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April 18 th	19.00	Holy Communion <i>Benefice Service</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>		Revd John Waller
April 21 st	09.00	Holly Communion
<i>Easter Day</i>		Revd John Waller
April 28 th	09.30	Café Church – Leader tbc
May 5 th	11.00	Family Service – Leader tbc
May 12 th		Time & details tbc
May 19 th	09.00	Holy Communion – Revd John Waller
May 26 th		Time & details tbc

*PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BRAGENHAM SIDE.*

Saturday 13 th April	08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)
Saturday 11 th May	08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)
Saturday 8 th June	08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)

PLUS, THESE OTHER SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It is rather disappointing to report that the inaugural Parish Council Surgery held on the evening of the 7th March was and there's no finer way of putting it, a complete disaster and a waste of everyone's time and effort in that not a single soul stepped through the doors of the new Newton Leys Pavilion to meet with their Parish Council. The Surgery was set up so that Newton Leys South residents whose homes fall within the Stoke Hammond Parish had the opportunity meet with the Parish Council and ask questions about any matters that may be concerning them. One would have thought that if via your Council tax bills, you're paying a precept to Stoke Hammond, there would be something you would want to ask of the organisation that's receiving your money. Lack of publicising the event cannot be a reason for the no show, as a full page advert had been placed on the rear cover of the last two editions of the SH News, which, like every month were delivered to all homes in the Parish of Stoke Hammond including those within Newton Leys South. In some respects, we really shouldn't have been surprised by this apparent apathy, because it mirrored what happened when two years ago, we held a Parish Council meeting in Newton Leys, again fully publicised and on that occasion, just three people attended. However, last month's PC meeting was not much better as we were joined by just one single village resident with no shows from our District and County Councillors.

As mentioned in last month's report your PC had resolved to put out to tender the work of the grass cutting throughout the village, not only that belonging to BCC covered under our devolved services agreement but Parish owned areas such as the Village Green and the Community Centre Land. The returned tenders were reviewed at the PC meeting and it was agreed to award the contract for the devolved services roadside verges along with The Green, the Old Pump and Pond sites to C. Simmonds with all remaining works awarded to RTM Landscapes.

There was only one item of planning to be considered at the meeting, that being 19/00405/APP The Old Stables, Grove Farm for the inclusion of new dormer windows and the erection of an oak framed car port to which your Council had no objection.

It was also decided at the meeting that we would again this year enter the Best Kept Village competition, and although too late to make a difference for this year, we will be creating a conservation area on part of the land to the south of the garages on Bragenham Side. This will include the creation of a wild flower meadow with suitable post fencing.

As you will see elsewhere advertised in this edition of the SH News a date has now been set for the 2019 Annual Village Litter Pick to which we hope many of you will take part to help make our village look just that little bit tidier and a nicer place to

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Disposing of the collected rubbish has been made all the more interesting given the latest announcement by Bucks CC following their review into Household recycling Centres which take start from 1st April this year, namely:

- all sites will introduce charges for non-household waste
- Aylesbury (Rabans Lane), Burnham, and Chesham household recycling centres will close 2 days a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Bledlow Household Recycling Centre will permanently close

Apparently, these changes will make important cost savings that the county council's budget requires. They will also and we quote 'make sure that Buckinghamshire residents, as a whole, experience as little change as possible when using their local recycling centre.'

The bit that could particularly affect us after the Litter Pick is the final statement in their press release in that 'Any Parish or Town Councils that bring non-household waste to household recycling centres will be subject to the same charges as residents pay on non-household waste. All Parish or Town Councils disposing of waste at household recycling centres should gain agreements from Buckinghamshire County Council.'

For most Stoke Hammond residents little will change, given the majority tend to make use of the closer waste recycling sites at Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes and Shenley Hill, Leighton Buzzard, but we may well see an increase in fly tipping in some of our surrounding lanes as a result of these new budget measures.

With this being the first bimonthly edition of the SH News, we need to advise of both the forthcoming April and the May meeting dates. For the first meeting, the date is Tuesday 2nd April 7.30pm and for May it is Tuesday 7th, again 7.30pm start with both meetings being held at the usual venue of the Community Centre, Bragenham Side. Please be aware that the meeting in May is in two parts, the first being the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and the second part the Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM). For the APM local organisations are invited to present a report on their last years activities, whilst as part of the APCM the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are determined for the new year term.



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

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At The Lindens in our grounds, our Maintenance Team have been very active over the last few weeks of February and into March.

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As a result of the warmer weather, our daffodils which usually start to flower after our snowdrops, are now in full bloom as are some of our other bulbs. Our residents, respite guests and visitors have been enjoying the golden display, along with the hyacinths and polyanthus.



On Shrove Tuesday, our residents and guests marked the day, enjoying pancakes made by our Kitchen Team with a choice of the traditional lemon and sugar or strawberries with fresh cream. Preparations are underway for a feast in celebration of Easter, with an Easter Party and other activities planned for April.

If you would like to call in and join us for tea or coffee or if you are interested in working or volunteering here, please phone us and ask for Tina or Milli.
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Welcome back one and all. The winter has passed us by and spring has sprung. If you are like me who loves growing things (especially fruit, veg and flowers) this is a fab time of year. I grow just about everything from seeds - mostly because it's cheap but also there is a huge range available from garden centres or online and I get a buzz from watching the first seedlings poke through the soil and grow into wonderful food or flowers. I just itch all over with the growing bug and the 3 months of winter are only eased with copious amounts of great food, wine and friends.

Right then, what to do. Clean your tools, pots and seed trays. Most people don't and wonder why the seeds don't come up ! Clear your borders, dig over (dig v no dig debate) add as much

compost/mature muck as you can and throw some fertiliser on (growmore/chicken pellets or fish bone and blood). Stick to the guidelines - more doesn't mean better. Just don't put manure down where you are going to grow carrots or parsnips. Ideally always put your feed and compost down at least 2 weeks before you plant out.

So, what to grow. Everyone always grows too much - even veg they don't like, so be selective. You wouldn't go to restaurant and order what you don't like, so don't grow what isn't your favourite. Onions, leeks and garlic are a staple and always need a long growing season so start them off first. Onion Seeds can be started in small 3 inch pots filled with seed compost, kept moist in a warm environment (windowsill, propagator, greenhouse) until the seedlings spring up (although a bit late you still have time for spring onions)- I've got 120 on the go ! Much easier is to buy the sets or little bulbs which you just push into the ground 20 cm apart in well drained and dug over soil - you can do this now. The same with garlic - break open a bulb to get the individual cloves



and push them into the ground twice their own depth 15cm apart - make sure the rooty bit is at the bottom and the point at the top. This can be done Early November or now in early spring. Bingo - garlic ready July, onions August. They like sunny positions by the way. It is that easy....get the kids out there and try it - water when a dry period and feed once or twice in May, June time.





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Lettuce and radishes can be sown now, outside in well dug-over and raked soil. I've started off cauliflower, cabbages, celeriac in pots and peas in a length of plastic guttering 2metres long !! Fill with multi purpose compost, water it and push the peas



into the soil 1 cm deep and 2 cm apart - keep anywhere that is frost free and put some netting over initially to stop birds and mice (who love them). When they have germinated and are 6 to 8 cm tall dig a shallow trench to the depth of the gutter and slide them in....easy peasy lol. You will need to provide support for the peas to climb up. Repeat this every 4 weeks and you have peas galore, and if you have never eaten fresh peas from the pod, then I don't know what but you are missing out. In May you can start off your fast growing veg - courgettes, squashes, French beans, cucumbers and melons. All need heat to start with and you do not put them outside until June. All your favourite herbs can be grown in big

buckets or pots or in the beds...why people don't bother is a mystery to me. Sage, rosemary, thyme are all hardy and grow outside all year round. Tarragon and mint the same - just cut them right back in November and bingo by March they are up and running again. Give them some feed occasionally and they grow for years. Grow mint in a pot though...you've been warned - it is more vigorous than weedy things !

Flowers are the other thing I have going in mass production - for the good lady's hanging baskets. If growing from seeds you needed to really have started already as viola, verbena and lobelia take a long time to grow. On the other hand, Petunias and Nasturtiums grow more quickly. Plant in seed trays, the same as above and pot on once you can handle them. The baskets can't go out till the threat of Jack Frost has gone and most people buy plug plants which is much easier than seeds and actually often looks better early in the season. Flowers that are easy to grow from seeds for beds are

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dahlia, zinnias, Poppy's, sweet peas and pansies. Look them up on line or just follow the instructions on the packet and you won't believe how easy it is.

Lastly I have a couple of offers....I have surplus celeriac plants if anyone wants one or two and I still have some fabulous butternut squash fruits (the largest one weighs 20lbs) which you can have for the first come first served. Just email me at page.chris1@googlemail.com and ask and it shall be so lol. Happy growing...and eating. **Pagey**

Grumpy Old Man



BREXIT 2

I'm not grumpy this month cos' I'm going on holiday! However, the Government are doing their best. Well not so much making me grumpy as totally confused. It's 15th March and Parliament has spent a week voting on voting. Some MP's have been promoting the Prime Ministers "deal" and followed this up by saying they were about to vote against it. (?) There is a suggestion that there will be a *third* (meaningful?) vote on the same proposal next week. Apparently one of the votes this week was that we (the country) wouldn't leave the EU without a deal. The legal position as of today however is that we leave on 29th March if there is no agreement on a deal. Seems as though there might be some agreement on an extension of the deadline. That'll be useful - we've got absolutely nowhere in discussion since Section 50 was invoked so I'm fairly confident more time will mean more discussion if not resolution.

Hey - I don't care. I'm on holiday and it should all be over by the time I get back. Yes -and pigs might fly!

GOM



RAY NOBLE

By Barbara Munn

What an interesting story this is and what an advertisement for triumph over adversity! Written off by a school which failed to know its pupils Ray went on to achieve so much in his academic career. Profoundly deaf from the age of forty he has nevertheless pursued a successful secondary career in music. And now, perhaps as a challenge to his health problems, he continues to pursue a range of interests with the vigour of a man half his age, still researching, writing, publishing and performing.



- ***EARLY LIFE***

Ray was born in 1947 the youngest of four sons in Balham, South London. His parents were both Saville Row tailors, his father being a master tailor, and Ray has

strong memories of playing with cloth remnants beneath a big table on which his father sat sewing in the stereotypical cross-legged pose. Even today the smell of new cloth reminds him of the workshop in Silver Place in London's West End. Saville Row, well known as THE place to buy top quality suits is in fact simply the public face of the industry; shops take orders which are then contracted to self-employed tailors like his parents. Both of them were originally from Leeds, they met when his father employed his mother as a tailor. Ray's father was born in 1896 and was twenty years older than his mother. He fought in WW1 and was shot at the Battle of the Somme. Initially taken for dead he was brought back to England to recover. He returned to France to maintain the trenches but soon transferred to train as a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps, flying missions towards the end of the war. The family's reasonably prosperous life was cut short when Ray was 9 as his father died suddenly. His mother was then left alone to support her four boys in a council flat in Wandsworth. Ray's abiding memories are of his mother sewing night and day to make ends meet, and financially times were tough. He has great admiration for both of his parents.

- ***EDUCATION – PART 1***

Denis and John, his two oldest brothers both successfully negotiated their way through the education system. Denis went on to study Medicine, specialising in Physiology and becoming an Oxford Don, and he was awarded a CBE for his contribution to Medicine and still lives in Oxford. His work revealed how the electro-chemical pacemaker of the heart is produced. John had a successful career in surveying and property management and became a director of a Boot's subsidiary. The contrast between brothers could not be greater. Ray frequently truanted, and both he and his other brother Les left school at fifteen without qualifications.

Ray disliked his school. It was the first comprehensive to have 2000 pupils, almost all from the surrounding housing estates that had replaced the old Victorian slums. Ray said he felt anonymous, just a number. Fortunately, Ray did not hate learning and spent much of his time in the local library where he became fascinated by social and economic history of the fourteenth century (what became of Britain's feudal system?) and of the Victorian era with the contrast of class inequality and financial opportunity for a few. He retains a strong interest in political history, particularly of trade unions. Nevertheless, Ray left school at 15 with no qualifications and a penultimate report from his headmaster, which he likes to quote. "I can no longer see why public money should be wasted on the attempted education of this boy. "

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- **CAREER**

Ray's first job was as a temporary clerical assistant at the newly set up Charity Commission. All charities had to register and Ray had to send out, receive and log all applications; a role he described as tedious. From there he moved to a company producing industrial safety and diving equipment where he had to liaise between the sales office and the shop floor where as a slender 17 year old, he negotiated problems with terrifying women whose muscles gave testament to years of hauling large sheets of leather about.

Still unsettled a decade later and with the problem of no qualifications, Ray decided to become a musician playing blues and folk music. He was struck by the poetry of Bob Dylan and sang his songs and those of Woody Guthrie and Joan Baez amongst others as well as early blues songs by artists who influenced bands such as the Rolling Stones. Despite only being able to afford a cheap guitar he formed a blues group, which played to packed audiences at Les Cousins, a club in the West End. In 1965 he met George Harrison of the Beatles. Ray's first infatuation was with a girl who appeared in TV advertisements for Weetabix. A friend mentioned that they had gone to school together and arranged for him to go to tea at her house. It turned out that she was Paula Boyd, sister to Patti Boyd, then George's girlfriend. So, George Harrison was also there drinking tea. Sadly, Ray was too star struck he could hardly speak. Never brave enough (his words) to commit fully to a music career he has continued performing regularly ever since. He sings a wide range of music from rock, pop to classical, and is lead singer with The Oxford Trobadors, with which he appears on French Television.

- **EDUCATION – PART 2**

By the age of 25 the wish to gain qualifications and go to university had become an overriding ambition so he entered himself for O levels (like GCSE's) and 'simply turned up'. For A levels he more or less did the same but by this time he had become interested in the mind as a philosophical construct and also in whether it has a biological basis. So he read a lot and chose an odd combination of Zoology, Economics and Economic History just because they interested him. Ray applied to a range of polytechnics thinking they would be more receptive to his non-standard background. Having left his application until the after-results clearing process he was surprised to receive a phone call from Manchester, a university to which he had not applied. The admissions tutor was fascinated his story, and his application, in which he outlined his interest in linking science and the mind, and by his varied interests and background. Ray was offered an interview to study Zoology but turned it down. Two days later he rang back and arranged a meeting. This was the

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start of a new chapter. For the next three years he studied at Manchester University living easily on his full grant, something for which he and many of us are extremely grateful. The department was small, he was no longer a number and in a department of like minds Ray flourished. He took Chemistry and physiology as subsidiary subjects, almost blowing up the lab as a consequence of having no background knowledge. Shaking a flask of unknown fluid, the stopper blew off and hit the ceiling, drawing the lecturer's comment, "Now you know what volatile means, be careful what you shake." He found a particular affinity of ideas with an Ecologist and a Behavioural Ecologist and looked at questions such as, "Are populations self-regulatory?" and "Is there an optimum population size?", but critically including what are the driving factors in evolution.

Pursuing the idea of "Mind" Ray then studied Neuroscience, and on graduating with glowing references took a research post at Edinburgh University in the Royal Veterinary School where he gained his PhD, studying how humans and animals process the sense of touch. One intention was better to understand pain, and how we perceive sensory input as pain. The huge crossover between people and animals accounted for the place of study, the Veterinary School. We know that if you gently rub where a pain is felt, it alleviates it, and his work showed that touch can act as an inhibitor, suppressing noxious sensory inputs. Ray's results along with those of others contributed to novel ways of dealing with pain such as by electrical stimulation as found in Tens machines, which was based on much of the work of Professor Pat Wall who examined his thesis.

Ray then moved to Bristol University Medical School looking at the control of the pituitary gland and the nerve cells that produce and release Oxytocin and vasopressin, both hormones involved in reproduction. After three years he returned to Edinburgh for a further six years. At this point Ray took stock of his career. He was forty with a well-paid job as a Senior Research Fellow, but he didn't have a lectureship, which meant he was working on short-term contracts rather than in a permanent position. It was not an auspicious time as the government had slashed science funding, but he managed to secure a lectureship at Reading University in the department of Biochemistry and Physiology. Despite not being an animal specialist, he taught Farm Animal Welfare and became interested in Ethics. At the same time, he did research into the neural control of breathing in the newborn. By 1987 the idea was being developed that one of the causes of cot death was the activation of a neural process inhibiting breathing in babies. Ray explained that since the 1950's we have known that babies, especially if premature, have a strange response if the oxygen level falls. In adults ventilation is increased, but in

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babies it falls. In premature babies, breathing may stop. He worked with obstetricians and neonatologists to try to determine how the brain controlled breathing in babies. And so it was that Ray took the next step into medicine. Ray was recruited with a Senior Rockefeller Fellowship as a Senior lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Medical School at University College London. This was an unusual appointment because he wasn't a physician. He became the Graduate Tutor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and over the years has taught a few thousand medical students. He had a joint appointment in life sciences, teaching physiology, and also became Deputy Dean of Life Sciences and a sub-dean in the medical school. Playing a key role in setting up of the Institute for Women's Health at UCL, he became the graduate tutor for Women's Health, overseeing the development of their graduate studies. All this led to the next stage in his extraordinary career: Director of the Centre for Reproductive Ethics and Rights in the Institute.

Setting up the Centre for Reproductive Ethics in Women's Health and the question of women's empowerment in reproductive health became the focus of Ray's career. He visited India regularly where he became a Visiting Professor in medical ethics at a medical school in Andhra Pradesh teaching Medical Ethics and working with women in rural areas where, as in various other parts of the world, reproductive health is a major cause of violence against women. He also held a similar professorship in Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa where women have been blamed for the spread of HIV despite their husbands using prostitutes in the townships where they go to work. He feels his most rewarding work has been in India, where he has also contributed to the improvement in communication between women in rural villages and the doctors caring for them by addressing common preconceptions acting as barriers to health. He retains strong links academically and personally with the area. So, by the time of his retirement from UCL he was Deputy Dean of Life Sciences, Sub Dean in the Medical School and held his main post as Graduate Tutor in Women's Health. "Not bad," Ray says with a smile, "for a boy who was written off at fifteen!" So, what now?

Ray still writes and publishes. He is developing a new approach to evolution, which is not solely gene based, but rather looks at how gene expression changes between generations in response to environmental change.

- ***HOME LIFE***

Ray lived in London when he was warden of a student hall of residence. Looking for an easy commute he moved to Aylesbury before arriving in Stoke Hammond around



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twenty years ago to live in a characterful old cottage near the village centre. He shares the cottage with his daughter Elle, a photographer who works for a major textile company and also maintains a studio at home where she develops her art, and of course with their beautiful dog Floki, a Pyrenean Sheep dog.

Recently, Ray has suffered some serious health issues, with acute renal failure leading to kidney damage and the need a year ago for a triple heart bypass. He took the opportunity to fulfil another personal ambition of writing and publishing a novel. *It Wasn't Always Late Summer* is a story of the loss of childhood innocence and of a young woman whose life is influenced by the ghostly presence of a lost child.

Ray continues to sing professionally both Italian arias and interpretations of the poetry and music of the medieval troubadours. He is still at ease singing folk, rock and pop, and his music can be found online. For many years he was the lead singer in a rock band, The HeartBeats. Ray's music was also used for a video of the unveiling of a statue by Anthony Gormley. Ray's 'rich tenor' voice has been described as 'beautifully mellow' by The Oxford Times critic, calling him 'a pure joy to listen to'.

Ray is grateful for a rich and varied life. It has, he says, led him to do and experience many wonderful things, not least featuring regularly in the TV series *The 21st Century Girl's Guide to Sex*, and one or two others. He has also appeared on radio including the Steve Nolan show, on which he was asked 'where does god come into it?'

Ray is another person from the village who dislikes holidays though he enjoys travelling for a purpose as with his research in Edinburgh and India and his music tours in France. India has given him a liking for the food of the south of the country though he rarely eats out in England nowadays.

- ***DESERT ISLAND CHOICES***

As ever this proved an almost impossible task but Ray eventually settled on the complete works of Thomas Hardy because of a particular recognition of characters in "*Jude the Obscure*". Whilst expecting a rather serious musical choice Ray quickly opted for "*Move It*" by Cliff Richard because his mother gave the record to him and it was the first he owned. Also for him it represents one of the definitive pieces of British rock and roll music. Ray needed three luxuries though the first, a continuous supply of hearing aids, should surely come as standard. Unsurprisingly he said, "Definitely a guitar" before adding soap for sensitive skin.

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Our Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday evening, 7th March at the Sports Club. We had the usual great 'turn out' and yet again there was standing room only! The official business got underway and we elected the committee for this year. After many years Joan Simmons had decided resign and our Chairman thanked her sincerely for all her years of loyal service and hard work. We were pleased that she will remain an honorary life member of the Club. The rest of the committee were willing to stand for another year and were duly elected. Unfortunately, our President Eddie Daniels was unable to be with us due to ongoing health problems but he is making good progress and hopes to join us at our next get-together.



The Secretary read the report of our trips and events last year, the Treasurer brought everyone up to date re. finances and the new Constitution was approved. Having conducted all the official business, the Chairman introduced our Speaker, Mrs. Judith Deveson, who had come over from Stony Stratford. She told us all about the volunteer groups in Stony Stratford, organised by her, who had transformed the town by taking over innumerable neglected plots and beds, clearing them and planting them with shrubs and flowers resulting in previously dull areas literally blossoming and filling with colour. Over the years she had involved groups of children from the local schools, friends and neighbours, community groups, experts and novices and had perfected the art of applying and receiving grants to help with buying seats and planters etc. Prizes had been won and a dedicated team now tend all the beds twice a week which is a huge and commendable commitment. Her talk was illustrated with photographs of 'before and after' and we were all inspired by her enthusiasm and ideas (some of which we might 'pinch'). The Chairman thanked Mrs. Deveson and thanks were also due to Dean Jackson (Techdean) and David Tooth who kindly provided the equipment which made it possible for us to see the lovely photographs which accompanied the talk. Next it was time for some refreshments and chat and the meeting closed with all our members looking forward to some fun events and outings in 2019.

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After last month’s delve into the world of Bulls, we now take an insight into Pam’s early life at school and later when she first met and married her husband Keith, in what will be the thirteenth extract we have published from the book 'Everything but the Moo' written by Hazel Turner's late mother Pam Murphy.

MEMORIES OF SCHOOL TEACHERS & FRIENDS

Ella Pallett came to Tortington Park, Arundel, an independent girl’s school, to teach Geography, in 1936. I was in the third form and we made St. Trinians look like angels. But Ella was a good teacher, and got our measure. She did not need to resort to the Headmistress. She interested us; she had a sense of humour, and was fun. Somewhere, I have my school reports. Ella’s were barbed. However, I passed Matric, and I have her letter of congratulation, also barbed! I left school in July 1939 and the war came. Tortington Park closed. I think Ella went into Civil Service. It seemed unlikely we would meet again.

After the war I married Keith Murphy, a Regular Army Officer, in the East Lancashire Regiment, who had been in the Parachute Regiment during the war. At the wedding of a brother officer in 1949, I was introduced to Alan Pallett. I commented on the name and it turned out that he was Ella’s brother! They lived at Cholesbury, fifteen miles from where we farmed at Stoke Hammond. They came over often.

When I was expecting Claire, my younger daughter in 1953 and before the days you told everyone the morning after, I advertised in The Lady for domestic help. Ella rang me immediately to say how glad she was that I was having another baby! I had not even told my father, or Keith’s mother. But I could not forgive her for saying to my children, when Hazel was going to Tortington, that “Your mother was a delightful child, but ABSOLUTELYBONE IDLE.” Quite true, though she did add that I had become a very worker. But she did repeat it to my grand-daughter, Victoria.

In 1973 Keith was desperately ill and dying. He was in RAF Halton Hospital, and it was the winter of discontent. No petrol, trains or electricity. Alan and Ella were wonderful, Alan would walk or cycle down to see him, and their support and help was so appreciated by the girls and myself. I wish I could think that I gave Ella the same support when Alan died in 1979, but I know I didn’t.

PUFFBALL JUNIOR! I knew Monica first. When I went to Tortington in the Summer Term 1933, she was the senior at my table (poor girl), who had to keep seven unruly juniors in order. I liked her, but the others didn’t, and one called her “a great fat puffball”. She was known as Puffball from then on. When Audrey came the next term, she was immediately known as “Puffball Junior”, or ‘Puffy’. I called her that for some fifteen years.

We were in the same house, and the same form, but can not remember when we became best friends. Possibly, when we were skulking to avoid games! T.P. (as the

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school was known to inmates) was awfully jolly lax sticks (we did not play hockey, bad for deportment!) We were NOT games minded (**this gene has passed to future generations!**), though we did play golf, as often as possible. This meant taking rugs and reading matter into the copse at the second hole during the lunch hour; playing the first hole; one of us deliberately and accurately driving into the copse, and then spend the rest of games time reading (**future generations followed suit on the games field!**) There was a problem getting the rugs back, but we managed it. In winter we took ourselves to the “cowsheds”, a series of bath stalls, and had long hot luxurious baths. We were rarely caught!



Tortington Park School

At exeats Audrey’s parents would come down about one Sunday in three, take us to lunch in Brighton, give us 2/- (10p) to go on the pier to see “What the Butler saw”, and other similar amusements, buy some sweets and magazines, and return in time for tea, while they settled down with their cigars and papers. Outings with my

father were much duller! He took us to places like Winchester and Salisbury Cathedral.

One or other of us would arrive back at school early at the beginning of term, to check that we were in the same and best dorm; had the best bath times, and got two desks immediately in front of the staff platform. The wretched teachers, who were set on high, were so busy trying to see what those at the back were doing, they NEVER bothered about those in the front, so we could do what we liked and no one knew!

Audrey and I did work hard up until the fourth form, one or other of us was invariably top in the weekly averages even if there was a fair amount of co-operation in our work! The horrors, three seriously bright girls arrived, so there was no point in slogging away to come fourth or fifth, and there was no danger of coming bottom (some were so dim!) that we did as little as possible, until the term we took Matric. We decided to work because we had both been bawled out by our respective fathers over our appalling reports!

Matric was University Entrance to anywhere except Oxbridge. The individual subjects were much easier than the current GCSE, BUT you had to get over 65% in each part of EVERY exam, and there three parts to each of the five subjects, with options like Latin/Science and History/Geography. 64% in French Oral which you



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took in the Easter Term, and though you did not know it, you had failed the lot. Audrey and I went in together for French Oral, taken by an Englishwoman with an even worse French accent than mine so at least I could understand her. Even so, I left Audrey to do the talking and we got through the whole lot!



Another Image of Tordington School

Audrey developed her love of gardening at Tordington, when we acquired a garden outside the art room. The official ones were at the bottom of the games field. It was an awful bit of old clay, but we bribed Simmonds, the school's head gardener to dig it for us, and grew the most amazing crops – or rather Audrey did. We always won the Gardening prize, no thanks to me!

After my father re-married, Audrey came to stay at Stonefall during the Summer holidays, and we had a wonderful time. It was quite safe for us to cycle all around and my very dear step mother, and her daughter Topsy took us all over the Yorkshire Dales, and best of all to Scarborough where my brother Jack had a small boat, the Barbo.

The first time we went there, we took a bottle of champagne, which I insisted on carrying, holding it in its straw casing, and dropped it on Scarborough pier. Another time, well out at sea we were very nearly capsized by a seaplane landing near us. We had no life jackets or safety equipment. In the holidays I would stay with the Richards at the flat in Regents Court, and we would go to the theatre and round London.

Neither of us wanted to go into the Study Circle (or 6th form) after Matric, and we had persuaded our fathers to let us go to “finishing school” in Switzerland. It had to be said we were a formidable pair. We were due to go in September 1939, but the war intervened. I signed on with the Red Cross, but there was no work after the initial training, so Audrey and I decided we should do a Secretarial Course. We went to the Westminster Secretarial College, which despite its name was a very small establishment! I lived with the Richards.

We had 15/- a week (75p) for our expenses – getting from Park Road to Millbank 1/- return and lunch. By walking to Oxford Street and back and cutting down on lunch we could save 1/6d a day (7½p) which took us to the cinema twice over the weekend, or out and about.

With the invasion of a Low Countries and France, Thames House, where we was based was commandeered, and I was called back to go scrub floors at Harewood House, a Convalescent Hospital. Audrey joined the WAAF's.

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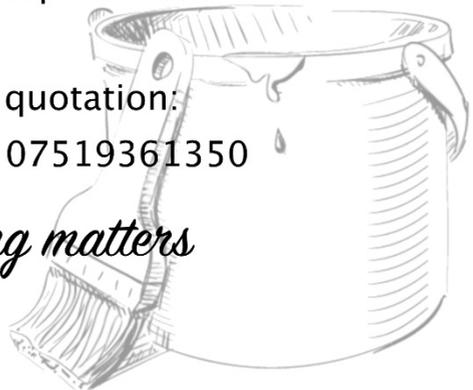
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Audrey was commissioned, and I transferred from being a VAD (a member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment) to the ATS, with a commission, and though we were posted all over the place, we saw each other quite often, by hitchhiking – which was perfectly safe in those days, and the only way to travel. There was no petrol for private cars, no buses, and trains few and far between. I hitch hiked from Luton to Audrey and Buzzy's wedding and back.

Granny Richards was the heroine of this time. An ambulance driver, she was constantly on duty. Heaven knows how many people she rescued. At the same time she kept the flat in Regents Court open to servicemen and women with no staff to assist her. I stayed many times. I can not remember when dear Grandpa Richards died. I just recall him with the greatest affection. He was tough, but kind and caring. He worshipped his wife, though they fought like cat and dog.

Audrey was pregnant with Chris when I went to their flat in Montague Mews and we went to lunch at Claridges Causerie (5/- and mostly coloured rice!). When we came out we argued as to which way we should go, but wanted to walk up Bond Street. Just sixty seconds later we were blown off our feet, as a Buzz bomb landed five hundred yards behind us. Had we gone the other way, none of the future

generation would have been born.

The war ended on 8 September, I married Keith, with Audrey as Matron of Honour, and Buzzy as an usher. A few weeks later Chris was christened. He was a large heavy baby. The priest was extremely elderly, and very slow. Chris was hungry and bawling his head off and someone waved a bottle about which made matters worse. How he survived the vicar nearly dropping him, I do not know. He was my first godchild and I resolved that after that, I would not hold the baby for any future ones.

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sign, and were stopped by a policeman, after some sweet talking by Audrey, he told us to continue and take the next turning left, which got us to exactly where we wanted to be!



A Typical Standard 8 of the time

Audrey and Derek became great friends with Jack and Bo and went sailing with them on 'Freebooter' regularly. We all met up there quite often. A mass of children, five of Jack and Bos, two of mine, three of Audrey's, Granny Richards, Bo's nanny, and on one occasion, Duncan Brown, an old school chum of Jack's nearly died sleeping in the sail locker. All wonderful fun!

It was lovely when Audrey's boys went to Stowe as they came over for Sunday exeats

and when Hazel and Claire were at Tortington Park I would call in on the way home.

Audrey was the loveliest person, and I am proud to have been her friend.

Audrey died after a short illness in early 1993, my mother missed her desperately. Hazel T.

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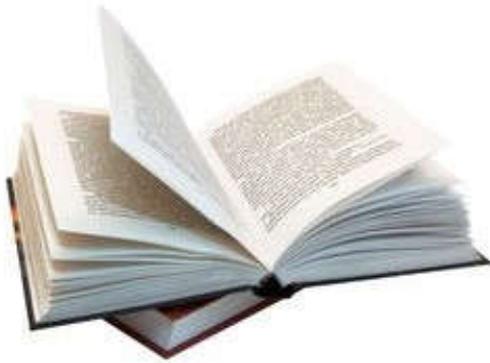
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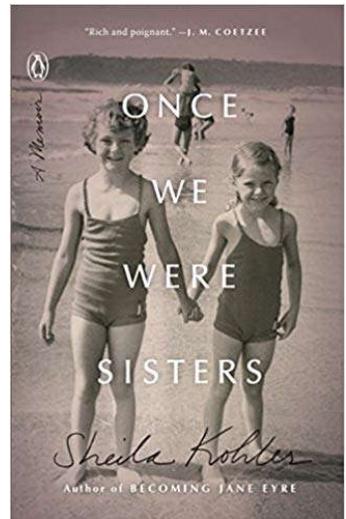
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After their close relationship throughout their childhood both sisters married unsuitable men. Sheila's was a constant adulterer and Maxine's a cruel, belittling, abusive man with a tendency towards affairs with men always keen to humiliate his wife in company. Sheila is therefore sure that something sinister occurred on the night of her sister's death and is grief stricken and frustrated that although the rest of the family and all their friends knew how Maxine was treated, they all chose to ignore it.

The book received a mixed response from the Group. We all found it easy and quick to read with short chapters and lovely genuine photos of the sisters growing up which brought it all to life. However, some felt that Sheila was full of guilt for not doing more for her sister other than taking her off to Paris and other lovely locations for a



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break. Others felt sympathy for Sheila at the loss of her sister and the frustration she felt in not advising her properly in the past and everyone kept reading to the end as they wanted to find out if Carl, the husband, got his comeuppance - which he did not. Actually he lived to a ripe old age and his atrocities were never acknowledged - until this book was written !

Our next book to read is **'Digging to America'** by Anne Tyler

MAVIS'S QUIZ

Answers to last month's quiz and if you remember you had to provide a surname and relationship to a pair of Christian names.

So how did you do?



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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (1) COOPER – Brothers | (2) THATCHER – Mother & Son |
| (3) BEDSER - Brothers | (4) MOSS – Sister & Brother |
| (5) LLOYD-WEBBER – Brothers | (6) MC CARTNEY – Father & Daughter |
| (7) MURRAY – Brothers | (8) HILL – Father & Son |
| (9) ATTENBOROUGH – Brothers | (10) DIMBLEBY – Son & Father |
| (11) WILLIAMS – Sisters | (12) SUCHET – Brothers |
| (13) COLLINS – Sisters | (14) COMPTON – Brothers |
| (15) DOUGLAS – Father & Son | (16) Ball – Father & Daughter |

Again, something different this month – can you name the films from the following lines??

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| (1) "Thank heaven for little girls" | (2) "Feed the birds" | (3) "Edelweiss" | (4) "I'm just a girl who can't say no" | (5) "When you walk through a storm" |
| (6) "Happy, happy talk" | (7) "On the street where you live" | (8) "Shall we dance?" | (9) "Ole man river" | (10) "Music of the night" |

***Best of luck, and no Googling for clues, you're only cheating yourself !!
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High Ash C of E School Parish Council Newsletter



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Parish Newsletter

March 2019

Another busy few weeks here at school with some fantastic achievements outside the classroom as well as inside the classroom! We are also excited to tell you about the forthcoming fundraising evening at the end of the month.

Sporting news....

KS2 Dance Extravaganza

Our Year Five and Sixes performed at the KS2 Dance Extravaganza this week which is an inter-school dance competition and we are delighted to say that all of their time and effort spent practicing has paid off as they came in second place and are into the finals at the end of the month!

Year 5/6 Football League Match

The High Ash Year 5/6 Football team played a league match at home against Cheddington School on Wednesday and achieved a very respectable 1-1 draw which has resulted in a reserve win! Their next match is on Thursday 14th March away to Edlesborough School.

Events coming up....

Wednesday 27th March - Easter Cracked Event

Our Year 6 children have been invited to Water Eaton Church to join the Bridgebuilder Trust Team in a fast-moving and interactive presentation entitled "Easter Cracked".

Thursday 28th March - Ladies Prosecco & Pamper Evening

Our School fundraising committee HASA would like to invite all mums, grans, friends and ladies along to their Prosecco and Pamper evening 7-9pm. We have the following amazing stalls and beauty therapists booked for the event (with more to be confirmed):

- Fabulous chocolate treats from The Chocolate Mill
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Sara J Boyce

Sara Boyce
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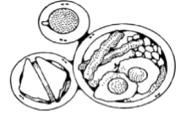
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Church News

Review:

Community Breakfast: We enjoyed an excellent community breakfast last month, with 2 new village couples – welcome to you! We were very busy, so apologies if we didn't make ourselves known very well. We ran out of eggs, juice and only just had enough sausages! Thanks to our regular helpers for their tireless efforts (especially the washing up!)



Forthcoming events:



Prayer meetings: Our prayer meetings are open to all denominations so please join us if you want to! There'll be meetings at **8pm** on **Wed 10th and 24th April** at **The Birches, Church Rd** this month. If you'd like to join us or would like prayers for someone, please call John Bowler, (we sometimes change times and dates).

Community Breakfast: We will be holding our Community Breakfast again on **Saturday 13th April**, serving breakfast **from 8.30 till 10.30am**. There's no charge, but you can make a donation of what you think the breakfast is worth or what you can afford. Our aim is to encourage villagers to step out of their comfort zone and meet other villagers; to encourage people to look after each other and offer a helping hand! Is your elderly neighbour struggling to mow their lawn? Does the young Mum next door need someone to mind the children while she pops to the hairdresser? You can help if you know them! We also have a regular collection for the **food cupboard** at Community Breakfast, so please bring your donations with you. Prayer request cards are also available and are always treated confidentially.



Lent group: The course has been running on **Tuesday** afternoons at the **Methodist Chapel** (Newton Rd) and continues during Lent. We start at **1.30pm** with soup and at about 2pm after a short prayer, we read a passage and discuss it, ending at 3.30pm. This year we've been studying Paul's letters to the Colossians. There will be a sessions on **2nd April** and (overview) on **9th April**. Contact John, Diane or Harry for details.



Plant Sale: St Luke's annual plant sale will take place on **Sat 27th April** from **9am to 3ish**. We'll be selling "garden centre quality" bedding plants from a local professional grower at competitive prices. We'll also have young vegetable plants (for the garden and greenhouse) and hope to have a selection of perennials. If you would like to place a large order or request plants in advance, please call John Bowler.



BBQ and garden party: ...will take place on **1st June** from **1- 4pm** at The Birches, Church Rd. There will be burgers & hot dogs, (with vegetarian options) and a glass of wine or beer will also be available. We're already praying for good weather, so come and join us – take the weight off your feet and chill as you relax in this beautiful garden with your friends and neighbours.





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Good Friday: 19th April (Church open from 12 to 3 for quiet reflection)



Easter Day: 21st April (9am Holy Communion led by Rev Waller)

Ascension Day: 30th May (Thursday)

Dates for your diary:

Pentecost (Whit Sunday or Whitsun) : 9th June

Fathers' Day: 16th June (Not actually a religious festival, but note anyway!)

Fundraising events:

Church Fete: 15th June (at the church)

Barn Dance: July (date tbc)



An evening with local author Jack Sheffield: 14th September (SHCC)

Christmas Fayre: 30th November

Bible verse of the month: Luke 10 v 27: ²⁷ (He answered,) ‘ “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, “Love your neighbour as yourself.” ’

What does it mean? This verse is self explanatory: Jesus had just been asked by a synagogue elder what the greatest commandment was – he was trying to catch Jesus out, but he had no answer to Jesus’ reply: Love God and love your neighbour. Read on yourself to find out how Jesus replied when the same man asked him “Who is my neighbour?”

www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+10%3A25-37&version=NIVUK

St Luke’s Church would like to wish everyone a joyful and peaceful Easter!

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

If you want to come to a service, all church service times are listed on the website, along with contact details for the Rector. His phone goes straight to an answerphone but he will reply as soon as he’s able. The Rector’s day off is Monday.

Church news articles are available to read on the benefice website (click on Stoke Hammond in the list and scroll down to Stoke Hammond Newsletters) **I will be continuing to put up a Stoke Hammond Church news report on the Benefice website and hope to continue issuing it monthly, although sadly the SH News printed copy will only be bi-monthly. Unfortunately, church events are not always scheduled 2 months in advance, so please do check the website for updates.**

If you would like to come to church but have mobility problems please ring John (see below) regarding transport. If you would like to volunteer to help, have a prayer request or enquiry, please ring **Churchwardens: Harry, on 07773065271; Diane, on 270409 or Treasurer: John, on 270202.**



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Tuesday 2 nd April	Ladies that Lunch – Sports Club 12.30 – 13.45
Tuesday 2 nd April	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Thursday 11 th April	Village Show AGM – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 13 th April	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Saturday 27 th April	Church Plant Sale – Village Green – From 09.00
Sunday 28 th April	Village Litter Pick – The Green 11.00
Tuesday 7 th May	Ladies that Lunch – Sports Club 12.30 – 13.45
Tuesday 7 th May	Annual Parish & Annual Parish Council Meeting Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 11 th May	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Saturday 1 st June	BBQ/Garden Party – The Birches, Church Rd 13.00 – 16.00
Tuesday 4 th June	Ladies that Lunch – Sports Club 12.30 – 13.45
Tuesday 4 th June	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30

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EDITORS NOTE

Well here we are the first bimonthly edition of the SH News, and thanks to Barbara Munn and Ray Noble (no relation) we have a fascinating Spotlight On feature. Who would of known about Ray’s musical and vocal talents and the fact that back in the sixties he met up with George Harrison of Beatles fame, and very nearly dated the sister of George’s then girlfriend Patti Boyd. If you skipped the article you may want to go back and read it now!

May I please have copy for the June/July issue by the **20th May**

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Wednesday 10 April		Wednesday 10 April	Wednesday 10 April
	Wednesday 17 April	Wednesday 17 April	
Wednesday 25 April		Wednesday 25 April	Wednesday 25 April
	Wednesday 1 May	Wednesday 1 May	
Thursday 9 May		Thursday 9 May	Thursday 9 May
	Wednesday 15 May	Wednesday 15 May	
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Stoke Hammond Community Centre

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