

# SH & NLS NEWS

**Stoke Hammond & Newton Leys South**

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written by PATRICK BARLOW  
Based on the novel by General 'Lew' Wallace

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## CHURCH SERVICE DATES TO DECEMBER 2021

### OCTOBER

**3<sup>rd</sup> October: 9.30am Harvest festival St Luke's**

10<sup>th</sup> October: 11am Benefice blessing of the new toilet and kitchen facilities at St Mary the Virgin Church, Great Brickhill by Bishop Alan

**17<sup>th</sup> October: from 9.30am Cafe church\* St Luke's**

24<sup>th</sup> October: 9.30am Holy Communion at St Luke's

**31<sup>st</sup> October: 6pm Benefice All Souls service at St Mary Magdalene church, Little Brickhill**

### NOVEMBER

**7<sup>th</sup> November: from 9.30am Cafe church\* at St Luke's**

14<sup>th</sup> November: 10.45am Remembrance Day service at St Luke's

**21<sup>st</sup> November: 11am Benefice service at All Saints church, Bow Brickhill**

8<sup>th</sup> November: 9.30 Holy Communion at St Luke's

### DECEMBER

**5<sup>th</sup> December: 4pm Christingle service at St Luke's**

12<sup>th</sup> December: 4pm Carol Service at St Luke's

**19<sup>th</sup> December: from 9.30am Cafe church\* at St Luke's**

24<sup>th</sup> December: 4pm Crib service at St Luke's

**24<sup>th</sup> December: 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion at St Luke's**

\* Enjoy a simple breakfast & chat before a 15-20minute easily accessible "service" (eg. reading/prayer/reflection)



## Poppy Appeal 2021

If you enjoy running there is the Poppy Appeal Run in Milton Keynes on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. It's 5k. By taking part in this event and fundraising will help the Armed Forces community. One can also do it virtually: sign up to My Poppy Run virtual challenge and do it in your own time. To find out more or sign-up visit [RBL.org.uk/Poppyrun](http://RBL.org.uk/Poppyrun). Or call 0333 011 4500.

I have resigned as Poppy Appeal Organiser as from December this year. I have been a collector from the age of 18 and took over as PAO when Daphne Holmes died very suddenly during one Poppy Appeal fortnight.

I am putting boxes and money tins in the shop, Sports Club and hopefully the Three Locks pub as well as The Boot please support the appeal this year in the village if you are able to.

Items are in short supply this year but they have sent 50 small Poppy pins for 2021. The suggested donation is £2. People should have received the Poppy crosses in the post from the RBL. My suggestion is that these could be put on loved one's graves in the churchyard as unfortunately I have very few indeed.

The service of remembrance will be in St Luke Church as usual on Sunday 14 November. The service will start at 10.45 this service is suitable for everyone. A collection is taken in aid of RBL Poppy Appeal during the service.

I wish to conclude with my very sincere thanks to all the past collectors, donors, Parish Councils, ex-servicemen, too many to mention by name, to David and Linda Sharman, Terry Turner, Charles Turner, Kathy Turner, Victoria and Tony Bishton, Val Blackshaw, Keith Chambers, Mark at MD auto care, Food and Wine store staff, Staff at The Three Locks, The Boot, Sports Club, and Nancy Richardson and the Perkins family and anyone I have left out in Soulbury, without whom none of this would have been possible. We have all raised nearly £18,000 over the years.

Thank you so very much.

Hazel Turner - PAO for Soulbury and Stoke Hammond for the last time!

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Well, what a great success the Village Show was, with a huge turnout, and it was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our stall and get a greater insight into subjects and areas that are of concern to you and your thoughts on what you would like to see happen in our community. One of the most common themes raised by you, was the substantial growth in housing numbers over the last few years particularly within the village itself, with as we know many more homes approved but yet to be built. All this, with little or no new planned infrastructure, such as schooling to support this growth in numbers.

These comments are not new to us and whilst we have to accept the need for new homes, we must have more control of when and where this happens, and this is why your Parish Council at an Extraordinary Meeting called on the evening of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August, unanimously voted in favour of embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. For those of you not familiar with a Neighbourhood Plan, this is basically a document put together by the Parish Council but very much led by and with consultation and input with you our Parishioners to determine where we feel future housing growth should be, what type of dwellings and what infrastructure is required to support this growth. Once put together and agreed by you the community, the Neighbourhood Plan is presented to the local authority, in this case Bucks Council, for approval. Assuming, the Plan is approved this will be used as a reference and will certainly help prevent the speculative developer trying to build new homes in places we do not want. The preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan is not a short process and is likely to take at least two years from inception to submission and approval, and in order to make sure we do follow the correct processes and put together the plan in the format expected by the authorities, we have retained the services of consultant Neil Homer, of oneihomer, a company that specialises in the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans. They come very highly recommended and indeed have been working with the likes of Stewkley and Newton Longville in putting together their Neighbourhood Plans. There are however, grant packages available that fully cover the costs of such consultants, and we have already applied to 'Locality' the government appointed company that operates the grant scheme.

We have also applied to Bucks Council for approval of the designated Neighbourhood area, which for the majority of Neighbourhood Plans is deemed to be that of the applicants existing Parish boundaries, and it was agreed that our application would be based on the Stoke Hammond Parish boundaries. Once these two applications have been approved, it will be very much 'go' and we will be in touch with you all setting out the next steps and as to how you the community can get involved.

August, is historically a quiet month, and whilst there is no PC meeting held, the Clerk is still very much beavering away in the background as indeed are your council, and if an urgent item does come up, such as the Neighbourhood Plan, then an extraordinary meeting will be called. But before the Summer break, the PC had already determined and agreed a budget for gated entrance into the Parish owned field next to the Community Centre. This has now been created with a set back entrance from Bragenham Side with both a field and pedestrian gate, so that it is much easier for parishioners to access the field. But do not worry, we have not forgotten our recent commitment to ask you what you would like to see happen on this land, and there will be a future announcement on this.



We were once again back at the Community Centre for our September PC Meeting, joined by members of the public and our Unitary Ward Councillor, Phil Gomm.

Other items of interest from the meeting were as follows, noting planning items can be found in the 'Planning' section elsewhere in this edition:

- It was agreed that for this year's illumination of the tree on The Green, that we would use a professional contractor to both put up and take down the lights. It has been a struggle in recent years using a mix of ladders and poles to place lights in the top reaches of this tall fir tree. The contractor had already been put on notice, so the lights will be going up for the first week of December.
- Since the PC took over the cutting of the Bucks Council grass verges as part of the Devolved Services agreement and linked this with the cutting of the other PC land areas throughout the village, this has had a marked difference in how the village looks. Unfortunately, there are still a few areas which are not the PC's responsibility, such as Manor Close, and the cutting of these parts is very infrequent and stands out like a 'sore thumb' in comparison to the other neatly cut areas. The PC resolved to enquire if these areas could be added to our devolved services contract for 2022.
- Next year in June as a Nation we celebrate the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Year of Reign, and this Platinum Jubilee is something the Parish should be involved in. The PC will reach out to all organisations within the Parish, such as the Community Centre, the Sports Club and Church to decide how we can jointly mark such an important occasion and put on something that the whole community can get involved in and enjoy.
- Still, we talk about The Dolphin and although the PC has not been involved in the recent discussions and negotiations regarding its long-term future and it possibly being setup as a Community Enterprise, it was felt that the PC should at least be aware of what maybe happening for this very important building in the centre of our village. It was determined that the PC will approach the current owners to let them know that

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the PC are very keen to at least be kept abreast of progress and would be happy to provide input if this was deemed to be of assistance.

- The latest results from the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) which was located on the Fenny Road near to the junction of the Newton Road, monitoring traffic approaching from the North, had now been downloaded and collated. The sign was in situ from the 23<sup>rd</sup> July through till the 28<sup>th</sup> August and with a total count of 64665 vehicles, an average daily total of 1785, this does show that vehicle movements through our village are indeed back to pre-covid levels. Across those vehicles the average recorded speed was 29.3mph with a max recorded speed of 55mph at half past midnight on the 15<sup>th</sup> August.

The next PC meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October to be held at the Community Centre , Bragenham Side.



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

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## PAGEY'S SOW & GROW "PATCH"



Hi there Stoke Hammond!  
Hope your summer was fabuloso and you all stayed healthy.

Hope you all enjoyed the village show - and how great was it to see all the scarecrows out in the village too? A little effort goes a long way to keeping the spirit and

“feel“ of a village alive. I’ve no idea how many people read this article but I hope you have had a giggle or two as I talk about pest control or my favourite veg or spectacular flowers. I am however taking a break from writing this article - maybe someone else could jump in and write about their hobby?

Anyway, this year has been successful from a flower perspective but not so hot on the veggie front. The wet weather we’ve had has meant less hours watering but the slugs (ggrrrr pesky slimy things) have been about even though I used nematodes, and the dreaded blight struck my spuds. The warm wet weather is perfect for blight and I copped it, losing about a third of my spuds. With blight you cannot compost the stems or infected tubers, so bin them or chuck them



on the bonfire. I know bonfires are not popular with everyone but I am far enough away I hope to limit the nuisance to others. I am perplexed by what I read on the village face book page - some people are not happy with bonfires, fireworks, roadworks, internet coverage, satellite coverage ....even which bus stop to stand at when they are only 50 yards apart ! Just saying peoples, tolerances are very different or maybe I’m too chilled for my own good.

Anyway, blight hit the plot and took out my spuds and outside tomatoes - bummer! Inside the greenhouse though the Toms were magic with the beefeaters stunning. Save your seeds for next year’s crop! Take the seeds out of your tomato, put in a cup with a little water for a couple of days then strain off, put on paper towel and let them dry out. Keep in cool dark place and sow next year - bingo. I’ve even done it with Tesco’s beefeaters in the past too. The peppers and chillies were the usual wow and my aubergines were the best ever.

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Do I know why? ....No, lol but that is gardening. I watered every other day, fed them every 2 weeks and spoke to them in a threatening tone that "they had better bloody grow this year or else!". Empty threats I know but it worked yay. On reflection the one thing I did differently with the aubergines was kept the number of fruits to 4 and cut off other flowers as they came along. Otherwise, carrots and parsnips are fine now - slug trouble at the beginning and the butternut squash are humongous- only cut them once they turn pinkish and harden them off in a sunny spot if you are keeping them for a winter soup or roasted with olive oil and cumin ...yum.

On the flower front I grew a lot of varieties new to me. I have loved the Cobaea, Malva , Malope , Cosmos , Cleome 🍷, Lavatera , Dahlias , Borage and Sweet Williams. I've taken seeds as they have finished for more colour next year, and

given seeds to the Germinators who made it to our end of season BBQ.

The only things to be doing now are preparing for winter by keeping on top of weeds, trimming, pruning, digging up annuals, composting and planting out your garlic. Have a bonfire lol, make notes of your favourite veg or flowers for next year and start off your biennials.

Have fun everyone, be happy and a let life flow.

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At long last, after a challenging 18 months, the village scout group has finally been given the green light to get back to normal!

COVID limited us to zoom meetings for almost a year which was tough on both our young people and adult volunteers, however we all did our best to keep things going. Restrictions improved after Easter and we were able to brave the elements each Thursday evening to meet up safely outdoors to do as many activities as our risk assessments would allow. As well as enjoying the freedom of getting together and once again running around with their friends, the cubs and scouts had great fun learning fire lighting skills, cooking S'mores, orienteering, hiking, participating in wide games and we even managed a campfire at our District Campsite (but without the camping!).

Since September we have returned to the Stoke Hammond Community Centre (all be it with the windows and doors wide open to ensure good ventilation). Our numbers of adult volunteers, young people and funds have all dwindled a little but we are now in the process of building them back up again to full strength.

The cub pack now has spaces for boys and girls from Newton Leys, Stoke Hammond, The Brickhills, Eaton Leys and further afield if they can get here for those aged 8 to 10 ½, and the scouts have spaces for those aged 10 ½ to 14. Please drop us an email if you have a young person who is interested in joining the adventure that scouting offers.

Scout Leader: [David.Tooth@MKScouts.org](mailto:David.Tooth@MKScouts.org)

Cub Leader (Akela): [Darren.Haydon@MKScouts.org](mailto:Darren.Haydon@MKScouts.org)

A short term COVID casualty has been our Beaver Colony for children aged 6 to 8 which is currently dormant. A massive thankyou goes out to Dorinda who has given almost 20 years of front line volunteering to support the Beaver Scouts in our community – but now we need two or three adult volunteers to step forward and pick up the mantel. We have the facilities, equipment and support structure – so all you would need is enthusiasm – it would be a great shame if we have to formally close the Colony at the end of the year..... so please raise your hand for a chat if you think you could help us in some way.

No plans for Squirrels just yet ..... but if you fancy volunteering to run a Drey then I'm sure we could!

This term the older scouts are working towards gaining their fund raising badge. They have begun planning a cake stall on the Stoke Hammond village green sometime between now and Christmas to boost our funds ..... so if you're a cake baker or cake eater please keep an eye out for their adverts as they would greatly appreciate the communities support.

Dave Pollington - Group Scout Leader – High Ash Scout Group:

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## Oxymoron?

I like words with x's in them and to have moron added makes this one of my favourite words. However, it was early in the morning last July. A Sunday to be precise. The radio wakes me (a little later than weekdays) and Radio 4 stirs my brain with a weekly dose of religion in the form of Sunday Worship. Lying there thinking "I couldn't have had as much to drink last night" I listen to a service aimed at the forthcoming (NOT upcoming!) Olympics. For some reason I seem to have my proofreading (should that be prooflistening?) hat on. The first phrase to attract my attention - "New records will be broken". Now this is clearly impossible and I think they should have said "New records will be made". Obviously we know what was meant. And this was followed with "God favours us all". Now I think favours is a verb (treat with partiality) taken from the noun favourite (@ favoured person or thing).

By definition favour can only apply in the singular.

Later, obtaining the upright, I checked the definition of my word "Figure of speech in which two ideas of opposite meaning are combined". And so I was completely wrong in my designation. I am now looking for the word which describes a grammatically incorrect statement. Any suggestions?

**Grumpy Old Man**



# News from Buckinghamshire Council

9 September 2021

Dear Resident,

There's very much a 'start of term' feel in the air as people return to work, schools, and routines post Summer and it's certainly a very busy time here in Bucks, with lots to update you on in regard to some of the main local issues.



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## Support for Afghan Families

I know many of you will want to know the progress of our '**Helping Hand for Afghanistan**' refugee initiative.



Having launched this only two weeks ago, we have now received pledges of over £22,000, including off-line donations. These have come from residents and businesses wanting to support refugees from Afghanistan as they start to arrive in Buckinghamshire. This money will go via the community charity, Heart of Bucks, to help provide new appropriate clothing, domestic equipment and other essentials as we welcome new arrivals into our community. I think this is a

fantastic achievement and I want to say a big ‘thank you’ to everyone who has donated so far.

**If you would like to donate please do so at:**

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In addition, we are still asking for offers of other support such as accommodation, translation skills, community support etc. At present we do not need offers of second-hand clothing. You can offer your help or support via the dedicated pages on our website.

We are still in discussion with the Government to finalise the exact number of families we could welcome. We understand family sizes are large and accommodation is needed where schooling, community support, health services and potentially employment can be best provided. If you know of suitable accommodation that will be available for approximately a year, please contact us using the above link.

We anticipate our first Afghan family arriving shortly. This may or may not receive publicity as we will respect the wishes of the family concerned, particularly if they have relatives still in Afghanistan who may be vulnerable.

**Again, my sincere thanks goes to everyone who has and is helping with this important initiative.**

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## **Covid Update**

Afghanistan has somewhat overshadowed Covid in the news recently but I want to update you on the current position here. For the week to 1 September, the overall infection rate in Bucks was 307.3 per 100,000. This was an increase of 2% compared to the previous week. We saw an increasing trend in all former district areas, although only low numbers of actual cases. Again, school-aged children made up some 36% of cases, with the highest actual infection rates unsurprisingly amongst the socially active 16- to 18-year-olds.

At the moment Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust is coping with the Covid pressures, although caution remains about the ability to cope with the need to catch up with delayed general surgery and also potential normal winter pressures. It is likely that we, along with the rest of England, will see an increase in infection numbers as children return to school.

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## **Food waste collections in Chiltern and Wycombe**

As you'll have most likely seen in the news, the HGV driver shortage continues. Sadly, there's no quick fix to this problem, mainly due to the time it takes for an HGV driver to train and gain their licence. Unfortunately, staffing levels at our waste contractor for the former Chiltern and Wycombe areas have been badly hit by this crisis. It means that we are having to extend the temporary arrangements for food waste collections in both Chiltern and Wycombe that we've had in place over the last four weeks.

It means people living in Chiltern and Wycombe should carry on doing what they've been doing in recent weeks with food waste – putting it in with their general rubbish (in the black bin). Brown food caddies will still be emptied if they're put out on general rubbish week only, but this waste will not be recycled during this time.

## **Collections in the rest of Buckinghamshire are unaffected and these changes only impact residents in the former Chiltern and Wycombe areas.**

We know our contractor in those areas, Veolia, is working really hard to recruit new drivers including offering a big sign-on bonus. We are working with them to reinstate separate food waste collections at the earliest opportunity.

You can find out more on our recycling and waste webpages.

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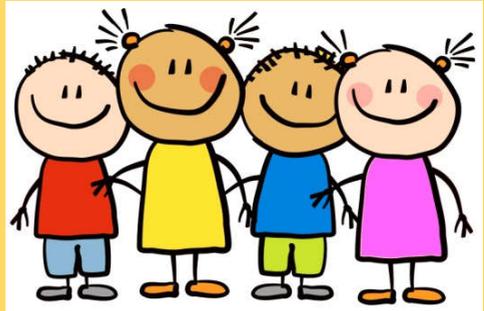
## **Road repairs by HS2 and East West Rail**

I've previously updated on how hard we've been working to get both HS2 and East West Rail to compensate for damaged roads in Bucks where the damage has been caused by the increased HGV traffic connected to both projects. It's essential that our local roads are brought up to a safe and usable standard and that the repairs costs are not picked up by the Buckinghamshire Council taxpayer where the damage and wear is down to these schemes.

I'm very pleased to be able to report that as a result of our efforts, East West Rail has confirmed they'll be starting road repair works in the Steeple Claydon area on the weekend of 18 September. These works will involve some weekend road closures but it's anticipated the repairs will be done by mid-October. HS2 has also repaired a damaged road in Denham. We are currently entering negotiations on a number of other roads across the county.

# Joyful Tots

- Joyful Tots is an inclusive session for parents, carers, or anyone looking after a baby or preschool child. Friendly mums are there to chat with and share problems, advice and information
- We have been suspended for a considerable time due to the pandemic, but we would like to offer something for carers isolated by the situation
- Our regular session was 10 – 11.30am on Friday mornings during term times at Stoke Hammond Community Centre and Stoke Hammond Community Association still have this available at the centre and necessary equipment and toys
- Sadly, Jacklen returned to full time work once her youngest started school and the extra hygiene and risk assessment responsibilities involved in managing the session under Covid mean that we **need volunteers to come forward and build a team** before we consider starting again. A new volunteer, Linda has come forward, but we need at least one more
- An ex preschool leader, Diane no longer has her own toddlers, but has plenty of experience (and no distractions!) but needs your support to continue
- If you think you could help restart Joyful Tots, please call Jacklen 07897 487657 or Diane 01525 270409 or message us on Facebook (Joyful Tots)



## **'See Something, Say Something, Do Something'**

I want to mention an important subject we're raising awareness about at the moment here at the Council, that of 'Adult Abuse'. A difficult topic but a really important one; it's not just children who sadly might be at risk of exploitation or abuse but adults can also suffer too.

It's largely spotted and reported by professionals like doctors, police officers or social workers, but we can all play a part in being alert to when something doesn't feel quite right – and knowing where and how to raise concerns.

Abuse of adults can take a number of forms: physical or financial abuse or exploitation, neglect or mental and psychological abuse – and it can happen to anyone over the age of 18. So please, if for example you work with people and something doesn't feel quite right, make sure you know what to do if you want to raise a concern, which can, of course, be done totally anonymously. Please remember you aren't interfering.

You can [find out more on our website](#) about what to do if you are worried about someone you know or see regularly.

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## **Back to school**

I want to wish all our school-aged children all the very best at the start of the new school year and want to thank all our hard-working teachers and support staff and everyone who helps provide education services here in Bucks.

It's been such a challenging time in schools and we all hope this new academic year sees less disruption. I know that while Covid-restrictions have been lifted, many schools are still managing measures and large-scale testing to help keep everyone safe - thank you.

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## **Seeing your Council in action**

We have our first round of big Council meetings after the summer next week, discussing and considering some of the big current issues so please do take the time to join us online if you are interested in finding out more!

The meetings are broadcast live via our webcast or you can catch up online if you are not available at the time they're on.

Find out the details by clicking on the specific meeting in our online calendar; the Council's Cabinet meets on Monday and there's a meeting of Full Council on Wednesday.



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## Email newsletters

Finally, as a quick reminder, these emails are one of the best ways to keep up to date with important local information. As I've previously mentioned, the only way to get the emails is to sign up for them, **so please do let others know if they used to get the Covid updates and want to carry on hearing about the Covid response and other important local matters** – the sign up page is at: [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/signup](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/signup)

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# STOKE HAMMOND VILLAGE SHOW

## THE WINNERS

### Scarecrow

**Winner:** Melvyn the Mole Catcher - Freya & Roy Jenkins  
**Runner Up:** Mr Crapper - Tina & Craig Brice  
**Children's:** Charlie & Oscar - Charlie & Oscar Constable

### Raffle

**1st Prize:** Tricia Bates  
**2nd Prize:** Vicky Gillespie  
**3rd Prize:** Pat (from village shop), Alison Sheehan,  
Clive Woodland & Chris Pilgrim

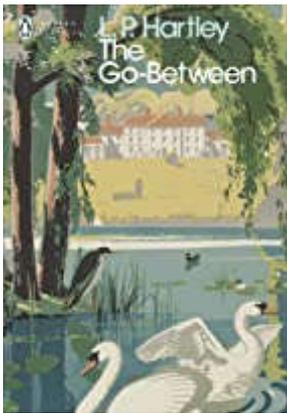
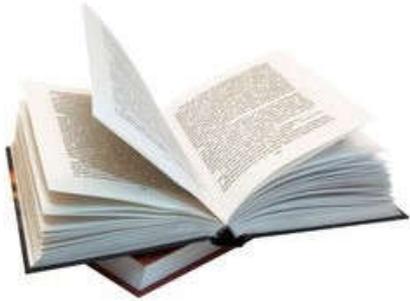
### Cups

<b>Fruit &amp; Veg</b>	Jacqui Faber
<b>Food &amp; Drink</b>	Annie Rourke
<b>Flowers</b>	Donna Page
<b>Art &amp; Craft</b>	Annie Rourke
<b>Photography</b>	Graham Ross
<b>Junior Best in Show</b>	Noah Hughes
<b>Villager of the Year</b>	Alison & Mick Sheehan
<b>Committee Cup</b>	Mike Robinson
<b>Best in Show</b>	Annie Rourke

Can we please ask that with the exception of the Committee Cup and the Villager of the Year Cup, that all are returned to the Show Committee by July 2022. This includes the Villager of the Year Shield in order that it can be engraved with the name/s of this year's winner.



## STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



Been a busy couple of months, with three books to review, starting with **THE GO-BETWEEN** by L.P. Hartley

This was a tale of youthful innocence and betrayal. Most of us had an idea of the story as we remembered the film and other versions but, as is so often the case, the book was far more detailed. Leo a middle class boy with a regional accent is invited by his School friend Marcus to spend the summer holidays at his lovely English estate in Norfolk. Although Leo does not really fit in, for the reasons mentioned, he was made to feel welcome by Marcus' family. The various characters making up the family and friends were interesting especially the sister

Marion and a neighbouring tenant farmer, Ted.

The title refers to Leo being persuaded to pass notes from Marion to Ted which he was told were to do with business. The whole book was relating the moving exploration of a young boy's eventual loss of innocence and its consequences. There is deceit and tragedy along the way, everyone agreed that they were grateful for the epilogue when Leo returns in older age to check what has happened to everyone and sees things for what they really were. The famous opening quote from the book 'the past is a foreign country, they do things differently there' has been a very useful saying ever since ! Again we found it useful to have a man in our group as we could ask him if it was feasible for a 13 year old boy to be so naive - the answer was 'yes'. !

Conclusion: a fairly good read and well written with perhaps a little too much detail in places.

**THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY** - by Patricia Highsmith

Again, the group had a fair idea of the bones of the story from the film versions but opinions were mixed. Tom Ripley is the original anti-hero, a complete con-man with

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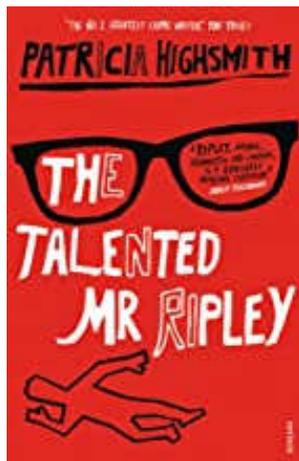
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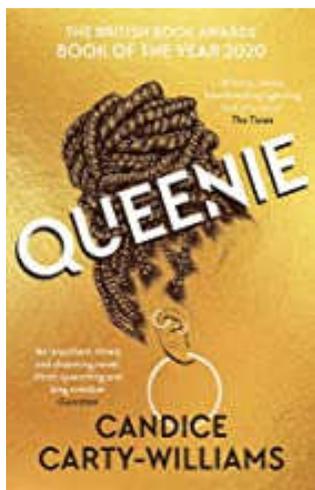
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very weird aims in life. He even fools the reader at the start as he is approached by a father whose son is living abroad to try to persuade him to return. Although the son is only slightly known to Mr. Ripley he accepts the challenge allowing the father to finance his trip to Europe but as the approach was not initiated by him one is not at all suspicious of him at this stage. The story gradually gets very complicated and involves deceit, murder and stolen identity to name but a few strange twists. It was described as somewhat disturbing, possibly a bit far fetched but also fascinating. However, it appears that Mr. Ripley gets away with it all as there have been sequels to the book which one or two of us intend to read. A couple of our group enjoyed the descriptions of the travels around Europe and nearly everyone persevered with it finding it worth reading but easy to put down. It was mentioned that it was difficult to engage with the characters and was too 'American' plus there was a certain amount of surprise that it had been written by a woman !



Conclusion: Probably worth the read but perhaps easier to rent the film !

### **QUEENIE** by Candice Carty-Williams



Well, we asked for something different and we certainly got it !! Set in modern Britain this is an account of a rather vulnerable young black woman living in Brixton who, after a messy break up with her long term white boyfriend, seeks comfort and reassurance in all the wrong places. Her constant attempts to find affection are both sad and worrying but it is all described with humour which prevents it from being depressing. Most of the group - with one strong exception - enjoyed the book. Perhaps her 'sexapades', although necessary to the story, could have been less descriptive but we nevertheless enjoyed the very current touches and found her grandparents, family, friends, boss and even her therapist were patiently supportive of her and both endearing and amusing characters in their own rights. Definitely a tale of our times.

Conclusion: interestingly different, refreshingly up to date and worth reading.

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## NEWS FROM NEWTON LEYS SOUTH (NLS)



The “Alphonos” “brickworks art installation was opened on 16<sup>th</sup> September on Callow mound. The Mayor of Milton Keynes, Cllr Mohammed Khan came to Newton Leys along with the Artist Sarah Storey to officially open the artwork and explain her vision for the piece. It depicts the old brickworks, fish from the lakes and military signal codes

from Bletchley park, you can also see a snail to represent how long it took to build due to Covid 19

This will provide an attractive setting to sit and enjoy the scenery at Jubilee Lake. Details can be found at: <https://scabal.net/project/alphonse/>

The public enquiry relating to planning permission for the Bletchley landfill extension will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> October in Milton Keynes. We continue to campaign to close the site down and return it to parkland for us all to enjoy. We will update parishioners on progress via the Newton Leys Facebook page.

The allotments (off Martinique Meadows) have now been completed and some of our keen gardeners are planting their first crop of vegetables and setting out their pitch. If you would like to join the waiting list for an allotment, please look at the Fenny Stratford Council webpage for details. There are 81 plots in total.

The Newton leys Residents Association will hopefully be able to start up again soon but volunteers are needed. The Residents Association provides a forum for you to raise your concerns and helps us more effectively lobby our MPs to resolve them. Please do get involved and help make the community an even better place to live.

Please look out for activities at the Community Centre and wider Parish of Stoke Hammond, there's lots going on and it would be good to see residents attending events. I do hope some of you attended the Stoke Hammond Summer Fete, it was a great family day out! There was also a community breakfast and even a barn dance recently. Senior citizen lunches and afternoon teas are coming soon, so look out for the dates in this magazine.

Keep smiling, only a few months until Christmas!

Councillor Stephen McNally



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# THE Lindens

We hope you have enjoyed your Summer, here we have been enjoying the good weather in our beautiful grounds for visits, reading, activities and just relaxing, hope it lasts for us all!



August at The Lindens is birthday month, as during this time many of our residents celebrate their birthdays and one has reached 101 years young! So it has been a lovely time with lots of delicious celebration cakes, baked and decorated by our Kitchen Team, enjoyed here by our resident community.



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*Michael Hannelly*

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# MAVIS'S QUIZ

Answers to last month's quiz and if you remember you had to work out the film title from the illustrated silhouettes and cryptic clue.

- (1) TITANIC (2) PULP FICTION
- (3) STAR WARS (4) DUMB & DUMBER
- (5) SPIDERMAN (6) TWILIGHT
- (7) BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (8) MONSTERS INC



Still going with the pictorial theme, can you name the title of these classic albums from their covers and artist/s who performed on them. To assist we've given you the first letter of the title and then the first letter of the artist/s.



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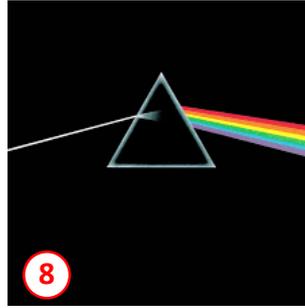
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# High Ash C of E School Parish Council Newsletter



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**October 2021**

## ***Autumn Term and a new School Year!***

We are thrilled to be back in school and have had a fantastic start to the new school year. The children are getting settled back into routines and the whole remit of school life that we can offer again. We are pleased that school life is returning to normal and it has been lovely to share in the excitement of the new Foundation children starting school.

**Open Morning** – for new Reception parents for children starting school in September 2022. We will be having an open morning between 9.30am and 12midday on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October. No appointment necessary just turn up for a tour of the school. All visitors must wear a face mask. Thank you.

**Harvest Festival** - we are looking forward to our Year 3 and 4 pupils hosting Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 1.45pm.

**Parent's Evening** – parents will be invited to book appointments on the evenings of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November so there may be additional traffic in and around the school on those evenings.

*Sara J Boyce*

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# St Luke's Church News

## Review:

We've had a busy time over the last couple of months. In August we had a stall at the village show, Afternoon teas & the Church Fete! In September we held the highly enjoyable Barn Dance (photo 1) (many thanks to the pig roasters & Ouzel Valley Ranters) our (hugely successful) community breakfast (photo 2) (our



churchwarden Harry cycled in the sponsored Ride&Stride the same day) plus Afternoon teas again later in the month. Thanks to all who donated goods or cakes & those who helped setting up, clearing away or ran stalls at the fete and other events also those who came along and enjoyed themselves – we couldn't do it without you!

## Church Activities:

**Food Bank:** The food bank continues to be used regularly. Many thanks to those who donate financially or in kind – donations are much appreciated. We will continue to run the food bank as long as there is need.

**Prayers:** Our prayer group has now restarted and as usual we are happy to take prayer requests from anyone who would like prayers, which are in complete confidence. Please contact a church member if you have a prayer request.

**Plaque application:** We have recently applied for a faculty for a plaque to be placed by the war memorial in church in memory of the wartime secret wireless station for Bletchley Park and RAF Stanbridge at Dorcas Lane (off Newton Rd). We're hoping it will be in place in time for the Remembrance service.

**Path repairs:** We're currently collecting quotes for the repair of the church path which is full of pot holes at the moment. Please tread carefully until it's been fixed!

**Moles:** The "moleman" has come out to deal with molehills in the churchyard again. They make the grass difficult to mow and we're very grateful to Terry and Hughie who mow and Peter who strims for us on a regular basis. Thank you all!

**Cleaners:** We are looking for volunteers to help on the church cleaning rota (once every 6 weeks) as several of our cleaners have recently stepped down. We'd also appreciate anyone who'd be interested in helping with a one off clean getting in touch. If you could help, please contact Hazel on 270404. Thank you!





**Thank you once again to all of our regulars of the sports club. All of your support is very much appreciated. Once again, we would like to welcome new members to our club. Since our last report we have received many new members. We are now running a new Facebook page where all the latest news will be on. Listed below are up coming events that we would love to see people attend.**

### **Coffee Morning**

**This will be held every Wednesday 10-12; all proceeds will go towards charity.**

### **Bingo**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October tickets are on sale please call Val to book tickets and order food 270361.**

### **Bonfire Night**

**This will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November with fireworks and pig roast tickets on sale soon.**

**As the summer draw to an end so does the cricket season. Unfortunately, our Saturday league side got relegated. Our Sunday team and midweek team done well over the season. We held an in house 6-a-side tournament on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> September. We managed to gather 40 players made up of cricketers who play for the club and also some of the locals. This was a very fun day of cricket and we hope to organise it again next year.**

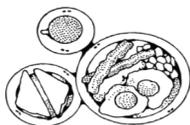
**The football season will begin soon down in the sports field. We still don't have the fixtures for the home games. We ask that dogs are kept off the football pitch during the football season and dogs are also kept on leads in the coming months. We have taken this step to help our problem with dog mess on the field. The football team constantly have to go around picking up poo from the pitch before the game. So please pick up your mess and encourage others to do the same.**

**The indoor sports (Darts and Pool) start up again soon, with pool starting on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. We now have enough players to run 2 teams for pool. Both teams will be in division 2 of the Leighton Buzzard league. The darts team also play in the Leighton Buzzard league and will play in the A division. If anyone fancy coming to watch, pool will be on every Tuesday from 8pm and darts is held on Mondays from 8pm. If anyone wants to join the pool team or darts team, please message our Facebook page or email [david2th@yahoo.com](mailto:david2th@yahoo.com).**

**Once again, we thank you all for your support and look forward to welcoming you all to your local sports club.**

## **Community and Social:**

**Community breakfast:** Our popular breakfast is free! (Yes, you heard that right) but you're welcome to make a donation if you wish. Our next breakfasts are **9<sup>th</sup> October & 13<sup>th</sup> November** at the Community Centre, orders taken 8.30-10.30am. Come and find out what all the fuss is about!



**Harvest lunch:** will be taking place after our harvest festival on **3<sup>rd</sup> October 1pm for 1.30** at Stoke Hammond Community Centre. Tickets (£7.50 for adults and £5 for children aged 5 and over) are available from church members (see below) and at church events. The lunch includes a glass of wine or fruit juice and is a cold buffet with a selection of various salads, followed by a choice of puddings & tea or coffee. There is a limited number of tickets and they often sell quickly!



**Services:** (Subject to Government guidelines) See full listing elsewhere in the newsletter

**New service pattern:** Our new service pattern is complicated so your best bet is to check the benefice website or the notice board at the church gate! Contact us (details below) if you'd like to go on our (GDPR) email list for social events or our email list for services and social events.

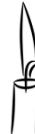
**Health & Safety:** We are continuing to follow health and safety guidelines and respectfully request that churchgoers continue to wear masks if they can and continue social distancing where possible for the sake of elderly church members.

**Harvest festival:** We're celebrating harvest this year on **3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.30am** and we'll be decorating the church as usual. We'd love your help with flower arranging, donating flowers or produce! Any food products collected will be donated to Bletchley food cupboard and fresh produce to Willen Hospice. Please bring donations to the service or call a church member to arrange delivery



**Remembrance Day:** Our Remembrance Day service is on **14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am** at St Luke's. It is advisable to arrive early as this service is popular!

**All Souls Day service:** This 6pm benefice service at St Mary's church in Little Brickhill is held to commemorate the lives of those who have passed away, particularly in the last year. A candle is lit for all souls remembered. If you are unable to attend the service but would like a candle lighting in memory of your loved one, please contact a churchwarden.



### **Fundraising:**

**Plant stall:** Perennial & winter vegetable plants are available for a suggested contribution but pay what you think they're worth. The stall is in Church Road and changes according to availability We're also happy to chat about plant needs if you'd like. We'll continue selling until the first frosts.

**Christmas hamper:** Tickets for this delicious collection of Christmas food items go on sale starting from the Christmas fayre and are drawn at the Carol service.

# STOKE HAMMOND VILLAGE SHOW

The Stoke Hammond Village Show (SHVS) was held on Tuesday 21st September at the Community Centre and we had a record attendance of 8 including one gentleman who proclaimed he was at the wrong meeting - but stayed! Hazzar. The meeting started with introductions followed by Chris Page (Chairman) restating the aim of the show. Since the first show in 2014 the aims have been to organise and fund the scarecrow and SHVS; to keep the village "feeling" as we expand the number of residential properties and to keep the community spirit (especially after the loss of the Dolphin pub) to invest the surplus raised on the day to the benefit of the village and to enable the show to be self-funding and lastly to have some fun!

Alan Humphries then made a special thanks to the volunteers without whom the show would not go ahead and explained what we did differently this year - and why we did that. For example, we did not charge entry to avoid queues (covid safety) but instead asked for donations to two charities we were supporting. We raised £116 for Harry's rainbow and £77 for Willen hospice. Thank you all. We also funded the cash prizes for the raffle (£250 in total) rather than ask sponsors to support us. However, a special thanks goes to Kutte at the village shop who donates the wine (30 bottles) for the water or wine stall, and also to Rush & Warwick who printed free of charge all the posters and the competition forms that were posted through every door. The games corner for kids was a roaring success, the BBQ sold out before the end, the dog show was well attended and teas, cakes and bar were as busy as ever. Not even the rain on the day could dampen our spirits - there were enough tents for everyone to take cover as the band played on!

Greg Noble (Treasurer) talked through what the committee had bought to enable the SHVS to continue every year - 3 marquees, gas BBQ, portable bar and the village beacon. He explained how we made £708 surplus on the day, plus £190 surplus from running the bar at the St. Luke's barn dance. We also shared our thoughts on what we would spend the surplus on before next year's show. They are 1) new tent to replace the borrowed tent over the BBQ, 2) PA system to replace the borrowed system from Dean, 3) defibrillator for Newton Leys South (as they don't have one) 4) construction of a games corner.

There were discussions with the audience about the competition tent and what categories could be better supported as well as whether the show should be in August or September. Great views taken on board by the committee.

Lastly, we announced changes to the committee. Jacqui Faber stepped down to focus on Ged, Alan Humphries stepped down for health reasons and Chris Page stepped down as Chairman. Chris and Donna Page also gave notice that they would like to remain on committee but with reduced responsibilities after 7 years of supporting the show. That leaves Greg Noble who remains as Treasurer and Ann Payne as secretary. We thanked Alan and Jacqui for all their fantastic support over the years. New members will be needed alongside the wonderful volunteers we have if the show is to continue. We will not mention the average age of the members but some younger members would help keep the show fresh. So, contact us if feel you can help - website is [www.stokehammondvillageshow.com](http://www.stokehammondvillageshow.com) or via our Facebook page.

The new show meetings start April 2022, we meet once a fortnight until the show in August, planned for the 6th August 2022.

The AGM started 7.30, finished at 8pm when pizza and drinks were delivered. At 9.30 the audience departed - great discussions and laughter had by all.

Thanks "guys" - and hopefully see you next year.

Chris, Donna, Ann, Jacqui, Greg and Alan.

**Forthcoming Events:** (Subject to Government guidelines)

**Gift Open Day:** We're holding the Open day on **23rd October** from **10am to 2pm**. We're serving hot drinks and cakes all day with soup & a roll from noon. Come and look at our church medieval window, Disney memorial & C14 font. Invite your neighbours, there's a lot to see!



**Christmas Fayre:** is being held in the afternoon on **27<sup>th</sup> November** at the Community Centre. We're still planning this at the moment. Details to follow!

**Christmas Tree festival:** We'll be holding the festival on **11-12<sup>th</sup> December** **BUT** we need **volunteers to prepare decorations for trees** on the theme of children's rhymes, including nursery rhymes or children's poems (eg. The Owl and the Pussycat). Organisations, individuals or families choose a rhyme, decorate a tree with homemade or bought decorations (we won't need to keep them) and there will be a **prize for the best dressed one!** We have some trees so you don't need to buy one! Call Hazel 270404 for details.



**Bible verse of the month:** **1Corinthians 9:24 (NIV)** <sup>24</sup> *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.*

**What does it mean?** This passage is advising us to maintain self discipline, commitment and perseverance in order to achieve our goals so that in succeeding we can praise and glorify God. Even if you're not a Christian, this is a good work ethic to stick to!

**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)



# PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES AUGUST & SEPT 2021



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:**

### **21/03310/COUAR Barn at Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB**

Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of agricultural barn into one dwelling house (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the buildings (Class Q(b))

*A previous similar application has been refused, as it was deemed that amount and scale of the proposed work and change of materials was more akin to the construction of a new residential dwelling in open countryside rather than the conversion of an agricultural building. In order to try and appease the planners, this new application retained all the existing external treatments. The PC once again objected citing their original grounds for objection that this would be a huge ugly new dwelling in what is open countryside.*

### **21/03254/APP 14 Phoebes Orchard, Stoke Hammond. MK17 9LW**

Single storey side/rear extension & alterations to roof over existing single storey rear extension.

*The PC had no objection to this planning application*

### **21/02738/APP 20 Coleman Road, Bletchley MK3 5QD**

Loft conversion with new roof over, rear and front dormers

*The PC were going to object to this application on the grounds of being oversize and out of keeping with the appearance of neighbouring properties, but it was learnt the application had already been refused by the planners for that very same reason.*

### **21/02666/APP Oakwood Grove Farm, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BP**

Erection of front and rear porch and rear extension

*The PC had no objection to this planning application*

### **21/02934/APP 52 Fenny Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BT**

Single storey side extension

*The PC had no objection to this planning application*

## **PLANNING UPDATES:**

### **21/02398/APP Orchard End, Hillersdon Chase, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DH**

Proposed swimming pool and pool building

***Approved by planning***

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>

## VILLAGE DIARY

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Lunch – Community Centre – 13.00
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 8.30 – 10.30
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Gigaclear Quiz Night – Community Centre 19.00 – 21.00
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 8.30 – 10.30
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St Luke's Xmas Fayre – Community Centre – Times TBC
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch – Community Centre – 13.00

*For Church dates/times please see 'Church Services' on page 3.*

### ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

#### **Innovations**

Tuesday's 09.30 – 15.30hrs

Contact: Yvonne 078846 338153 or Alison 07714 664716

#### **Buttons Pre-School**

Monday – Friday 09.00 – 15.00hrs

Contact: 01525 270501/07973 158368

#### **High Ash Scouts, Cubs (Beavers)**

Every Thursday 17.30 – 21.30

Contact: Dave Pollington 01525 270864

To Hire the Hall please telephone 07555 711929 or e-mail: [enquiries@shcommunityassociation.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@shcommunityassociation.co.uk)

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Registrar ( <i>Marriages</i> )	01296-382481
Fly-Tipping on Roads	01296-382416
Social Care Services ( <i>Emergency Duty</i> )	0800-999-7677
MK General Hospital	01908-660033
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	01296-315000
Luton & Dunstable Hospital	01582-491122
SH Gardening Club ( <i>Eileen Curry</i> )	01525-270858
Clerk to the Parish Council ( <i>Jo Simonds</i> )	07818-016108
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Gt Brickhill Ward Councillor ( <i>Phil Gomm</i> )	07778 117647
Gt Brickhill Ward Councillor ( <i>Jilly Jordan</i> )	07740 308468
Gt Brickhill Ward Councillor ( <i>Iain Macpherson</i> )	Not Available
MP - Buckinghamshire. ( <i>Greg Smith</i> )	01296-714240
High Ash School	01525-261620
St Luke's Church ( <i>Revd John Waller</i> )	01525-261062
St Luke's Church Warden ( <i>Diane Webber</i> )	01525-270409
St Luke's Church Warden ( <i>Harry Davies</i> )	01234-822780
Stewkley Methodist Church ( <i>Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly</i> )	01525-240589

**Police non-emergency number 101**

**NHS Helpline non-emergency number 111**

## EDITORS NOTE

Well, what a fabulous last couple of months it's been, with the Village Show, the Church Fete, the Barn Dance and Hog Roast, plus the return of the Community Breakfasts and the weekly Coffee Mornings. Things, are slowly returning to normal, but I'll skip over the sky-high energy prices and delivery shortages!

Also thank you to Pagey, who for now is signing off from producing his regular gardening and vegetable growing 'Tips'. They've been thoroughly enjoyable to read, even if you're not into gardening. Sometimes, Pagey includes a little 'throw away' comment about life and way he sees it, and his last 'Tips' is no exception. Should you have any issues with these, address them to Pagey not me!!

May I please have copy for the December/January 2022 issue by the **20<sup>th</sup> November**  
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 01525 270744 E-mail: [gregnoble1980@aol.com](mailto:gregnoble1980@aol.com)



## WASTE COLLECTION DATES

### STOKE HAMMOND VILLAGE & NEWTON LEYS SOUTH

Waste Bin: 	Recycling Bin:  <small>Paper, glass, cardboard, plastics, cartons, cans &amp; tins</small>	Food Waste Bin:  <small>Non-recyclable or compostable.</small>	Garden Waste Bin: 
	Wednesday 29 Sept	Wednesday 29 Sept	
Wednesday 6 Oct		Wednesday 6 Oct	Wednesday 6 Oct
	Wednesday 13 Oct	Wednesday 13 Oct	
Wednesday 20 Oct		Wednesday 20 Oct	Wednesday 20 Oct
	Wednesday 27 Oct	Wednesday 27 Oct	
Wednesday 3 Nov		Wednesday 3 Nov	Wednesday 3 Nov
	Wednesday 10 Nov	Wednesday 10 Nov	
Wednesday 17 Nov		Wednesday 17 Nov	Wednesday 17 Nov
	Wednesday 24 Nov	Wednesday 24 Nov	
Wednesday 1 Dec		Wednesday 1 Dec	
	Wednesday 8 Dec	Wednesday 8 Dec	



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Bragenham Side, MK17 9DB

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[gigaclear.com/events](https://gigaclear.com/events)



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