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ABOVE, A GROUP SHOT OF ALL THAT ATTENDED THE VERY LAST COFFEE MORNING TO BE HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH. TO THE LEFT, MARY BONNER & MARGARET AITKEN RECEIVE AN ORIGINAL PAINTING OF THE CHURCH BY LOCAL ARTIST JULIE TEBBUTT



A BIT OF NOSTALGIA FROM PAST WITH THIS PICTURE
OF THE DOLPHIN INN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.
JUDGING BY THE CARS IT' MUST BE FROM THE LATE 60's



St Luke's Church is holding a

Barn Dance

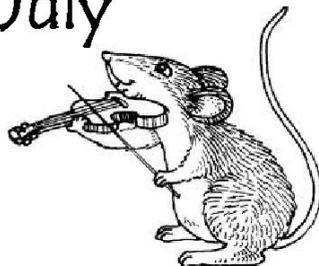


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Saturday 20th July

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Please join in and help bring the Stoke Hammond Community together!

St LUKE'S, STOKE HAMMOND

Rector: Revd John Waller 01525 261062

June 2 nd	11.00	Family Service – Valerie Kerr
June 9 th	09.00	Holy Communion - Revd John Waller
June 16 th	09.00	Holy Communion - Revd John Waller
June 23 rd	09.00	Morning Worship – Phillipa Cook
June 30 th	11.00	Holly Communion <i>at Bow Brickhill</i> Revd John Waller
July 7 th		Time & details tbc
July 14 th	09.00	Morning Worship – Leader tba
July 21 st		Time & details tbc
July 28 th	15.00 – 17.00	Afternoon Tea

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

Saturday 8 th June	08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)
Saturday 13 th July	08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)
Saturday 10 th August	08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)
<i>PLUS, THESE OTHER SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS.</i>	
Saturday 1 st June	BBQ/Garden Party – The Birches, Church Rd 13.00 – 16.00
Saturday 15 th June	Church Fete at St. Lukes 13.00 – 16.00

Church Wardens:

Diane Webber 01525-270409 and Harry Davies 01234-822780

METHODIST SERVICES

**REGRETFULLY THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER SERVICES HELD IN THE
METHODIST CHURCH STOKE HAMMOND.**

**Should you require further information or details of Methodist Services to
be held in Stewkley, please contact the Minister.
Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly on 01525 240589**

**WE ARE PLEASED TO ADVISE THE POPULAR WEDNESDAY COFFEE
MORNINGS WILL CONTINUE, BUT NOW AT THE NEW VENUE OF THE
SPORTS PAVILLION, BRAGENHAM SIDE. 10.30 – 11.30
(For more information please contact 01525 270287)**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The PC report in the last April/May edition started with the news of the disappointing turn out, well indeed NO turn out for the Parish Surgery held in Newton Leys, and unfortunately, the same has to be said for the Village Litter Pick held on Sunday 28th April, with just four villagers (and thank you to those four) turning out on the day help make YOUR village just that little bit a nicer place to be.

With this PC News now covering two months of activities we have more to pack in and report on. The PC Meeting held on the evening of Tuesday 2nd April was attended by 4 members of the public and AVDC Councillor Ben Everitt with apologies received once again from County and District Councillors Janet and Neal Blake. Councillor Mavis Berrow who was unwell also gave apologies. Councillor Ben Everitt gave yet another update on the VALP (Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan) which it is hoped will finally be adopted and put into place by mid this year. Councillor Everitt also provided the latest insight into Buckinghamshire becoming a new unitary authority. The new council, after many hours of discussion and argument is to be known as the Buckinghamshire Council. The Judicial Review the previous week had been thrown out by the High Court. The first Shadow meeting was to take place the following week with an Act of Parliament now awaited. County Cllr Janet Blake and District Cllr Neil Blake have both left the Conservative Party to become Independent members. Cllr Everitt also went on to tell the meeting that there may be a future Boundary changes in order to reduce the number of members. Once in place the new authority will have Infrastructure as one of its main agenda items as the county and this parish will be affected by the Oxford Cambridge Expressway and the huge number of new homes that have to be built by 2050.

As most of you will know, the Methodist Church has now closed its doors for the last time and with the fate of the 1927 built chapel being unknown, your PC did enter into discussions with the Methodist Church with a view to possibly purchasing the building for the conversion into affordable dwellings for village folk and their siblings. Unfortunately, once all the costs and anticipated rental revenues had been collated, it became quite obvious that this was not a viable proposition and regretfully the PC had to advise the church that we were unable to take the matter any further forward. The PC is however about to take ownership of some land at Newton Leys South that has been offered to us by Taylor Wimpey. The land in question is verges and other small parcels of open space around the new development. The land other than normal legal fees is costing nothing to purchase and a commuted sum of £25K has been negotiated with Taylor Wimpey to cover future maintenance costs such as grass cutting.



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There were three planning applications for consideration at the April meeting, the first 19/00862/APP related to a single storey rear and first floor side extension to Little Orchard, Hillersdon Chase to which your PC had no objections and supported the application. The second 19/00874/ADP was to consider the reserved matters to the outline planning permission to The Mellows, also on Hillersden Chase, namely the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the residential development of 16 new homes. The PC objected to the design for very much the same reasons as already given by other consultees, with one of the main concerns being the proposed parking layout and in particular visitor parking spaces which would block and hinder resident parking. The final application 19/01081/APP The Nook on Newton Road was for a double storey infill extension along with a double storey garage extension and attic conversion. The PC objected to the application in that it seemed over ambitious for the size of the plot and that the increase in roof line height to accommodate the attic extension would have an overpowering effect on the skyline.

The May meeting held on Tuesday 7th was a double header with it being both the Annual Parish (APM) and Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM). Some 13 members of the public joined us for the two meetings but no sight of our County Councillor or our two District Councillors. For the APM the current Chair of the PC Cllr Greg Noble read out the annual Parish report, whilst representatives from the Village Show, Community Association, Gardening Club and Community Transport organisations, likewise gave reports on their last years activities.

Moving to the APCM, the first order of events was to elect the Chair of the PC for the forthcoming year, with Cllr Greg Noble being duly re-elected to the position, which was followed by Cllr Mike Robinson likewise being re-elected as the Vice Chair. Much of the evenings events then covered year end and new year documentation, being approved and signed off. We then moved onto planning, with the first item, and no doubt why many had attended related to our beloved Dolphin Public House. The new owners had not realised that with the pub being situated within the village conservation area, planning permission is required even for what might consider rather trivial items such as replacement windows. So, before the PC was planning application 19/01490/APP for the erection of single storey rear extension, disabled toilet, external staff accommodation stair, kitchen extraction and installation of replacement windows. Whilst the PC were in favour of the overall scheme, there was some concern over the clarity of the plans which seemed slightly ambiguous in nature. The cloakrooms also appear quite small and the positioning, direction and size of door openings to the accessible facility would seem to prevent easy manoeuvring of a wheelchair or baby buggy. The first floor shows a kitchen area, bathroom, and several rooms denoted as staff accommodation, all served by a proposed new external staircase with the existing

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internal staircase to be removed. It was questioned that if it is the intention to use these as staff living quarters, clarification required as to person numbers in case HMO regulations would apply. The next planning application 19/01154/APP for the demolition of two buildings, with the construction of underground attenuation storage, associated infrastructure and works with access relating to reserved matters for The Mellows Hillersdon, Chase, was deemed best left to the authorities for their professional input, so your PC made no comment on this application. The next application 19/01341/APP was actually an appeal relating to the non-determination of the original planning application for 4 new dwellings to the rear of 23 The Green. Councillors felt that their comments against the first application were still valid and were thus re-stated. The final application 19/01659/APP Lodge Lane 3, Land to the South of the Mellows for the residential development of up to 8 dwellings, seemed similar to a previous application, so councillors resolved to again object to this development on the grounds of its too close proximity to the main railway for comfortable living and that if considered with the adjacent proposed development for 16 new homes there should be some form of social housing provision.

On other matters, the Community Association passed on their thanks to the PC for supporting their recent application for an AVDC New Homes Bonus Micro Grant for the creation of a new purpose-built mobility access to the Community Centre, with hand railed ramp and wide opening low threshold door. The Association were pleased to report they achieved the maximum grant of £2000. The PC also resolved to apply for a second AVDC New Homes Bonus grant on behalf of the Community Association to help cover the cost for renewing the flat roof at the centre and internal redecoration.

You may notice in the near future some new benches spring up around the village, particularly on the Green, with one of these being of a memorial design and possibly forming the centre piece for next year's 75th celebration of VE Day – More details for this event will be announced as and when known.

The next PC Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th June 7.30pm at the usual venue of the Community Centre, Bragenham Side. The following July meeting falls on Tuesday 2nd July, same place and time. Note, there is no PC meeting held in August.



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

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PAGEY'S SOW & GROW "PATCH"



Late spring, early summer...what a wonderful time of year for your garden and the country as a whole. Greenery everywhere, colour from tulips, rhododendrons, early roses, sweet peas and hanging baskets bursting out. Not only that but the spuds we put in the ground are pushing foliage up, garlic and onions swelling and tomatoes, peppers and chillies getting a right wriggle on and first flowers coming out.

So, if you started off seeds in the last month or two in the warmth you will need to put them in their final positions now. Ensure you have potted them up into a big pot (tomatoes, peppers, chillies, herbs) in sunny, sheltered position ...water frequently and feed every 2 weeks with a tomato feed. Put a strong stake / cane in to tie them to and you will be overflowing with produce from July / August. They can go in the bed equally well too. Just remember they do not like windy, shady areas or drought!!



Let's assume you haven't started anything on the veg front...is it too late ? NO it isn't. Now is the perfect time for sowing melon, squash, zucchini/courgettes, cucumbers, French beans, runner beans, peas, sweetcorn, spring onions, herbs, radish, lettuce ...even late carrots. All these can grow in pots or your beds, take very



little time to prepare and grow fast....so are great fun for kids because they can see the results quickly. And yes, you can grow melons outside in this country. I do every year ! All you need to start with are a dozen 3inch pots, a bag of seed compost and the seeds of the veggie you want to grow. Fill up the pot, push in the seed and water. Keep moist but don't drown and find a warm place. If it is a windowsill in the sun you will



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need to water everyday (and have a saucer or tray underneath or you will ruin your sill). Within 7 days the French beans will be coming up for example. After a couple of weeks place them outside during the day to harden off and then a week later into the ground or large pots full of multi purpose compost/ garden compost. For the climbers you must put 2 metre canes in the ground for them to climb

up. 3 French bean climbers will feed a family of 4 for weeks...really ! Please note that spring onions and carrots need to go straight into their final resting place straight away...you cannot disturb or re-pot them.

Other tips for success are : when sowing bigger seeds (courgettes, melons, cucumbers, beans) sow them on their sides ; throw basil seeds around the base of your tomatoes for that perfect combo - pick a Tom and some basil to go with it 👍 ; water all seeds with tap water until they are growing not water from your butt ; clean old pots and trays - don't be bad and let fungus / bacteria in and sow salads every 3 weeks. Radish grow to full size in 4 weeks !



Ok last issue was a record for responses (you guys are getting brave) - 6 people contacted me for the free / surplus celeriac and squash. Some went home with other plants too. This month I have surplus French climbing bean seeds and some extra sunflower plants (about 10 inches tall at the moment). Just contact me at page.chris1@googlemail.com and come and pick them up.

Also if anyone is unsure about starting off on “ the grow your own journey “ then come round and see it here. Donna and I will have an open session on the 8th and 9th of June from 10am to midday. Ask questions, see it all growing, take some seeds away to start your first veggie off. Once you have the bug you will wonder why you haven't done it before. Just let us know by email if you want to pop round.

Happy times...Chris



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The Lindens is a privately owned care home, set in the tranquil Buckinghamshire countryside, offering individual care for our long-term residents and those visiting us for respite care. We provide a real 'home from home' experience for all our residents and their visitors.

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THE Lindens

Here at The Lindens, we enjoyed the Easter period. Our residents and respite guests took part in the many activities available which included various musical entertainments with singing and dancing, crafting, crosswords and our Art Classes. We also held an Easter Party with music, games and party food.

Our Kitchen Team prepared a delicious feast for Easter Sunday lunch, offering a main course choice of Roast Leg of Lamb or Creamy Courgette Lasagne followed by Chocolate Egg Baked Tart or Hot Cross Buns and Butter Pudding. Lillian and Myrna prepared the tables in our dining areas and they looked beautiful in their pastel colours with decorated eggs. At each place setting there was a hand-crafted napkin ring together with a chocolate treat for everyone. After lunch, a large Easter Egg was presented to each resident and respite guest in celebration.



THE
Lindens

EASTER SUNDAY Lunch

Starter

Pea, Mint & Spring Onion Soup
or
Strawberry Goat's Cheese Salad

Main Course

Roast Easter Leg of Lamb
Or
Creamy Courgette Lasagne

With
Dauphinoise potatoes
Roast potatoes
Broccoli with almond butter
Roasted carrots
Rosemary sweet potato wedges

Dessert

Chocolate Egg Baked Tart
or
Hot Cross Buns and Butter Pudding

The development of our "Home from Home" has carried on and our latest addition is a Training Room for our staff, a place to study and continue to update our knowledge.

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. We look forward to meeting you.

Chris Ryan

Manager, The Lindens.

The Lindens, Stoke Road, Stoke Hammond, Buckinghamshire, MK17 9BN.

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Stoke Hammond



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Judging takes place in June & July

The Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition

www.bucksvoice.net/bestkeptvillage



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New to Stoke Hammond...

Joyful Tots

- A place where we play, learn and share together
- For parents, Carers, or anyone looking after a baby or preschool child
- Our regular session is now **10 – 11.30am on Friday mornings during term times at Stoke Hammond Community Centre**
- £2 per family – light refreshments provided (but no charge for your first session!)
- Can't make the date but still interested? Give us a ring to let us know times and days you'd prefer



For more info Call Jacklen 07897 487657 or Diane 01525 270409



We've been very busy at Joyful Tots over the last few months: We've especially enjoyed playing with tactile materials like rolled oats, cooked spaghetti and coloured rice. We've blown and chased bubbles, and done potato printing



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- ▶ Yet many pollinator populations are declining



Why do pollinators need your help?

- ▶ Habitat loss - we have lost 98% of wildflower meadows since the 1930s
- ▶ Climate change - and associated pests, diseases and extreme weather
- ▶ Use of some pesticides



Let's get Bucks Buzzing

everyone can help

If you have any influence over any land, however small, then you can help boost pollinators.

This might be in your

- ▶ Window-box or garden
- ▶ Community Group
- ▶ Parish Council
- ▶ Business or workplace
- ▶ Health centre or GP surgery
- ▶ School
- ▶ Farm
- ▶ Place of worship



We are asking you to **please do something** to help pollinators in Buckinghamshire and then **tell us** about it.

Turn over to find out how you can help



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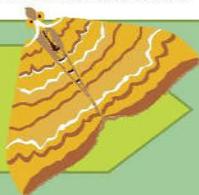
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Let's get Bucks Buzzing...

Everyone from landowners to window box gardeners can play a part in boosting pollinators.



One colony

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Please share details of your project via the Bucks Buzzing website

Go Wild

Can you help our pollinators? Please send us details of your project via the Bucks Buzzing website, so we can share for others to see.

Help Pollinators

We depend on pollinators for our food... and many pollinator populations are declining

Bucks Buzzing

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Make a difference and download a certificate

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Places of worship

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NEWS FROM HM LORD LIEUTENANT OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Three Buckinghamshire residents who have tirelessly devoted their lives to helping others in their local community have had their achievements formally recognised by the Crown as they are awarded British Empire Medals.

The three individuals were presented with their medals at a special ceremony hosted by HM Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, at Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden on Thursday (16 May). The ceremony was also attended by a number of Buckinghamshire's Deputy Lieutenants who read the citations. Trio Healthcare kindly sponsored the event and the guests were all met on arrival by a Guard of Honour provided by Bucks Fire and Rescue.

The British Empire Medal is awarded for civil or military service worthy of recognition by the Crown and was first created in 1922. The three individuals who received medals were: Mrs Alison Rae, Mrs Joyce Rutter and Mrs Jennifer Woolveridge.



Alison Rae receiving her award from Sir Henry Aubrey Fletcher

Alison Rae has been a volunteer and supporter at the Marlow Opportunity Playgroup for 37 years. Marlow Opportunity Playgroup was first set up in Marlow in the 1970s as part of the Red Cross, but is now based in Wooburn Green. It is a specialist playgroup for children under five years of age with complex and profound needs. They provide a unique service to the South Bucks/Northeast Berks area. It has received Outstanding ratings by Ofsted in 2011 and again in 2015. The playgroup is so successful that there is now a waiting list for children wanting to attend.

Reading her citation, Deputy Lieutenant Mr Allan Westray said: "Alison has recently retired from some of her duties with the playgroup, but she continues her support through fundraising events and still visits

regularly to see the children and staff. Alison has clearly touched the lives of very many families and really helped to raise the awareness of children with special needs."

The Leader of Marlow Opportunity Playgroup, Jane Gibbons said "Alison is a wonderful, warm and characterful lady. She has a real fondness for the charity and holds it very dear to her heart, having seen it grow and flourish over time. She has directly helped hundreds of children and their families over many years. Alison loves all children, but the children who attend the playgroup are particularly special to her. She has become very attached to many of the children and loves to hear of their progress".

Another champion is Joyce Rutter from Aylesbury who is not new to accolades and award ceremonies. In 2015, her commitment to volunteering for Cancer Research UK earned her the prestigious Flame of Hope Award as National 'Shop Volunteer of the Year'. This is awarded for outstanding support and



Joyce Rutter receiving her award from Sir Henry Aubrey Fletcher

Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust



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Saturday 14th September

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- Half the money raised goes to the church or chapel of the participant's choice, and the other half to the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust
- Participants can plan their own route or join an organised route or event
- Everything you need to plan your Ride+Stride day is available on the BHCT website www.bucks-historic-churches.org.

The majority of Buckinghamshire's churches and chapels will be open, even some of those that rarely provide access will open for all or part of the day. Many churches will have a welcome party and offer refreshments to participants; others supply a form for visitors to sign. **Why not get sponsored in aid of St Luke's?!**

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dedication to their shop, an ability to work with, and lead fellow volunteers, and a willingness to tackle anything that comes along.

Reading her citation Deputy Lieutenant Carolyn Cumming said "Courage is a quality Joyce has needed on more than one occasion in her life. Joyce left Yorkshire when she was a child and continued her schooling in Essex where she excelled in mathematics. In 1970, she arrived in Aylesbury as a single mum with responsibility for four young boys and had to find work. Luckily, she had experience in office work and as she herself explains, "had a good head for figures". She took a job at Askeys, which was to prove long-lasting, but in 1979 she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Thanks to the work of Cancer Research, the survival rates for breast cancer have been vastly improved so it is perhaps easy to forget just how much lower were the chances of surviving it back in 1979. Happily, Joyce did. She returned to work and only retired from Askeys at the age of 70 in 2000.

"Her voluntary help has not been confined solely to shop based activities. Cancer Research UK reaches out nationally with such high-profile events as Race for Life and Wear it Pink, the latter specifically for Breast Cancer. Both involve extra voluntary hours, be it out and about collecting or turning the street pink! Needless to say, Joyce lends her support and expertise on all of these occasions."

Gerrards Cross resident Jennifer Woolveridge has worked tirelessly for both her electorate and the residents of South Bucks. During her time as a councillor she made a real difference to the lives of many people in the district whilst acting as the council's Health and Housing Portfolio Holder. Furthermore, her excellent work supporting the Padstones charity since her initial days as a founder board member have been outstanding. She has the unique skill and ability to motivate and work with people from all sectors of the community and to challenge organisations and individuals to take action.

Reading Jennifer's citation, Deputy Lieutenant, The Countess Howe, said: "No matter how many causes Jennifer supports she always seems to have more time to offer to help others. She is a stalwart of the community of Gerrards Cross and has enriched its community life over many decades."

Speaking after the ceremony, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher said: "The British Empire Medal is only awarded to the most exemplary candidates and these three residents embody everything it represents. They have tirelessly devoted their lives to helping others in their local communities in a variety of different ways. The one thing they have in common is their dedication and commitment. On behalf of HM The Queen, I heartily applaud each and every one of them – well done!"



Jennifer Woolveridge receiving her award from Sir Henry Aubrey Fletcher

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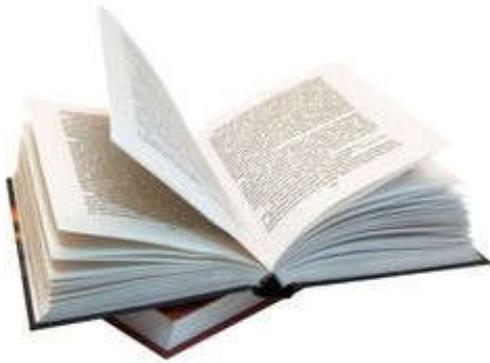
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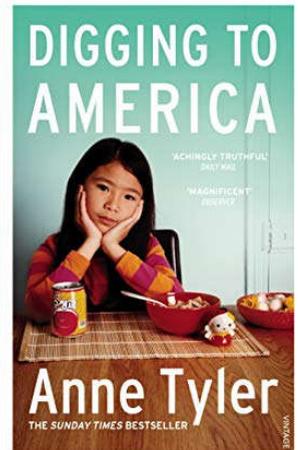
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Book One 'DIGGING TO AMERICA' by Anne Tyler

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Most of the group enjoyed the book and the interesting overview of the different cultures. The research was good and there were very amusing anecdotes. The overriding theme of wanting to be accepted as Americans, particularly by the members of the two families, sometimes overshadowed more information about the background of the babies. Overall, although some thought it a bit mundane everyone was pleased that there was a happy ending which compensated.



Book Two 'THE GREAT WESTERN BEACH' by Emma Smith

This was the story of a family living in Cornwall between the wars. In a way yet another 'sisters' book but with a difference. The father of the family was a terrifying man who was frustrated by his position in life. He thought that he was an exceptionally good artist but unfortunately no-one else did and he was forced to work as a lowly bank clerk. He married a beautiful nurse whose popularity added to his frustration and gradually made him hate her. His resulting behaviour obviously had



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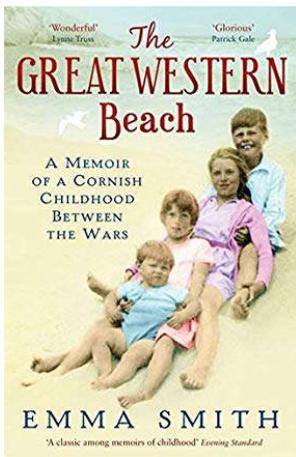
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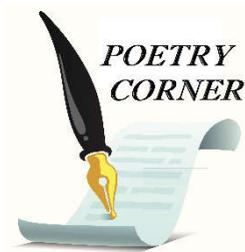
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a damaging effect on her and his hapless children. However, the children had a lovely maid/nanny who loved them, plenty of freedom with beaches all around, a treasured beach hut and endless supplies of interesting strangers to meet plus a sense of humour helping them to adapt to the atmosphere they were living in. The Author was not as outgoing as her older sister and much tougher than her frail brother and, as she was also her father's favourite, things were slightly easier for her but they all had to find ways of coping. Eventually they moved slightly up the social scale due to an inheritance her mother received but there were still many moments of fear, humiliation and unhappiness for them all.

The group were divided in their opinions of the book. They did not really feel ready for yet another family trauma but appreciated the descriptions of family life before TV when children were 'free to roam'. It was also interesting to read how the children adapted to the situation in which they were trapped. One of our group found some the descriptions very reminiscent of her own childhood so found it rather uncomfortable to read but kept going to find out how it all ended. Others thought it was cleverly written with great descriptions particularly of the Cornwall they knew and although the family were blighted by the father it was a refreshing reminder of when life was simpler.

The first book to be reviewed in the next edition of the SH News will be – 'Reconstructing Amelia' by Kimberly McCreight



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At the prom, a sea of colours
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 Are of course less common

Dress versus tuxedo flowing to the music
 Smiles know farewell is round the corner

There is no point in labouring on the pains of goodbye
 When you can just remember and look up to the sky

Connor, Hazel Turner's grandson wrote this poem on his mobile whilst feeling a little fed up at his school prom some two years ago – Possibly somewhat time relevant with end of term in the offing.

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In the last extract from Pam Murphy's book 'Everything but the Moo' we learnt of a her school days and her desire to attend a finishing school in Switzerland, but these hopes were soon cruelly dashed by the outbreak of World War Two, and in this the first of two parts, we learn what Pam, Hazel Turner's late mother did and experienced during the war.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WAR, GRANNY? Part One.

On 3 September 1939 when Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister broadcast that Britain had declared war on Germany, My father, step mother, my sister Daphne and my step sister Topsy were sitting in the Oak Room, at Stonefall Hall, listening on 'steam radio' – a very magnificent radiogram.

At the end of the broadcast, the National Anthem was played. We all stood up, to attention. A few minutes later the first Air Raid Warning sounded, and we all trooped up to the cold damp dug out, built a year earlier at the time of the Munich crisis. After the 'All Clear' half an hour later we went back to the house.

Immediately everyone thought "What happens now?" Obviously I could not go to Switzerland to finishing school. That was my main concern. Mt father's concern was what would happen to the vast printing business he had built up. In the First World War it had been turned over to make munitions, and this was likely to happen again. But the thought was "What can I do?"

There was a feeling of patriotism or 'jingoism' that affected everyone. My two brothers, Jack and Peter, who were officers in the Territorial Army had already been called up. The following week the papers advertised for volunteer nurses to join the Red Cross. Topsy and I volunteered. Daphne was still at school.

Immediately people, particularly children were evacuated from towns. My father's elder sister, Aunt Anne, a crippled spinster and her maid Emily came to stay at Stonefall indefinitely.

The following week, we had a 'billettee' – the Air Ministry had been evacuated to Harrogate, and Ernest Lemon, who was head, under Lord Beaverbrook, became 'The Lodger'. Christian names were not used in those days and my father and Mr. Lemon always called each other by their surnames, with the title 'Mr'. My step mother used to call him 'Mr Melon'! But we all got on well in spite of problems with Aunt Anne, a difficult lady, whose maid used to listen at keyholes. It was quite fun opening doors sharply! After a few weeks Aunt Anne and Emily returned home – much to the relief of us all. Ernest Lemon was there for two years. The billetees allowance was £2.00 a week, but he drank more than that in whiskey, even at the price then.

Daphne who was 13 returned from school. Topsy and I did our Red Cross training and exams, and the required 50 hours hospital work, scrubbing bed pans and



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polishing lockers, at the Harrogate General Hospital. When I went to have my certificate of completion signed by Matron, she told me I was to sign on as a probationer nurse. But I was not old enough. You had to be 18 and I was only 17 and 3 months. I was told never to darken the doors again.

It was the 'phoney' war anyway, nothing was happening and Christmas 1939 was a happy family occasion with all the family present at Stonefall including Jack and Bo, whose first baby was expected soon. After Christmas I went to London to do a secretarial course since VAD's were not needed.

Early in 1940, just after Bo had Judith (2 February), things changed rapidly. Finland and Norway were invaded and Jack went to Norway with the 49th Div. Sigs. It was a



losing battle, and rear guard action, and Jack got the distinction of a "mention in Dispatches", an oak leaf to wear on his campaign medal ribbon. Happily, most of them arrived back safely. Soon after came the disaster of the fall of France, but they were turned back before landing. The 49th Division were posted to Iceland, where they languished for two years, before my father got first Jack and then Peter recalled to industry. He had been appointed Regional Controller of Production for the North East of the country from the Scottish Borders down to Nottinghamshire and could not carry on all his duties and run R. W. Crabtree & Sons Ltd., now making armaments and munitions without adequate help.

Topsy worked as a VAD in the Harrogate Hospital and later at Red Cross Convalescent

Hospitals. With the change in war circumstances, my secretarial college closed and I returned home. I was asked if I would go to work as a VAD at the newly opened Harewood House Convalescent Hospital for Officers. Harewood House was the home of the then Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood. The Commandant was Colonel Kane of Bungay, and it was through him that Liz, a new found friend of mine, was appointed the physiotherapist.

The pecking order was Matron, a fearsome woman, three Red Cross Nursing sisters (also fearsome!) Sister Salmon with her moustache and beard, Sister Frew, small and kindly and Sister Mason – a bitch! She had been given hell as a probationer nurse and was going to make life hell for those under her. I was delighted to be working there even if the work was scrubbing floors with World War 1 hairless

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scrubbing brushes, and buckets with holes in them! Mainly I washed up in the most primitive conditions. A large stone sink, lukewarm water, and no detergent or soap, just a handful of washing soda, which did not do much good and was ruinous to the hands. Scrubbing down the 'pantry' in the early morning, washing up breakfast, coffee, lunch, tea and dinner. Why no one died from salmonella I do not know.

I had been there for about four months when Matron stormed into lunch one day and demanded "Can anyone type?" The Commandant's secretary was off sick and Nurse Richardson, who normally stood in, was on leave. I piped up and said I could. I was told to leave my lunch and go to the office, and was faced with chaos. The Commandant dictated about forty letters, mumbling through the cigarette permanently stuck in his lips. I finished at 8pm that Saturday night. I still lived at Stonefall and when I arrived on Monday morning I was told to go to the office. Expecting to be bawled out, I was told I would stand in until the official secretary came back. The next few weeks were a nightmare, but it improved my shorthand and typing. Then I was told that his secretary would not be returning, and I was appointed. I never applied for the job, and was not asked if I wanted it, but it was better than washing up. I soon got into the work, which could be done very quickly but then had to go back to the washing up! We had one girl. Know for some reason as "Old English", who would dry up plates, then put them back in the sink!

I became firm friends with Liz, Val Kennedy, another VAD, and Val and I spent part of our lunch hour in the physiotherapy room, which had a fire. You can not imagine how cold Harewood was, and our uniform was so inadequate, short sleeved cotton dress, with apron and a very sexy pleated cap, but it did not keep you warm.



Harewood House

As the only married woman, Liz had special status. Matron had presumably been married, she had a daughter, but her husband was never mentioned. Unusual in the moral climate of those days. But it was all fun.

Then Matron blotted her copy book and was sacked, along with Sister Salmon. We got Matron Denne and Sister Limbert – Una, who was to become my life long friend. The new Matron ordained that I was not to wash up and work in the office. I was to change my fairly glamorous uniform for a skirt, white shirt with black tie and

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jacket and STAY IN THE OFFICE! I got very bored, relieved on occasions when HRH The Princess Royal, (the great Aunt of the current Princess Royal, Princess Anne,) asked if she could 'borrow' me to do some typing for her. The first time I was so nervous I could not even think, but she was so sweet and kind that it became a real pleasure.

Living out I was able to take people home and in spite of stringent rationing, which I did not really appreciate, my step mother always welcomed my friends, Val, Liz and Una (an Australian widow who had trained as a nurse). Una particularly was made welcome since my father had business connections in Australia and had been there often.

After 18 months and despite the fact that I had the best possible job for a VAD, I grew bored with Harewood, and decided I would join the WAAFs. But I could not as I was already in the services, so I asked for a posting. The powers that be thought I was mad, giving up a plum job. So I was first sent to London to work in the Air Raid shelters in the Underground stations. You only did a month's duty there.

At dusk, thousands of people trooped down to the Tube stations when the tubes stopped running. Every inch was taken. There was a first aid room, where we dealt with minor injuries, the occasional heart attack, or more serious illness, when you hoped you could summon an ambulance through the bombed streets – the air raids were at their height then. But if you had nothing else to do, we were supposed to nab the children and treat them for nits, lice and scabies!

From there I was sent as a VAD clerk to an office in Roundhay, just outside Leeds. Everything was terrible. The office itself, the work, the people and the digs. I had got my cummupance! But I saw an Army Council Instruction asking for volunteers who had Degree or Matric., who could type and had experience of office management to go on a course. I applied, was one of several thousand interviewed and one of 200 selected along with 180 male other ranks, 16 ATS and 4 VADs. It was at Naworth Castle in Cumbria.

The living conditions at Harewood had been very basic, iron bedsteads in the former maids' room. Bitterly cold, no hot water, one bath a week, though I could get home.

These were luxury compared with Naworth. The woman lived in some old huts crammed in three tier bunk beds, and I had the top bunk and could not sit up without hitting my head! The mattresses were three army 'biscuits'. Otherwise known as "donkeys' breakfast!~. square straw stuffed palliasses. The heating was an old Beatrice stove, a round intractable object, which devoured wood like a giant knocking off sandwiches. The ablutions, as they were called, were 200 yards away, and it snowed most of the time we were there! The food was atrocious. Burned porridge, soya links, a particularly nasty kind of wartime sausage. However it was all terrific fun and very hard work.

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The countryside was wonderful, and our recreation was spent sawing up wood for Beatrice, or cycling around. Some of us met the game keeper and his wife, and they used to invite us to supper on Sundays for venison. At least it was edible but I still did not like it much.

Meanwhile back at Harewood, a lot had been happening. Liz's husband Alan, an Office Cadet, had been admitted to the hospital when the Army in their wisdom decided that Cadets should NOT be at Harewood or any Officer's Hospitals, although we had had many in the past. An ambulance was sent to collect him to go to Pinderfields in Wakefield. Liz was in tears and the vitriolic old Lord Harewood stood on the steps refusing to let him go, with Colonel Kane puffing away at his inevitable pipe, pulling the stretcher back! They won, temporarily but he had to go a few days later, despite the fact that Liz was pregnant, with Sue. Liz returned to Lowestoft, Alan recovered, and was commissioned and went abroad.



Naworth Castle

At Naworth there were endless exams and tests, and half way through two thirds of the intake were 'returned to unit'. I survived, and with the other four women moved into a room in the castle, which was slightly warmer.

On Saturday nights we would go into Brampton, the local village, and sometimes meet up with the instructors. There was no parade on Sunday mornings, and after one very late night, we shot out of

bed, I put a tie on top of my blue my blue pyjamas, put my navy coat and skirt on, and tucked my pyjama trousers into my grey lisle stockings. My friends were equally oddly dressed as we went into breakfast.

At the end of breakfast there was an announcement that the Chief Instructor wished to see Crabtree, Eade, Bates and one or two others in his office *immediately*. This sorry looking tribe slunk in. He tore the most enormous strip off us for being late without a pass the night before. We thought we would be on the train the next day. Then he turned and roared with laughter and told us to go and get dressed! He had been in the pub the night before, and seen us rushing downstairs for breakfast!

At the end of it, there were four commissions. I went for my interview to be told that I could either go to Eastern Command as Staff Lieut., Personal Assistant to the Chief Engineer, as an ATS Officer with two 'pips' or back to my detested VAD job. I accepted the commission gratefully, returned home and went up to London to get



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kitted out with my ATS uniform. I had to go back to my unit to 'sign off' there, and though I hated every minute of the seven months I was there, tears poured out of my eyes as I left.

I set off for Luton via Kings Cross, and to St. Pancras through the long blacked out tunnel with a few blue lights. A tall ATS officer of obvious great seniority spoke to me and said "My dear, you look laden, let me help you". (as always I was taking everything but the kitchen sink, including Wilfred, my stuffed rabbit, and a pillow). She took my small bag, and started to cross question me about my career. I had



two pips which meant eighteen months seniority as an officer, but I could not tell her I had been commissioned only one day. She would have called the Military Police and I had no official documents. I spluttered my way through the tunnel, and thanked her kindly, and saw to my horror when

we reached the light that it was the Chief Commandant of the ATS, Mrs Jean Knox, later Lady Swaythling.

When I arrived at Eastern Command, I found that the Chief Engineer, Brigadier Chippindall did not want me and regarded me as a perfect nuisance, and once again I had no work, although things improved fairly quickly and I managed to fit in and make myself useful. He and his wife were extremely kind to me, though he felt aggrieved that his daughter Anne, a year older than me was only an ATS driver.

Soon after my arrival I was summoned to the Queen Bee of the ATS Eastern Command, one Diana Thorne. She looked at my CV and said "I see you were at Tortington Park. You knew my sister, Pansy".

"Yes, Ma'am," I replied and remembered how beastly I had been to Pansy who was my 'godchild'.

Diana obviously knew about it, and was determined to be beastly to me. She did not approve of the newly appointed staff officers over whom she had little control. She told me I was not to have anything to do with ATS administration, for which I was truly thankful.

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Church News

Review:

+Community Breakfast: Last month we donated all our profits to Christian Aid for Christian Aid Week 12th – 18th May. In addition to our breakfast donations, there was an extra fundraiser for Christian Aid – a quiz prize breakfast hamper (complete with croissants and jam) was won by Ben Harris of Phoebe's Orchard. Answers to the quiz are available on the Benefice Website with the SH news reports.

There was also a colouring competition for the children, which was won by Holly. Many thanks to all who came and joined us – we raised over £300 for Christian Aid, most of which was gift aided.

Afternoon teas: As we go to press, we have not yet enjoyed our afternoon tea, however, I'm sure you'll have received a warm welcome and a delicious tea!



Forthcoming events:

A Garden party and BBQ:...will take place on **1st June** from **1-4pm** at **The Birches,**

Church Rd. There will be burgers & hot dogs, (with vegetarian options) and wine, beer or a soft drink will also be available. We've been praying for good weather, so come and join us, enjoy playing free garden games: quoits or skittles; buy a raffle tick guess the number of sweets in the jar or just take the weight off your feet and chill as you relax in this beautiful garden with your friends and neighbours.



Everyone's welcome!

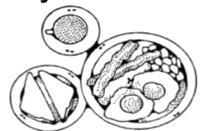
Prayer meetings: Prayer meetings are open to all denominations



so please join us if you want to! There'll be meetings at **8pm** on **Wed 12th and 26th June** and **Wed 10th and 24th July** at **The Birches, Church Rd.**

If you'd like to join us or would like prayers for someone, please call Diane, (we sometimes change times and dates). **Prayer request cards** are available at the Community breakfast or from the church. Prayers are kept confidential, but if you'd prefer to drop an anonymous prayer into The Birches, that's OK too! However large or small, we'd be delighted to include your prayers and you'll know that someone cares.

Community Breakfasts: Community Breakfasts will be held on **Saturday 8th June** and **13th July.** Breakfast can be ordered **from 8.30 till 10.30am.** We've been delighted at the success of our breakfasts over the past few years. If you've been meaning to come, but keep forgetting, why not join our email list and receive a prompt during the week before.



Contact Dave Webber on the village Facebook, or Diane (see below). There is no charge but if you'd like to make a donation, feel free to pay what you think the breakfast is worth or what you can afford.



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Afternoon teas: We just love a cup of tea (or coffee) and are holding our next afternoon teas again on **Sunday 23rd June and Sunday 28th July from 3-5pm** in the church. There's no charge, but you can make a donation if you'd like to (some people feel uncomfortable about having something for nothing!) Come and join us for a home-made cream scone or home-made cake and a cuppa (squash for the children) and a chat – everyone's welcome and we'd love to meet you!



Church Fete: It's that time of year again – as if we weren't already rushed off our feet! It's a good job we can ask God to refresh us (see Matthew 11 v 28-30!) otherwise we'd be exhausted! The fete will be held on **June 15th** at **St Luke's Church** (at the top of Church Rd) from **1-4pm**. We'll have the usual stalls: refreshments, tombola and bric-a-brac, cake stall, raffle, plant and container/ hanging basket stall and more as well as traditional games – Splat the rat, Roll a penny, Bung hole, Shuffleboard, Spinning Jenny, Stand-a-can etc. As usual, **we'll be collecting bric-a-brac** (the sort of thing you'd give to a charity shop – ornaments, crockery, books, DVDs, etc, but **not clothes**) and **tombola** (bottles, tins and packets of in-code food and wine (or toiletries) for our tombola stall) **during the week before the fete**. Please look out for our leaflet! We like to think that you can have a great afternoon's entertainment for a very small price, so do come and join us!

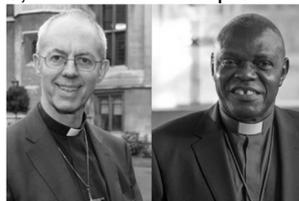


Barn Dance: We're holding a Barn Dance this summer on **Saturday 20th July** at the Stoke Hammond Community Centre (with marquee). There's a tiered ticket sale structure, with tickets sold by 15th June (the church fete) sold at a discount and prices rising after that. Tickets are selling fast, so book yours now! For details of this humdinger of a hoe-down, see our full page advert elsewhere in the SH news!



Special events:

"Thy kingdom come": Thy Kingdom Come started in 2016, when Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop John Sentamu invited every parish in the Church of England to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (this year, that's **Thursday 30th May to Sunday 9th June**) for people they know to come to know the love of Jesus Christ. Since then it has been an annual event for other Christian denominations as well. If you're a Christian, why not take up the challenge. Who would you pray for??!



Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride: Participants are sponsored to walk or ride (usually a bike, but horses as well!) around as many churches as they can between **10am and 6pm** on the second Saturday in September, which is **14th September** this year.



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Dates for your diary:

Pentecost (Whit Sunday or Whitsun) : 9th June

Fathers' Day: 16th June (Not actually a religious festival, but don't forget your Dad!)

Future Fundraising events:

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

Christmas Fayre: 30th November

Bible verse of the month: *Matthew 11 v 28 – 30:* ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."(NIV)

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<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+11&version=NIV>

Finally, we'd like to send our best wishes to villagers Andy and Vicky who will be marrying at St Luke's in June. Congratulations to you both!

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



St Luke's offers Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and other services according to your needs (thanksgiving for the birth of a child, blessing of a wedding, etc.) Please contact the Rector or a Churchwarden if you'd like to discuss your situation.

The church is located at the top of Church Rd, off Newton Rd. If you'd like to come to a service, church service times are listed on the website, with the Rector's contact details. 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.

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, as the SH News printed copy is only bi-monthly. Unfortunately, church events are not always scheduled 2 months in advance, so please do check the website report 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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LIFE'S HARD

I thought while laying in bed contemplating the day ahead. Firstly, I thought it might be my birthday as the other half brought me a tea in bed.

First job - the windows need cleaning. Well Gary should be here by 10 o'clock. Maybe I'll get up in time to give him a cheque. Oh and it's Thursday so the cleaners will also be here at the same time. If I make a tea for Gary will I also have to do the same for Sophie?

The weather has been a bit iffy lately and the car needs cleaning. Oh well I could make the effort and drive it down to Tommy's.

The pantry's looking a bit low so I could do some Tesco shopping. That'll exercise my keyboard fingers and I may have to get out of bed to receive the boxes.

I've seen some adverts on TV where firms suggest a meal, prepare the ingredients and deliver it to your door with full recipe/cooking instructions. Just how lazy can life become! Well actually we have a dinner party coming up and I'm thinking of having a firm in who do all the prepping, cooking and serving.

We had gardeners in until I "retired" when I thought it might fill some spare time. Maybe that was ambitious and I should think of re-employing them.

And what a chore ironing is even when you've had machines to do the washing and drying. I wonder if I can afford the services of one of these ironing ladies. Collection and delivery at the door obviously.

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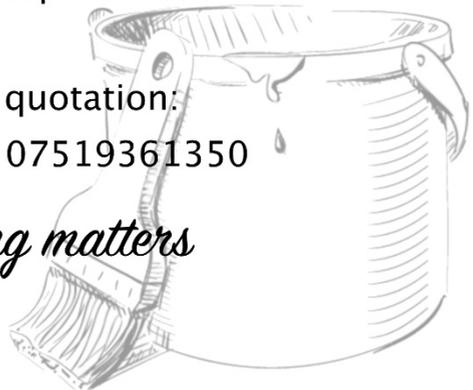
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Alexa or her equivalent. How does that work? I believe it should save me getting off the chair to do anything - change tv channels, turn the lights on etc.etc.

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Grumpy Old Man

MAVIS'S QUIZ

Answers to last month's quiz and if you remember you had to name the film based on a famous line from that film.

So how did you do?



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| (1) GIGI | (2) MARY POPPINS |
| (3) SOUND OF MUSIC | (4) OKLAHAMA |
| (5) CARAUSEL | (6) SOUTH PACIFIC |
| (7) MY FAIR LADY | (8) KING AND I |
| (9) SHOW BOAT | (10) PHANTOM OF THE OPERA |

Back to an old favourite for this edition, place a word that can be put either in front or behind the following words ??

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) Clothes – Tooth – Off | (2) Work – Post – Hole |
| (3) Finger – Toe – Biting | (4) Police – Railway - Master |
| (5) Mark – Shelf – Library | (6) Drop – Ground – Fire |
| (7) Pie – Tree – Cooking | (8) Black – Room – Game |
| (9) Chip – Bottle - Print | (10) Eye – Magic – Pudding |

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Answers in the next edition.***

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Parish Newsletter (for June issue)

May 2019

The children have been working particularly hard this summer term as our Year 2 and Year 6 students have been sitting their SATs in May. There are then lots of exciting educational experiences planned for the remainder of the summer term.

Sporting news....

Bikeability Training

During w/c 17th June you will probably see our Year 5 students out on their bikes around the village as part of their Bikeability Training.

Sports Day

Friday 21st June is our School Sports Day so there may be more parked cars in the village for longer than usual as parents are invited to attend and support Sports Day which runs all morning.

Events coming up....

New Foundation Parents Meeting - we will be hosting an induction evening and BBQ for new Foundation parents whose children will be starting at High Ash in September 2019.

Summer Fair - SAVE THE DATE!

High Ash Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July 11am - 2pm everyone is welcome! We would love to see residents of the village there as well as parents and families of children at the school. All funds raised from the Summer Fair will go towards supporting the School and will help purchase essential learning resources for the children.

Sara J Boyce

Sara Boyce
Headteacher

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Cardio Tennis – Even if you don't play tennis you may find our Cardio Tennis of interest. It's a great way to keep fit and you don't need to be a member to join this course. Cardio Tennis runs every Wednesday 10:30-11:30am until 10th July.

VILLAGE DIARY

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
Saturday 8 th June	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Saturday 15 th June	Church Fete – St Luke’s Church 13.00 – 16.00
Sunday 23 rd June	Afternoon Tea – St Luke’s Church 15.00 – 17.00
Saturday 29 th June	Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea – Community Centre 14.00 – 16.00
Tuesday 2 nd July	Ladies that Lunch – Sports Club 12.30 – 13.45
Tuesday 2 nd July	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 13 th July	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Saturday 20 th July	Barn Dance – Community Centre 19.00
Sunday 28 th July	Afternoon Tea – St Luke’s Church 15.00 – 17.00

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EDITORS NOTE

Well summer is well and truly on its way, judging by the number of events scheduled for June and July, such as the Church Fete and the Barn Dance, to name but a few. No doubt in the next edition we'll also be previewing this year's Village Show. Things are also coming along nicely in the garden too, if Pagey's column in this edition is anything to go by.

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

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Wednesday 19 June		Wednesday 19 June	Wednesday 19 June
	Wednesday 26 June	Wednesday 26 June	
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Wednesday 17 July		Wednesday 17 July	Wednesday 17 July
	Wednesday 24 July	Wednesday 24 July	
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STOKE HAMMOND



VILLAGE SHOW

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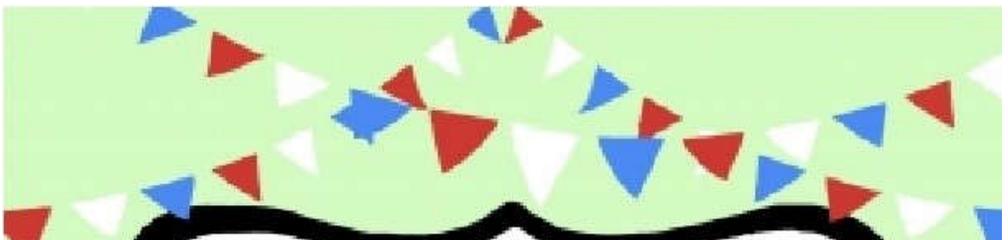
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