

# Parish Church & Community News



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Parishes within the Benefice of Wychert Vale



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Front Cover image: Garden Visitor by Michael Pitt Payne

## Editorial

*I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”*

Genesis 28:15-16

Foxes have not always had a good press. They are considered to be cunning and their close relationship with humans over generations as being either hunted or stealing food has not always helped.

Vixen is one of very few words in modern English that retain the Middle English southern dialect "v" pronunciation instead of "f" (i.e. northern English "fox" versus southern English "vox").

The cover photograph, taken in a garden, shows an animal on constant look out for a chance meal or an enemy. The idea of being watched might make us feel uncomfortable sometimes, but being “watched over” is different. We watch over precious things, families or homes. Sometimes closely and at other times at a distance.

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## Parish Services and Calendar

<b>August 2023</b>	<b>St John the Baptist Stone</b>	<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul Dinton</b>	<b>Stone Methodist Chapel</b>	<b>St Michael &amp; All Angels Aston Sandford</b>
Sunday 6 August Transfiguration	9.00am** Mattins (BCP) 10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 13 August Trinity 10	10.30am Family Communion	6.00pm ** Parish Evensong	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 20 August Trinity 11	9.00am** Mattins (BCP) 10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 27 August Trinity 12	10.30am Family Communion		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 3 September Trinity 13	9.00am** Mattins (BCP) 10.30am Family Worship  6pm Outdoor Evensong at Hartwell Church	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	

\*\* Indicates changes in services/times until further notice. Please see church noticeboards /websites for up to date details.

*Parish News is a community magazine for the residents of Stone, Dinton, Ford, Upton, Bishopstone, Hartwell and Aston Sandford. We welcome news, announcements by societies and clubs, and articles on local and other issues. We do not charge for charities or personal notices such as weddings, baptisms or acknowledgments and welcome advertising by local businesses.*

## News from Aston Sandford

### Coronation events

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May Aston Sandford celebrated the Coronation with a well-attended picnic lunch in the thatched barn at The Old Rectory. The weather was kind so we had drinks outside, and the children were able to run around the Old Rectory's grounds. And while we were toasting the King in champagne the Church bells were rung as part of *Ring for the King*. The next day, volunteering day, we organised a churchyard working party (to tidy up particularly around the graves and the front and side walls of the churchyard), and two teams of litter pickers. The litter pickers worked their way down our own lane but more particularly picked from the hump backed bridge along what is called by Bucks Council the Risborough Road to the A4129 and then along to the parish boundary at Green Lane. The litter picking was brilliantly organised by Sue Belgrove and in total over 40 bin bags of rubbish were collected, and taken away by the Council. In addition to the usual kind of carelessly chucked litter there were two cat's eyes, or rather those parts of the cat's eye which are hidden in the road, and a 5 foot wide double glazed window, which was 'up-cycled' from the pile of bags before the Council could collect the rubbish! Altogether a successful morning's work, and huge thanks to everyone involved, and particularly to Sue, for their hard work.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM was held on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> May, again in the thatched barn at the Old Rectory, chaired by the Rev Cassa Messervy. Nick Morgan and Laura Macpherson were re-elected Church wardens, and I was re-elected as Treasurer. As ever there was an interesting and wide ranging discussion. Two dates to note –

- The church will be open on the afternoon of **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** to enable people to see the church decorated for our Harvest Festival which will take place at 11 00am the following day;
- There will be no Remembrance Day service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, but instead Remembrance will be celebrated on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### Interment of ashes

On the afternoon of 10<sup>th</sup> June Gwen Barton's ashes were interred in the churchyard in a short service taken by the Ven Gordon Kuhrt.

### The Dover Family

Some of my faithful readers will remember that in March and May 2018 I wrote two articles on the Dover family who lived at the Manor for much of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and many of whom are buried in our churchyard; there is a plaque to the head of the family, John Dover, above the font. Since then a couple of members of the family, descendants of that branch of the family which emigrated to Argentina, have been in touch with me, and in May this year I met three members of the family for the first

time, three sisters, one of whom lives in London, who had visited Aston Sandford a few years ago, and two from Buenos Aires. To my surprise they brought me a gift to thank me for all my work and in particular for finding out things about their ancestors of which they had no idea. It was such a pleasure to meet them.

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A reminder that this year's Ride and Stride event, organised by Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, is on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

Don't forget that your church gets half the amount raised by any sponsored rider or walker who names your church – and that your church can earn extra funds by sponsoring a team of sitters in the church to welcome participants, and maybe hand out welcome glasses of water. Why not participate yourself or sponsor someone else – it is SUCH a good cause, and has benefitted, and continues to benefit, all our churches.

For further details see <https://www.bucks-historic-churches.org/>

**Marilynne A Morgan**  
Treasurer, Aston Sandford



## Summer time holiday packing

Books - I estimate at least one per day away.

Guide books and maps – these are usually cheaper to buy at home than buy there.

A book on the area that is not a travel guide book.

Toiletries – paracetamol and plasters, insect repellent, (bear repellent I once needed but that is another story!) again cheaper to buy before you go. Some countries have rules on prescribed medication so check.

Sun cream – get a proper strength one and plenty of it.

Clothes – you will probably go somewhere where no-one knows you so take what you like. It is your once a year opportunity to wear something silly.

Bucket and spade so you can show your family how to build a **proper** sandcastle.

Travel insurance.

Currency.

Passport and tickets (with copies in case of loss).

Emergency contact information.

Copies of important documents in case you lose something. If you lost your bank or credit card would you know who to call?

A notebook and pen or pencil

Phone chargers and travel adaptors.

If you have room, thermos flasks, cups, plastic plates and cutlery for those picnics on the beach in a howling gale.

Don't forget the children.

Have fun!



## Appeals:

### Ukraine

We continue to pray for an end to the conflict and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war.

There are various ways we can all help. The Bucks County Council offers some resources through the following weblink:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/helping-hand-for-ukraine/making-a-donation-pledge-support/>

### Turkey/Syria Earthquake

Following the devastating earthquakes in southern Italy and north-west Syria, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected and their families and friends, and to all the rescuers and medical staff. The UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has launched an appeal to help those affected. The Bucks County Council weblink below provides details on helping:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/support-survivors-of-the-turkey-syria-earthquake/>

# Volunteers Needed



1st Bernwood Scouts, Long Crendon are looking to get a new Squirrel Drey and Cub Pack up and running and we need volunteers! You don't need to be Bear Grylls to join us. Whatever your skillset, lend a hand or as much time as you can spare and we promise you'll get more out than you put in!

To register your interest please contact  
[bernwoodmembers@gmail.com](mailto:bernwoodmembers@gmail.com)

[www.bernwoodforestscouts.org](http://www.bernwoodforestscouts.org)



## Simply Walk in Stone, Haddenham & Dinton

Come suited & booted for whatever the weather  
To **Simply Walk** for an hour or so in the countryside  
Just come to our walks throughout the year from:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road – **STONE**  
Wednesday: 9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday: 16<sup>th</sup> August

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August

We meet in the morning for 10.30  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
We change the walk routes for variety  
But not so with.....the coffee or tea!

### Walking for Health with Simply Walk

Visit [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk)  
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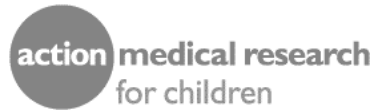


## Afternoon Teas

Sunday ~ 27<sup>th</sup> August 3.00pm to 5.00pm  
Stone Village Hall

Come and enjoy a cup of tea and cake and have a cosy chat with friends old and new

In aid of Action Medical Research

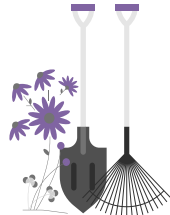


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## St Peter & St Paul, Dinton

### Churchyard Tidy Up – Volunteers Needed

August 12<sup>th</sup>  
September 9<sup>th</sup>  
October 14<sup>th</sup>



From 10am until 12 noon with tasks of mowing, strimming, weeding, pruning etc. Please provide your own tools and equipment. Refreshments at 11am.

If you could give any time to this worthwhile and enjoyable task, please contact Rosemary Jackson on 07751 393377 or simply come along.

## PARISH NEWS QUIZ

1. Seafaring people originally from Scandinavia who raided, traded and settled areas of coastal Northern Britain.
2. The decade the 2nd World War ended
3. Town in Highland region of Scotland at the tip of the Black Isle
4. Out and away from a starting point
5. Sounds like the prongs of a fork
6. 2-masted bluff-bowed Dutch fishing boat.
7. Catcher of aquatic animals with gills
8. British manufacturer of bicycles, motorcycles and cars. Discontinued in 1976
9. River flowing through London
10. Where the 'white cliffs' are
11. The diamond island south of Southampton
12. Building material used extensively for public buildings in London, eg St Paul's and Buckingham Palace.
13. Where Drake played bowls
14. Battle of 1805
15. Bottom of a shoe
16. Destination rock of a disastrous race of 1979, resulting in the deaths of 19 people
17. Forename of the 9-year old kidnapped by her family in Feb 2008. Miss Matthews lived in Dewsbury
18. A courtyard in a fortification enclosed by a curtain wall
19. Traditional knitting technique used to create patterns with multiple colours
20. All answers have a common theme. What is it?

*Answers on page 24*

## On the verge

I was right about one thing recently. As soon as I started writing about roadsides which were left to grow during “no mow May”, they were cut down! Leaving verges uncut has been controversial as many road junctions became difficult to use because the vegetation was so long it was hard to see oncoming traffic, but on the other hand the uncut flowers and grasses provide food and cover for pollinators and wildlife.

These roadside spaces are refuges for many rare meadow wildflowers, which is crucial since the UK has lost 97% of its meadows since the 1930s. Verges cover an enormous area in the UK - they span about 500,000 kilometres, equivalent to driving more than 12 times around the Earth! Their total area is thought to be slightly larger than the Lake District National Park.

The roadside verges are an important habitat for a range of flora, including rare wildflowers. About 700 different species of wildflower can be found growing on verges, including 29 of the country's 52 species of orchid... Animals that reside on verges range from small insects and amphibians, to larger reptiles, mammals and birds, which rely on verges as a corridor connecting areas of undamaged habitat.

Leaving verges uncut and even better not using weed killer on them is comparatively recent. Motorway and other main road verges used to be mown but financial restrictions killed off the weed killer. Perhaps the most important thing is the verges, especially on motorways are kept free of people.



Where do you stand on verges? Not too close to the road I hope.

## Interesting people who have lived in Stone no 8

### Stone's Ernest Woodford, part 1, Methodist minister, missionary to India and survivor of a torpedo attack:

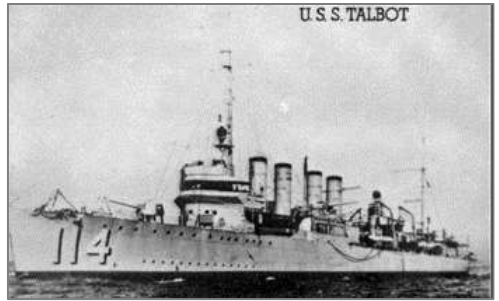
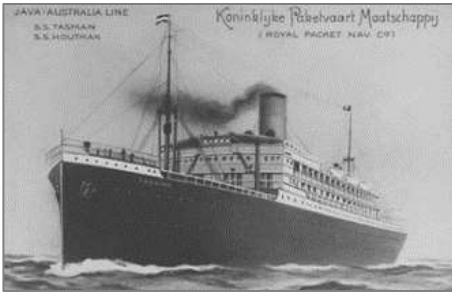
George Ernest Woodford was born in Stone in 1873, oldest of George and Annie Woodford's 10 children. (In this 1930s family picture he is third from the left, on the back row). As he grew up, he became increasingly involved in the Eythrope Road Methodist Church and eventually trained for the ministry, entering in 1898.



After more training at Richmond he spent 25 years or more working as a missionary for the Santals in Bengal, India, where he achieved a great deal both in the church and in developing education, welfare and medical services, fearlessly facing problems and setbacks, including shooting predatory bears! He was “a man of extraordinary courage”

He brought his family back to England during WW1 and a few weeks before the war ended, he left England again to return to Bengal – this time leaving his wife Daisy and children in Four Oaks, Birmingham. He sailed from Plymouth on HMS Tasman on September 14, together with 145 other men – judges, sea captains, medical men and academics.

Two days later the passengers were having tea when the ship was torpedoed off Ushant and sank in just 4 minutes. The crew of 14, who were all lost, had just time to launch the lifeboats and order all overboard and the passengers battled through heavy, icy, oily seas to the boats, where they spent a miserable night – Ernest rowed for hours “to keep warm and fight the mountainous seas” The tiller was smashed. The only food was a gulp of water “and one ship's biscuit...as hard as bricks and my poor new teeth refused to accept mine, so I broke off a piece and sucked it...”. At 7.30 next morning they saw smoke on the horizon and were rescued by the USA SS Talbot, warmed, fed, and returned to Plymouth. 3 days later George arrived back home to the surprise of his family, breakfasting at Four Oaks, had a hot bath and slept for 2 days! Needless to say he was on the next boat to India with his dedicated companions.



HMS Tasman, above, and the rescue ship, USS Talbot. This was the 53<sup>rd</sup> successful attack by Uboat Kapitan/Leutnant Leo Hillebrand on his last patrol run. The survivors of the Tasman had a glimpse of the conning tower of his submarine SMU46 submerging as they fought the heavy seas.

Ernest later wrote a long and detailed report of his experience –a riveting read. During the long cold night he gave his blanket to a shivering Indian graduate, K M Panikar, returning home from Oxford. This man, K M Panikkar, became a highly respected historian, nationalist, politician and diplomat in India, taking part in the Round Table Conferences in 1930 and 1931, held in advance of Independence in 1947.

Ernest was very proud of being in at the start of the United Protestant church of South India, established in August 1947, a month after Independence.

He retired from India in the mid-twenties, but retained his interest in India and his missionary contacts all his life. In 1939 the Woodfords bought Stairways, Stone, from Lady Margaret Lamb and Lady Mary Pakenham (nee Longford) for £700 – they had inherited it from their mother, widow of the 5<sup>th</sup> Lord Longford.. This had been two estate workers cottages built in 1832, knocked together and from 1929-1939 part of the Peverel Court estate. An extra kitchen and bathroom were added by Daisy for family evacuees during WWII - she was reluctant to share!

***With thanks to Jenny Woodford for the family photograph***

***More about Ernest and Daisy and their 30 years in Stone after WW2 in our September issue.***

**LINK TO HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

No, not quite time for making the 2023 appeal  
*[but keep an eye open for those special deals  
which mean you can start collecting fillers]*

This is just to encourage you to look at the

**LINK TO HOPE WEBSITE**

**info@linktohope.co.uk**

to follow the distribution of the 2022 shoeboxes :  
you may even spot the one you sent!

There's lots of interesting information about the Charity and its work -  
which covers much, much more than the shoebox appeal



**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**



**Dinton Beer  
Festival**

On Saturday, August 19, the eighth annual Dinton Beer Festival will be held in the grounds of The Seven Stars in Dinton, from Midday until 6pm. There will be a selection of real ales, ciders and Pimm's, as well as live music throughout the afternoon and a barbecue hosted by Steph and her team. All the proceeds will go towards community projects. If you would like to sponsor a barrel, some cider or Pimm's, or contribute towards the cost of the glasses, please telephone Dick O'Driscoll on 07711 731740 or email [odriscoll110@btinternet.com](mailto:odriscoll110@btinternet.com) or Dennis Dunn at [Dennis.dunn@btconnect.com](mailto:Dennis.dunn@btconnect.com)



## Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL  
www.stonedintonhartwell.com

### **SOMETHING NEW IS COMING TO STONE!**

#### **Do you want to:**

- Be in at the start
- One of the first
- A trendsetter
- Just interested
- Enjoy a Coffee and a Chat
- Sit and Knit and Natter or do something different?



### **IF SO THEN COME TO SOCIALLY CRAFTY**

**MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 10.30am - 12.30**

in St John the Baptist Church, Stone

We hope to run this on the 3rd Monday of each month (excepting Bank Holidays) and can evolve as the need arises.

#### *Everyone is welcome*

- Make friends
- Drink Coffee
- Eat Cake
- Do Crafts if you wish

*Don't be shy come along and try*

### **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, STONE**

**GARDENING: SATURDAY 19 AUGUST 10AM-1.00PM**  
**COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP US?**



If so you will be able to:

- Work on a specified area of the churchyard in your own time
- Use your own equipment or ours depending on how you feel
- Be part of a team who care and are appreciated
- Help with conservation and encouragement of wildlife
- Enjoy doing something your church and community need.



# Stone Methodist Chapel

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ulysee798@gmail.com



Village contact: Mrs. Sue Spinks  
Clowesbourne, Upton, HP17 8UA  
royandsue1@btinternet.com  
01296 748369

## *The Chapel with heart, at the heart of the village* **WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY @ 11 a.m.**

Village friends continue to be prayed for week by week.  
During August and following an alphabetical list of village streets  
we will pray for the families of Corn Close, Cottage Grounds Creslow Way  
and Cromhamstone

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For the holiday month of August: a plan for life in a familiar Psalm - **PSALM 23**

The Lord is my Shepherd...  
I shall not want  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures  
He leadeth me beside still waters  
He restoreth my soul  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
For His Name's sake  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death  
I will fear no evil  
For thou art with me  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of my enemies  
Thou anointest my head with oil  
My cup runneth over  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
For ever

**AMEN**

**That's relationship**  
**That's supply**  
**That's rest**  
**That's refreshment**  
**That's healing**  
**That's guidance**  
**That's purpose**

**That's challenge**  
**That's assurance**  
**That's faithfulness**  
**That's shelter**

**That's hope**  
**That's consecration**  
**That's abundance**  
**That's security**  
**That's eternity**

On the first Sunday in September, we will be welcoming our new Minister,  
Revd. Hee Gon Moon in a Holy Communion Service  
Do come along to give Hee Gon a warm welcome to his ministry among us

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## FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP and THURSDAY CLUB

Invite you to join then 'on the move' in August.



but in a more sedate manor than this no doubt! After meeting at the Chapel at 12.45pm for a simple buffet lunch it's all aboard for a

summer afternoon in the beautiful surroundings of

**WATERPERRY GARDENS : TUESDAY AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Enjoy strolling round the gardens, visiting the Gift Shop, Plant Sales and Gardening Museum, rounding of the afternoon with a **CREAM TEA** for the all-inclusive price of **£25.00**

**PLEASE CONTACT SUE SPINKS, 01296 748369 or email royandsue1@btinternet.com to book your place**



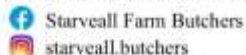
### Starveall Farm Butchers

Our new Butchery Shop sells quality fresh meat, which is locally sourced where possible (with some grown right here at the farm), ethically reared and traceable. The butchery is open on 5x days per week (Tuesday to Saturday), please check our website or google for opening hours.

Our website [www.starveallbutchers.co.uk](http://www.starveallbutchers.co.uk) has more details of the selection of meats, cuts of meat, other produce that we are selling, along with our competitive prices. You can order online for local delivery or collection from:

**Starveall Butchers, Starveall Farm, Oxford Road, Upton, Aylesbury, Bucks HP17 8PZ.**

Follow us on social media for updates:



Tel: 01296 747549  
Email: [info@starveall.co.uk](mailto:info@starveall.co.uk)



**\*\*Note new time on Tuesday\*\***  
**EVERY TUESDAY**  
**11.00AM – 1.00PM**  
**Cakes, crumpets, filled  
jacket potatoes**

**SATURDAY**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
**10.00AM – 12 NOON**  
**including Breakfast Rolls**

**JUBILEE PAVILION**  
**STONE RECREATION GROUND**  
**RUN BY ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, STONE**  
**THE LOCAL CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY,**  
**SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

**For the whole community to meet friends, make new friends or just  
come and enjoy the Park while having a cuppa.**



**Evensong Service**  
**Sunday 3rd September 2023 at 6 pm**  
**By kind permission of Hartwell**  
**House, Oxford Rd. Aylesbury, HP17**  
**8NR**

The traditional Common Prayer service takes place out of doors, in front of Hartwell Church. This spectacular and romantic mid-18th-century church is built in the 'Gothic' style. The church was built between 1753 and 1755 to a design by Henry Keene for Sir William Lee. It has two towers and sits in the landscaped grounds of Hartwell House, now a luxurious country hotel. Henry Keene

designed the church for Sir William Lee. It is octagonal with east and west towers, and is thought to echo the chapter house at York Minster.

*Please bring your own chair*

## **Old Coins**

Keep sending in any foreign or old coins or unwanted gold jewellery. We can convert this into funding for the church. We've raised much needed funds recently from a few obsolete foreign banknotes and jewellery.

You can send to the Editor at :  
12 Roundhill, Stone HP17 8RD  
Tel: 01296 748170 or email [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk)



**FREE Play  
Session!!**



**For 4 to 11  
Years!!**

**STONE WITH BISHOPSTONE AND HARTWELL  
PLAY RANGER SESSIONS 2023**



**THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – 10AM TO MIDDAY**

**FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES**

**WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND, STONE,  
AYLESBURY, BUCKS HP17 8PD**

**Please be advised that NO childcare is provided at this session and parents / carers are responsible for their Children at all times.**

**Contact – 07436 270267 / [martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk](mailto:martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk) / [www.oxonplay.org.uk](http://www.oxonplay.org.uk)**



**Play Rangers  
POP UP PLAY**



**PLAY  
Maker**

## Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council Meetings

Meetings scheduled to start at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified differently on the agenda:

12 <sup>th</sup> September	10 <sup>th</sup> October
14 <sup>th</sup> November	12 <sup>th</sup> December

A Food Bank Collection point has been set up at the Seven Stars in Dinton. The box is situated under the tall table on the patio adjacent to the entrance to the pub. All foodstuff will be collected by the Bernwode bus on the first Saturday of each month and delivered to the Aylesbury Vineyard Church foodbank.



## Dinton Playground Plaques

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2. Forties
3. Cromarty
4. Forth
5. Tyne
6. Dogger
7. Fisher
8. Humber
9. Thames
10. Dover
11. Wight
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