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Stoke Hammond & Newton Leys South

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June - July 2023
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It is very disappointing that our Unitary Ward Councillors are still, despite many communications from us, continuing to ignore the Parish of Stoke Hammond, and it is now some 7 months since we last had an attendance at a PC meeting. It was at our January PC meeting that the Council unanimously decided to request a change from our allocated Ward Councillor, as it was a relationship that was simply not working. Since conveying this message to our three ward Councillors and requesting that either Councillor Jordan or Councillor Macpherson become our nominated representative, and aside from an initial acknowledgement of the situation, we have heard nothing further. Whilst it is not imperative that we have Council attendance at our meetings, it would be preferable if our parishioners had access to their elected unitary representatives. Having now exhausted all other avenues of trying to get this matter sorted, it was agreed at our May PC Meeting that we would escalate the matter to Councillor Martin Tett the leader of Buckinghamshire Council.

Thank you to all of those of you who took the time to attend and provide valuable input at the Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) exhibition put on by the NHP Steering Working Group at the Community Centre over the weekend of the 25th/26th March. There was also a similar such exhibition held at the Newton Leys Pavilion on the evening of Wednesday 3rd May. Earlier on that same evening there was the first meeting of the residents in their campaign against the high level of fees and poor quality of service they face from the First Port Management Company who manage the Bovis side of the estate.

The weather was not kind for the Coronation Picnic Party held at the Community Centre on the afternoon of the coronation, with many of the planned activities having to be curtailed or moved inside. But we understand despite all this, many of you attended and we were pleased to learn that the children's entertainer, funded by a PC community grant was well received, with the kids warming to Princess Elsa and her Paw Patrol sidekicks.

Just a quick update on the three new solar powered mobile vehicle activated (MVAS) speed indicator signs, which are on order with the manufacturers, but do unfortunately have a rather long lead time of some 12-14 weeks, but by the time of reading this report we will now be well over halfway through that lead time. So, not too long before they will appear at the confirmed locations, which we would remind you are the three primary entrances to the village, namely the Leighton Road, the Fenny Road and the Newton Road. There have been two monthly PC Meetings since the last PC News, one of which was the Annual PC Meeting, but in fact there is due to be a third to be held just after this edition of the SH & NLS News went to print. This being an Extraordinary Meeting scheduled for the evening of Monday 22nd May to primarily discuss a planning application pertaining to Fontaine House, Church Road. As usual details of new and the outcome of past planning applications can be found in the 'Planning Updates' section and copies of meeting agendas and minutes are also available to view and download from our website www.stokehammondpc.com

For the April PC Meeting held on the evening of the 4th, we were joined by 5 members of the public and aside from normal monthly business, some of the other items discussed and debated were as follows:

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- In the Clerk's update, we were advised that the broken fence by the brook behind the Community Centre has now been repaired, and the bushes by the Newton Road 30mph sign have now been cut back. Grass cutting had also resumed in the village.
- Under meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council, mention was made of a recent initial Zoom meeting with Peabody, regarding the PC adopting the playpark, streetlights and open spaces at the new Fenny Road development, but more detail particularly the value of commuted sums to cover the cost to the PC for taking these over is required from Peabody. The Clerk also made mention of another Zoom meeting with Bucks Council regarding the new Highways contract which came into effect on the 1st April. Because of this, it was suggested that any outstanding FixMyStreet requests be best resubmitted.
- Representatives from the Sports Club asked for our views on their extension plans for their clubhouse, noting this building actually sits on land owned by the PC. Cllrs agreed that they see these proposed plans as a positive improvement and were happy for the Sports Club to submit the plans to the Bucks Council planning department.

The May Meeting held on the evening of the 2nd May was a bit of a double header, as it was both the Annual Parish Meeting then followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting, and in order to accommodate the two meetings' proceedings started a little earlier than the norm at 7pm, which although advertised did catch some people out, who arrived at the normal 7.30pm PC Meeting start time.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for local Parish based groups to provide an update on their past year's activities and plans for the future. Representatives from the likes of the Sports Club, the Community Centre, the Gardening Club, St Luke's Church and others duly read out their reports, which was finally followed by the Chair of the PC giving a similar review of the PC's activities and future goals that they wished to achieve.

Ultimately 12 members of the public were present for the Annual Parish Council Meeting, where the first order of business was the election of the Chair and Vice Chair for the next year. Cllr Malcolm Newing was unanimously re-elected as Chair, as was Cllr Greg Noble for the position of Vice Chair.

Being as it was the Annual Parish Council Meeting, there were quite a few financial aspects to be signed off, but other matters in brief were:

- There was an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, including the fact that the grant money has now run out, so the consultation will be moved back to September with the plan hopefully being completed by December. We are still waiting for the Government to advise as to how we can apply for a further grant.
- Cllr Newing advised that the Bucks Local plan is now being worked on, and parishioners should be aware that land around the village has been put forward for possible planning, which very much reinforces the need for us to have our Neighbourhood Plan in place.
- Two Community Funding applications had been received, one from the Gardening Club and the other from The Lindens Care Home. The PC were generally supportive of both, but the Gardening Club had not specified a specific amount, so the Clerk would go back to them for this figure. As for the Lindens, they had asked for £350 to go towards a gazebo for residents to use for outdoor events, to which the PC agreed.

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- During the public participation session, the poor state of Church Road was raised as was the blocked drains outside the Dolphin PH and that Fly Tipping was once again taking place on Dorcas Lane. All items that would need to be reported via FixMyStreet.

The dates for our next two regular PC Meetings are Tuesday 6th June and Tuesday 4th July, with the June meeting to take place at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB, starting at 7.30pm. Whilst the July meeting is likely to be held at the Newton Leys Pavilion, again with a 7.30pm start. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings.

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

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ST LUKE'S STOKE HAMMOND CHURCH SERVICE DATES TO JULY 2023

JUNE

4th Jun: 09.30am Café Church – DW

11th Jun: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion - JW

Note: To be held at St Mary Magdalene, Little Brickhill

18th Jun: 09.30am Morning Worship – JH

25th Jun: 09.30am Holy Communion - JW

JULY

2nd Jul: 11.00am Morning Worship – tba

9th Jul: 09.30am Family Service – tba

16th Jul: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion – JW

Note: To be held at All Saints, Bow Brickhill

23rd Jul: 09.30am Holy Communion – JW

30th Jul: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion – JW

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



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Stoke Hammond Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan exhibition went ahead in March and was very well attended. The general feedback was very encouraging and gave the Steering Group confidence that the work to date is reflective of parishioner's views.

There are two key elements to our work. Firstly, policies that are being developed to protect the integrity of the village which enhance the Aylesbury Vale Local plan with variants that specifically focus on Stoke Hammond. The second element is the work carried out to try and identify proposed new sites that might deliver additional housing within the Parish. Our work clearly recognises the view of most parishioners that they would prefer little, if any, further development is carried out across the Parish. The reality however is that the new Bucks local plan which will focus on the period to 2040 will need to provide additional housing going forward whatever the colour of the next national government. The vast majority of this will come on large strategic sites and Bucks have announced, following their call for sites, that an informed view as to where these may fall will be announced around December. All Bucks villages will most likely be asked to make a small contribution and it is our aim to determine where Parishioners want this development in our Neighbourhood Plan rather than being victims of pre-emptive strikes by developers. To this end we carried out our own local Call for Sites. Over 30 owners were approached which eventually resulted in 8 sites with outline proposals being shared at the exhibition with parishioners. All attendees were asked to prioritise the sites and we received over 100 returns over the two days. These are being analysed and reviewed by the Steering Group, alongside Strategic Environmental assessments for each site provided by an external expert body that takes account of landscape, heritage, biodiversity and flood risk impacts. The output from this exercise will determine which sites if any, will be included in the draft plan that will go through formal consultation with parishioners over a 6-week period. All the work on the Neighbourhood Plan is being funded by government grants. The intention was to consult during June and July, but this will now be September/October as the government are late in announcing the grant scheme for 2023/24. For those of you who want more information on the Plan we have now added material to the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Stoke Hammond Parish Council site which includes all the information that was used at the Exhibition.

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The Exhibition also took the opportunity to test Parishioners views on what should be done with the Bragenham Side field. Three options were provided.

1. A new sports/Village Hall
2. Left as an open space for dog walking, picnics etc
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As was the case in 2018 a new sports/village hall was again the preferred option with over 50% making this their first choice. This will be taken into account as the S106 project progresses along with the output from the ongoing discussions with local groups.



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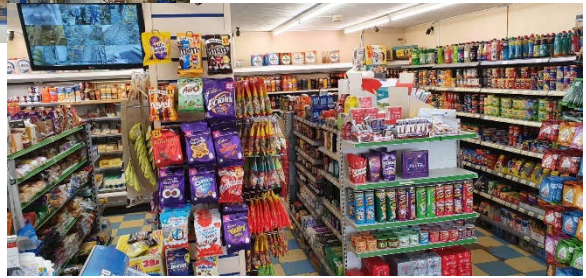
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Inflation - Over the last twelve months this has got totally out of hand. The weekly food bill has rocketed and my wife wanders round turning lights off which she never used to do. The Government say a little inflation is a good thing. Excessive inflation however is not. The Bank of England raise interest rates which discourages us from borrowing money to buy "stuff" and if we don't buy so much "stuff" then prices won't increase and inflation is controlled. Hmmm.

Coronation - Now that was a great Ion. Aren't we good at that sort of thing in this country? I don't recall a prolonged media coverage before the day but what a lot of organisation must have gone on to produce such a relatively flawless event. Most people seem to have watched some or all of the TV program and appreciated it.

Eurovision - Well they've taken football and increased the number of competitions (play-offs, international cups etc.) all, it appears, with a view to making more money. Eurovision has gone the same way. As in earlier years I didn't watch any and I probably didn't miss much. I should remember for next year to put a bet on the UK not appearing in the top 10 finishers!

Grumpy Old Man

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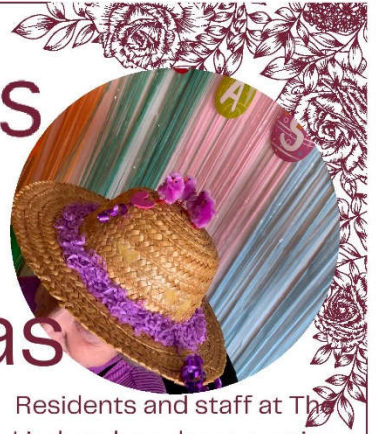
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THE Lindens

Easter Extravaganzas



Residents and staff at The Lindens have been coming together to enjoy a range of festive Easter activities. Our fun-filled Easter celebrations included, Easter bonnet making, an egg decorating competition, and a thrilling egg hunt, which brought smiles and laughter to the faces of our residents. Alongside our Easter Sunday meal, complete with mouth-watering roast lamb, delectable sides, and sweet treats!



Melodies to warm the heart..

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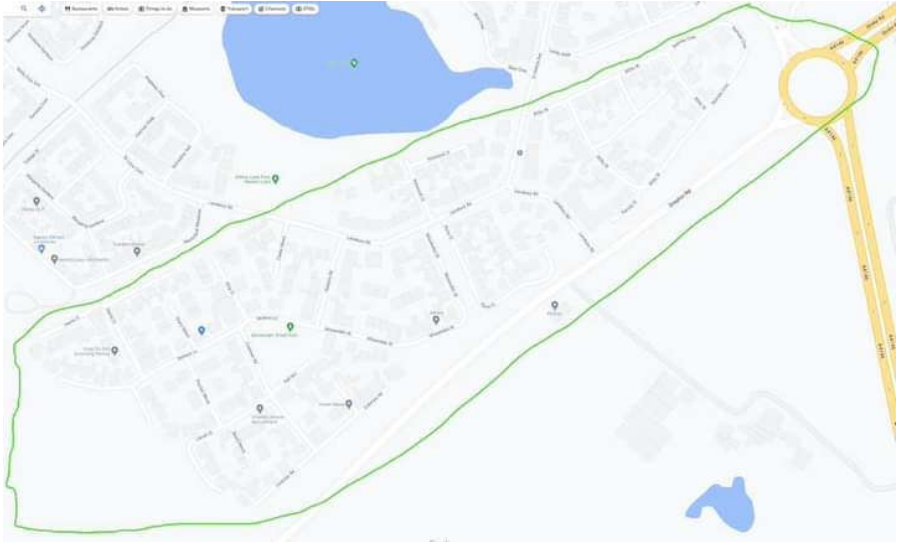
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Firstport and Newton Leys Management Company update

Residents had a good meeting on 3rd May at the Newton Leys Pavilion to discuss taking control over the Newton Leys Management Company. Over twenty 25 people attended. All residents present agreed to support the election of two residents as directors and to remove the existing directors appointed by Firstport. If any resident in the houses paying the service charge to Firstport currently would like to volunteer as an additional director then please contact craigchampion@stokehammondpc.com

By the time this is published enough residents should have signed the request for an Extraordinary General Meeting of the management company to take control. The residents should be in control over the summer.

Local plan

On 3rd May Newton Leys residents also had the chance to review the details about the local plan. There is one proposed site adjoining Newton Leys where the land owner has asked for his land to be included for future development and residents were shown the plans and asked to provide

YOUR GREAT BRICKHILL UNITARY WARD COUNCILLORS

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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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feedback as part of the public consultation exercise. Those views will be included as part of the next stage of the process.

Willis Street parking

Following complaints from residents about the lack of parking at the top of Willis Street where it joins Parrot Court, we contacted Taylor Wimpey. Taylor Wimpey is unfortunately unwilling to increase parking spaces in that part of the estate as it needs to comply with the agreed plans to ensure the roads are adopted on completion of the development.

Community grants

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6: Willow 7: Elm 8: Birch 9: Rowan 10: Poplar



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We've had a few newcomers join us recently and a couple of them have very young babies so we have quite a range of ages and it's handy for new mums to get some advice from those who've "been there, done that!"

Why not come down and make some friends this Friday! (but we're closed on 2nd June for half term) Our last scheduled session is 21st July, (but we sometimes run a session in the summer holidays).



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



LADIES THAT LUNCH

Twenty five ladies sat down to a Coronation Afternoon Tea on the Tuesday following the Coronation of their Majesties King Charles and Queen Camilla. Brickhill Bistro did us

proud producing sandwiches, including Coronation chicken, roast beef and egg & cress sandwiches. A touch of class was added with salmon blinis, duck bites, scones, and then a whole host of cakes including a King's chocolate cake stamped with Charles III on them. There was Prosecco to drink courtesy of the Sports Club Committee. The ladies drank the health of the Sports club and the new King as well as to two ladies whose birthdays we celebrated.



It will be back to normal in June and July. Soup, rolls, tea and coffee will be available from 12.30 prompt on Tuesday 13 June and 11th July. Cost is £2 to cover the rent of the Sports Club. All welcome.

Many thanks to the Sports Club members for hosting each month. The ladies really do appreciate it.



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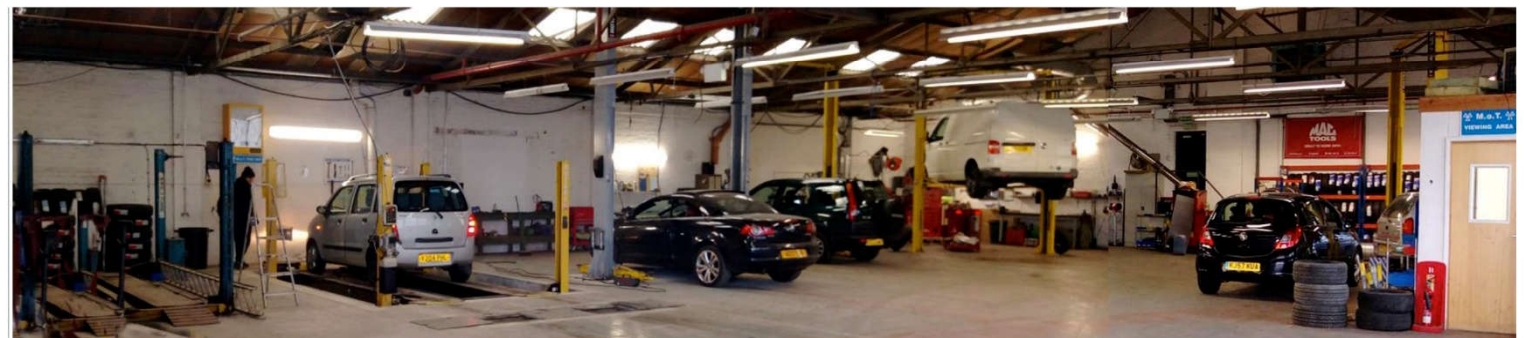
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STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



All the Light we Cannot See - by Anthony Doerr

We realised at once that we have already read this book albeit several years ago. However, our newer members we anxious to read it and the rest of us re-read or remembered it well. The story is built around Marie-Laure who lives in Paris with her father near the Museum of Natural History. She is blind. It is said to be written in an almost poetic style and is set in WWII. It offered an interesting glimpse into the French Resistance and the American Author appeared to have an excellent feeling for war-torn Paris. From her father who builds models of her surroundings to help her

locate and the young boy who is a whizz with radios and who she befriends all add to the variety and complexity of the tale.

We felt that this was one of the best books we had enjoyed for some time. The description of Marie was so clear that one could really relate to her and her many encounters and how she coped and were excellent. There were so many facets to the story that one's interest and attention remained from start to finish.

Conclusion: A definite page turner and beautifully written.

Empire of the Sun by - J.G. Ballard

This story based on the Author's own childhood and made even more famous by a successful film tells the story of a young English boy's struggles to stay alive under the Japanese occupation of China during WWII - his privileged life in Shanghai suddenly shattered and his horrific experiences in a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp forcing him to find determination to survive eventually reaching a maturity beyond his years.

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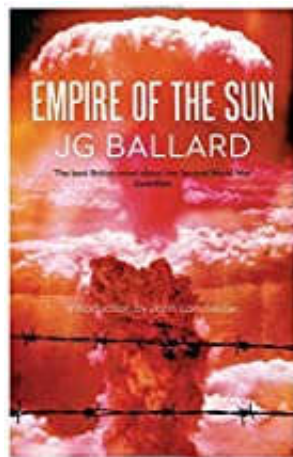
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There was unanimous agreement from the Group that this was a well written story based on personal experience. The description of the rich and indulgent life style enjoyed in Shanghai brutally replaced for the young boy by separation from his parents, being surrounded by prisoners of war, starvation, fear and disease. There were wonderful descriptions of how he battles to find humanity amidst all the horror around him. Amazingly he copes and there is eventually a happy ending but there is so much to get through first !



Conclusion: Definitely a good read and recommended by the Group, but not to be read before bedtime !

STOKE HAMMOND GARDENING CLUB



We were promised sunshine for our annual Afternoon Tea and Plant Swap on Saturday the 13th May but despite being let down by the forecast we had a great afternoon. To our delight 60 of our members arrived at Pump House Farm where a wonderful selection of cakes awaited them, tea and coffee flowed freely, a good variety of plants

were there for the taking and our tough guests managed to make themselves comfortable in the garden (despite it being a bit chilly) for chatting and catching up with everyone. The feed-back tells us that a good time was had by all.

We had a very successful raffle with some lovely prizes and the Committee would like to take this opportunity to not only thank all those who generously donated prizes, brought their spare plants and baked wonderful home make cakes but also to all the helpers and, of course, for all the support from our membership.

We are now planning the first trip and will be sending out emails and letters in good time.

PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES APR & MAY 2023



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

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

Installation of a foul water pumping station to serve development, extension of service road, formation of turning head and relocation of visitor parking bays.

Cllrs resolved that there was insufficient information provided in this application for them to decide whether to support or oppose it. More information/detail is required on various areas including light, noise and odour pollution from the pumping station, the plans for the trees along Harrup Close and how they will be protected during excavation works, how long the pump will run for each day and what happens in an emergency, and dimensions and details on the materials being used for the pumping station. Cllrs are also concerned that the visitor parking spaces are now located too far away from the houses for them to be used.

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

Householder application for demolition of single storey side projection. Erection of two storey side, single storey front and rear extensions. Widening of dropped kerb.

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

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

Householder application for single storey rear extension

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

Note: The following two applications were only received on the morning of the Annual PC Meeting held on the 2nd May, and it was therefore agreed to call an extraordinary meeting for the evening of Monday 22nd May to discuss same, the decisions reached to be published in the next Aug/Sept edition.

23/00441/APP Fontaine House, Church Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BP

Householder application for the erection of a two-storey side extension and a single storey side extension.

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

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

PLANNING UPDATES:

23/00140/APP 1 Phoebe's Orchard, Stoke Hammond MK17 9LW

Proposed single storey rear/side extensions, partial garage conversion and loft conversion with rooflights to front and rear.

Your Cllrs had no objections to this application, which has now been approved.

23/00118/ALB & 23/00120/APP The Lock House, Fenny Road MK17 9DG

Proposed rear extension and internal alterations including listed buildings consent.

Your Cllrs objected to this application, which has since been withdrawn on the 14/04/23

23/00528/APP The Dolphin Inn, Leighton Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BB

Erection of fencing to provide enclosed area including cold store (part retrospective).
Although totally supportive of The Dolphin, but because of concerns about fire safety, the PC resolved to object to this application. The planning officer has since approved the application, and in reference to the PC's concerns, made comment that these are covered under other legislation (Building Regs) and therefore do not form part of the planning judgement.

23/00562/APP 18 Brook Farm Close, Stoke Hammond MK17 9FN

Householder application for ground floor rear extension.
Your Cllrs had no objections to this application, which has now been approved.

22/03826/APP – Knowles-Brown Properties Ltd, Unit 2 Willowbridge Marina, Stoke Road, Stoke Hammond MK2 3JZ

Erection of 9 No/ mixed use general industrial and storage/distribution (B2/B8) units with ancillary office space, associated access and parking.
Your Cllrs objected to this application for many reasons, mostly concerning lack of parking and provision for the turning of HGV's, which could have led to HGV's parking on the Stoke Road in order to load/unload goods. The application has since been refused on several grounds, the main being lack of proper and safe pedestrian access to the proposed site and or the nearest bus stop and that the setting is considered an overdevelopment of the site which is deemed to be in an area of attractive landscape (AOAL) being that it sits alongside the Grand Union Canal and within the Brickhills AOAL. Likewise, a substantial number of trees would need to be removed, resulting in a negative effect on the local biodiversity and no tree survey has been undertaken. There was also a shortage of other supportive documentation normally associated with a development of this nature.

21/00143/APP Three Locks Golf Club, Partridge Hill, Great Brickhill MK17 9BH

Change of use for the siting of 119 lodge style caravans, landscaping and ancillary works.
Although not in the Parish of Stoke Hammond, this development if it went ahead would have an impact on us. The application was first submitted in Jan 2021, but was WITHDRAWN by the applicant on the 08/03/23.

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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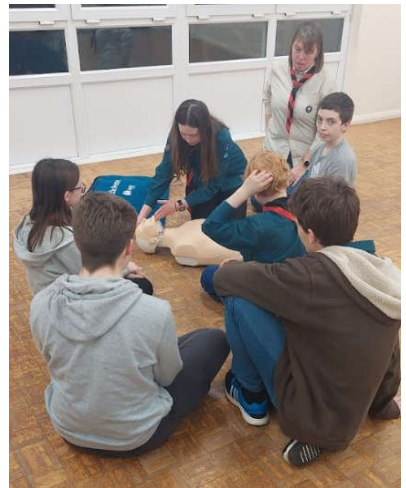
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Scouts

High Ash Group



Since our last update the Easter holidays have been and gone, preceded by the group's annual Easter Bingo fundraising event which all our families greatly enjoyed (and also helped to top up our funds!) The summer term is now well under way with both the cubs and scouts venturing out on evening hikes and starting to enjoy the summer weather now that it has finally arrived.



The cub section has seen a big influx of new members and we are once again full up! Amongst other things they have been busy learning map skills, having a go at using flint and steels to create fire from sparks and have had a go at growing some wild flowers with some excellent results. Their next focus is preparing for their weekend camp which is coming up in the next few weeks.



We are still looking for adult volunteers to re-kindle our beaver colony (for 6-8 year olds) or help support our growing cub pack and scout troop. If you are interested please give me a shout. Also a reminder to any local young people needing to do their service section of their DofE award – don't forget you



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Sporting News....

We are delighted to have been able to participate in lots more sports festivals this term. We have school teams participating in Cricket, Rounders, Multi-Skills, Dance and Athletics festivals. We were delighted to welcome MK Dons women's team into school to lead football sessions to all girls in Years 1 to 6 and many families were able to attend a home match for free! Years 5 and 6 are also enjoyed their sessions with the Bucks Cricket coach. We are, as a school, all very much looking forward to our School Sports Day on 23rd June.

Year 5 Bikeability Training...

The Bikeability Award Scheme is the national standard for cycling which aims to encourage more children to cycle. The course is designed to equip young cyclists with the knowledge, skill, and on-road experience they need to feel confident about cycling. This year our Year 5 pupils will have their training week commencing 12th June for 4 days, so you will see young cyclist in and around the village.

School Activities...

Also, during June and July we are going to have lots of other activities going on, including our Music Concert on 29th June at 6.00pm, the Induction Evening for new Foundation Parents on 26th June at 6.00pm, the Oracy Showcase in school on 28th June, Year 5-6 End of Year Production on 11th and 12th July and our Leavers Blessing in Church on 19th July followed by the Year 6 Prom on 20th July. We also held a Big Help Out to improve our school grounds earlier in the month.

We are aware that with the events taking place during June and July 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. Hopefully you have noticed an improvement with parking at morning drop off time due to our new start of the day procedures.

High Ash CE Primary School

St Luke's Church News

Many thanks to all those who helped give the church a much-needed spring clean,



which hadn't been done since before Covid! Easter is always busy in the church, with extra and special services. Our small Lent group was enjoyed by those who attended. Mothers were treated to a potted primula for Mothering Sunday and the church was beautifully decorated for our Easter service (kindly led by Steve Barnes): many thanks to all

those who gave up their time to help. Our prayer walk took place on a lovely

Saturday morning in April, in the same week as our Quinquennial (five yearly) inspection. The initial reports are that there is nothing needing urgent attention, but the full report has yet to be received. Contact a warden for more details. There then followed our annual Plant sale on a gloriously warm Spring day at which we raised over £600. The most recent Community Breakfast "Big Brekkie" raised funds for Christian Aid - the final amount is still being calculated. As we go to press, the Afternoon teas at Tyrells Manor have just taken place and first reports say that the food was delicious, the weather glorious and that a good time was had by all. Many thanks to all who supported the events.



Forthcoming Services:

Our next **Café Church** service is 4th **June** (starting **from 9.30am**) Just turn up between 9.30 and 10.10am to enjoy a light breakfast of bacon or sausage butties, pastries, cereal or toast (or a combination!) with tea, coffee or juice. At about 10.15am, we'll break off from chatting for an informal service which might include anything from a Bible reading, a prayer, an invitation to share your thoughts on the subject of the day or a brief talk. The "service" finishes at about half ten.



Church Activities:

Prayers: We usually pray for individuals we know of, the village and the wider community, national and international issues, organisations including local schools, and of course that God's will be done! The group meets twice a month and we're always happy to accept prayer



requests should you need. All prayers will be treated in strict confidence. Prayer request cards are available at the Community Breakfast or please speak to a churchwarden. (See below)

Community Breakfast: The next Community breakfasts will take place on **10th June and 8th July** with orders taken from **8.30 to 10.30am**. You don't have to have a full English as we also serve toast, fruit salad, cereal, croissants, pains au chocolat and boiled eggs! There is no charge for the breakfast, but you are welcome to make a donation if you wish to.



Food Bank: The church foodbank is free to all and is available in the church porch. Many thanks to someone who recently donated a tray of tomatoes and corn! No more dog food is needed at the moment thank you. It's currently being used a lot, so if you could contribute either financially or in kind, please speak to Dave or Diane Webber (see below)

Toy Swap Shop: The swap shop is still available in the church porch, so please feel free to use it, particularly at school holidays!



Volunteers: We're still looking for volunteers to help at church. Vacant roles include: **secretary**, **cleaners** on a 6-weekly rota, and someone to **organise the cleaning** rota (& deep cleans), someone to **organise church flowers** (just sort a rota and ensure the church is decorated for special services) an **"odd job man"** (to sort light bulbs, painting the gate etc.), someone to **apply for grants**, someone **responsible for works projects** (even just a one off works project), someone to take on **church publicity** (physical and/ or digital) and an **"eco warrior"** to bring us into the 21st century (churchyard planning, energy use, insulation). If you can help (you don't have to attend church!) contact a churchwarden. Thank you!



Fundraising Events:

Open Gardens: Back by popular demand, our 9 (possibly 10) gardens are open on **17th and 18th June** between **12 and 4pm**. Refreshments will be available in some gardens.



held on **Saturday 15th July** between **2 & 4pm**. There will be the usual variety of stalls and entertainments, plus the tombola, a raffle and refreshments. Please contact Dave Webber if you'd like to hire a table.

Contact us (below) if you'd like to go on our email list for reminders of social events or special services (or both).

Bible verse of the month: Mark 16v19: *19 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.*

What does it mean?: This reading takes place after Jesus has risen from the dead and had met with the disciples on several occasions. Originally the disciples were terrified, thinking that they'd seen a ghost, but eventually accepted that it really was Jesus who'd come back to life, after they could touch him and saw him eat (something a ghost couldn't have done!) Even doubting Thomas believed after Jesus showed him the wounds in his hands (nail holes from the crucifixion) and his side (where a centurion had speared him with a lance to check if he really was dead). But after a couple of weeks, Jesus did ascend to heaven. He didn't die again, the Bible says he was "taken up" to heaven. He couldn't stay on earth forever, otherwise we wouldn't receive the Holy Spirit. He went to heaven to prepare a place for us and to advocate for us with God.



Funeral information: The Rector can conduct a funeral service at a crematorium if you wish. New rules mean that crematoria are not offering a religious service by default: it must be specifically requested. Also, any village resident can have their ashes buried in the churchyard (for a small fee) if wished. Please note that rules regarding churchyard memorials have recently changed. If you'd like more details, please speak to the Rector or Churchwarden Harry Davies.



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

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

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(Not to scale)



Calling all ladies ...

We are a friendly group of ladies who meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Great Brickhill Parish Hall. We usually have a speaker but always make time for catching up with others during the refreshments.

On Wednesday, 14th June our speaker, **Gordon Rogers**, is giving his talk 'the sky at night – with a laugh'. Gordon, a Chartered Surveyor, began talking to children about astronomy; he found it so rewarding that he went on to address adults. Then he stumbled on the fact that the weapons he had nicked from a hut during the war were not simply stored there but were at the site of their invention; rebuffed by the BBC he prepared his own presentation after extensive research. Gordon says: *"Laughter is, for me, an essential ingredient of life and I like to think I find plenty in my talks, even those featuring war."*

If you want to come along to see what **Great Brickhill WI** are all about, please feel free to turn up. You will be given a warm welcome and there is no pressure to join. Guests can attend 3 meetings, for a charge of £5 (which includes tea/coffee and a raffle ticket), before having to join.

Our May Meeting:



Meet our Speaker: Spencer Wisdom

Spencer gave a talk about his unexpected adventures when involved in making the ITV series of the 'DNA Journey'.

Spencer Wisdom is a Solicitor and a historian, currently working for Oxford University as Head Of Legacies. Spencer was picked as one of researchers/presenters on 'DNA Journey'. He told us that he was picked to do a 'one off' episode with Amanda Holden and Alan Carr; it proved so popular they made a series. His talk included several celebrities he worked with including John Bishop and Hugh Bonneville (pictured above with Spencer in the middle!).

Future speakers and trips include: The RNLI, A visit to The Globe Theatre and Rapsallion Morris Dancing.

If you would like to join, or need more information, please contact our Secretary, Amanda, on GB: 261476 or email: gbrickhillwi@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook: Great Brickhill Women's Institute - GBWI.



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Dear Resident

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The lighter mornings and brighter weather are with us although, as I write this, the rain is pouring down yet again. No prizes therefore for guessing the topic that continues dominate my mailbox. Yes, the condition of the roads.

I'm a Buckinghamshire resident and I drive and cycle along our roads pretty much every day. I can see the condition many of them are in and believe me, I share your frustration. I also see many of the posts on local social media. There are many things said that are quite frankly untrue and I would like to put the record straight.



This is not a unique 'Buckinghamshire issue.' Over Easter I travelled to virtually every county around us and the roads in each were as bad, often worse. This is a nation-wide problem caused mainly by the weather conditions during this winter (periods of heavy rain, then freezing overnight weather which breaks up the road surface). It is not about periods of wet but relatively 'warm' weather during the day. This is why central government is tackling the problem on a national level and set aside a specific pothole fund of £200 million in the spring budget. We have received £2.3 million from this. We are grateful but frankly it isn't enough and I have been lobbying Government Ministers for much more.

Major repairs

People of course want to see speedy repairs. As I said in my last newsletter, we have assembled over £34 million to spend on roads this year. This will fund over 200 road schemes. Many of these will be on what is called 'preventive maintenance', as required by central government. There will however be a large number of major repairs to badly damaged roads. These will take time to survey, plan, cost and commission contractors to do the work. This does take time and is again best done when the conditions are warm and dry. Please bear with us as this planning is done.

Fixing individual potholes

We are rolling out the following actions from now:

- Increase to eight dedicated teams working on potholes looking to clear 2,500 jobs a month
- Have these teams working seven days a week rather than five

- Over 2,000 works orders have been raised since the contract started with our new maintenance company, Balfour Beatty
- Pothole Pro – our new specialist pothole repairs machine – is ready to hit the road with our fully trained crews from next week
- Whilst still making the very worst potholes safe with temporary repairs, we are aiming to fix more problems ‘first time’ during what hopefully will be better weather

From 1 April, we began a new ‘Buckinghamshire Highways’ contract and we have a dedicated, in-house ‘Highways Community Liaison Team’ with council officers responsible for managing and co-ordinating roadworks and repairs within a set local area. They will liaise directly with the local councillors for their area, the local Community Boards, local Town and Parish Councils and our contractors to programme works and use ‘on the ground’ knowledge of specific areas that need attention.

The best way for residents to report a defect is to use the ‘[Fix My Street](#)’ link and if you have wider concerns about a particular area, please raise this with your local councillor in the first instance so that they can raise it on your behalf with our Highways team.

Our teams are working round the clock, **seven days a week**, working on a system of prioritisation for the most dangerous and urgent repairs. **We do know about most defects, and they are on our list** – like these repairs we’ve fixed this week in Totteridge Lane, High Wycombe. There were potholes and other defects including the mini-roundabout needing repairs so we have re-laid the surface across the whole location.



Utilities works

I mentioned in my last newsletter that another factor that impacts our own repair works and I know causes further disruption for residents is when utility companies need to dig up the roads. We’ve seen many areas where multiple works by water, electricity and communications companies are being carried out and together these have a cumulative impact on residents trying to get from A to B. If their roadworks are poorly reinstated they can also weaken the roads leading to future potholes and road failures.

As a council we have limited ability to stop these works and cannot just refuse permits as some residents seem to believe – and ultimately many of these works are about providing important improvements and upgrades to the water, gas, electricity and broadband networks we all rely on. However, we do have a dedicated team that co-ordinates these works and examines the wider impact of sites that are close together. For example, some electricity works have been paused in Edgcott to allow some important upgrades to take place to the water pipes in that area.

We will refuse a works permit if there is a request that has too significant an impact, for example, shutting off the water supply to a school during the week (we turned down one such application recently stating the works had to take place outside school hours). On a personal basis I am in communication with a fibre company that are unhappy at the high standard of works and restoration that we require from companies that dig up our roads.

Keeping you updated

It's my intention to keep you fully updated as we move round the county this spring and summer, carrying out these repairs and longer-term improvements and investments, and hopefully future proofing before the cycle of damage starts again next winter. We will also be putting out new (low cost) on-street signage to keep residents updated on progress at individual work sites.

Tree planting

While this winter has had a terrible impact on the roads, I'm pleased that the colder months haven't negatively impacted on one of our top priorities and I'm delighted to be able to report that we've made brilliant progress this winter on our big Bucks Tree Mission.

Winter sees the main tree planting season from October to March. Planting huge numbers of new trees is a key part of our wider Climate Change and Air Quality strategy and it's good to be able to report such positive results this year. The council has co-ordinated the planting of tens of thousands of new trees; from 'tiny forests' to three large projects creating new woodlands in the county. Overall, our target is to plant more than half a million new trees on council land in Buckinghamshire; one for every resident.

Here are just some of this year's tree-planting highlights:

- **14,700** new trees planted at Grange Farm, Hazlemere, to create a new woodland
- **14,300** new trees planted at Bury Farm, creating a new woodland in Amersham
- Planting has started on a whole new wood – Wing Wood, in Wing, which will see **132,000** new trees planted in total. **109,000** trees have already been planted here

- Many smaller and fantastic community planting projects, such as new ‘tiny forests’ in Bourton Park, Buckingham and Princes Risborough School



Cllr Gareth Williams and Cllr John Chilver at the Bury Farm woodland, Amersham.

Planting a Tiny Forest at Bourton Park, Buckingham.



I can't mention every single project here, but, driven by the council's Corporate Plan, it's been a brilliant community effort this winter across the whole county and it's inspiring to celebrate such progress in planting a whole new generation of trees in Buckinghamshire.

With all the bank holidays coming up, don't forget to check our website for [up to date information on changes to bin collections.](#)

Yours

Martin Tett – Leader of Buckinghamshire Council

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VILLAGE DIARY

Tuesday 6 th June	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Saturday 10 th June	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Tuesday 4 th July	Parish Council Meeting – Venue tbc – 19.30
Saturday 8 th July	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Saturday 22 nd July	Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea – Community Centre 14.00 – 16.00

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

ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

High Ash Scouts, Cubs (Beavers)

Every Thursday 17.30 – 21.30hrs

Contact: Dave Pollington 01525 270864

Buttons Pre-School

Monday – Friday 09.00 – 15.00hrs

Contact: 07495 369320 or 01908 533404

Louisa Harris Pilates

Contact: 01525 270501/07973 158368

Monday day/evening

Louisa.pilates@gmail.com

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EDITORS NOTE

Well, the weather was not kind for the Coronation Picnic Party held on the Saturday of our new King's coronation. But still there was a great event put on at the Community Centre. The kids really loved Princess Elsa and her Paw Patrol sidekicks Chase and Sky.

Over the last few editions, it's been pleasing to see some new advertisers in the SH & NLS News, and we welcome another new to this edition, namely village resident Chris Burrows, offering his Musical Instrument Repair Service.

What would really be nice would be some new features, so if you do have any ideas on things you might like to see or even something you would like to contribute, please do get in touch.

May I please have copy for the August/September 2023 issue by the **21st July**
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	Wednesday 7 June	Wednesday 7 June	
Wednesday 14 June		Wednesday 14 June	Wednesday 14 June
	Wednesday 21 June	Wednesday 21 June	
Wednesday 28 June		Wednesday 28 June	Wednesday 28 June
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