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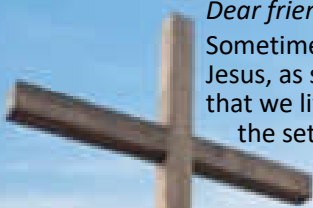
Sometimes we can see the nativity, the stories about the birth of Jesus, as something nice, but unreal and detached from the world that we live in. But when we look at the gospels, and understand the setting for the nativity, we can discover that the birth of Jesus happened in strange and challenging times. Jesus was born under military occupation, in uncertain times, in the midst of the mass movement of people on the orders of their government.

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That is what we have to celebrate in our church services at Christmas, and you are very welcome to come and join us.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas, and a safe and peaceful new year.

Revd John Waller



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- 22nd Dec: 03.00pm Carols on the Green
- 24th Dec: 04.00pm Crib Service - DW
- 24th Dec: 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion - JW
- Note:** *No refreshments after this service*
- 29th Dec: 10.00am Benefice Service - JW



JH – Jeremy Hopkinson

JW – Rev John Waller

DW – David Webber

JANUARY

- 5th Jan: 10.00am Benefice Service - JW
- Note:** *To be held at St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill*
- 12th Jan: 11.00am Family Service - JW
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

In the last PC News, we started with the details of a possible new housing development for some 320 homes on a site just south of Newton Leys and yet again



we start with another new potential development this time to the West of Newton Leys. However, the difference this time is that this site was included in our emerging Neighbourhood Plan, currently with Buckinghamshire Council under the REG16 consultation period which runs until the 5th December 2024 (see the Neighbourhood Plan section for more details). The Neighbourhood plan working group were involved in preliminary discussions with Willis Dawson and their planning consultants the Pegasus Group to try and make sure

that the style and number of homes plus recreational needs were what the Parish needs. You should have all been leafleted about this proposal and you had until the 21st November to submit any comments. As and when we know more news we will publicise via the PC News, our website and the Stoke Hammond/Newton Leys South Facebook sites. Reverting quickly to the proposed 320 homes on the 45 acres of land known as Chadwell Farm, your PC did via Teams have a video meeting with Richborough the land promotion company plus other involved parties, and several comments and suggestions were made by your council as to what we would like to see as part of this development if it was to go ahead. At this stage we have no further updates to bring you on this possible development.

Still on the subject of new homes, your Parish Council was invited by Peabody Homes and Hills their builders to attend in October the official opening of their new site on the Fenny Road and what is now known as Roman Field and Murphy Lane. This was a sort of double celebration as this combination of two, three and four bedroom affordable homes had recently won the accolade of 'Best Small/Medium Development'



in the 'First Time Buyer Readers' Awards. Your Cllrs Fran Sharkey, David Venn and Greg Noble had the pleasure to attend and cut the ceremonial ribbon.

As many of you will know your Parish Council is in the process of purchasing additional land for the purposes of creating new recreational and leisure facilities. We have been working on this project led by Cllr Champion for many months but at the request of the current land owner we were only able to make this public knowledge in the last couple of months. There have already been some public meetings and a site walkaround and the creation of four working groups. It has been titled 'Project Stocksfield' and for more detailed information and current status for this most important venture please do look at the specific section that follows this PC News.

For this year's Remembrance your PC were once again most honoured to place a Wreath on behalf of the Parish during the service at St Luke's church and a second at the Village sign on the Green. At the Church Service we were able to use for the first time the new Remembrance Service booklets which the PC were pleased to finance from our Community Funding Scheme. Cllrs Malcolm Newing, David Venn and ex-serviceman Greg Peck are pictured at the Village Green. It's taken a while, but hopefully, by the time of you reading this article the replacement picnic bench for the vandalised fire damaged one in the play area by the Community Centre will have been installed. We have struggled to find a contractor to carry out this work. This new bench will be dedicated to the memory of the late Mary Bonner by way of a brass memorial plaque.



Prior to our October PC Meeting we welcomed our new Buckingham and Bletchley Ward MP Callum Anderson for a public Q & A session. We were joined by 15 members of the public who very quickly started engaging in questioning Callum on a variety of matters. Callum did his very best to respond to these questions, but like most politicians the answers he gave did tend to follow the normal vague, non-committal rhetoric.

As for the PC Meeting that followed the session with Callum, we were reduced to 6 members of the public, albeit we were also a little short on the Councillors, with 3 having sent in their apologies that they were unable to attend. We were however joined by our local PCSO officer Tina Hobson who gave the following update on crimes logged in our Parish from January to September 2024.

Jan – 1x Action Fraud & 2x Thefts **Feb** – 1x Stolen Vehicle & 2x Thefts

Mar – 1x Theft **Apr** – 1x Action Fraud **May** - 1x Suspicious Person, 1x Action Fraud, 1x Burglary Residential, 2x Theft From Vehicle & 1x Public Order

Jun – 1x Action Fraud & 1x Theft From Vehicle **Jul** – 2x Dangerous Dog, 1x Public Order, 1x Suspicious Person & 1x Road Related Incident **Aug** – 1x Action Fraud

Sept – 1x Theft, 1x Assault Without Injury, 2x Action Fraud, 2x Theft From Vehicle & 2x Suspicious Person

Full minutes of all PC Meetings can be found on our website, but some items of interest from this October meeting were as follows:

- *Under Highways, Footpaths & Footways our clerk advised there had been a delay in repairing the damaged streetlight on Olde Bell Close, but it was hoped that this could be completed within the next couple of weeks.*
- *Cllr Ajaz presented a proposal for installing outdoor gym equipment in Newton Leys South to which the PC were fully supportive. Cllr Ajaz would now approach the local residents to determine the preferred type of equipment. It would then be decided whether to finance the project with PC or S106 funds.*
- *Our clerk was still chasing Bucks Highways for an installation date for our new entrance gate signs, but unfortunately to date has still received no response.*
- *Cllr Noble gave some details on the biodiversity training course that he recently attended and advised of the new requirement that all builders/developers must now achieve a 10% increase to the biodiversity to that that pre-existed before the site was developed.*

When it came to our next PC meeting held on the evening of the 5th November. We were finally joined by what has been an absence of 2 years by one of our ward councillors, but not Phil Gomm but Cllr Jilly Jordan who we had never met before, and who had advised some weeks prior that she would be attending. Indeed, Cllr Jordan confirmed that going forward, she would attend every other meeting, as unfortunately our PC Meetings clash with those she also attends in Great Brickhill, so likewise she will now only go to the Brickhill meetings on alternate months. Cllr Jordan had previously sent through a full report a copy of which can be found under the November Minutes section on the PC website, but also gave a brief update on Ward matters, including the fact that in the upcoming May 2025 elections that the wards are being altered and renamed. With ours now becoming the ward of Newton Longville with a reduction from 3 to 2 Ward Councillors.

As for the meeting itself where we were joined by 4 members of the public, some of the main points if not already covered were as follows:

- *Under Planning and although not within our parish the planning application 23/2652/FUL for the development of 81 new residences plus 8 traveller pitches on land just north of Newton Leys South was felt to be something the PC should be commenting on. For full details of the PC's response please head to the 'Planning Section', elsewhere in this Edition of the SH & NLS News.*
- *During the Highways, Footpaths and Footways section, we were advised that the controversial sited dog waste bin in Newton Leys South is to shortly be moved as no objections had been received relating to its proposed new location. Cllr Noble also advised that during a recent Speedwatch session where traffic passing South on the Leighton Road was being monitored. That during a 2hr period running from 2-4pm, some 200 vehicles passed of which 4 were logged as traveling faster than 35mph, the speed at which their details are passed to the Thames Valley Community Speedwatch team.*
- *Cllr Champion gave the latest update on Project Stocksfield (Please see the specific section after this PC News), whilst Cllr Newing advised how the emerging Neighbourhood Plan was now at the Reg`16 Consultation Stage, but again please head to the NHP section for more details.*
- *Cllr Newing also advised about the meeting he attended with Bucks Council regarding planning across the county. A consultation was held on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and a new document will be available by the end of the year. There are to be no specific changes to the Neighbourhood Plan element. Housing needs*

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- Two Community Funding applications were to be considered, the first from High Ash Scout Group for £200 to go towards their 2024 Group Camp, and a second retrospective from the Sports Club for £350 as part funding for their recent fireworks evening. Both applications were fully supported with many commenting on the fantastic display that the Sports Club provided.

As is the norm unless some urgent matter arises there will be no PC Meeting in December. So, the next meeting will on the evening of Tuesday 7th January, commencing 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side.

In closing and if you've already glanced at the contact details below you will notice that the email addresses for your Councillors and Clerk have changed. This came about when our clerk identified that our PC website was not compliant with new WCAG 2.2 standards and that it should be hosted in the UK whereas it was currently being done by an American based organisation. We have now appointed a local Leighton Buzzard based company to rebuild and host our website, but at the same time, it was felt appropriate that we should also migrate our emails to gov.uk email addresses.



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

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Phil Gomm

It's been a privilege living and being part of the spirited multicultural Aylesbury Vale community all my life. People have always been my focus and as a DJ Presenter and owner of an events company, listening and delivering accurately has been key. Family is extremely important and it's been my pleasure to farm and breed horses with them. Recently, as a County Councillor, Chairman of Thames Valley Crimestoppers and Buckingham Neighbourhood Action Group I've gained a passion for advocating for the best for people which I endeavour to continue.

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Jilly Jordan

I am currently working as a Unitary Councillor in the Ivers. I have served on several committees, including planning (local and strategic) and finance, and I am Chairman of the local Community Board. We recently moved to live in the area. I am keen to use experience gained as a member of Buckinghamshire Council to the benefit of the local community. Clearly, we face many challenges, including those presented by major infrastructure projects. I look forward to getting to know members of the local communities and working together to maintain and improve the quality of life in our villages.

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Iain Macpherson

Iain has spent the last 39 years in business, initially in international sales and marketing roles for multi-national companies travelling extensively, but more recently in medium sized businesses in the food sector in the Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire area as Managing Director. He has always taken a keen interest in both national and local politics and has recently supported Greg Smith's campaign pre-election on the doorsteps. He's attended many fundraising events and local activities such as the anti-HS2 rallies. Iain is married to Angela, they have two mature children; Rosanna (31) and Angue (28)

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Proud to be backing Buckingham and Bletchley – Callum Anderson MP



Hi there, I'm Callum Anderson – your (fairly) new Member of Parliament. You may have already seen me out and about in the local area, and if not, I hope to bump into you soon!

It is now approaching six months since I had the privilege of being elected as the MP for the Buckingham and Bletchley constituency, which includes the wonderful village of Stoke Hammond.

I promised that I would be proactive, visible, and accessible, and I've started as I mean to continue. I've had the pleasure of attending a local parish meeting, and I hope to be back in the village for another event in the coming months.

More recently I have attended events across the constituency during the period of remembrance, and I feel extremely proud to represent an area that contributed so much to the British effort in World War Two. One of the big highlights was seeing Colossus – the set of computers developed by British codebreakers between 1943-45. It was a definite inspiration for my new role in the Department for Science, Information and Technology!

I'm rooted in North Buckinghamshire and know that residents of Stoke Hammond care deeply about their village. One of the very best parts about becoming your MP is hearing how much local people love their community, and the passion to make our patch the best it can be is incredibly infectious.

This doesn't mean that there aren't challenges – at both a national and local level – but I will do all that I can to make sure that voices are heard and that everyone has the opportunities they deserve. This is whether you live rurally or in the city and whether or not you voted for me. I am here for everyone.

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Project Stocksfield Working Groups

Stoke Hammond Parish Council

Following a presentation to residents and a follow up walk around the site, we held our first working groups session.

There are four working groups: -



Working Groups

Pitches

Football/rugby/hockey/cricket group

Buildings

Tennis/badminton and indoor sports including basketball/netball, cafe/bar, changing facilities existing buildings, village hall

Youth group

Play areas, Basketball/netball, BMX, skateboard park.

Environment

Cycle paths, community gardens, biodiversity areas, ponds, orchards and allotments

The working groups are aiming to produce a short report on the demand we have now and by 2040 for leisure, environmental and recreational space, and potential sources of funding. Once we have reports from each of the four working groups,

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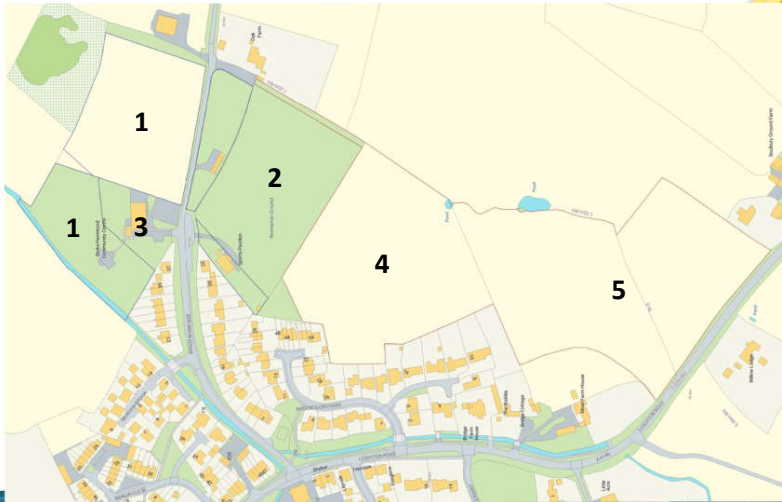
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we'll have a Steering Committee pull together those documents to assist our planning application for change of use of the land we are purchasing. In total there will be approximately 23 acres of space for the community.

Location



Project Stocksfield

- 1 – PC owned approx. 4.36 acres
- 2 – PC Managed approx. 4.5 acres incl garages
- 3 – Community Centre
- 4 – Field 1 approx. 5.78 acres
- 5 – Field 2 approx. 8 acres less buildings by Moat Farm

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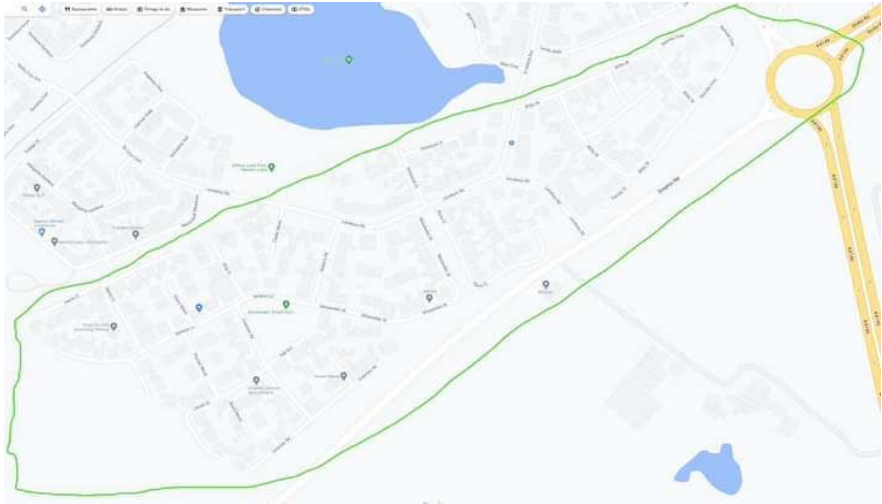
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Prospective developments around Newton Leys

Please provide your feedback to the proposed development to the West of Dickens Lane. This development is in our draft Neighbourhood Plan and we would appreciate residents giving both pros and cons for the development. We are trying to encourage developers to talk to the Parish Council before designing their sites to try to improve both the design and facilities offered to residents, and to minimise potential issues.

Firstport

We are still waiting for Firstport to finalise the finances for the Newton Leys Management Company. Once that is finalised we will be able to complete the adoption. Firstport is not currently being particularly helpful.

Park benches, picnic tables and table tennis tables.

The table tennis table is now installed together with the two picnic benches just in time for winter! There is one more park bench to be installed near Parrot Close, which should be completed shortly.

Fruit and Christmas Trees

Almost all of the fruit trees seem to have survived a very harsh summer. They should start producing fruit next summer.

Unfortunately, our Christmas tree definitely didn't make it through the summer, so we'll have to look at options to replace it.

S106 - Stoke Hammond park - Newton Leys residents wanted

Please see the s106 (Project Stocksfield) update for further details of progress so far. We would really welcome input from residents in Newton Leys. We are looking to create a really fantastic facility for the whole Parish and we want to ensure residents from Newton Leys have a say in how it is designed and the facilities it provides for the future.

Cllrs Mubasshir Ajaz & Craig Champion

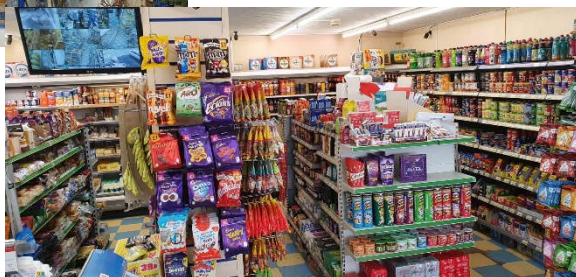
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MAVIS'S QUIZ

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1/ **Tyrannosaurus Rex** 2/ **Mammoth**
3/ **Saber Tooth Tiger** 4/ **Velociraptor**
5/ **Dodo** 6/ **Triceratops** 7/ **Great Auk** 8/ **Stegosaurus**
9/ **Tamanian Tiger** 10/ **Brontosaurus**



This time, with very much a Christmas Theme, can you name the pictured character and the Christmas film that they starred in?



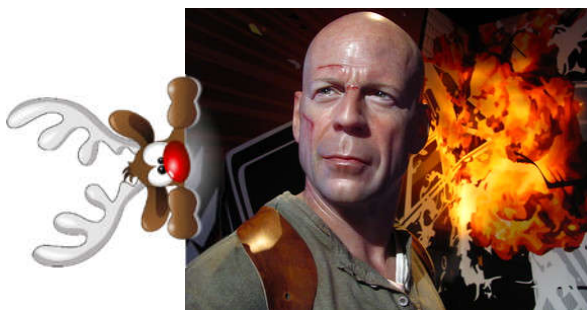
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5/ Character & Film



6/ Character & Film



7/ Character & Film



8/ Character & Film



9/ Character & Film

Best of luck, but to save you having to wait till the next edition, answers can be found at the end of this months 'Grumpy Old Man' feature.

10/ Character & Film

Buttons Pre-School

- Abbeyes, Bletchley
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Christmas Tree Festival



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Refreshments will be served with cakes and mince pies available along with tea and coffee from 11am and soft drinks for children. Gluten free is available too. Soup will be available from 1.00pm.

The week before the church will be open so that people can decorate the trees. The theme is Village Life throughout the year. The trees will depict village group activities, seasons, and anything that takes your fancy. Holidays, birthdays, festivals, etc.

Those who have already booked a time and a day include Louisa for Pilates, on Wednesday 4th, High Ash School on Thursday 5th December at 4pm, Buttons Pre-school on the morning of Friday 6th. The main Christmas Tree donated by Mrs Gillian Gurney will be decorated either on Monday 2nd or Tuesday 3rd. Other trees that require decorating are Ladies that Lunch, the Book Club, Scouts and Cubs (possibly Thursday evening!), Sports Club and Stoke Hammond Garden Club. Do please contact me to book a time. Thank you to everyone who has offered their time and expertise to take part.

Hazel Turner 01525 270404 hmt404@hotmail.co.uk

Wreath Making



Enormous thanks to Alex and Sophie Nash for organizing and running the Wreath Making workshop on the weekend of the 23rd/24th Nov. Twenty-four ladies were booked to take part, with Alex supplying everything that one needed and the free tuition to go with it. The profit of £440 has been given to St Luke's for church funds for which the PCC is extremely grateful. Thank you to SHCA committee for giving the organizers a special discounted price for the event.



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LADIES THAT LUNCH

There was full house in the Sports Club for the November Ladies that Lunch. With the chatting going on it was obvious everyone was enjoying themselves. Thank you all for coming and supporting Jenni and myself. It makes all the work involved worthwhile.

The December one will be held in the same venue on Tuesday 10 December at 12.30. If you don't want to attend, please do let me know, I know there was some talk of people just wanting to go to the Dolphin.

Then the following week on Tuesday 17 December nineteen ladies are booked into The Dolphin for a 12.30 sit down Festive Lunch. Deposit of £10 each is paid as well as the tip. Please remember to bring £18 plus money for a drink. I have a copy of the list of food each one of you has ordered in case you have forgotten!

The January Ladies that Lunch will be held on Tuesday 14th unless it is icy or snowy, keep an eye on Stoke Hammond Resident's Facebook page in case we have to cancel it.

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Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys South Neighbourhood Plan Update

Bucks council commenced the Reg 16 consultation on the 24th October and it will complete on the 4th December. Everyone who commented during the February 2024 consultation were notified of the latest event and Bucks have advertised it via their own communication channels as well as contacting all statutory consultees. If anyone still wishes to comment they have until the 4th December via the Bucks Council website.

The next stage will be the appointment of an examiner by the Bucks Council in agreement with the Parish Council. This will be a member of the national planning inspectorate who will review the plan to ensure it meets the basic conditions laid down in law. It must be deemed to:

- have regard to the National Policy*
- contribute to the achievement of sustainable development*
- have general conformity with the strategic policies in the existing Local Plan.*
- be compatible with EU obligations*

The examination will most likely be carried out by written representations however it could, if felt necessary, involve a public hearing.

The examiner will consider:

- whether the plan meets the basic conditions*
- any requirements set out by law*
- that the plan conforms with National and Local policies*
- Reg 16 responses specifically with respect to the above*
- the recommended voting area for the referendum.*

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The final stage will be the public referendum which will require a 50% positive response for the plan to become a formal addition to the AVDC Local plan and subsequent Bucks Local Plan.

It is to be hoped that the referendum takes place sometime in the first 6 months of 2025.'

Malcolm Newing
Councillor Hammond Parish Council

The following link will take you to the Stoke Hammond Neighbourhood Plan on the Bucks Council Website where you can make comments until the 4th December 2024.

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November 2024

The second half of the autumn term is always busy in a primary school. Our older children supported the Remembrance Service at St Mary's in Great Birckhill, laying a wreath and providing a display for the church showing what peace means to them. We've worn odd socks to support anti-bullying week and explored what bullying is and what we should do if we are being bullied or see bullying happening. We've launched our girl's football team, and two families have kindly sponsored a new strip for both our boys and new girl's football team - thanks to The George in Little Brickhill and Laura Francis Farm Consultants. And we've welcomed prospective parents into school for the second of our two Open Days. If you have a child due to start school in September 2025 and missed the Open Days there is still chance to visit the school, contact us and we can arrange a tour office@highashschool.co.uk

December sees us preparing for our Christmas celebrations. Our younger children are already practicing for their nativity performances, we're making decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Luke's in Stoke Hammond, our choir and musicians are practicing for our Community Christmas Concert, and everyone is looking forward to our homemade Christmas lunch cooked by the school's very own catering team. It's a busy time - but a very special time at High Ash!

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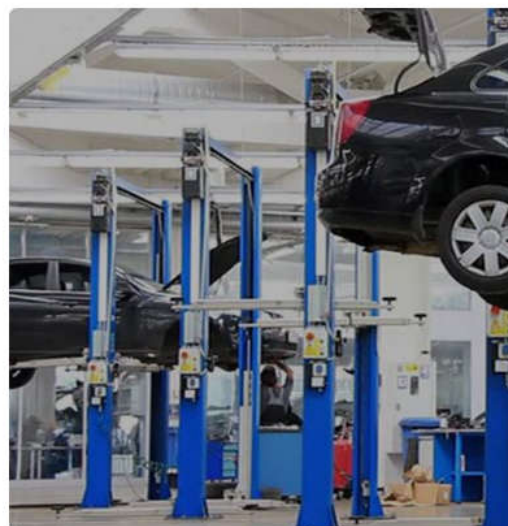


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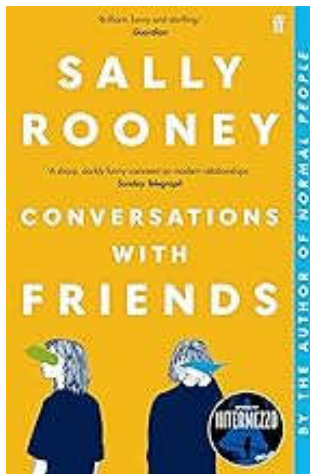
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STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



Conversations with Friends - by Julian Barnes



This 2019 debut novel by Irish author Sally Rooney is basically about two students who become involved with an older couple. Reviews have stated that it is a study in relationships and is well written and witty, so we are looking forward to it. The four main characters are Bobbi, Francis, Nick and Mellisa, and the whole book revolves around them.

Unfortunately, the group were unanimously in agreement over the dislike of the book. It was felt that there was no story, their relationships with one another were not at all clear and not very interesting even confusing and no-one could understand where the 'witty' bits were. Everyone felt that it failed to keep their interest or draw them in and the characters were not 'rounded' at all. Our token man,

who is usually very open minded and looks for the good in our 'reads', felt that there was no warmth, slow pace and rather sad, although he was pleased it was set in Dublin as he knows it well.

Surprised to notice that it had been serialised on TV recently! Also, this author was the answer to a question on 'Pointless' re her book Normal People which has also been on TV. It seems she is recently getting a lot of attention and praise so obviously not everyone has the same opinion as us!

A couple of our fellow book club members said they really had to push themselves through it which is not encouraging, although perhaps we would be more appreciative if we tried another of her books?

In conclusion we cannot recommend this novel as we felt that 8 people could not be totally wrong but perhaps the above has made you curious in which case 'go for it'.



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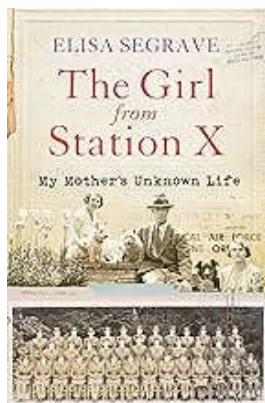


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The Girl from Station X – by Elisa Segrave



This is a rather unusual book – an interesting account of a privileged young woman's life before and after the war and the author's reaction to her mother's indifference which results in her realising that she really knew little about her. After her death she discovered innumerable war time diaries which revealed the mother she really didn't know. Her mother had a very complicated personality and varying emotional needs plus addictions particularly to alcohol. The reader learnt that this mother/daughter relationship had been unsatisfactory as, although the daughter enjoyed bouts of closeness and having brief periods of attention, she often felt unloved and she was anxious to find out more.

There was a mixed response from the group. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed it in parts although a frequent criticism was that the title was misleading as many expected more emphasis on Bletchley Park and it was felt that she didn't really contribute a great deal whilst there. Some felt an affiliation as the book felt 'local' in parts and were amazed at the many facets of the mother's life both personal and work orientated, but it was also said that the format of the book i.e. extracts from the diaries being revealed and being followed by comments by the daughter was unusual and interesting.

So, it was described as 'hard going', boring at first but suddenly far more interesting, a page turner, well written (which was disputed) but also it was felt that there was too much concentration on analysis of her mother's personality and idiosyncrasies.

Conclusion: Definitely worth reading as certainly different.

Next first book: Girl in the Dark – by Anna Lyndsey



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We seemed to have crammed a lot into the last couple of months so there's plenty to report on in this edition. We started with a weekend where both cubs and scouts hiked over to our local campsite near Cosgrove, the scouts doing their own navigating which resulted in a slightly longer day for them than expected! Everyone made it in time for a hot dinner, campfire songs and traditional s'mores for desert. With torrential rain over night and into the following day we abandoned the camp a few hours early but still managed some axe throwing before we left.

As Autumn took hold the scouts have been out and about having a go at geocaching in the village, whilst the cubs have been getting artistic with the conkers and leaves they foraged. As Halloween approached the scouts perfected their pumpkin carving skills as well as various first aid techniques (including how to treat a cut finger or two!!).



In addition to all the normal games we play on our Thursday night meetings there has been an increase in "cat and mouse" now that it is dark earlier outside, and some creative new ones including a simulation of travelling up and down the "Great Escape" tunnels as we approached Remembrance Sunday.

Every year we do a train trip to London with the scouts, with this year's expedition focusing on Greenwich and the Maritime museum before making our way across London to visit M&M World, the Lego store and the Regent Street lights. This was closely followed by a fun evening at Climb Quest MK where the whole group took over the venue to practice climbing. We saw several young people going higher than they thought possible, whilst others raced each other up the multitude of climbing walls.

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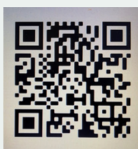
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The debating society and school council (the latter being about as effective as local parish councils in this country) were probably formed with the idea of educating pupils in the way of the outside world and turning them into respectable members of civilised society.

Now, some say this has not had the desired effect on me. However, I have just heard two examples which suggest there are a lot of people who have also not turned out to be respectable members of a civilised society.

The first was a report from a rally for the Republican party in America (no doubt the Democrats were similar). I suspect that 95%+ of the attendees were committed Republicans. The noise and support chanting were reminiscent of Hitler rallies. I cannot imagine anything of any importance was forthcoming, debated or voted upon.

But whilst I have always been partial to knocking Americans, the second example was indeed in this country. I happened to



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be listening to the new Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget speech. Not because I wanted to hear what it said, as everything had been leaked in the preceding ten days, but it was on radio 4 while I was working.

The speech was interspersed by lots of vocal support (hurrahs, hear hears, yes, etc.) and sounded like a drunken rabble (I understand alcohol is allowed in the house on Budget Day) not dissimilar to the Republican rally.

Well, if we'd behaved like that back at school we'd have been expelled from the societies, given a detention or perhaps worse!

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PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES OCTOBER & NOV 2024



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

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

24/02734/APP Pennhurst, Church Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BP

Householder application for front porch, single storey rear extension and changes to external finishes and new dropped kerb.

Note: This application was first seen at the October PC Meeting and then again in a slightly modified form at the November meeting, as concerns had been raised by heritage (this house sits within the Conservation area) about some of the original proposed design/finishes. Cllrs resolved they had NO Objections to either the first or to the subsequent second application.

23/02652/FUL – Employment Land 2 & 3, Newton Leys, Milton Keynes MK3 5SD

The erection of 81 residential dwellings with access, parking, landscaping and associated works along with provision for 8 traveller pitches and the construction of a store ancillary to Taylor Wimpey offices.

Note. Although outside of Parish of Stoke Hammond, this site sits very close to our Parishioners in Newton Leys South and Cllr Ajaz had previously attended a Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council meeting, where Councillors there had requested that Stoke Hammond raise an objection to this application. Following a lengthy discussion and having reviewed a draft objection letter produced by Cllr Champion, your PC resolved to submit an objection letter to this proposed development, citing the following reasons:

Highway safety: *In absence of any play equipment or play area on the proposed traveller site children of the site would be required to travel to alternative provision such as the Oakbrook Park. Consideration should be given to the fact Galapagos Grove is a busy main road at most times of day, children would be required to cross this road at some point to access Oakbrook Park. **The absence of a play park on the site is also in contrast to Planning policy for traveller sites design- Policy H 26 c***

Proposals in the Development Plan: *The proposed development is a departure from the original development plan, the land in this planning application was allocated as employment land. By not developing this as employment land would deprive local residents from opportunity of local employment. Taking the local centre as an example many members of the community work there or have set up successful businesses there.*

Stoke Hammond Parish Council discussed the possibility of purchasing this area of land to develop sports facilities for the residents of Newton Leys and Stoke Hammond. The Land Agent advised that Taylor Wimpey did not want to entertain a sale and had already turned down considerable offers for the purchase of this piece of land for employment purposes. It appears that there has been little actual interest in developing any facilities on this site apart from residential houses.

Newton Leys has many residents with entrepreneurial spirit who many consider setting up businesses in the area they love and are proud to call home. In addition, there are

many local residents who do not have access to their own forms of transport making local employment preferable, as demonstrated by the members of the community working at our existing local centre there is an appetite for local employment in the area. Development for employment use is also likely to be less disruptive to wildlife than housing, typically businesses operate during the hours of 9-5 it may be possible to place conditions on businesses to mitigate light pollution to the woodland. Buildings could also be orientated in a way in which they would not face the woodland further protecting habitat for wildlife

Unsuitability of location for Travellers Site: The centre of the site is approximately 350 metres from the West Coast mainline, a significant contributor of sound pollution in the area. Sound insulation of a static caravan is unlikely to perform as well as a home made of bricks and mortar exposing occupants to persistent round the clock noise. Locating sites away from railways was a recommendation in the document which this one supersedes (**Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites, Good Practice Guide**) 3.18

The centre of the site is approximately 100 meters from the boundary of an active landfill site which has recently received planning permission to operate for an extended period of time. The area of the proposed traveller site is subject to regular odour events from this landfill site. In the previous document which this one supersedes (**Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites, Good Practice Guide**) 3.7 mention is made to evidence provided to the Select Committee in regard to the importance of site location, particularly with regards to **sites not being placed next to tips.**

The community centre often hosts regular events which can be the source of noise such as football training and matches during the weekend mornings, these events can generate considerable noise in the localised area from activities such as shouting, cheering and the use of whistles. In addition to events such as Weddings and other types of celebrations where loud music may be present late into the evening.

We continue to believe that the most appropriate use of this land is to provide employment opportunities for the local community. We don't believe the existing application is appropriate. In any event, we understand that the demand for Traveller's site has reduced, and this application would provide only 8 travellers pitches by reducing approximately 40-50 potential residential dwellings.

We understand more Travellers are accepting brick and mortar properties and it would seem counter intuitive to not house up to 50 households so it could potentially provide 8 pitches without confirmation of demand.

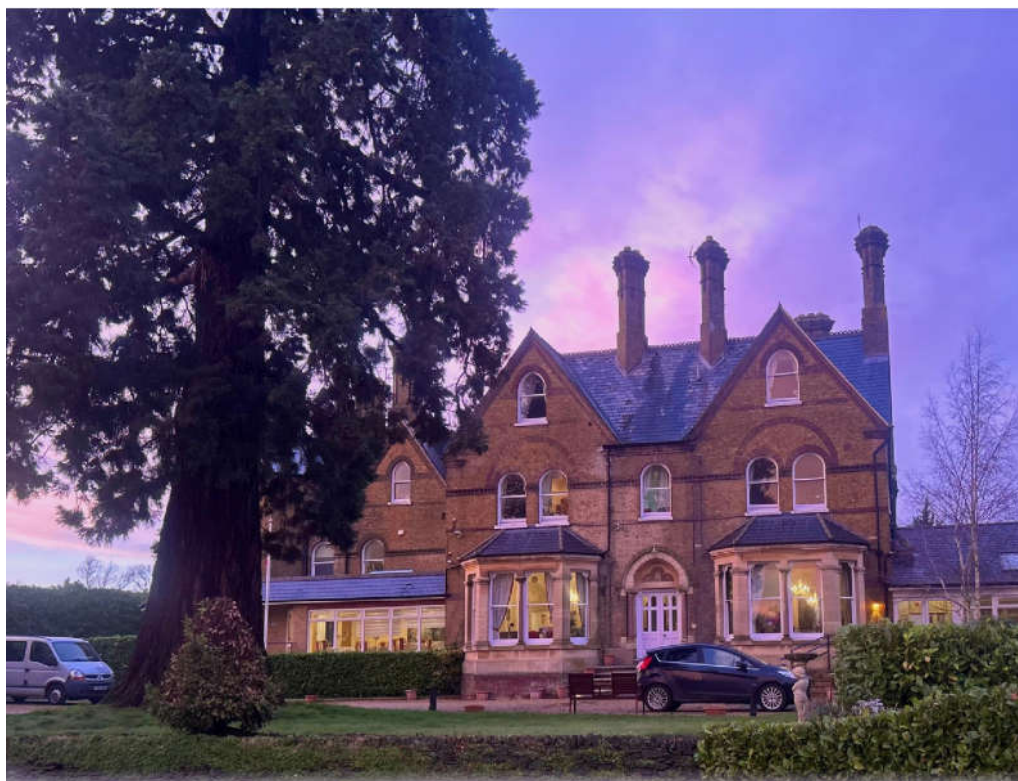
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PLANNING UPDATES:

No updates to report on this time

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Our recent trips out have included Frosts garden centre, CMK shopping centre and Roman Way garden centre.

We do weekly trips out every Thursday morning to provide a break away from routine for our residents and reduce feelings of isolation.



To arrange your visit or for further information and guidance when choosing a care home, please call us on
01908 371705



Joyful Tots



Joyful Tots is an inclusive drop-in for parents, carers, those who are pregnant or anyone looking after a baby or preschool child. You can have a natter over refreshments and babies & toddlers learn to play.

Refreshments (inc. fruit) are included. Your first session is free, then £2 after that. We don't charge a termly fee because we know what it's like with little ones – you never know how they're feeling till the day!



As well as singing and story time, we've been busy with lots of activities recently, including leaf printing, stamping and making paper chains. Keep a lookout on the Village Facebook page to see what we're up to next!

Our session hours are **10am - 11.30am on Friday mornings during (Bucks CC) term times** in the side room at **Stoke Hammond Community Centre**



If you'd like more information please call Diane 01525 270409 or Ashlynn 07930 240926 or message us on Facebook (Joyful Tots)

St Luke's Church News

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our St Luke's Gift Day: we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you also to all those who contributed towards the Repair and Restoration funds for Gift Day. We are currently arranging lights along the church path to light it during the darker evenings in Winter. We've also celebrated Remembrance Day, All Souls Day and held two of our ever-popular Community Breakfasts.



Forthcoming Special Services:

On **8th December at 4pm** we're having a **Christingle service**. An orange decorated with sweets and a candle is given to children at the service (but also adults if we have leftovers!) Although the service is aimed at children, all are welcome. The service originated in Moravia in 1747 to help children think about Jesus: the light of the world. It crept across Europe and was adopted by The Children's Society (to whom the collection from this service will be donated) in 1968.



The **Carol Service** will be held on **15th December** (again at **4pm**). The Benefice choir will also sing a couple of anthems. There'll be 9 Bible readings in between carols to give us a breather! Mince pies (and child friendly alternatives) will be served after the service.



Christmas Eve (24th December) traditional **Crib Service** at **4pm**: open to all, this short (½hr) service about the real meaning of to put in the crib with baby Jesus



will be celebrated with our particularly aimed at children, but gives children the chance to think Christmas. Bring a cuddly animal (temporarily!) if you'd like to.



Later on **Christmas Eve (24th December)**, we'll be holding our **Midnight Holy Communion Service**. The service actually starts at **11.30pm** and gives us the opportunity to sing a few carols before celebrating **Christmas Day** with a "mass" after midnight.

Fundraising:

The annual **Christmas Fayre** will be held on **Saturday 30th November** from **1-4pm** in the **Community Centre**. There will be a variety of stalls including Bottle Tombola, Cake stall, Christian books and Advent candles, Christmas gifts, Toys, Plants, Hamper Raffle, Refreshments, and a visit from a jovial gentleman in red!





We'll also be hosting the **Christmas Tree festival** again on **7th-8th December in church** (thanks to Hazel Turner). The event is free, with children's activities and refreshments (including soup at midday), but you can make a donation if you want. Village organisations (including Buttons preschool, Cubs and Scouts, High Ash school, and others) will each be decorating a Christmas tree on the theme: "Village Life through the Year". Come and see what their trees look like!

If you can't make any of our services or events, but want to give to the church please send a BACS to sort code: **20-57-40** ac no.**00869198** (Stoke Hammond Parochial Church Council) and tell us (treasurer.shpcc@yahoo.com) you've done so, adding your postcode & house name or no. if you're able to gift aid your donation. Thanks.

Introduction to Christianity:

We're planning an **Introduction to Christianity** course for anyone interested in finding out about the Christian faith. It will be in the **Community centre at 6pm on Wednesdays from 8th January to 12th February 2025**. Each session will last about 2 hrs and include a hot meal (special diets catered for), followed by a talk and group discussions depending on the theme. All are welcome. For more details, please contact Diane (see below).

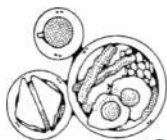


Church Activities:



Back by popular demand, we'll be **Carol Singing on the Green** again this year on **22nd December** starting from **3pm** (so that we can still read the words!) We'll be serving mulled wine and mince pies (plus alternatives). Wrap up warm and bring your best voices for a collection of traditional carols and Christmas songs!

Prayers: Our prayer group meets twice a month. We pray for local organisations, the community, individuals, and national & international issues. All prayers are in strict confidence. We're happy to accept prayer requests: via cards at the Community Breakfast or through churchwardens or call us. (see below)



The next **Community Breakfasts** are on **14th December** and **11th January** at the **Community Centre**. Orders taken from **8.30 to 10.30am**. As well as full English, we have croissants, cereal etc. and we welcome one off visitors too! There's no charge, but you may make a donation if you wish to. Food bank donations are also collected here.

The **Foodbank** in the church porch is free to all villagers who are welcome to use it **on an ad hoc basis**. If you're in desperate regular need, there's a list of phone numbers in the porch for those who need more or regular support. There's a family box which contains family meal items and duplicate items. If you can contribute, financially or in goods, please contact Dave or Diane Webber (see below) Items most needed include tinned casserole, tinned meat/fish, veg oil, cat food, milk and sugar.



Toy Swap Shop: in the church porch so feel free to use it. If you have toys, games or **children's** books that you no longer need, please donate them to the Swap Shop.



Bible verse of the month: *Philippians 4 v 4-7: ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord*



always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

What does it mean?: St Paul wrote this letter to believers in Philippi (Northern Greece) because he'd heard reports of dissention among the converted disciples. In the early part of the letter he corrects their misunderstandings and here at the end he's encouraging them if they have any disagreements to be kind to each other and most importantly to be joyful in the Lord as they all share that conviction which will bring them together. He advises them "in every situation" to pray for guidance to assuage their anxieties and this will bring God's peace which as Christians know, is the greatest joy.

Funeral information: New rules mean that crematoria are not offering a religious service by default: it must be specifically requested. The Rector can conduct a funeral service at a crematorium if you wish. Also, any village resident can be buried or have their ashes buried in the churchyard if wished (for a small fee). Memorial stones must conform to the Oxford Diocese regulations. Please note that rules regarding churchyard memorials have changed. If you'd like more details, please speak to the Rector or Churchwarden Harry Davies.



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

St Luke's offers baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact the Rector if you'd like to discuss any of these (contact details on the website). His phone goes straight to an answerphone but he'll reply as soon as he can, or contact a Churchwarden. The Rector's day off is Monday. If you have a prayer request or enquiry, please call **Churchwardens: Harry on 07773065271 or Diane on 270409.**

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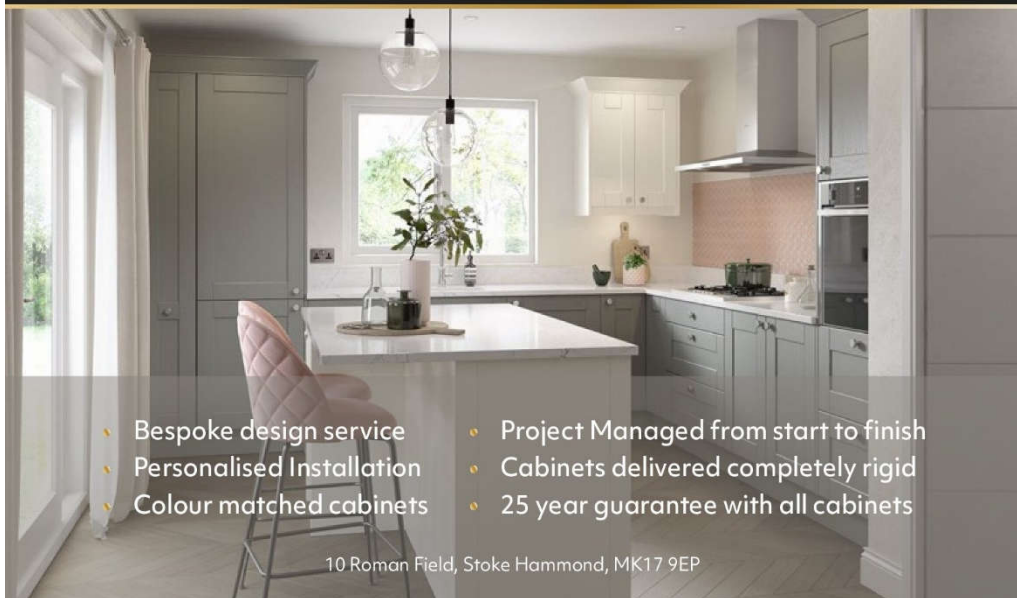
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News from Buckinghamshire Council

Dear Resident

11 November 2024

It's hard to believe there are a little over six weeks to go until Christmas! Decorations are appearing in the shops and many of us will be gearing up for the festive season. There will be Christmas events and carol services in many of our town and village centres and if you're starting to shop for gifts and festive goodies, please don't forget to shop locally.

Christmas gifts are an important trade for our local shops and help maintain our high streets throughout the year. We will be offering free parking in some council car parks in the run up to Christmas so please keep an eye on our website for details



Our roads this winter

Hopefully you will have seen that we have made significant progress with our rolling £110 million four-year investment programme in our roads, with many roads resurfaced and thousands of potholes filled. However, wet and cold weather can still lead to new potholes and other defects, particularly on older surfaces and those being damaged by heavy goods vehicles. Although our roads repair programme continues, our focus over winter switches to less weather dependent work and often we need to operate a 'make safe' approach to road repairs during winter weather, so as not to waste precious time and resources doing substantial repairs that simply won't last or aren't practical on wet or frozen surfaces.

This means we will carry out many more 'temporary repairs' to potholes during winter; these aren't pretty and are just that – a temporary fix to make the road safe. We then carry out more permanent repairs and improvements during the spring and summer. Our road repair programme is designed using a combination of professional technical assessment, alongside local knowledge and priority from ward councillors on behalf of their residents. So if you feel there's an area that needs attention, please raise this through your local councillor. During the winter months our teams will also focus on keeping the roads safe in colder and icier conditions, gritting where we need to and making safe any defects that open up as well as responding to severe weather and flooding. I am hoping that this winter will be drier

MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR LEIGHTON RD 19/09/24 TO 21/11/24

For Project: Leighton Road 19/09/24 - 21/11/24

Project Notes:

Location/Name:

Report Generated:

Speed Intervals

Time Intervals

Traffic Report From

85th Percentile Speed

85th Percentile Vehicles

Max Speed

Total Vehicles

AADT:

Incoming
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29/09/2024
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21/11/2024
15:59:59

Volumes -

weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	2288	2161
AM Peak	182	153
PM Peak	203	185

Speed

Speed Limit:

85th Percentile Speed:

50th Percentile Speed:

10 MPH Pace Interval:

Average Speed:

to 35.0 MPH

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Count over limit	9007	8963	9754	10602	10729	8833	7459
% over limit	46.0	45.3	46.8	47.2	47.6	48.7	49.5
Avg Speeder	35.2	35.2	35.4	35.4	35.6	35.5	35.4
Avg Speed	13.5	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	14.5	15.4



than the last two when the heavy and continuous rain did so much damage to our roads. Fingers firmly crossed.

The Council 'steps in' with Pension Credit surgeries

Following the government's surprise decision to withdraw the Winter Fuel Payment from nearly all Buckinghamshire pensioners we are doing everything in our power to support local residents of pensionable age who could now be struggling to pay bills and buy food. As you may well be aware, this year's Winter Fuel Payment will now only be made to pensioners on certain benefits and who are in receipt of Pension Credit. A significant concern with this is that it's known that nationally some 900,000 people receiving the state pension who are eligible for this benefit are not currently claiming it. This means these people, who really do rely on their Winter Fuel Payment, will not get it.

It's critical that people of pensionable age do check whether they're eligible for Pension Credit and make an application if so. As is often the case, the application form can appear somewhat complicated, so we have organised face to face 'surgeries' in many of our libraries and other council buildings where expert support will be on hand to help people fill out the required form, if they would like some help or guidance. This is all completely free and confidential. Anyone who needs this support is invited to look on our website for more information including times and locations.

Remembrance events

I want to take a moment to remember the poignance and importance of the Remembrance events that have taken place this weekend to pay tribute to those who have served, past and present, to defend our nation and to keep us safe. The council held a minute's silence at 11am on Monday 11 November and I personally attended my local village Remembrance service in Little Chalfont, while the council's Chairman, Cllr Mimi Harker OBE laid a wreath at our Remembrance Ceremony in Market Square, Aylesbury.



It is so important that we do not forget the service and sacrifice of all who have served and those that still serve in our Armed Forces.

Christmas appeals

This is also the time of year where we turn our attention even more closely to people in need. Of course, protecting the vulnerable is a key, year-round priority of this council and this work continues 365 days a year through our various support and

MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR FENNY RD 19/09/24 TO 21/11/24

For Project: Fenny Road 19/09/24 - 21/11/24

Project Notes:

Location/Name:

Report Generated:

Speed Intervals

Time Intervals

Traffic Report From

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85th Percentile Vehicles

Max Speed

Total Vehicles

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through

21/11/2024

15:59:59

20/09/2024

07:50:00

Volumes -

weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	1798	1728
AM Peak	108	111
PM Peak	189	171

Speed

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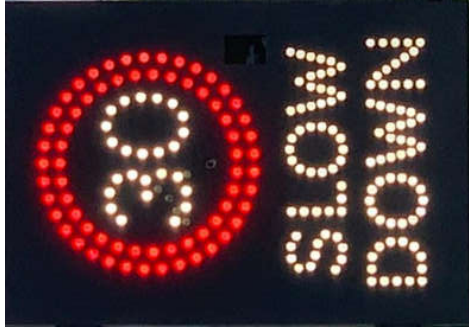
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10 MPH Pace Interval:

Average Speed:

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30.0 MPH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3404	3464	3362	3785	3895	3246	2783
Count over limit						
% over limit	21.6	20.2	22.6	22.8	21.0	22.3
Avg Speeder	34.4	34.4	34.4	34.6	34.5	34.6
Avg Speed	10.7	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.9	12.0



care services. I do however also want to let you know of some specific news about how we are supporting our residents who need it most this Christmas.

We have just launched our new 'Christmas Angels' campaign, highlighting five key local charities that we hope residents, if they are in a position to do so, can consider donating to this Christmas. One of these 'Christmas Angels' is 'Inspire Bucks', set up by local Buckinghamshire Councillor Paul Irwin. They run the annual Christmas Toy appeal for local children who otherwise might not get a gift this Christmas. Year after year, I am blown away by the sheer difference this campaign makes to our local children and I am incredibly grateful for the generosity of our communities – so I urge you once again, if you are able to do so, to give to this incredibly worthy appeal.

Alongside Inspire Bucks, our other 'Christmas Angels' also provide very significant support to local residents. They include 'Heart of Bucks' currently running their 'Together Against Poverty' appeal supporting local people facing hardship. The One Can Trust Foodbank is based in High Wycombe and provides free weekly emergency food parcels to anyone in High Wycombe and South Bucks who finds themselves in need.

Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse and Chiltern Foodbank also provide similar support to people in those areas too. Together, our 'Festive Five' make a massive difference to local people who may be facing real challenges this Christmas.

I do want to be clear too that while we have highlighted these five charities, there are many other amazing local organisations doing great work in their communities and we also include these on our Christmas Angels webpage in case you want to see how you might help and support some of these other organisations too.

Enhanced online help for adults and carers

Continuing the theme of helping and supporting people who need it most, I want to draw attention to some significant work we've done alongside residents using our Adult Social Care services to introduce new resources for both these residents and carers. This aims to support their independence and personal management of their care needs.

We provide assistance to more than 5,000 adults with varying degrees of support. Our new measures focus on making it easier for them to get online information and advice about their adult social care needs. It also enhances the level of online support for the many carers supporting people who need additional help. Importantly, we've designed these new resources alongside the people we're supporting, so that they directly reflect what service users tell us they need.

We've launched our new-look Care Advice Bucks website to include content that outlines how to go through the care assessment process, how individuals can arrange and pay for their care and guidance on what home support and equipment is available, as well as some helpful health and wellbeing advice.

Alongside this, the council has also improved the online resources available to carers in Buckinghamshire, joining up for the first time with 'Mobilise', providers of specialist support for people who are caring for others. 'Mobilise' offers Buckinghamshire

MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR NEWTON RD 19/09/24 TO 21/11/24

For Project:

Newton Road 19/09/24 - 21/11/24

Project Notes:

Location/Name:

Report Generated:

Speed Intervals

Time Intervals

Traffic Report From

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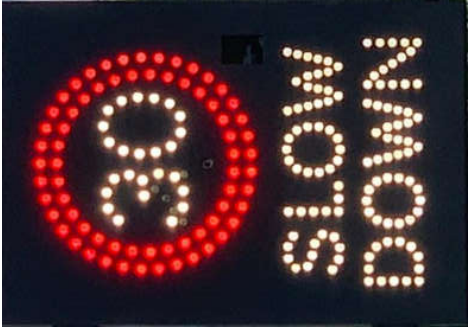
weekly counts

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	428	395
AM Peak	32	27
PM Peak	43	38

Speed

Speed Limit:
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85th Percentile Speed: 29.5
50th Percentile Speed: 25
10 MPH Pace Interval: 20.0 MPH to 30.0 MPH
Average Speed: 24.76

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Count over limit	408	342	400	447	577	352	305
% over limit	11.1	10.3	10.9	10.7	11.9	11.5	11.9
Avg Speeder	33.2	33.0	33.1	32.9	33.3	33.0	33.4
Avg Speed	16.4	16.3	16.1	15.6	14.2	17.3	18.4



carers free access to online support sessions, one to one support from a dedicated carers coach and access to a network of other carers to provide invaluable support and a listening ear.

We hope this enhanced support makes it easier for people to feel more in control of their own care and support needs and that it helps our valued local carers too.

Black Park Country Park – name our new café!

Lastly, during these shorter days it's even more important to get out into the outdoors and fresh air, and what better place to do so than a visit to one of our Country Parks. We've invested in new facilities at Black Park Country Park in recent times, including installing a new Changing Places toilet and a new customer building is also under construction, which will house a new café with indoor and outside seating, a food hatch for takeaway snacks and drinks and new improved toilets facilities.

We're inviting people to take part in a competition to name this new building! The winning suggestion will be chosen by a panel of judges and the winner will be given a year's worth of free parking at Buckinghamshire Country Parks (worth £70) and VIP entry to the grand opening event.


Enter by sending your name suggestion, along with your full name and postal address, to countryparks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk You have until Sunday 5 January 2025 to enter and the winner will be announced on Monday 27th January 2025.

Stay well and stay safe as the nights draw in,
Yours,

Martin Tett Leader of Buckinghamshire Council



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VILLAGE DIARY

Saturday 7 th December	Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch – Community Centre – 13.00
Saturday 14 th December	Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30
Sunday 22 nd December	St Luke's Carols on the Green – Village Green – 15.00
Tuesday 7 th January	Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30
Saturday 11 th January	Community Breakfast – Community Centre -8.30 – 10.30

For Church dates/times please see the 'Church Services' section

ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

High Ash Scouts, Cubs (Beavers)

Thursday 17.30 – 21.30hrs

Contact: Dave Pollington 01525 270864

Buttons Pre-School

Monday – Friday 09.00 – 15.00hrs

Contact: 07495 369320 or 01908 533404

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Monday day/evening

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Louisa.pilates@gmail.com

www.louisaharrisilates.co.uk

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Wednesday 9.30 – 10.15hrs

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Joyful Tots

Friday 10.00 – 11/30hrs

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EDITORS NOTE

Well, another year has raced by and here we are fast approaching the Festive Season and the New Year of 2025 and what that may bring to us – good things I hope for all.

Wishing you the residents of Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys South the most wonderful Christmas and all that goes with it and likewise all the very best for the New Year. I'm sure you would also join with me in once again thanking all our contributors and delivery persons for their hard work over the last year. This publication would simply not happen or land on your doorsteps without their input and dedication.

May I please have copy for the February/March 2025 issue by the **24th January**

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WASTE COLLECTION DATES

STOKE HAMMOND VILLAGE & NEWTON LEYS SOUTH

Waste Bin: 	Recycling Bin:  Paper, glass, cardboard, plastics, cartons, cans & tins	Food Waste Bin:  Non-recyclable or compostable.	Garden Waste Bin: 
	Wednesday 4 Dec	Wednesday 4 Dec	
Wednesday 11 Dec		Wednesday 11 Dec	Wednesday 11 Dec
	Wednesday 18 Dec	Wednesday 18 Dec	
Friday 27 December		Friday 27 December	
	Friday 3 January	Friday 3 January	
Thursday 9 January		Thursday 9 January	
	Wednesday 15 Jan	Wednesday 15 Jan	
Wednesday 22 Jan		Wednesday 22 Jan	
	Wednesday 29 Jan	Wednesday 29 Jan	
Wednesday 5 Feb		Wednesday 5 Feb	Wednesday 5 Feb