednesday 1 June	Wednesday 1 June
	Thursday 9 June	Thursday 9 June	
Wednesday 15 June		Wednesday 15 June	Wednesday 15 June
	Wednesday 22 June	Wednesday 22 June	
Wednesday 29 June		Wednesday 29 June	Wednesday 29 June
	Wednesday 6 July	Wednesday 6 July	
Wednesday 13 July		Wednesday 13 July	Wednesday 13 July
	Wednesday 20 July	Wednesday 20 July	
Wednesday 27 July		Wednesday 27 July	Wednesday 27 July
	Wednesday 3 Aug	Wednesday 3 Aug	
Wednesday 10 Aug		Wednesday 10 Aug	Wednesday 10 Aug



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