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16th Oct: 11.00am Family Service with Holy
Communion in celebration of St Luke's Day - SB
23rd Oct: 09.30am Holy Communion – JW
30th Oct: 11.00am Benefice All Souls Service – JW
Note: To be held at St Mary Magdalene, Little Brickhill



NOVEMBER

- 6th Nov: 11.00am Family Service – tba
13th Nov: 10.45am Remembrance Service - JH
20th Nov: 11.00am Benefice Holy Communion – JW
Note: To be held at St Mary Magdalene, Little Brickhill
27th Nov: 09.30am Holy Communion (Advent Sunday) – JW

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

One can't start this Parish Council News without recognising the sadness that both you our parishioners and your Parish Council feel at the extremely sad passing of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II. It was only in the last PC News that we were recognising and celebrating the way that our community came together to put on a fabulous 4 days of events that celebrated her 70 years of reign, her Platinum Jubilee. Those 4 days will be something we will always cherish and remember, a once in a lifetime or indeed generation moment. RIP your Majesty and God Save our new King Charles III.

Other news seems to pale into insignificance but other news there is, or in some cases no further news. Like the most of you, we have been a bit reliant on Facebook for the latest updates on what's happening regarding the Dolphin PH, but we do now know that it has new owners, and they are 'Beyond Pubs and Dining Limited' who also operate the 'The Plough' in Simpson and the 'Cross Keys' in Woolstone. You will have also no doubt noticed that in the last few days that there has been an increased amount of activity going on within the building, and we have it on good authority that contractors will be working there for next couple of weeks and once they are finished, new furnishings are to then be installed, with the aim to be open and trading by mid-November. But even before the Dolphin actually reopens its doors, the new owners intend to give us sight of their new food menus including their Christmas offerings and will be ready to take your reservations.

We do now have a full PC of seven councillors following the co-option of Dean McCann at our September PC Meeting. Dean is a resident of Newton Leys South (NLS), which along with fellow Councillors Craig Champion and Steve McNally, means that this part of our parish, now has a more proportional representation on the Stoke Hammond PC. Please see the NLS News section for a bit more background on Dean.

Your PC has had to get involved on a few issues relating to the new housing development on the Fenny Road which has now started in earnest. The first being concerns around the amount of hedgerow and trees that were being cut back where it fronts the Fenny Road to make way for the site hoarding, yet it quite clearly stated in the approved planning application for the new homes to this site that these trees and bushes along the boundary to the Fenny Road were to be retained. Our clerk immediately got in contact with both the Planning Case Officer and the Enforcement Team to advise of this apparent disregard of the planning condition, and they advised they would visit the site. It was also brought to the PC's attention that no site information/contact details were being displayed on the site hoarding, an essential requirement should for whatever reason someone need to make contact with the developers. It has also only recently emerged that 58 of the 64 homes to be built are to be classified as 'Affordable' with 24 to be for shared ownership and 34 for affordable rent. Your PC have long campaigned that new developments within the Parish should not always be made up of predominantly larger and more expensive 4/5 bedroom homes but also contain an element of smaller Affordable house types.

During the intense heatwave of this summer and the high risk of bush fires, I think we can count ourselves fortunate that we suffered just one case on a grass verge to the Newton Road just after crossing the railway bridge towards Newton Longville. Thankfully, a fire crew from Leighton Buzzard was very quickly in attendance and the blaze was put out

using a hose and beaters, which meant the damage was confined to an area of approximately 30metres by 20 metres.

We were so pleased to see how successful and well attended this year's village Show that was officially opened by our Unitary Ward Councillor Phil Gomm proved to be, so well done to the Show organisers. We also did our little bit by opening up the adjacent PC owned field for parking, which drastically improved the situation for both visitors and the residents of Bragenham Side.

Work continues on the evolving Neighbourhood Plan, and for more details please see the section that follows on the next few pages.

Hopefully, we are a bit closer to getting the locations for the 3 new solar powered speed signs approved, now that we have carried out the required surveys at all 3 sites and submitted these to the local authorities. Once approved, we will get their installation implemented without further delay.

As mentioned in the last PC News, we unlike previous years when we normally take a Summer Break, did hold a PC Meeting in August on the 2nd to be precise, and indeed it was a very well attended meeting with 14 members of the public there. It was also the first meeting that Kelly Harris undertook her new role as PC Clerk. For details of planning applications discussed at meetings please see our separate 'Planning Updates' page, and copies of the full minutes from PC meetings can be found on our website www.stokehammondpc.com, but here are a few of the most relevant points discussed at the August meeting:

- In a written report received from Unitary Ward Cllr Phil Gomm, he advised that the uptake on the Community Funding Mini Grants was going well and that he had taken up the matter of the poor state of the pedestrian crossing and the resurfacing of Tyrells Gardens with Council officers, and would hope to update us at the September PC Meeting.
- Once again drains were a matter of concern, and in particular the drain on the Village Green. Further investigation is required to establish who is responsible for this drain.
- The Sports Club felt the PC were not giving them the support they needed when applying for funding grants. The PC agreed to address this by way of an informal meeting, and to also add The Sports Club in the same way the Community Centre is included, as an agenda item for all future monthly PC Meetings.
- Following the recent advert in the SH & NLS News Cllr Noble has been contacted by 4 parishioners expressing an interest to be part of the new Speeding Working Group. Cllr Noble had thanked them for their interest and will liaise with Cllr Phil Gomm about arranging a first meeting.
- The clerk confirmed a new street light has been ordered to replace the one damaged by a reversing ambulance on Olde Bell Close, now that the South Central Ambulance Trust have accepted full liability.
- The clerk also confirmed that a new dog bin has been ordered to replace the damaged one by the zebra crossing and that planning permission has been sought to crown the low overhanging trees to the Green. This area lies within the Conservation Area hence the need for permission before any tree works can be undertaken.

Our second meeting took place on the 6th September, when we were joined by 10 members of the public and by our Unitary Ward Councillor Phil Gomm. Our Chair Cllr

Malcolm Newing was away on holiday as was Cllr Fran Sharkey, so our Vice Chair Cllr Stephen McNally took up the Chair's role, with one of the first items being and as mentioned earlier the co-option of Cllr Dean McCann onto the SHPC. Other matters discussed in brief were:

- Cllr Gomm gave a quite lengthy update on various matters, which included that he had been in contact with the new owners on Dorcas Lane, and he hopes to work closely with them to prevent future fly tipping in the area. Cllr Gomm was also happy to report that there had not been any further issues with school buses in the area since children returned to school after the Summer break. Albeit, some sixth form students were unaware they needed to apply for a place on the school bus and this is currently being dealt with. Cllr Gomm also advised that the reported issue of the Arriva buses speeding through the village had now been dealt with, but if witnessed again, then please record the time and date and pass the details directly to him. Cllr Gomm also advised that with the ever-increasing number of electric vehicles and the need for charging these vehicles, particularly for visitors to our communities or where homes have no off-road parking facilities, that Bucks Council will make available 4-6 EV charging points to both Newton Leys South and Stoke Hammond. A walk round both communities will be required to establish the best locations for these charging points.
- The long grass to the verge opposite Lansbury Road at Newton Leys South has been restricting the view of drivers and causing a safety concern. As this area has not yet been adopted by the highway's authorities Cllr Champion has been successful in getting the developers Taylor Wimpey to agree to cut this area.
- Many have felt the zebra crossing is in the wrong place but Cllr Gomm following his investigations, advised there is no chance of it being moved as it was strategically placed near the village shop, but he did confirm that the hedging close by is to be cut right back and he has also requested the upgrading of the crossing lights to brighter LED variants and the repainting of the white markings.
- There was once again a lengthy debate about the funding needs of the Sports Club and support from the PC. The Club is in need of a new mower and asked if the PC could assist. Cllr Gomm advised that he might be able to secure some grant funding for them, and that the PC should contribute the rest. The PC asked that the Sports Club provide the PC with a full breakdown of the costs prior to our next meeting.

Our next PC Meeting is on Tuesday 4th October, 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB. But for November we will be holding our meeting in Newton Leys. The date will be Tuesday 1st November with a start time of 7.30pm, the venue being the Newton Leys Pavilion, Furzey Way, Newton Leys MK3 5SP.



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Neighbourhood Plan and S106 Project

Progress is being made on the Neighbourhood Plan and S106 projects and we will be increasing the level of communication to Parishioners. This is essential as both the plan and the project will ultimately need to be agreed by our local community.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan is our opportunity as a Parish to impact on future developments within the Parish. This approach is twofold, involving the creation of local planning policies specific to Stoke Hammond/Newton Leys, and determining preferred potential sites, if as expected, the Bucks Local Plan that is currently under development for the period until 2040 provides targeted additional housing numbers for our Parish.

Our achievements to date have been the creation of a Parish Steering group that has significant representation outside of the Parish Council. Current members are Damian Willingale, Bon Hine, Lorna Sharkey, Michaela Gardner, Andy Gardner, Eileen Currie, Nick Ellins, Tracey Youngs and 5 members of the Parish Council. Malcolm Newing chairs the group and we have a consultant Neil Homer, who is guiding us through the process. He has a track record of doing the same with a number of local Parishes including Stewkley.

Our consultants produce the technical planning documents but we have been working with them to produce the associated maps using our local input. In terms of what has been achieved, we scoped the specific issues with a questionnaire and have made subsequent progress on Design principles, local heritage sites, Green infrastructure to protect and sustainable travel within the parish.

We have recently put out a 'Call for sites' to local landowners at the same time as a similar exercise being carried out by Bucks County Council. In due course a draft of the plan will be made available to Parishioners for their early input.

S106 Project

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Council holds these funds until a Parish comes forward with an acceptable plan to use the funds. The availability of money is normally time limited to 10 years. We have commenced a project with the following objectives: -

- To create a list of needs for the Parish so that a fully supported, prioritised list can be carried into a future delivery plan.
- To meet the Long term needs of the key parish groups within the Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys Parish so that their key future objectives are achieved
- To create a plan that takes into account all existing and future financial property and land resources held by the Parish Council and Community groups within the village so that the attainment of deliverables is maximised.

We're pleased to say that Craig Champion has offered to take on the project management role. This is a very large undertaking but, with the potential for £500k to spend in Stoke Hammond Village and £1.2m in Newton Leys, we need to address it with the full support and involvement of the Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys communities.

Long standing Parishioners will be aware of an earlier project tasked with providing a brand new Village Sports Hall in Bragenham Side. We have parishioner feedback prior to that project, in addition we have the more recent scoping questionnaires, so we aren't starting from scratch.

Currently Craig is holding a string of individual meetings with the main Parish Community organisations with the aim of getting their in principle support to the project and their commitment to completing a discovery questionnaire about the organisations and their future plans. I'm pleased to report the meetings to date have gone very well.

We will endeavour to improve communications in terms of reach and frequency. For the time being this will be via simple updates on the Village Facebook pointing towards more detailed updates on the SH and Newton Leys Parish Website.

If anyone has an interest in getting more involved, or has plans for creating a new group we would be pleased to hear from you via email, to either malcolmnewing@stokehammondpc.com or craigchampion@stokehammondpc.com

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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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I have seen the community grow in that time, and I'm now interested in making a positive contribution to the continued development and growth of the estate. I am also looking to further myself and look forward to contributing and collaborating with residents, and the Parish Council on all matters of interest to ensure the wellbeing for Newton Leys and achieve the right outcome for all.

We would like to welcome Dean to the Parish Council. Dean is now the third Newton Leys resident on the Parish Council.

November 1st Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm in Newton Leys Pavilion

We are really pleased to announce that we will be holding our November Parish Council meeting in Newton Leys Pavilion. If you live on the Aylesbury Vale side of the Newton Leys estate please try to attend. The meetings give you a chance to see what is happening at the Parish Council, and across the Parish. The Parish Council is currently doing a number of things that can have an impact on Newton Leys and we would really benefit that residents from the estate come along to hear what we are doing and to see how they can be involved. There is also a section where anyone can ask the Councillors questions, so you can help us run the Parish Council to address the things that really matter.

Residents from Stoke Hammond regularly attend this meeting and we are working to encourage more participation from Newton Leys residents. You are paying the Parish Council precept and we want to hear from you on how we look after the whole Parish Council area.

We would like to thank Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council for allowing us to use the Pavilion and we are looking at how we can work together in the future for the whole of Newton Leys.

Section 106 projects

When large developments are built, the developers will often agree to pay to the local council ring fenced sums of monies for certain types of improvements to the local community. Stoke Hammond Parish is fortunate to have funds available for sports and recreation from previous and pending developments in Stoke Hammond

and the completed development of Newton Leys South. Councillor Craig Champion is leading the two projects to determine how we can use those funds. For the Stoke Hammond project the first stage of engagement with local groups active in the village is well advanced together with the information gathering stage. By November Councillor Champion is hoping to start the next phase where the working group for Stoke Hammond will be formed to start to discuss potential options for allocation of the funds.

The Newton Leys project is in the planning stage, and some initial work has been done already. We would really like to speak to any clubs, groups or individuals that provide sports or leisure activities to Newton Leys South residents. Please email craigchampion@stokehammondpc.com if you would like to be involved providing some basic details of your club, group or activities. The Newton Leys project will run in parallel to Stoke Hammond, and we really would value input from you. Alternatively come along to the Parish Council meeting on November 1st (or the October meeting in Stoke Hammond Community Centre).

Christmas Tree site.

We are liaising with Taylor Wimpey and Firstpoint to see if we can identify a suitable site for a Christmas tree to be planted within the Newton Leys South area. Stoke Hammond village has a Christmas tree on its village green and it is a popular seasonal attraction. If we can agree a suitable site in time, we will plant a Christmas tree this year.

Land to rear of the allotments

Whilst the land to the rear of the allotments is in Newton Longville parish council area, both Bletchley & Fenny Stratford, Buckingham County and Stoke Hammond Parish Councils have been engaged in trying to resolve the recent occupation of that piece of land. As we go to press Buckingham County Council have put a stop on the site and the Police has spoken to the land owner to understand what is happening.

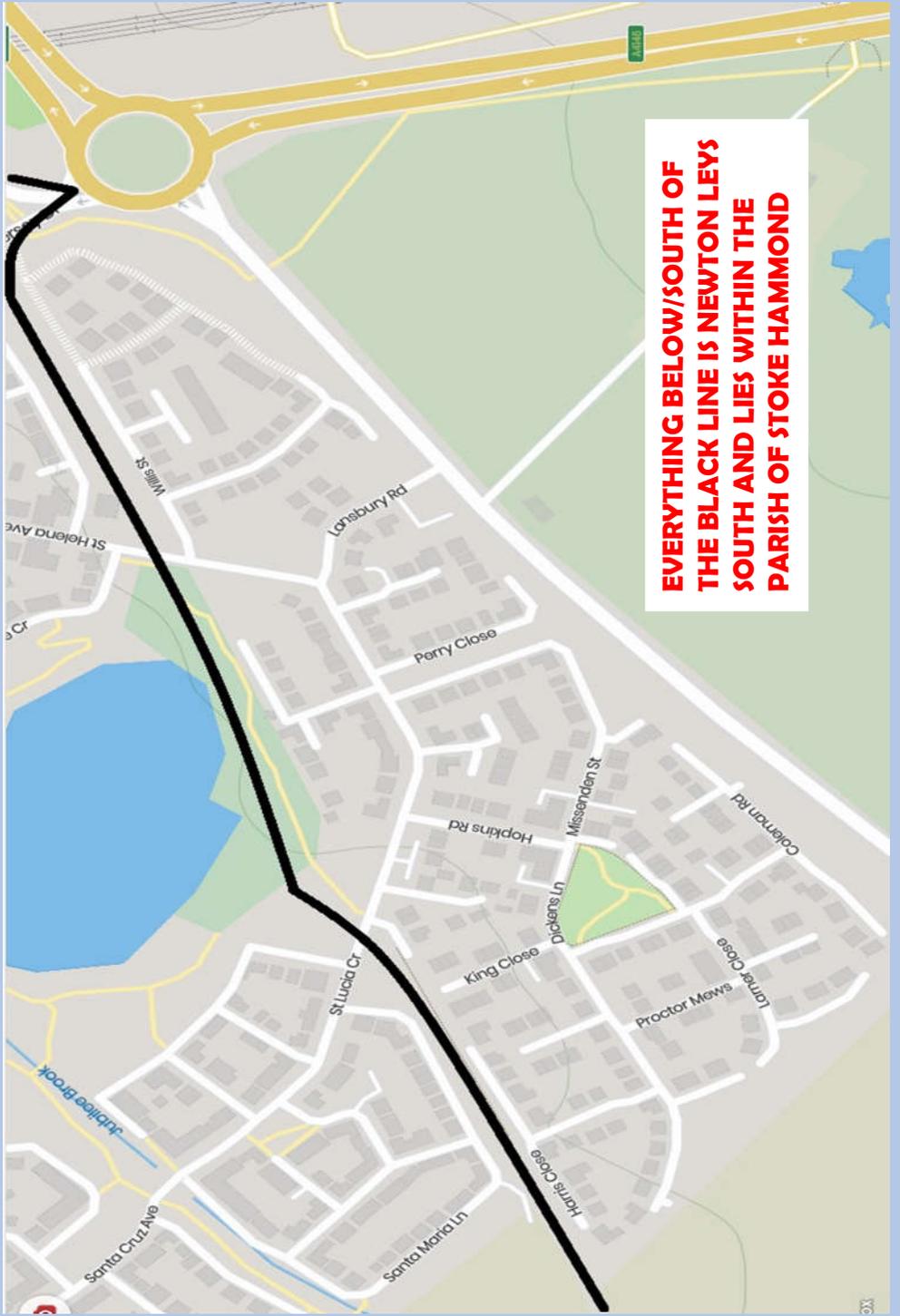
Electric vehicle charging points

We are working with Buckingham County Council and Councillor Gomm to try to get a number of electric charging points in both Newton Leys South and Stoke Hammond village. If you have any ideas for good locations for EV charging points then please email Councillor

Champion craigchampion@stokehammondpc.com or come along to one of the Parish Council meetings in October or November and let him know. We think we may be able to install some fast chargers, which would suit people who don't have access to off street parking,

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Our Kitchen Team baked and decorated more delicious birthday cakes, each personally tailored for the resident celebrating their special day.

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Our first meeting back after the summer break took place as the sad news of the death of our patron, Her Majesty the Queen, was breaking. As none of the group had ever experience the death of a monarch, we ended the evening reflecting on what to expect over the next few days as well as having a minute's silence.

Later meetings have seen us making tin can candles from local bee's wax (although the drought conditions forced us into substituting the traditional camp fire for a gas burner to melt the wax!), as well as testing samples from the local water sources as part of the group's environmental badge.

We have a full programme ahead of us for the rest of the term, culminating in our annual Christmas camp. We still have spaces for boys or girls aged 7½ to 14 if they want to join our cub pack or scout troop, meeting every Thursday evening.



Yours in scouting

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Stoke Hammond Community Centre

We are in desperate need of people to join or assist the committee in the planning and putting on of the show. If this is you, please email Chris Page at page.chris1@googlemail.com

2022 SHOW WINNERS

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Winner: Jeffrey the traditional scarecrow

Cups

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Oak Farm Cup for Art & Craft

Swan Cottage Cup for Photography

Stoke Hammond PC Cup for Junior Best in Show

Villager of the Year Shield

Village Show Committee Cup

Diane Hall Memorial Best in Show Cup

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Dawn Salisbury Potter

Annie Rourke

Elaine Carter

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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 2023. This includes the Villager of the Year Shield in order that it can be engraved with the name/s of this year's winner.

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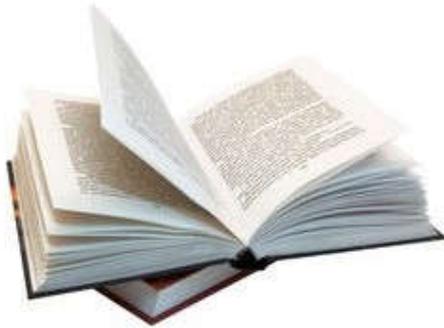
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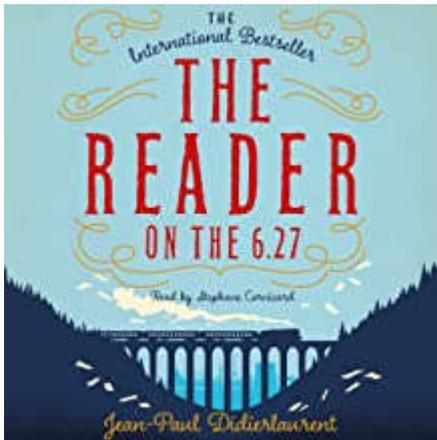
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STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



I was unable to attend two book club meetings but the group kindly collected their opinions and thoughts and passed them to me so I am able to give a description of the books and how they were received – Eileen Curry.



The Reader on the 6.27 - by Jean-Paul Didierlaurent

This was a very strange theme for a novel - the main character works at a book pulping factory which he hates. He takes the 6.27 train each day to commute to and from work and his one pleasure in life is reading aloud on the train journey from pages he has saved from the jaws of the monstrous pulping machine. His life changes when he finds a diary of a lonely woman called Julie whose life feels as lost

as his and from there the story expands. Whilst the group could not imagine anyone reading to fellow commuters on the train without inviting abuse you accept that they enjoyed it and looked forward to listening to him each day !

This is a translated book but apparently has not lost any of its magic. The author highlights kinship and charm from all the characters and it illustrated how a few changes in someone's life can make a difference. He is not afraid to use a rather weird basis to tell his tale but his imagination is to be admired.

Thought to be an easy book to read and thoroughly recommended by most of the group - but not by all.

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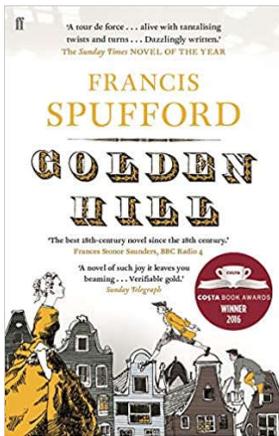


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Golden Hill - by Francis Spufford

The story begins with the intriguing arrival of Mr. Smith in 18th century New York with a bill of exchange for £1,000 and what he intends to do with it keeps the suspense going throughout the book. Everything is covered from mystery, thriller and comedy with a cliff hanger at the end. Some of the group would never have guessed the reason for Smith's arrival in New York although when the secret is revealed it is hugely satisfying.

It was felt that the author was very knowledgeable about the history of New York and much research had gone in to the preparation. It is described as utterly captivating, a brilliant first novel and a delight with twists and turns but it was also said to be rather heavy going with too much description. Another comment described it as thin and padded - a very mixed review.

So, some of the group absolutely loved it and others not willing to recommend it - rather 50/50. I think I might try it as I am now curious to see what I think of it.

From America in the past to America in the future..... and the first of our next two books is American War by Omar El Akkad

LADIES THAT LUNCH



'Ladies that Lunch' will continue into what is now the latter part of the year, meeting in the Sports Club every **SECOND TUESDAY** in the month. Lunch of Soup, rolls, followed by cakes tea and coffee is served at 12.30. The charge of £2 per person covers the hire of the building. If you are new to the village or just visiting do, please feel free to

attend. You will be most welcome. However! Do please inform me, if you haven't been before, in case you require gluten free rolls, soup and cake. Vegetarian soup is served automatically as some people prefer it! We look forward to welcoming you. The remaining dates are Tuesday 11th October and Tuesday 8th November.

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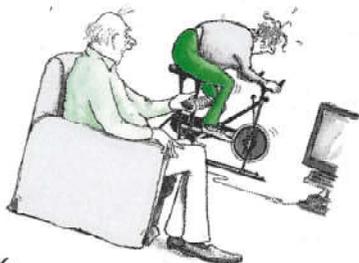
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'Is it time for
your medication,



or mine?'

'I tell you doctor,
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my bad habits -



and I still don't feel well!



We would like to thank everyone who has been into the club over the past couple of months. We have warmly greeted new members and would welcome any other people who wish to join our club. Once again, we have to mention dog fouling on the field. We can't stress how important it is to pick up your dog mess. It is a huge health and safety risk for anyone playing sport on our field. We find ourselves at the end of summer and what has been a busy period for our club. We have enjoyed a wonderful cricket season where we have started a new youth cricket team. We will once again be running a youth team once the season restarts. The adults' teams have done well with plenty of new players participating. We are pleased to say our pool team have won their league and congratulations to Tom Tooth for getting to the grand finals of the singles knockout Cup. It is due to be played on the 4th October so we wish him the best of luck. We have a couple of events coming up. October the 8th we have a bingo night with fish and chips. Please contact Val on 01525 270361. We also are going to hold our fireworks display on the 5th November, please look out for advertising coming soon. As you may have heard we are currently fundraising for our new extension, please go on our fundraising page

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STOKE HAMMOND GARDENING CLUB



With a forecast of heavy showers and clouds, 47 Garden Club members clambered aboard the coach on the 6th September to head for Kelmarsh Hall & Gardens in Northamptonshire, all prepared for whatever the weather had in store for us. We arrived to find Kelmarsh bathed in sunshine and enjoyed a balmy early autumn day with only one heavy shower which arrived briefly when many of us were looking around the house !



The walks and gardens were delightful with strategically placed seats from which to admire the lovely views in all directions. The borders were still full of colour and the walled garden and

greenhouses were packed with interesting plants. The head gardener told us that they only had 2.5 gardeners so how they kept everything so immaculate we could not imagine - only comment was that perhaps some dead-heading was needed! The Hall was interesting with a colourful history and helpful staff full of information - the





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'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

October 2022

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. It has been a really positive and successful start back at school after the long summer break and the fact that this is the second year we are back in full time after COVID is really showing how well the children have settled already.

Open Morning - for new Reception parents for children starting school in September 2023. We will be having an open morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm on Thursday 6th October. If you are interested in visiting our wonderful school there are scheduled time slots available 9.30-10.30am, 10.30-11.30am and 11.30am - 12.30pm. Please contact the School Office to book a slot at office@highashschool.co.uk 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 12th October at 1.45pm.

Parent's Evening - parents will be invited to book appointments on the evenings of Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th October so there may be additional traffic in and around the school on those evenings.

Sarah J Boyce

Sarah Boyce
Headteacher
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servants' quarters were particularly fascinating with details of their duties and how their day was spent. There was also an art display and the

cafe was excellent – something for everyone. As we left the staff assembled and told us we had been the nicest group they had had in ages (we felt fairly confident that they didn't say this to all the visiting groups), so we left on a high and felt that it had been a most successful trip.



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- Our regular session time: **10 – 11.30am** on Friday mornings during term times in the side room at **Stoke Hammond Community Centre**



- Come on down and meet a friendly face! Take a break from your own four walls and give your child a chance to start socialising from an early age. There's **no charge** for your first taster session and only £2 per mum & tot (plus an extra 50p for each extra child) after that



There'll be age appropriate toys and activities and refreshments are provided for adults and children

- If you'd like more information or you think you would like to come along but can't make the date, please call Linda 07971 134497 or Diane 01525 270409 or message us on Facebook (Joyful Tots)

MAVIS'S QUIZ

In case you missed them, here are the answers to the last quiz where from the pictured characters you had to identify the Classic TV or Film Police/Detective dramas and the fictional names that the actors portrayed plus the actors' real names.



- 1/ **Inspector Morse, Endeavour Morse, John Thaw**
- 2/ **Magnum PI, Thomas Magnum, Tom Selleck**
- 3/ **Bullitt, Frank Bullitt, Steve Mc Queen**
- 4/ **Line of Duty, Kate Fleming, Vicky Mc Clure**
- 5/ **Life On Mars, Gene Hunt, Philip Glenister**
- 6/ **Prime Suspect, Jane Tennison, Helen Mirren**
- 7/ **Dirty Harry, Harold Callahan, Clint Eastwood**
- 8/ **Vera, Vera Stanhope, Brenda Blethyn**
- 9/ **The Professionals, William Bodie, Lewis Collins**
- 10/ **The Gentle Touch, Maggie Forbes, Jill Gasgoine**



This time can you identify and name the country from its silhouette, where you've been given a choice of three possible answers, but only one is correct! Please note images are not to scale.

- 2a: KEYNA
- 2b: ANGOLA
- 2c: TANZANIA



- 1a: MYANMAR
- 1b: VIETNAM
- 1c: LAOS



- 3a: NEW ZEALAND
- 3b: MALAYSIA
- 3c: JAPAN



- 4a: ITALY
- 4b: GREECE
- 4c: SOUTH KOREA



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- 6a: GERMANY
- 6b: NAMIBIA
- 6c: BRAZIL



- 7a: SRI LANKA
- 7b: AUSTRALIA
- 7c: ICELAND



- 8a: PAPA NEW GUINEA
- 8b: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- 8c: JAPAN



- 9a: MEXICO
- 9b: SAUDI ARABIA
- 9c: UZBEKISTAN



- 10a: SRI LANKA
- 10b: IRELAND
- 10c: MADAGASCAR

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St Luke's Church News

Review:

Village Show: We had a fantastic day at the village show, with a Tombola stall, and Guess the name of the teddy. Sadly, we didn't have enough people guessing teddy's name to pick the winner on the day, but don't despair if you chose a name, as we'll run the game again at the Christmas Fayre.



Afternoon tea: We were delighted that our afternoon tea was so popular that we struggled to find enough seats for everyone! We hope you enjoyed yourselves and it was lovely to enjoy our Compline service sat around the tables!

Community Breakfasts: Another couple of successful breakfasts took place in August and September and we were able to collect sponsors for Richard Webber who took part in

the **Bucks Historic Churches Trust (BHCT) Ride and Stride** cycling 65 miles. Many thanks to Richard for cycling and to Colin, who walked to 24 churches! They raised nearly £450 between them which will be shared between BHCT and St Luke's.

Harvest festival and lunch: The Harvest festival and lunch was another great success and well appreciated by all who attended. The church looked beautiful and the lunch was delicious. Many thanks are offered to all those involved in decorating the church and/or helping at the lunch. After Buttons nursery children have visited to see the display, fresh produce will go to Willen Hospice and tinned and packet foods to Bletchley Food Cupboard.



Church Activities:

Food Bank: We're very grateful to those who continue to support the food bank, but please note that **we don't accept out of date food, opened jars or anything requiring refrigeration or freezing, Nor do we accept any alcohol or any aerosol products** owing to the possibility of abuse, (since the food bank is open to anyone at any time). The food bank is in the open church porch for any villager



to use anonymously.

Swap shop: Just a reminder that we also have a Swap shop in the church porch. It's a source of children's toys, books and games you can borrow or exchange. You can either bring and swap a toy or just donate one or even just help yourself if you don't have anything to swap. Please ensure all required pieces are there so that games are still playable. Thanks!



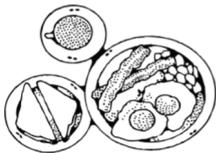


Prayers: Our prayer group meets on an ad hoc basis and we're happy to pray for personal requests as well as local, national and global issues. Please speak to a church member, contact one of the wardens or complete a prayer request card at the Community breakfast if you have a request or would like to join us!

We're still looking for cleaners! We're looking for additional volunteers to help on the church **cleaning rota** (once every 6 weeks). We'd also appreciate anyone who'd be interested in helping with a **one off clean** getting in touch. Please also get in touch if you'd like to go on our **altar flower rota** to offer flowers for the church. If you can help with either of these, please contact Hazel on 270404 Thank you!

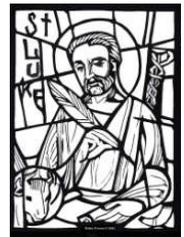


Community and Social: (Subject to Government guidelines)



Community Breakfasts: We'll be holding Community Breakfasts on **8th October** and again on **12th November** with orders taken from **8.30 – 10.30am**. Contact us (details below) if you'd like to go on our email list for reminders of social events or our email list for services and social events.

St Luke's Gift Day: As usual we will be opening the church for St Luke's Gift Day on **Saturday 15th October** for everyone to bring their gifts (ring fenced) for the church repair and restoration fund at St Luke's. We offer free refreshments with cake from **10-12noon** and a choice of homemade soup and a roll between **12 and 2pm**. Come and find out about St Luke and join us for some hospitality!



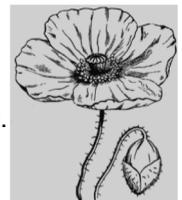
Services: See full listing elsewhere in the newsletter

Café church: Anyone who's been will tell you our all age introductory service is very informal: a simple (free) breakfast and chat with your neighbours followed by a 15 – 20 minute "service" of a short talk, sometimes with prayers, sometimes music. We're having a Cafe Church service from 9.30am on **2nd October** at St Luke's! Come along and join us for our most "user friendly" service!

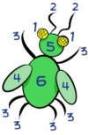


St Luke's Day: St Luke's day is 18th October and our patron saint is celebrated on the nearest Sunday which is **16th October** this year. We will be holding an **11am service of Holy Communion** in celebration.

Remembrance Day: We look forward to seeing you at our Remembrance day service on **Sunday 13th November** starting at **10.45am** (so that we can be ready for the 2 minutes silence at 11am). This is usually a busy service, so please arrive promptly.



Fundraising:



Fundraising events for the rest of the year:

Saturday 15th October: St Luke's Gift day

Saturday 12th November: Beetle Drive and Bingo

Saturday 26th November: Christmas Fayre

Bible verse of the month: *Isaiah 40:31:* "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

What does it mean?: It's easy in this day and age with the financial crisis, the threat of fuel rises and problems with the NHS to feel that everything we felt secure in is crumbling away. It's easy to feel fearful and worry about the future, but Christians know they can trust in God and that with him by their side, all will be well. Not only that, but the simile "soar on wings like eagles" implies heavenly joy and strength – just picture it! We can all feel like this if we open our hearts to God and cast our cares on him through sincere prayer. He will love us all the more for doing so!



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

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



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

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PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES AUGUST & SEPT 2022



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

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

22/02392/APP Kings Farm, Leighton Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DD

Change of use from agricultural building to dwelling.

This is an existing structure/building and your PC had NO OBJECTION to this application.

22/01744/APP The Mellows, Hillersdon Chase, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DH

Erection of two dwellings, parking and proposed new vehicular access.

Your PC had basically already looked at and commented on this application before and this was just some very minor alterations, and thus your PC felt the objections they had previously submitted were still applicable, and resolved to OBJECT on the same grounds, namely:

- *The plans show that the two houses are proposed to be built where the attenuation pond and overflow was going in for drainage to service the already approved 16 new homes to this site.*
- *Being 2.5 storey houses, the design is not in keeping with the rest of the development.*
- *In association with the 16 homes that are already agreed (16/03698/AOP), these two further houses would effectively mean 18 new homes (or 17 if you take into consideration that Latrigg will be knocked down), but regardless, for 17 or more homes, provision should be made for affordable housing.*
- *Environmental concerns over the 43 trees the applicant wants to take down.*
- *The roof windows will likely overlook into the frontage and gardens of the houses in Harrup Close.*

22/02488/APP The Barns, Stoke House Farm, Stoke Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BN

Demolition of existing car port and erection of an ancillary residential annex with associated access and car parking.

Your PC proposed to SUPPORT this application with the caveat that a similar application from a neighbouring property had previously been refused due to the annex being considered a separate dwelling and that this annex could not in the future be sold as a separate dwelling.

22/02564/APP 7 Tyrells Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BS

Householder application for demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of two storey side/rear and single storey front/rear extensions.

Your PC had NO OBJECTION to this application.

22/02737/APP 31 Manor Close, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DJ

Householder application for demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension.

Your PC had NO OBJECTION to this application.



Community Safety Consultation

This message is sent on behalf of Buckinghamshire County Council.

Share your community safety concerns to help us keep Buckinghamshire safe.

The Safer Buckinghamshire Board is a local Community Safety Partnership that brings together experts from the police, fire service, probation, health and social care services. The Board develops an annual action plan to reduce crime in Buckinghamshire and help keep it a safe place to live and work.

To develop this plan, the Safer Buckinghamshire Board is conducting an annual Community Safety Survey to hear resident views on:

The Impact of crime, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol issues where you live and work.

Your experience of reporting crimes

How safe or unsafe you feel in Buckinghamshire

The survey is open to anyone living or working in Buckinghamshire and will be running from Monday 5 September until Sunday 16 October. Have your say and complete the survey using the following online link for a chance to win a £100 supermarket voucher*:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/communities/safety-2022/>

The results of the survey will be combined with an analysis of all crimes that happen in the county to help Safer Bucks set priorities for the year.

* Terms and Conditions apply

From

Jo Howland (Police, Neighbourhood Policing Administrator, Aylesbury Vale)



PLANNING UPDATES:

22/01433/APP Barn, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB

Conversion of agricultural barn to 2 no dwellings.

Permission was being sought to convert the barn into two rather than the already approved single dwelling. The footprint of the building was to remain the same. This application has been passed by the planners.

22/01512/APP Fernbank Lodge, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB

Householder application to replace 9 windows and front door.

Fernbank Lodge sits within the conservation area hence the requirement to seek permission to change the windows and doors with UPVC replacements. The application was approved by the planning department.

22/01463/APP Paper Mill Farm, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DB

Change of use and works to convert an agricultural barn to a dwelling.

Whilst sited in Great Brickhill parish this barn can only be vehicular accessed via Bragenham Side in Stoke Hammond, hence our interest. The site already has permission to convert another barn into a dwelling but this new application sought to convert an alternative barn on the understanding it would not go ahead with the other barn conversion. It would seem the planning department also had concerns and gave the following reasons for their refusal: The subject building is remote from any main settlement, located in an Area of Attractive Landscape. It is therefore in an unsustainable location that would almost entirely rely on the private motor vehicle for transport. The application fails to demonstrate that the building can be converted without significant rebuilding, nor has it been demonstrated that the loss of this agricultural building would not lead to demand for replacement buildings elsewhere in this locality. Furthermore, even if the building were of substantial construction and it is genuinely redundant, it is considered that, by virtue of its prominent hillside location beyond the boundary of the main built-up area, the resultant dwelling, with associated paraphernalia including vehicular access and parking, traffic generation on local roads, lighting and activity generally, would be harmful to the character and appearance of the countryside within which it would be set, designated as an Area of Attractive Landscape. As a result, the proposed development is contrary to policies S1, S2, S3, BE2, T1, NE4, NE5 and C1 of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (September 2021), to the guidance within the Aylesbury Vale Design Guide, the Conversion of Traditional Farm Buildings 1990, to the guidance within the National Design Guide, including part C1, and the NPPF 2021, including paragraphs 80 c) and 174 a) and b).

For further information/updates on these or other planning applications in our locality, please visit the following website selecting 'Aylesbury Vale' as the search area and then enter the application reference or use the map search facility:

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

ANSWERS TO MAVIS'S QUIZ 1b/Vietnam 2a/Kenya 3c/Japan 4a/Italy 5c/Indonesia
6c/Brazil 7b/Australia 8a/Papua New Guinea 9a/Mexico 10c/Madagascar



End of an Era?

September 2022. Not a time for grumping in particular but a time of great sadness following the death of Queen Elizabeth.

I have recently uncovered a picture of myself in a cowboy suit. Not a riotous fancy dress party but the suit I wore on Coronation Day back in 1953. It made me reflect on the time that the Queen had been in power and the changes that have come about in that period. Mainly for the good to date but I do wonder for the future. Not that I think Charles isn't up to the job, but life is changing at a proportionately accelerating rate. I think that we are careering forward at an alarming pace and civilisation is a relatively uncontrollable entity. In this country we've had a reasonable 60 or 70 years but I do not envy the next generation for the same period.

Grumpy Old Man

A decorative border of green Christmas trees surrounds the central text. The trees are arranged in a rectangular frame, with a single row of trees along the top and bottom edges, and vertical columns of trees along the left and right edges.

Saturday 26th November 2022
2pm – 4pm
Stoke Hammond Community Centre

Please join us to enjoy a seasonal afternoon.

Stalls include crafts, cakes, flowers & plants, raffle, Christmas Tombola, Fudge, books, seasonal bric a brac, jewellery, candles & Christmas crafts, cakes and sweet treats, Mark the Toy Man including gorgeous wooden toys, and local created arts and crafts plus many more to be confirmed

Children's activities provided

Refreshments including mulled wine and mince pies will be available, and

Entry is free.



News from Buckinghamshire Council



8 September 2022

Dear Resident,

I hope you've managed to enjoy a good summer and have coped well with the hot, dry weather. As we move into autumn there's one issue above all others that stands out and that, of course, is the current cost of living pressures, especially where energy and food bills are concerned.

This is impacting everyone; businesses, residents and particularly those who are already struggling. I know for some households the prospect of what winter will bring is extremely worrying. I know many people are in need now and want to know what extra support is coming in the winter months.

So today I'm letting you know about some of the actions your council will be taking to **help residents with the cost of living**. It's a package of support that will continue to develop over the coming months and we will keep you updated throughout.

Support available to those who need it



Helping Hand

Our Helping Hand team at the council offers advice, help and information to people who need it, including financial help to cover the food and energy costs to households in crisis, as well as helping with paying for other essentials like sanitary items and nappies. The team is available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

Our Helping Hand programme provides support to local individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardship. If you need to contact the Helping Hand team, please call us on 01296 531 151 or by using our online contact form. You can read more about the help available on the dedicated section of our website.

The Helping Hand team is about to begin issuing food vouchers to some 8,000 pensioners in Buckinghamshire who are in receipt of Council Tax reduction or who are in receipt of Council Tax reduction or who have previously been supported by Helping Hand; letters should be arriving with eligible households shortly to ensure there is support available to those who need it most.

Welcoming Spaces

We will be joining forces with other organisations across Buckinghamshire to create a network of welcoming spaces this winter, to assist when the weather turns colder.

Starting with our own libraries, these locations will provide a warm, welcoming and supportive space for anyone who needs it. Anyone who comes in from the cold will be welcomed and will be guaranteed respect, dignity and warmth; the aim is to offer a friendly ear and overall, to create places that help people save on their heating bills and that also offer advice and support. I'll update on this initiative in the coming weeks.

If you want to offer some space to form part of our network, find out how to add a facility to our list of welcoming spaces by getting in touch with your local community board manager.

Information and advice

Our fantastic network of volunteer groups and charity organisations plays a vital role in providing community support and specialist advice and information. We have created a 'Cost of Living' section on our website to make it easier to find the advice and information you need. You can also search our Family Information Service Website for more information on the wider support and advice available to any households that need it.

We also have a number of incredible community projects that offer help in different ways. For example, take a look at the 'Grow it, Cook it, Eat it' project that the council supports. This offers local growing space for free for anyone to grow their own produce, plus any surplus goes towards local foodbanks, and anyone can also turn up to find out more about how to grow their own food, a fantastic initiative that both helps with the cost of food and is good for the health and environment. Local initiatives like this play a vital part in the overall general support available to residents who need a helping hand.

As well as the council's own cost of living actions, I do want to also underline the support also on offer from central government this winter. This is the current package already announced and we are watching out for further announcements this week now the new Prime Minister is in post.

- Cost of Living payments to eligible residents in receipt of disability benefits will receive an £150 cost of living payment from next week (20 September).
- All households in Great Britain will receive a £400 discount from their electricity bills this winter, which will be applied in six monthly instalments, automatically coming off bills, starting in October.
- In addition to this, households on means tested benefits including Universal Credit, Pension Credit and Tax Credits will receive a Cost-of-Living payment of £650 this year.

You can find out more about these payments on the government's website and access wider information about the overall support available to households via their website – this contains information on transport and childcare costs too.

And a final point; it's useful to us all to do as much as we can to save energy, so do take a look at the websites of the main energy providers as they contain lots of valuable tips about how to save energy in the home.

How you can help

Crisis fund

With our partners Hearts of Bucks we have established a Crisis Fund to raise money to help Buckinghamshire families in need.

We absolutely appreciate the rising costs are impacting everyone. We also know the incredible generosity that exists in Buckinghamshire and that in times of crisis, it drives many of our residents to want to help or offer financial assistance. So, with Heart of Bucks, for those in a position to do so, we are inviting people to donate what they can into this fund so the money can be best channelled to get support to the people in our communities who need it most.

If you are in the fortunate position to give even a small amount or donate the government support if you feel you don't need it yourself, please go to our 'Cost of Living' web pages to find out more and to donate to the Crisis Fund.

Other ways to help

There are also many other ways to make a difference; you can donate to a foodbank or community fridge or donate your time by volunteering. We have many wonderful local initiatives that are currently being staffed by volunteers such as the FoodCycle programme in Aylesbury, which offers a free three course healthy meal to anyone who needs it, once a week. You can also consider volunteering at Citizens Advice Bucks to help run this essential support service, at a time people are heavily relying on such important organisations. Take a look at our website to find out more.

We still have guests from Ukraine arriving in Buckinghamshire too, so perhaps you have a spare room and can consider offering accommodation as part of the Homes for Ukraine programme. A monthly 'thank you' payment of £350 is available from the government; to find out more please check our website.

You can access information on how to donate either money, food, or your time on our website.

Claim your council tax energy rebate – don't miss out

We've contacted everyone who was eligible for their £150 rebate and for those people who pay by Direct Debit. 100% of these have now been paid. Other people are claiming their rebate via vouchers we've sent out, if you've not yet cashed in your voucher, please **make sure you do so before the cut-off date of Friday 30 September**. For more information, please visit the Council Tax pages of our website.

Regular Updates

I don't doubt we are entering an extremely challenging winter, and I know for many people, it's an anxious time. I hope this update helps outline the support the Council is offering, we ourselves are not immune to the considerable hike in costs and I'll also be updating you further on how you can also feed into our budget planning for next year, in what will be a very difficult and turbulent economic climate. As ever, your input on how we spend your money is vital and is appreciated.

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It's my intention to keep you regularly updated in the coming weeks and months as we navigate this difficult time together and once again see our communities come together to support each other in the best way they can.

Lastly, if you have a friend or family member in Buckinghamshire who doesn't receive these residents' newsletters. Please suggest that they sign up for them on our website. It's a great way of me keeping you in touch with the latest news.

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



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* Phone lines are open Monday to Thursday 9am-5:30pm, Friday 9am-5pm. Phone lines are closed on bank holidays.

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Saturday 8 th October	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Tuesday 25 th October	Village Show AGM – Community Centre – 19.30
Tuesday 1 st November	Parish Council Meeting – Newton Leys Pavilion – 19.30
Saturday 12 th November	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Saturday 26 th Nov	Xmas Fayre – Community Centre 14.00 – 16.00
Saturday 10 th Dec	Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch – Community Centre – 13.00

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: 07973 158368

Joyful Tots

Every Friday 10.00 – 11.30hrs

Contact: Bethan 07803 805103

Louisa Harris Pilates

Contact: 01525 270501/07973 158368

Monday day/evening

Louisa.pilates@gmail.com

www.louisaharrisPilates.co.uk

Phonics with Robot Reg

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To Hire the Hall please telephone 07555 711929 or e-mail: enquiries@shcommunityassociation.co.uk

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Police non-emergency number 101

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EDITOR'S NOTE

I was going to use the word 'surreal' to describe what's happened since putting together the last edition of the SH & NLS News and this latest version, but it doesn't really cover the magnitude of the event that has happened. In the August/September edition, the front cover and gallery of pictures inside celebrated the magnificence that was the 4 days of events in Stoke Hammond to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee marking the 70 year reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Yet, here we are barely a few months later, mourning her very sad passing. By the time this edition is posted through your doors, the Queen will have been laid to rest and we would have already welcomed King Charles III to the throne. Perhaps 'Surreal' is the right word to use. Our tribute to our late Majesty can be seen on the next page.

We have another gallery of pictures, this time of the Village Show, which and I know I'm slightly biased being one of the show committee, but I think it was the best yet with a fantastic turnout and superb summer weather.

May I please have copy for the December 2022/January 2023 issue by the **20th November**

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WASTE COLLECTION DATES

STOKE HAMMOND VILLAGE & NEWTON LEYS SOUTH

Waste Bin: 	Recycling Bin:  <small>Paper, glass, cardboard, plastics, cartons, cans & tins</small>	Food Waste Bin:  <small>Non-recyclable or compostable.</small>	Garden Waste Bin: 
Wednesday 05 Oct		Wednesday 05 Oct	Wednesday 05 Oct
	Wednesday 12 Oct	Wednesday 12 Oct	
Wednesday 19 Oct		Wednesday 19 Oct	Wednesday 19 Oct
	Wednesday 26 Oct	Wednesday 26 Oct	
Wednesday 02 Nov		Wednesday 02 Nov	Wednesday 02 Nov
	Wednesday 09 Nov	Wednesday 09 Nov	
Wednesday 16 Nov		Wednesday 16 Nov	Wednesday 16 Nov
	Wednesday 23 Nov	Wednesday 23 Nov	
Wednesday 30 Nov		Wednesday 30 Nov	Wednesday 30 Nov
	Wednesday 07 Dec	Wednesday 07 Dec	

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

1926 – 2022

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FROM THE PARISH OF STOKE HAMMOND



A PICTURE TAKEN BY STOKE HAMMOND RESIDENT MIKE ROBINSON AT WINDSOR GREAT PARK, WHEN IN 2002 THE QUEEN ATTENDED THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW OF THE GREAT PARK VILLAGE. THE QUEEN MOTHER LIVED AT THE ROYAL LODGE WINDSOR AND ALWAYS VISITED THE SHOW, BUT SHE, AND PRINCESS MARGARET HAD DIED EARLIER THAT YEAR AND THE QUEEN WENT INSTEAD.

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