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POPPY APPEAL 2019



The boxes for the Poppy Appeal will be in the shop, Sports Club, The Three Locks, The Boot in Soulbury from 25 October until 10 November. In addition, because The Dolphin is currently closed for re development MD Autocare (Mark and Jo at the garage - thank you so much) have offered to have a box.

For sale will be the usual poppies and crosses. In addition, the Appeal has sent bracelets to fit all ages, balloons, and the reflective poppies that attach to dog collars, handbags or jacket zips. Most of you already have the D Day badges (there are 5 left) so as yet there are no other 2019 metal badges available. There are also supermarket key rings with a coin that will fit into the slot. The reflective poppies are popular and cost £3 each as do the supermarket key rings. HQ has also sent two extra Poppy Wreaths. These cost £20 if anyone wants one for a grave.

Last year with all the additional items sold over the year Soulbury and Stoke Hammond raised well over £1000, warm thanks to those at the Coffee Morning who collected money. I was able to send £100 to the appeal to make the amount up to £1,100!

If you are unable to leave the house and would like me to bring some items round do contact me on 01525 270404.

Here's hoping for another successful Poppy Appeal.



Hazel Turner
Poppy Appeal Organiser
Soulbury & Stoke Hammond



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October 6 th	11.00	<i>Harvest Festival</i> Family Service Revd John Waller
October 13 th	09.00	Morning Worship – Phillipa Cook
October 20 th	09.00	St Luke's Day Holy Communion Revd John Waller
October 27 th	09.30	Café Church
November 3 rd	11.00	Family Service – Lay Leader
November 10 th	10.45	Remembrance Service – Valerie Kerr
November 17 th	09.00	Holy Communion – Revd John Waller
November 24 th	09.00	Morning Worship – Lay Leader

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

Saturday 12 th October	08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)
Saturday 9 th November	08.30 – 10.30 (Last Orders)

PLUS, THESE OTHER SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS.

Sunday 6 th October	Harvest Lunch at the Community Centre 13.00
Saturday 19 th October	Gift Day at St Luke's 10.00 – 14.00
Saturday 30 th November	Christmas Fayre at the Community Centre
Saturday 7 th December	Christmas Tree Festival at St Luke's 10.30 – 16.00

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2019



This will take place on Saturday 7 December at St Luke's Church opening at 10.30 and closing at 4pm. So come and visit the church and see it transformed inside. There will be teas, coffee cake etc and soup and rolls etc at lunchtime. The programme will cost £1 but otherwise it is donations only. The Christmas hamper raffle tickets will be available and this will be drawn the next day at the Carol Service at 4pm.

The theme is **Twelve Days of Christmas**, and already we have Buttons doing 5 gold rings, The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts doing 7 Swans a swimming, 10 Lords a leaping and 11 Pipers piping. The Ladies that Lunch are doing number 11 as well. The Book Club are in discussions about which verse they will cover. Louisa of Pilates is preparing to do a tree too. Thank you to you all. So we need some others to do the rest, so come on let's see what the village can come up with please!

Finally to the religious symbolism of the song; did you know (because I didn't!):
verse 1 True love refers to God. 2 Turtle Doves refers to the Old and New Testament, 3 French Hens refers to Faith Hope and Charity – the theological virtues. 4 Calling Birds refers to the 4 Gospels and or the four Evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). 5 Gold Rings refers to the 5 first books of The Old Testament, while verse 6 Geese a-laying refers to the six days of Creation. 7 Swans a swimming refers to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (the seven sacraments). 8 Maids a milking refers to the 8 Beatitudes (see Matthew Chapter 5) 9 Ladies Dancing refers to the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. So can you guess what 10 Lords a leaping refers to? That is probably the easiest one of course, it is the 10 Commandments! 11 Pipers piping refers to the 11 faithful apostles. The 12 Drummers drumming refers to the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's creed which is said in church during regular Sunday Services.

They say you learn something new every day, so I expect you have too. So put the date in the diary and let me know whether or not your organisation will dress a tree.

Hazel Turner 01525 270404

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It has been a very quiet period over the Summer break, with no PC meeting held in August and no major issues arising, not even a single new planning application landing in our clerk's inbox, so the agenda for September meeting was rather light, more of which anon. But first let's return to the main subject of the last PC News, the trees or should we say *REMOVED* trees between Bragenham Side and Manor Close. Well, AVDC have not changed their stance despite receiving a solicitor's letter from the most affected residents. They still maintain they had every right to cut down these trees as they were on AVDC land and were not subject to any preservation orders. They skirted round the issues regarding the original planning comments relating to the trees and the new homes we now know as Meadow Brook. They also reiterated that they will be planting new replacement trees later this year.

So, what else has happened over the Summer, well as many of you have seen and made positive comments about, are the new benches and planters that the PC have installed around the village. The two new planters with the wording 'Thankful Village' have been positioned either side of the John Harrup memorial bench on the old pond site at the top of Church Road. Alison and Mick Sheehan who live very close by have kindly offered to plant these out with more shrubs and flowers and to maintain them throughout the year, so thank you Alison and Mick. The new memorial bench opposite the shop replaces the rather tired wooden bench that was there but has new plaques to commemorate and



honour the persons named on the original bench. There is a further new half circular bench on the Green itself and the rather rusty bench that sat on Fenny Road has also been replaced with a resplendent new. The PC would like to pass on their thanks to Charlie Simonds who gave up his own free time to assist with the installation

of these new planters and benches.

At the end of the Summer we had the Village Show, and what a fabulous event that was, as covered elsewhere in this edition of the SH News. So, a magnificent and very large thank you to the Village Show Committee and their band of helpers and all those local companies who supported via sponsorship and raffle prizes for putting on something which the whole village enjoyed and can be so proud of. The award to Kutte for 'Villager of the Year' was so well deserved, he does not make a



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big fuss about it but he and his family, helps and supports the village in so many ways.



New bench on the Green

We, that's the PC were continually bombarded with latest updates about the new unitary authority which is to amalgamate and take over from AVDC and BCC next year. To be called Buckinghamshire Council (that must have taken a lot of time to come up with that!) there has been some debate about where their new official headquarters would be located, given

BCC have their head office on Walton Street, Aylesbury and AVDC theirs at the Gateway Building also in Aylesbury. Indeed, AVDC District Cllr Ben Everitt was quizzed but would not be drawn on this subject when asked at the September PC Meeting, but we have since learnt that the Gateway building is to be made the Buckinghamshire Council HQ albeit this may only be an interim solution. There were also various communications concerning the Oxford Cambridge Expressway for which we already know that Stoke Hammond sits very close to the preferred corridor, and Autumn 2019 is the date set for Highways England to start public consultation on the actual route.



New bench on Fenny Road

Reverting to the PC Meeting held on the 3rd September, it was hoped to give a further update on progress on the new land on Bragenham Side, but we are finding it very difficult to get companies to respond, indeed two highways approved contractors have been out to site, but despite several chases, have still failed to provide us with any form or quotation/costs. The meeting also touched on the ever-increasing number of new homes in Newton Leys South that fall within our parish, and the need to review how we can deliver the SH News to these homes. At last count there were 207 homes but this is increasing by the week and is likely to top out at nearly 400!

Our next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st October 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side to which all members of the public are warmly invited,



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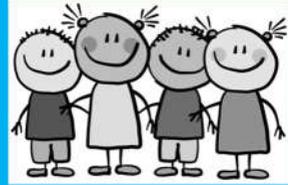
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Facebook: Joyful Tots

We've been enjoying ourselves with all sorts of activities at Joyful Tots recently: decorating biscuits, planting bean seeds, singing songs and action



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THE Lindens

During September and October, Memory Walks will be taking place across England and Wales, run by and to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. The Memory Walk for Milton Keynes takes place on Sunday 22 September 2019 at Willen Lake, a gentle stroll or a longer walk ranging from approximately 3km to 6 km.

At the event, walking for the Alzheimer's Society there will be a group from The Lindens known as "The Lindens Care Team.....Staff and Friends United". Our team comprises of employees and friends of The Lindens. As you may be aware in our tranquil setting, we have the privilege of providing loving and supportive care for many beautiful elderly people and their families. Our Staff are trained in dementia care, always keen to reach our aim to provide a real "Home from Home".

The Alzheimer's Society cause is close to our hearts here, which is why our team hope to help raise funds for care now and research for the future for this charity, all in an enjoyable way. The Team would like to thank The Lindens community for their support and encouragement and all those who have made donations to the Alzheimer's Society.



With the Memory Walk in mind, our residents and respite guests have been enjoying creating representations of forget-me-nots in addition to our music sessions, gentle exercise classes and entertainers.



If you would like to call in and join us for afternoon tea 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.

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CASTLE ASHBY TRIP – JULY 18th

A very dodgy forecast and rain did not bode well for our trip to Castle Ashby in Northamptonshire - we arrived under grey skies and headed straight for the Tea Rooms when - out came the sun lighting up the lovely surroundings and our spirits and the rest of the day was superb.



We didn't realise what a gem we had so near to home!. Everywhere was so beautifully maintained, manicured lawns, lovely flower beds, majestic trees, an impressive orangery and so much more. The stone arches and walls,



wonderful views of the castle and other buildings and even a menagerie with marmosets, farm animals, colourful birds, massive rabbits and, everyone's favourites, cheeky meerkats. There was a very ornate estate church and lake full of huge carp plus a gift shop and plant sales where we cleaned them out of Crocosmia !

I am writing this soon after getting back so haven't received any feed-back yet but am sure everyone enjoyed the trip. We are off to Winterbourne House and Gardens near Birmingham in August so hopefully it will be just as successful.

WINTERBOURNE HOUSE & GARDENS TRIP – Aug 5th

On Monday 5th August our happy band of members set off for Winterbourne House and Gardens in Birmingham. Despite yet another dodgy forecast the weather was glorious and the delightful gardens were bathed in sunshine all day. We sat and had tea on a delightful terrace overlooking beautiful lawns and flower beds and throughout the gardens all the beds and borders were so well looked after that all the flowers and shrubs were at their best. The garden design was influenced by Gertrude



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So, apart from enjoying the gardens, woodland walk, greenhouses with exotic plants and cactii and the beautiful family home we also took a look at the exhibition of old printing machinery (inspired by the importance of the printing industry in Birmingham at the time), the Edwardian kitchen area, a small art gallery and, of course, the tea room and shop. Thus, ended another interesting trip and brings us on to our next recky when we visit Waterperry Gardens near Oxford next month.

WATERPERRY GARDENS TRIP – SEPT 5th



Hot on the heels of our trip to Winterbourne House we were off again for the last trip of the year - this time to the Cotswolds. Waterperry has been a gardeners' delight for more than eighty years originally as a gardening school for young ladies in the 30's.

Only a stone's throw from Oxford the spectacular gardens are an oasis of calm with a 200 ft. long herbaceous border, formal knot and rose garden, a walled garden and orchard, some lovely rustic buildings and a river walk just right for a leisurely stroll leading to more areas of colour and contrast.

Even though that description could apply to many of the gardens we visit it somehow seems that they are all different in their individuality. There is an extensive plant sales area at Waterperry, a gallery, a gift shop and a general shop selling seeds, gardening requirements and much more. There is also a museum of rural life which has a particularly wonderful display and labelled collection of gardening and farming tools, horse brasses, curios and even Ronny Barker's till on which you can ring up pounds, shillings and pence! Still to come was the small Saxon Church complete with its original 13th century stained glass windows and wonderful brasses. So, a visit full of contrasts which, together with lovely weather, made for another successful day out full of interest and autumn colour.



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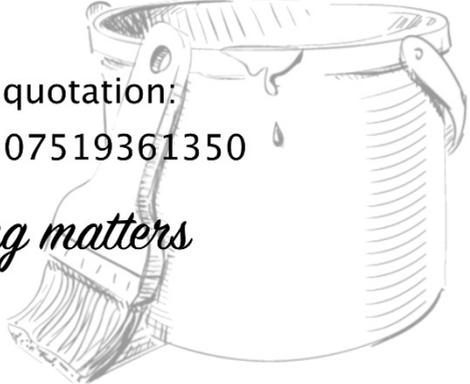
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BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THRIFT FARM – NEW PROVIDER NAMED.

Following a full public consultation Buckinghamshire County Council is pleased to name a joint venture between Kids Play and Mead Open Farm as the new provider for services at Thrift Farm.



The new provider was confirmed by the Council's Cabinet last week [9 September]. To comply with legal requirements the company, known as Provider 'A', could not be named until after the 16 September.

The new company formed by Kids Play and Mead Open Farm will use their

combined expertise and experience to create a sustainable future for Thrift Farm. Lin Hazel, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, said: "We were determined to explore every possible avenue to keep Thrift Farm open. The consultation, while unsettling for service users and their families, was instrumental in keeping the issue high profile and finding a new provider. We would like to pay tribute to all who campaigned to keep the farm open and worked with us to find a new provider. There has been a thorough debate on all the business plans put forward to run the service - and we are confident that Kids Play and Mead Open Farm are the best option to secure a bright future for Thrift Farm".

Kids Play Childcare, based in Milton Keynes, have over 18 years' experience providing childcare in OFSTED registered settings throughout the South East. Through their nurseries, pre-schools, after school clubs or activity day camps they provide care for 2,500 children across the Milton Keynes region.

Family business Mead Open Farm in Leighton Buzzard operate a well established children's farm. Welcoming some 230,000 visitors each year, they are home to over 350 farm animals, run a programme of daily activities and an active year round event schedule.

Paul Sharp, Managing Director of Kids Play, said: "Families have confidence in Kids Play Childcare, often starting with us as babies and continuing with us through to Primary School at our After School Clubs or Activity Day Camps. Taking over Thrift Farm means we can develop and extend our range of services."

This sentiment was mirrored by Matt Heast, owner of Mead Open Farm: "Thrift Farm has its own special charm and it's important the changes we make retain this. We look forward to bringing our animal handling expertise and visitor attraction experience to Thrift for the benefit of everyone".

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Paul Sharp continues: "We are very excited about this opportunity and look forward to using our expertise in education and care, combined with Mead Open Farm's farming, animal activities and attraction knowledge. We want to maintain the uniqueness of the farm and all future developments will be done for the benefit of everyone - including better opportunities for adult clients with learning difficulties".

The new company and the Council are keen to reassure current service users and their families that there will be no sudden changes to their circumstances, with Lin Hazell saying: "We are keen to work closely with service users, their families and staff to ensure a smooth transition over to kids Play and Mead Open Farm."

A meeting to discuss next steps with them has been planned for September 2019. Service users and clients were in a celebratory mood when told that Thrift Farm would continue under the Kids Play Childcare and Mead Open Farm Joint Venture. Most said they felt happy but relieved with the news and were now planning a party to celebrate.

Glen, who works with the farm animals as well as having a paid week-end job at the farm, said: "Thanks to everyone who campaigned. I'm glad the farm is staying open. I get to keep my job!"

Helen, who has been attending the farm for 14 years and works in the cafe, said: "I am happy the Farm won't close. We can stop worrying now. I love my job working in the cafe. I like cooking, making cheese scones and pastry, I have learnt how to use equipment and can use the cash register. The staff help us."

Daniel, has worked as a service user at the Farm for over four years and carries a range of jobs looking after the park and animals, said: "I'm really pleased that the Farm won't close. It's a relief for everyone. I'm looking forward to finding out what the new people will do."

Rachel, a staff member at Thrift Farm who works closely with the adults who have a learning disability, said: "I am utterly thrilled to hear the news that the Farm has been saved. It is a huge relief for both clients and staff who have worked tirelessly to remain positive throughout this process. I am super excited for what the future holds!"

In total the Council received three business plans to run Thrift Farm, each were carefully considered before Kids Play and Mead Open Farm were selected as the preferred provider.

The Cabinet report, meeting webcast and details of the decision can be found here <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=124&Mid=11084&Ver=4>

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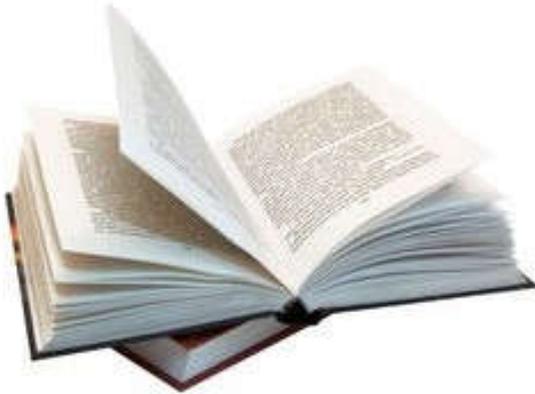
Neighbourhood Watch has been warned that some fraudsters are operating in Thames Valley, posing as officials from the Home Office. They have documents with the letterhead Department of Home Affairs and claim to be confirming that everyone has a valid ID for the upcoming Census. They are really attempting to rob homes

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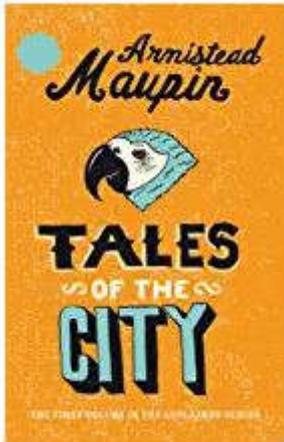
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STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



Book One 'TALES OF THE CITY' by Armistead Maupin



This was the first of a series of novels. Mary Ann Singleton, a naive young woman from Cleveland, Ohio goes to San Francisco for a short holiday and decides to stay. She finds accommodation at Barbary Lane with a marijuana growing but friendly and eccentric landlady and the other tenants in the house who were a mixture of hippies, all types of sexual persuasions, etc. These are only some of the characters that she comes across plus others through her job in an advertising agency but even though it is a completely different world for her she doesn't look back and the book follows her and all the other characters through their bizarre life experiences and often their coping mechanisms having

joined a free living, free thinking society.

The group admitted that there were some interesting parts to the book but they found there were too many characters to keep track of them all and were unable to describe it as a 'great read'. A couple of the group did not finish it and those who did found the ending strange and no-one was in a hurry to read other books in the series.



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Book Two 'WISE CHILDREN' by Angela Carter

This was a novel about a south London theatrical dynasty involving success, failure, envy, illegitimacy and much more. Identical twins, Dora and Nora are possibly the illegitimate daughters of an actor, Melchior Hazard the most famous member of a theatrical dynasty. For most of the book he does not seem to accept them as his own and his many other offspring always seem more important to him. Dora and Nora Chance are chorus girls and the story begins on their 75th birthday. They were brought up by their wonderful grandmother who, although eccentric (a nudist and vegetarian) with great turns of phrase, provides them with the love and support they need. Dora narrates the story and the activities of this bizarre extended family are often hilarious with a family tree which is unbelievable.



Almost all the group felt that the characters were so innumerable it was difficult to keep track of them - actually there were 34 of them listed! I enjoyed the type of humour (being a Londoner myself) as did most of the group and we all appreciated the description of the working class lives, the music hall and theatre of the day but overall it was felt that it was a rather bawdy tale, good at times but mostly there were too many people in the story for it to be totally enjoyable.

The first book for next edition of the SH News is 'Innocent Traitor' by Alison Weir.



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“EVERYTHING BUT THE MOO”

Moving on from Pam’s experiences in the Second World War, in this extract from Pam Murphy’s book ‘Everything but the Moo’ we move on to 1950 and Pam’s early times at Tyrells Manor Farm.

WITH A BA BA HERE AND A BA BA THERE!

Tornadoes are normally associated with America; but we had one in Stoke Hammond in April 1950. We had moved into Tyrells Manor Farm for some three weeks when it struck at about 3 pm on Sunday afternoon. It started blowing and raining cats and dogs.

I ran to the cowshed, and within a few minutes there were hailstones the size of golf balls coming down. Eventually I managed to get back to the house, almost on my hands and knees, the wind was so fierce. To find disaster!



Tyrells Manor has a lead lined well in the roof, which takes all the storm water from four identical ridges. There was a gully through the roof to a downpipe. The weight of the water and hail stones from the rain blocked the outlet, and made the gully collapse. The tons of water poured through the ceilings, the bedroom below, and into the

dining room, and then to the cellar.

It was quite awe inspiring to watch it, which was all one could do. But at least we did not lose any of the roof – in Linslade most of the houses lost theirs.

The village was flooded to a depth of some four feet, around the Green. Beer was floating out of the Dolphin Public House. I took pictures of it!

The tornado died. The sun came out, as did the villagers. A lone figure was to be seen pushing a bicycle through the then three feet of water. Ernest Stone, our new gardener, who had cycled from Heath and Reach to feed ‘his’ hens, as he always did on Sunday afternoons. Clearing up after this “Act of God” as the insurance company called it was a huge job.



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The village flooded many times thereafter, but not to such a degree again, before the River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board cleared the streams and ditches. What an introduction to life in the village!

1950: Tornado sweeps southern England

Two people have died in violent storms and a tornado which have devastated southern England.

Several others were injured in lightning strikes and fierce winds which caused massive damage to property around London.

The two who died were Frederick Cast and James Perry, of Kempston in Bedfordshire. Both were struck by lightning and killed as they ran for shelter.

Three others with them were injured and taken to hospital.

Black cloud

The worst damage to property was caused by a tornado which began in the late afternoon in Buckinghamshire.

Eyewitnesses spoke of a dense, black cloud gathering on the horizon and quickly developing into the dark column of a tornado.

It swept through towns and villages across the top of London as far as the Cambridgeshire fens, leaving ruin in its wake.

Terrifying wind

In the Buckinghamshire village of Linslade, the terrifying wind wrecked hundreds of houses and other buildings as it tore through the streets and surrounding fields.

One resident, Tony Birch, described the scene:

"When we looked out of the side of the house, clouds appeared to be coming together in different directions.

I believe I saw the actual source of the tornado."



Tornadoes happen almost every year in the UK and leave a trail of destruction

In Context

The path of the 1950 tornado was at least 66 miles long. It remains the longest trail on record for a tornado in England, and at two and a half hours the tornado is the longest lasting on record in Europe.

In Linslade alone, 200 houses were damaged, 50 extensively. The Ministry of Supply handed out 450 tarpaulins to cover damaged roofs.

A further victim of the storms was eight-year-old Jennifer Margaret Reeves, who was swept away by flood waters and drowned.

One or two tornadoes are reported every year in the UK, of varying severity. Most are very limited in area, and cause damage over a narrow band not many miles in length.

They generally happen as a result of violent thunderstorms, and are caused by strong air currents within a storm cloud creating a high-speed funnel of wind.

Dozens homeless

Whole streets of houses were stripped of their roof tiles, with furniture inside ruined by the heavy rain which followed.

Dozens of people have been made homeless, and relief workers are now helping those affected.

There were extraordinary scenes as the wind passed over: hundreds of trees were uprooted, drawn into the air and dropped large distances away.

The tornado also lifted up parked cars, cattle and horses and dumped them in nearby fields.

Witnesses said the tornado was 50 yards (45.7 metres) wide in places, although it shrank to just 5 yards (4.6 metres) wide in others.

It took less than an hour to travel from one end of the village to the other, but it caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage.

Flood warnings

Other towns in the tornado's path were also badly affected.

About half a mile from Linslade, in the town of Leighton Buzzard, a shop in the high street was struck by lightning and set on fire, while in Ely, Cambridgeshire, a double-decker bus was overturned.

There are warnings of further flooding throughout the entire region, and it's likely that the difficult weather conditions will continue.

Having bought the farm, we decided that we better have some sheep. We took advice from a fellow farmer, which is one thing one should not do on principle, and bought 50 tegs; that is second year sheep for fattening. However, these were hill sheep, used to roaming thousands and thousands of northern acres. They thought nothing to the 60 or so succulent acres around the home farm.

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At the time, building works were going on, due to a Compulsory Purchase Order, to provide more Council Houses, and though the conditions of the Order was that the Council should fence the site, their interpretation of the clause was that it should be done AFTER completion of their houses. Meanwhile parts of the farm were open to the wide open countryside, not to mention DOGS!

Every house in the village seemed to possess at least one, and at the sight of the smallest puppy, the sheep took to their hook. Actually they did not even need a puppy, I reckoned a lark or a sparrow was enough to send them in search of Ben Nevis. They were fenced in by barbed wire, and it soon became fascinating to watch them. The appointed leader of the flock would butt his head against it. When he retired, battered and bleeding, another would take his place, until he had obtained release from that gorgeous bit of herbage in which they were incarcerated.

Sheep have to be wormed, have their feet pedicured, and also in those days, dipped with monotonous regularity. My husband and I set out one lovely Summer's day to do this job. Eventually we managed to pen the brutes, and set to. After a sort of Karate round, I managed to get one on its back, while Keith held the worming drench and the paring knife (they also had to have their tail ends cleaned up, a charming job). I was detailed to barber the brute, and caught some of its remaining private parts – it had been castrated – with the shears. I bear the scars to this day of that caper! Two hours and three sheep later, we decided to postpone doing the rest.

On Sunday we started at 9 am, and armed with all the necessary kit, which included coffee and sandwiches for us, we wheeled them into a spare building.

After two hours, it was apparent that the rate was about five sheep an hour. Plus..one sprained ankle, three pulled muscles, and 25 bruises an hour to the two incompetent operators! Just to make matters more difficult, and confusing, they were very busy rubbing their heads together, which resulted in them transferring the waxy red mark, which was supposed to distinguish those already dealt with, from one to the other!

In addition the sheep had knocked the coffee over and eaten the sandwiches. It was only by sheer determination and the thought that we were not going to be beaten by a lousy, in every sense of the word, flock of sheep, that kept us going.

At 3 pm, on the thirty ninth step, or sheep, I found one with abscesses on its mouth, and on its feet. By that time more than slightly hysterical, I screamed:- "It's got Foot and Mouth disease!" ...

I shot back to the house for every veterinary farming book we had. Certainly the symptoms seemed ominous, and the future too since our predecessors still had their extremely valuable herd of Guernseys on the farm, and I was not sure how the insurance would work out.

With fear and trepidation, I made for the farm manager's house, across the road on

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the other side of the Green. He calmed me down slightly by telling me that there were many other diseases or ailments which produced blisters around sheep's mouths. He came and inspected them, and assured us that it had a mild and common complaint. Wearily we finished the last sheep, and tried to get them back into the field. We were sick and tired of the smelly shed we had been working in. Not so the sheep! They cowered in the corner, climbing on each other's backs, looking like a gigantic ant hill. By leaving the gate open, one was eventually brave enough to venture forth, followed by her mates, only to make straight for the road. It took another hour to herd them back into the field. The idea of bathing them on the morrow palled.

We had none of the right equipment to do this. We rigged up an Emmett contraption of ramps, sheep hurdles, and old bath full of evil smelling liquid at the bottom, and armed with a couple of devils tridents, minus the middle prong, had to push them into the tub. By the second I was sure that there was more sheep dip on me than there would be on one of the woolly beasts. The fifth one caught me amidships and sent me into the bath with it! In fact the last two escaped and never did get dipped, but by that time we did not want to know, I vowed that we would never keep sheep again.

However, the time was not ripe to sell them, and for the next few months, daily trips had to be made to see that they had not broken out to far. Yards of barbed wire, and pounds of nails were used to mend those places not fenced off as tightly as a prisoner of war camp. Sheep hurdles were bought to mend any other possible exits.

They learned to dig, but fortunately the hard clay soil rather defeated them. At last we thought we had won the day, they were thriving, though still obviously unhappy at their lot.

Then the school holidays started. The brook running alongside the farm had always been a favourite place for the village children to play in and the hurdles were a temptation they could not resist. The advantages of riverside "houses" made of hurdles, fencing posts and anything else that we had available became apparent to those recently released from the school playground. This applied to sheep too! It did not take them long to find the gaps the children had made, by their innocent removal of the hurdles, or a way across the brook and out into the wide open spaces.

Then one or two of the two footed miscreants had a conscience, with cherubic smiles they appeared at the back door to say "Mrs Murphy, do you know your sheep are half way to Leighton Buzzard?" The sheep had to be brought back that time. But it was the end!

The following week they were loaded on to a lorry to go to market. I have often wept when animals have gone off the farm, and I did this time. Tears of joy!



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Since then, the only sheep we have kept have been other peoples. If we could not keep ours in, our neighbours have the same problem, though sometimes, one is left with one of those horrible suspicions that they are short of grass, and a few missing sheep for a weekend or so might just ease the situation. A major problem too is trying to find out whose they are; they can travel for miles, and you have often rung up ten different people before you find the right owner.

Sheep may have the “golden hoof”, but to me there is only one place for them; on a plate, roasted with mint sauce and red currant jelly!

Next time : SHADES OF ST. TRINIANS.



Parish Newsletter (for October/November| issue)

Back to School....

We have had a very positive start to the new school year and we have welcomed quite a few new children to our school and also into our Foundation class (Acorns) who started school for the first time this week. As you know, we also have had some new teachers start and they too have made a positive start to the year.

We have a busy Autumn term planned, including the following activities and in-school events:

Harvest Festival - we are looking forward to our Year 3 and 4 pupils hosting Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church on Monday 23rd September at 1.45pm.

Open Morning - for new Reception parents for children starting school in September 2020. We will be having an open morning between 9.30am and 12midday on Thursday 3rd October. No appointment necessary just turn up for a tour of the school.

Parent's Evening - parents will be invited to book appointments on the evenings of Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17th October so there may be additional traffic in and around the school on those evenings.

Sara J Boyce

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Global Warming?

With so much coverage of Brexit recently the media gave very little coverage of an event which should be of much more importance in the longer term. Around the end of June, Great Britain “passed laws” to reduce our net greenhouse emissions to Nil by 2050. This is 30 years ahead meaning that 50% of us reading this will probably not be here and thus give it as much importance as cruelty to goldfish. The other 50 % will be so young as to think 30 years is “the future”. “Passing laws” means that some politician signed a pledge that this is what we would do. More like part of a wish list than a realistic expectation.

Britain has been cited as responsible for the industrial revolution and the start of the current world pollution. If this pollution problem can be created then it can be undone. Technically this may be true but it won't happen voluntarily. The industrial revolution was fuelled by only one ambition - making money. There is no such incentive for undoing this problem so I suspect it will not come to pass.

Suggestions to achieve zero emissions would include:

No gas cooking. How many households does that affect?

All cars will be electric - no more gas guzzling.

No oil heating.

And that is only the effects on individuals. Think of the changes needed to industry, transport etc. Where is all this extra electricity going to come from? Hmm - more wind farms??

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My son has just returned from America and his impression was that the Americans have no concept of pollution, squandering petrol as though it were water. (Thinks: the price of petrol in the State is about that of bottled water from Harrods in the UK)

And suppose Britain becomes carbon neutral. What fraction of total world pollution would this reflect? 4/5ths of 5/8ths of b****r all! Now if the States, or more particularly China became carbon neutral.....

Grumpy Old Man

MAVIS'S QUIZ

Answers to last month's quiz and if you remember you had to place a word that can be put either in front or behind the listed three words. So how did you do?

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|----------|
| (1) PUNCH | (2) AFTER | (3) AIR |
| (4) BACK | (5) BALL | (6) BANK |
| (7) BAR | (8) BED | (9) BEE |
| (10) BLACK | | |



More of the same for this edition, place a word that can be put either in front or behind the following words ??

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (1) Ship – Runner – Point | (2) Rehearsal – Up – Maker |
| | (3) Hearted – Hill – Trodden |
| | (4) Break – Dream - Light |
| (6) Roads – Bow – Swords | (5) Heat – Head – Lock |
| (7) Cake – Ice – Cheese | (8) Measure – Pane – Productive |
| | (9) Shoe – Yard - Martial |
| | (10) Fold – Piece – Back |

Best of luck, the answers in the next edition.



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Church News

Review:

Community Breakfasts: The August breakfast was one of our busiest ever and raised the most we've ever raised. We did run out of a number of items and had to send out for more, but just managed to the last sausage! September was a much quieter month as lots of our regulars were on holiday, but was nonetheless enjoyed by everyone who came. Thanks again to all our helpers.

Afternoon teas: August's afternoon tea was fairly busy, as was the September tea, with both regulars and old friends attending. The next tea will be May 2020.

Cheese and wine evening with local author Jack Sheffield: What can I say about this amazing event? Well, if you missed it, you missed a real treat. Jack's anecdotes and readings from some of his books had us all in stitches! The evening was all the more enjoyable for a platter of cheese washed down with a glass of fermented grape juice. A great night out!



Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride: Many thanks to our churchwarden Harry for his fantastic performance cycling round a total of 34 churches in the area. He's now collecting sponsorship money, half of which will be donated to the Bucks Historic Churches Trust and the rest to St Luke's Church.

Forthcoming events:

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 9th and 23rd Oct and 13th and 27th Nov at The Birches, Church Rd.** At the start of the meeting we usually share any prayer requests, our hopes for the church (locally and nationally) any observations about the village and concerns about national and international issues (including politics!) We then have a Bible reading and listen to a piece of Christian music to bring us into a quiet thoughtful mood ready to pray. When we pray, we try not to request a particular outcome, but that God's will be done, that He will hear our petitions and act with mercy. Prayers are spontaneous and helps calm the soul, so if you why not try praying at home yourself! or would like prayers for someone,



from whoever feels they would like do so. Praying is very therapeutic don't fancy coming to a meeting, Alternatively, if you'd like to join us please call John, (we sometimes

change times and dates). **Prayer request cards** are available at the Community breakfast and from the church, or call one of the church wardens with details of your request.

Community Breakfasts: The next two Community Breakfasts will be held on **12th Oct and 9th Nov. Please note there is no breakfast in December.** 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, but we encourage villagers who've not yet been to come along and bring your children if you have them! **There is no charge** but there is a basket for donations should you wish to make one.



Harvest festival & Harvest Lunch: We will be holding our harvest festival and sharing our harvest lunch again on **Sun 6th Oct**. Our Harvest Festival Service will take place at **St Luke's Church at 11am**. If you would like to help decorate the church, please speak to Diane (see below). We love to see the church beautifully decorated and full of harvest fare! Any bottled, canned or other produce with long shelf life will be donated to the MK food cupboard. Fresh produce donated is taken by the food cupboard to be donated to Willen Hospice. Following the service, we will be holding our Harvest Lunch at **1pm** at the **Community Centre**. Tickets will be going up this year to reflect increased costs and are priced at **£7.50** per adult and **£5** per child aged 3-14 (children under 3 are free). Available from Diane or John, tickets include a cold buffet meal and pudding and a glass of wine or a soft drink – **please book asap!** Look forward to seeing you there.



St Luke's Gift Day: We will be celebrating our patronal festival by holding a gift day on **Saturday 19th October**. You will shortly be receiving a letter (with an envelope) inviting you to make a donation to the church Restoration and Repair fund. If you wish to, please put your donation in the envelope and bring it to the Gift day or deliver to John Bowler at The Birches, Church Rd. Our gift to you is refreshment – in the form of tea, coffee and a cake between 10am and 12 noon or soup and a roll between 12 noon and 2pm. However big or small your donation, please feel free to join us!



Christmas Fayre: on **30th November** will be held at the **Community Centre between 2 and 4pm**. Father Christmas will be in residence in his grotto and there will be children's activities as well as face painting /glittering and for the adults, various Christmas stalls: gifts, cards, a raffle, cakes and the ever popular mulled wine! We do hope you'll be able to join us.



Special services

Cafe church: Some of you will be familiar with our Cafe church services, our most easily accessible service style being held on **Sunday 27th October**. A simple breakfast of tea, coffee, bacon or sausage butties, croissants, cereal or toast is shared with others



from 9.30am. At about 10.15, Valerie the leader, will ask for your attention and the "service" (which only lasts about **15 to 20 minutes**) begins.

There may be a song or a reading, and there are usually some prayers and thought-provoking comment on life, linked with how God fits into our lives in the modern world. If you don't have much experience of worshipping in a formal church service, but want to try church, this is the

service for you!

Remembrance Day: Our annual Remembrance Day service will take place this year on **Sun 10th Nov** starting at **10.45am** in the church and will be led by Valerie Kerr. There will be 2 minutes of silence at 11am. Please come and join us to pay your respects to all those who gave their lives for our freedom.



It's your church, we want to involve YOU!

Nativity: We've been asked (again) to present an adult Nativity performance on the village Green (we last held one 5 years ago). If it went ahead, it would most likely be held on **Sunday 22nd December** afternoon, BUT...we need a team to help organise it. **Could you be part of the team?** There's a lot involved, but we have contacts from last time and with a team we could manage; **without it, we'll have to wait for another year.** Sadly we had no response to our last request. What a shame if we couldn't get a group together. Please consider carefully if you could help and contact a church member if you think you could.



Dates for your diary:

Harvest festival & Harvest Lunch 6th Oct 1pm start

Gift day 19th Oct 10am – 2pm (nearest Saturday to St Luke's Day: 18th Oct)

Patronal (St Luke's Day) service 20th Oct with healing prayers on request

Cafe church 27th October 9.30am

Remembrance Day 10th Nov 10.45am

Christmas Fayre: 30th November 2 – 4pm

Christmas Tree festival 7th December (see advert elsewhere)

Looking ahead Christmas Service Dates:

Christingle Service 1st Dec 4pm

Carol Service 8th Dec 4pm

Possible Nativity on the Green (see above) 22nd Dec

Crib Service 24th Dec 4pm

Midnight Holy Communion 24th Dec 11.30pm

Bible verse of the month: Romans 15v7: Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

What does it mean? This verse encourages us to model our behaviour on Christ's by being tolerant of each others' weaknesses; by doing so, we will be demonstrating our faith to others and bringing praise to God.

Church Benefice Website: www.brickhillchurches.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.

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.**

BCC CHAIRMAN GETS HANDS ON SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES.

County Council Chairman Brian Roberts rolled up his sleeves and got stuck in helping to promote the good work carried out by charities Child Bereavement UK and Parkinsons UK at Aylesbury's Waterside Festival last weekend.



Child Bereavement UK and Parkinsons UK were two of a number of charitable organisations at the event, taking the opportunity to spread awareness and gain support for their work. Child Bereavement UK works with children, their families and professionals offering support and training in dealing with bereavement and Parkinson's UK provides support and advice to all those affected by the disease.

The local branches of both charities have been chosen by the County Council Chairman as two of his good causes to support and help raise funds for during his year in office. On Saturday Brian and his wife Margaret, joined staff and volunteers from both organisations, meeting and greeting festival goers, raising awareness and funds for continuing their work.

The Child Bereavement UK team were joined by their new mascot, a giant teddy that Brian personally helped 'rescue' from the back of a charity shop. Brought back to life with a quick wash and spruce, the bear will accompany the team at future events and help to promote the work of the charity.

Speaking after the event Brian said: "It's been a wonderful day, we've met some lovely people, spread the word about Child Bereavement UK and Parkinson's UK and raised vital funds to help continue their good work.

"I was delighted to offer my support to both teams for a couple of hours today. Child Bereavement UK do an amazing job working with families and children locally and also training professionals to better meet the needs of grieving families and Parkinson's UK offer vital support and assistance to hundreds of families locally.

"Our new furry mascot was also popular with all visitors to the Child Bereavement UK stand and will be making more guest appearances in the future. He doesn't have a name yet and that's something that we might need some help with so watch this space!"



To find out more about the work carried out by Child Bereavement UK visit their website: www.childbereavementuk.org

To find out more about Parkinson's UK visit: www.parkinsons.org.uk

BUCKS OUTPERFORMS TARGETS ON CO2 EMISSIONS/

Successful carbon reduction projects across Buckinghamshire County Council's services and infrastructure have resulted in an impressive 41% reduction in the amount of carbon dioxide produced in 2018/19 compared with the baseline set in 2009/10. This is a significantly better outcome than the 30% national voluntary reduction target set by the UK Government in its Clean Growth Strategy (see note 1), and actually exceeds the County Council's own more ambitious target of 40%.

Some of the biggest successes have seen the successful implementation of carbon reduction initiatives across corporate buildings and in street lighting. Since 2011, £4 million has been invested in roof-mounted solar panels, LED lights, boiler replacement and other measures. These projects have successfully led to cost savings of over £530K and saving over 2,700 tonnes CO2 per annum (See note 2).

The County Council's Cabinet Member for Planning & Environment, Bill Chapple OBE, said: "We're all increasingly aware that climate change is one of the biggest challenges we face. Although there's a long way still to go, it's encouraging that we've managed to implement carbon reduction projects across our services and infrastructure that combine to meet our own ambitious greenhouse gas target - and exceed the national target by 10%. But we're not complacent. As an authority, we're committed to finding ways to keep reducing our carbon footprint."

To read the report go to: -

www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/sustainability/corporate-performance-reporting

Notes

1. The Clean Growth Strategy set a voluntary target introduced by the government for the wider public and higher education sectors in England. The aims of this target is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across these sectors by 30% by 2020 to 2021, compared to a 2009 to 2010 baseline.

2. For information about CO2 equivalents and how these are calculated, visit the UK Government website: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

www.buckscc.gov.uk/news

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TENNIS ANYONE?

The Summer Coaching Packages are now available to book on the Great Brickhill Tennis Club Website.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GreatBrickhillTC/Coaching>

Great Brickhill Tennis Club runs a continuous programme of coaching throughout the year led by Head Coach, Ross Neary.

There is something for everyone, whatever age or level of tennis you are.



Adult Improvers – designed to improve your overall game play. Running on Fridays from 8:00-9:00pm this course runs until Friday 12th July.

Junior Coaching – coaching for children aged 4 to 16 years. There are four groups based on both age and ability (4-8yrs, 7-10yrs, 9-12yrs and 11-16yrs). Junior coaching runs on Fridays from 4:00pm (term time) until 12th July.

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

Tuesday 1 st October	Ladies that Lunch – Sports Club 12.30 – 13.45
Tuesday 1 st October	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 6 th October	Harvest Lunch – Community Centre 13.00
Saturday 12 th October	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Saturday 19 th October	Starlight Ball – Sports Club 19.00 - Midnight
Tuesday 5 th November	Ladies that Lunch – Sports Club 12.30 – 13.45
Tuesday 5 th November	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre 19.30
Tuesday 26 th November	SH Community Association AGM – Community Centre 19.30
Saturday 23 rd November	Christmas Table Top Sale – Sports Club 15.30
Saturday 30 th November	Christmas Fayre – Community Centre 14.00 – 16.00
Saturday 7 th December	Christmas Tree Festival – St Luke's 10.30 – 16.00
Saturday 7 th December	Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch – Community Centre – From 13.00

ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Pilates – Group Matwork

Monday's 09.25, 10.30, 11.45, 19.10 & 20.15hrs

Contact: Louisa Harris 07941 203589 louisa.pilates@gmail.com

Joyful Tots

Every Friday 10.00 – 12.30hrs

Contact Jacklen 07897 487657 or Diane 01525 270409

Innovations

Tuesday's & Wednesday's 09.30– 15.30hrs

Contact: Yvonne 07846 338153 or Alison 07714 664716

Buttons Pre-School

Monday – Friday 09.00 – 15.00hrs

Contact: 01525 270501/07973 158368

Slimming World

Wednesday's 19.30 – 21.30 hrs

Contact Emma Yorke 07933 790954

High Ash Scouts, Cubs & Beavers

Every Thursday 17.30 – 21.30

Contact John Till 01525 261444

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

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Aylesbury Vale District Council	01296-585858
Gypsy Hotline	01296-383774
Litter Enforcement Officer	01296-585395
Social Care Services (<i>Emergency Duty</i>)	01494-817750
MK General Hospital	01908-660033
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	01296-315000
Luton & Dunstable Hospital	01582-491122
SH Gardening Club (<i>Eileen Curry</i>)	01525 270858
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Police non-emergency number 101

EDITORS NOTE

September was a busy month, we had the fabulous Village Show, and what a great day that was. OK I'm slightly biased being a member of the Show committee, but it was a super day, and I've heard nothing but positive feedback. I didn't manage to get along but I understand the evening with Jack Sheffield put on by St Luke's was also a big success. Would you like to send your friends and neighbours a Xmas greeting, then please see the back page of this edition.

DO YOU LIVE IN NEWTON LEYS SOUTH, COULD YOU ASSIST WITH THE DELIVERIES OF THE SH NEWS? IF YOU CAN, THEN PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THE DETAILS BELOW

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

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WASTE COLLECTION DATES

**EDITORS NOTE: APOLOGIES TO THOSE FEW WHOSE
NORMAL COLLECTION DAY IS A TUESDAY**

Waste Bin: 	Recycling Bin:  <small>Paper, glass, cardboard, plastics, cartons, cans & tins</small>	Food Waste Bin:  <small>Non-recyclable or compostable.</small>	Garden Waste Bin: 
Wednesday 2 Oct	Wednesday 2 Oct		
Wednesday 9 Oct		Wednesday 9 Oct	Wednesday 9 Oct
	Wednesday 16 Oct	Wednesday 16 Oct	
Wednesday 23 Oct		Wednesday 23 Oct	Wednesday 23 Oct
	Wednesday 30 Oct	Wednesday 30 Oct	
Wednesday 6 Nov		Wednesday 6 Nov	Wednesday 6 Nov
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Wednesday 20 Nov		Wednesday 20 Nov	Wednesday 20 Nov
	Wednesday 27 Nov	Wednesday 27 Nov	
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RAISE MONEY FOR
CHARITY AT THE
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The Xmas messages will be printed in the Dec/Jan edition of the SH News