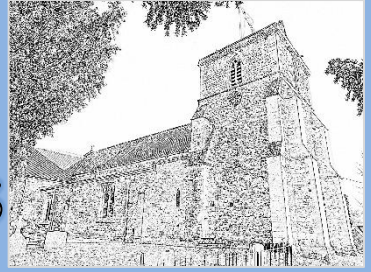


# Parish Church & Community News



Stone | Dinton | Ford | Upton | Hartwell | Bishopstone | Aston Sandford  
Parishes within the Benefice of Wychert Vale



## In this month's issue

- 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside'
- Wildlife Spotlight - Parakeets
- Local events and meetings



# USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

## WYCHERT VALE BENEFICE



**Benefice Rector**  
Revd Cassa Messervy



**Associate Rector**  
Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves  
01296 748390  
drphilgroves@gmail.com

**Associate Minister**  
Revd Nigel Featherston  
Tel: 01296 747454  
nfeatherston@btinternet.com

**Curate**  
Revd Clare Joyce  
07507 706668  
revclarejoyce@gmail.com

**Benefice Administrator**  
For all baptisms, weddings and funerals:  
Benefice Office, St Mary's Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Aylesbury, HP17 8AJ.  
office@wychertvale.org | office@haddenhamstmarys.org

### St John the Baptist, Stone

Trainee Licensed Lay Minister – Richard Smith | richard.smith@stonedintonhartwell.com  
Churchwarden – Raymond Medhurst | raymond.medurst@stonedintonhartwell.com  
Churchwarden – Sue Birrell | s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com

### St Peter and St Paul, Dinton

Churchwarden - Rosemary Jackson | 01296 748655 | 07751 393377 |  
jacksonrj@btinternet.com

**Treasurer (Stone & Dinton)**  
treasurer@stonedintonhartwell.com

### St Michael & All Angels, Aston Sandford

Hon Treasurer - Marilynne Morgan | 4mam.morgan@gmail.com  
Churchwarden - Nick Morgan | 01844 291217 | 4nick.morgan@gmail.com  
Churchwarden - Laura Macpherson | lauramacpherson52@gmail.com

Front Cover Image: Beach Huts, Whitby, North Yorkshire (credit: [Unsplash.com](https://www.unsplash.com) – Andy Carne)

## Editorial

*“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.”*

Mark 13:27-29

Change is in the air across the country and the world. One half of people on the planet will have a general election or something similar this year. Some change is welcome and looked for and other is challenging and worrying. The bible teaches us that amid change some things are reliable like the seasons and the dawn each day.

Let us welcome change, and shape what we want and how we get there.

Enjoy the Summer!



---

## Dinton News

The very successful Echoes of Swing concert on 14<sup>th</sup> June made a profit of £1,680 to be split between the School in Malawi and St Peter & St Paul Church Fabric Fund.

A great evening was had by all – what great musicians they are!!

Amazing result thanks to the unerring generosity of all our neighbours.

## Parish Services and Calendar

August 2024	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton*	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
<b>Sunday 4th August</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Holy Communion	9.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 11th August</b>	10.30 Family Service	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 18th August</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	11.00am Holy Communion Service
<b>Sunday 25th August</b>	10.30am All Age Holy Communion	No service at Dinton	11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 1st September</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
	6.00pm Evensong at Hartwell – all welcome			

\*Please note changes to August pattern of services at Dinton due to minister holidays

\*\*Changes/more details can be found in the churches' noticeboards and the website

---

### Parish & Community News : News team

Editor:	David Pickup	01296 748170	david@pickupandscott.co.uk
Advertising:	Sue Unwin	07760 177599	sunwin1958@hotmail.com
IT Producer:	Heather Harris	07766 086280	hevsharris@aol.com
Distributor:	Fiona Rysdale	01296 747663	therysdales@live.co.uk
Readership:	Ruth Jeffery	07792 734116	ruth@computing4u.net

*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

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM was held on the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> May, as usual in the thatched barn at the Old Rectory, chaired by Mary Paterson, who was re-elected Lay Chairman. Nick Morgan and Laura Macpherson were re-elected Church Wardens, and I was re-elected Treasurer. The meeting endorsed the decision of the PCM to appoint two deputy Wardens, Mary Paterson and David Morris. The meeting also endorsed the decision of the PCM to seek donations towards the cost of mowing the churchyard (any donations gratefully received!).

### More on that woodpecker!

Our intrusive woodpecker made an unwelcome return in Spring, and could be heard drilling a few more holes. Two deterrent mock birds were brilliantly created by Nick from pheasant and kite feathers and old tennis balls, and hung from the tower. Sadly one has disappeared – query taken by a kite? - but the other, while not flying so high, seems to have put Woody off. Meanwhile, following discussion at our APCM, it looks as if we may be able to claim on our insurance for the damage he has caused.

### More on G E Street

In the July edition of the parish magazine I wrote about the life and works of the Victorian architect George Street, born in 1824. Interested readers may like to know that the Victorian Society has arranged a number of events to mark the bicentenary – see <https://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/national-news/happy-birthday-george-edmund-street-the-victorian-society-celebrates-the-bicentenary-year-of-architect-g-e-street/>.



A reminder that this year's Ride and Stride event, organised by Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, is on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. Don't forget that your church gets half the amount raised (including half the gift aid) 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 the churches in our benefice

See <https://www.bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/> for further details, including how to donate through Just Giving, and for suggested routes. Route 1 for cyclists, and routes 1 and 2 for walkers, contain a number of churches in our benefice (including Aston Sandford) – so prepare for visitors!

### Marilynne A Morgan

**Treasurer, Aston Sandford Church**

**Trustee Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust**

**Chairman, Friends of Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches**

## Oh! I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside!

Going to the seaside for holidays was popularised by the royalty, starting with Brighton and their patronage from King George IV, and then Queen Victoria's promotion of the Isle of Wight and Ramsgate in Kent. Holidays remained the privilege of the wealthy until the development of the railways in the 1840s offered cheap travel to fast-growing resort towns. These included the seaside towns in the north west which benefitted from the industries which shut down for a week to service and repair machinery when the whole work force would have the time off. "Bracing sea air", fun and rest were seen as health giving.

Spending time at the seaside is still thought to have health benefits. *Cornwall Healthwatch* tells us that,

*"Simply staring out to sea can change our brain wave frequency, luring us into a mild meditative state. The colour blue is associated with feelings of calm and peace and listening to the ebb and flow of waves and the swell of the sea naturally soothes and relaxes the brain."*

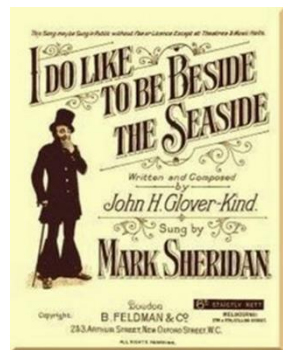
An article in the *York Press* explains, "The concept of "blue mind" ... suggests that spending time near water has a calming and restorative effect on our brains. Gazing at the vastness of the sea appears to lower stress hormones like cortisol, promoting feelings of tranquility and reducing anxiety.

There are a few hospitals that were built at the seaside. Sea air was thought curative for people suffering from lung and breathing problems. There were a number of sanatoria built for patients suffering from tuberculosis in the days before the widespread use of antibiotics.

A popular song which brings thoughts of the seaside is "*I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside*".

"*I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside*" was a popular British music hall song. It was written in 1907 by John H. Glover-Kind (1880 – 1918) and made famous by music hall singer Mark Sheridan, who first recorded it in 1909. Sheridan also recorded less well known songs such as " *Belgium Put the Kibosh on the Kaiser*", "*I'd Like to Shake Shakespeare*" and a musical burlesque called "*Gay Paree*".

The song speaks of fun and games at the seaside and annual Summer holidays.



It was composed at a time when the yearly visits of the British working class to the seaside were booming. It was used as a signature tune for a long time by Reginald Dixon MBE, who was the resident organist at the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool between 1930 and 1970. Its jaunty tune evocative of the classic bucket and spade, British seaside holiday.

Do sing along:

*Everyone delights to spend their summer's holiday  
down beside the side of the silvery sea.  
I'm no exception to the rule, in fact, if I'd my way,  
I'd reside by the side of the silvery sea.  
But when you're just the common garden Smith or Jones or Brown,  
At business up in town, you've got to settle down.  
You save up all the money you can till summer comes around  
Then away you go to a spot you know where the cockleshells are found  
Oh! I do like to be beside the seaside!  
I do like to be beside the sea!  
Oh I do like to stroll along the Prom, Prom, Prom!  
Where the brass bands play, "Tiddely-om-pom-pom!"  
So just let me be beside the seaside!  
I'll be beside myself with glee  
and there's lots of girls beside,  
I should like to be beside, beside the seaside,  
beside the sea!*

...

*William Sykes the burglar he'd been out to work one night  
filled his bags with jewels, cash and plate.  
Constable Brown felt quite surprised when William hove in sight.  
Said he, "The hours you're keeping are far too late."  
So he grabbed him by the collar and lodged him safe and sound in jail.  
Next morning looking pale, Bill told a tearful tale.  
The judge said, "For a couple of months I'm sending you away!"  
Said Bill, "How kind! Well if you don't mind, Where I spend my holiday!"  
Oh! I do like to be beside the seaside!  
I do like to be beside the sea!  
For the sun's always shining as I make my way,  
And the brass bands play, "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay"  
So just let me be beside the se...aside!  
I'll be beside myself with glee  
and there's lots of girls beside,  
I should like to be beside, beside the seaside,  
beside the sea!*

Sources

Wikipedia

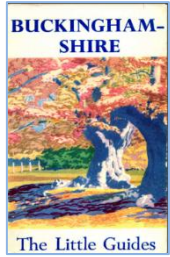
<https://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/24325681.trip-seaside-great-mental-health/>  
Health Watch Cornwall - <https://bit.ly/3VYJ2E>



# BUCKINGHAMSHIRE THE LITTLE GUIDES BOOK

First published in 1903 revised 1950

(Continuing in our series of extracts from 'Buckinghamshire – The Little Guides')



## CHEARSLEY

Chearsley is a small village on high ground on the side of the Thames Valley. The cottages lie along the broken ground very prettily. The church is to the south of the village down a steep lane. It has a west tower built in the first half of the 15th century with turret, nave, and chancel. The marks of the high-pitched roof can still be seen in the tower. This church is now marked chiefly by perpendicular features. The fine font with early 13<sup>th</sup> century circular bowl fluted below with cable and flower ornaments above is to be noted. In the floor of the chancel almost immediately beneath the reading desk is a well-preserved brass to John Frankeleyn and his wife Margaret 1472.

St Nicholas Church,  
Chearsley



714-1810: Royal Arms (early Hanoverian)  
painted on north wall (6 x 7ft)  
Only discovered under whitewash in 1950s  
when they were repainted by Michael C  
Farrar Bell



## Stone Village Library

In the bus stop near the village hall there are now two cupboards that comprise the Stone Village library

Currently, the cupboards contain a selection of books for all ages

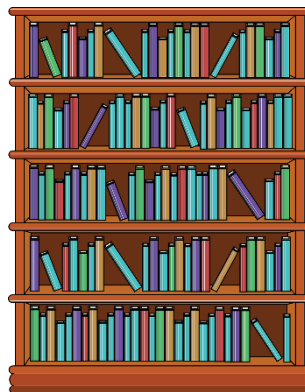
Please feel free to borrow the books as required. Also please return the books when you have finished with them.

I am always looking for more books to keep the library fresh with new titles.

My intention is to try to start a jigsaw library as well.

If anyone has any books or complete jigsaws that are surplus to requirements that they could donate, please contact me using the details below:

Peter Gillespy, mobile no 07914 006623 and email address [peter@gillespy.plus.com](mailto:peter@gillespy.plus.com)



## Afternoon Tea and Homemade Cakes Stone Village Hall : 3pm to 5 pm

25<sup>th</sup> August / 29<sup>th</sup> September/  
27<sup>th</sup> October / 24<sup>th</sup> November

Proceeds to Action Medical Research

## Evensong at Hartwell – Date for Your Diary

By kind permission of Hartwell House, the ever-popular traditional prayerbook service with choir will be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 6 pm.



*Summer Holiday Play Events*

**29th July**  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
Messy and Imaginative Play

**23rd August**  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
Risky Play

**War Memorial Recreation Ground, HP17 8RD**

Session run by MKPA and sponsored by Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell Parish Council  
All children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the session

TURN UP & PLAY

Arts & Crafts

Fire Pit

Climbing Wall

Messy play

Climb The Van

Stone Bishopstone & Hartwell Parish Council

MKPA 50th Anniversary  
Millon Keynes Play Association

## Wildlife Spotlight - The Rise of Parakeets in Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire, has recently become home to an unexpected avian resident—the parakeet. Even spotted in Stone and Haddenham! These vibrant, green birds, once an exotic sight, are now commonly seen across the county, and the south east of England.

### Origins and Release into the Wild

Parakeets, specifically the ring-necked parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*), are native to the Indian subcontinent and sub-Saharan Africa. Their presence in the UK is believed to date back to the mid-20th century, with one popular theory suggesting that a small number of birds escaped from the sets of Pinewood Studios in the 1950s. Another account says that some birds were released by an aviary owner in West London around the same time. While the exact origins of their introduction remain shrouded in mystery, what is clear is that these birds have adapted remarkably well to their new environment.



### Thriving in Urban Areas

Parakeets have thrived in urban areas across Buckinghamshire and beyond, thanks to their adaptable nature. Unlike many other species that struggle with habitat changes, parakeets have found urban parks, gardens, and woodlands to be ideal habitats. Their diet, consisting mainly of seeds, nuts, berries, and fruit, is readily available in these environments. Additionally, urban areas offer fewer natural predators, allowing the parakeet population to grow unchecked.

One of the key factors in their success is their ability to nest in a variety of locations. Parakeets often use tree cavities and even holes in buildings for nesting, making urban settings particularly accommodating. The mild climate of southern England also plays a significant role, providing an environment that closely mimics their native habitats.

### Characteristics of Parakeets

Ring-necked parakeets are easily recognizable by their bright green feathers, long tails, and distinctive red beaks. Adult males typically have a black and rose-colored ring around their necks, which females and juveniles lack. These birds are known for their loud, high-pitched calls, often heard before the birds themselves are seen.

Social and gregarious, parakeets usually form large flocks, which can be both a spectacle and a nuisance in equal measure. Their intelligence and playful behaviour endear them to many bird watchers, though they can sometimes be problematic for local agriculture, as they can raid crops.



**EYAI Community Café**  
At Stone Village hall

Fridays 1pm to 4pm

Now available  
take away & bistro coffee

ALL WELCOME

CHARITY NO: 1195406



EYAI  
Enhancing Young Adults Independence

EYAI (Enhancing Young Adults' Independence) provides young adults with practical training alongside Mentoring to support them to gain employment, confidence and independence.

We have opened an EYAI community café at Stone Village Hall on Fridays between 1-4pm providing training for our clients prior to working in the wider community alongside providing an afternoon café for the local community.

Please come and visit us to find out more.

Contact: 07835 90480 | E-Mail: team@eyai.co.uk | Web: <http://eyai.co.uk>



## WE NEED SOMEONE TO HELP WITH MOWING THE CHURCHYARD.....IS THAT YOU?

SJB

At Stone church we have 2 self-propelled mowers which are well maintained and a very large amount of grass that needs cutting. Over the next 2 months it will be a continuous job and we need help.

If you can offer to help then please contact [s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com) or call 01296338163



We will be very pleased to accept any other help that you may be able to give if you can't mow.

Refreshment and toilet facilities are available at the church.

## ☀️ Cuddington Sunshine Club ☀️

Open to Senior Citizens in Cuddington and surrounding villages. Activities include monthly Tea and Card Games in Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse, bi-monthly Matinee Cinema in the Bernard Hall, Coach outings, a Summer Garden Party and a Christmas party.

Next events:

5<sup>th</sup> August – Tea and games 2pm

19<sup>th</sup> August – Garden Party Lunch 2pm

For more information telephone Angela Wenham 01844 291932  
or email [apdwenham@gmail.com](mailto:apdwenham@gmail.com)

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Would you like to help put the parish magazine together?**

We are looking for one or two volunteers to join our editorial team and help with preparing the magazine for print on a monthly basis. You'll need a PC/Laptop.

Our local and friendly team meet once a month over Zoom.

***Please Contact Us For More Information***

✉️ [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk)



# Little Wrigglers

Re-starts  
6th September



**For 0-5yrs and their adults**  
**Every Thursday** (term-time only)  
**From 9.00am-10.30am**

- free play
- Bible story
- snacks
- singing and more!

Suggested donation – £2 per family.  
No need to book – just turn up!



**SJB**

Children remain the responsibility of their adult at all times.

Run by SJB Church, Stone – Your local church serving the community



## **Dinton Beer Festival to be held at the Seven Stars 17<sup>th</sup> August noon to 6pm**

The eighth annual Dinton Beer Festival will be held this year on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August in the garden of the Seven Stars pub, from noon to 6pm.

There will be a selection of real ales, ciders and Pimm's with live music through the afternoon and a barbecue hosted by Steph and her team.



All proceeds will go towards parish projects and we are delighted to report that to date, the Beer Festival has distributed nearly £14,000 with donations from last year's festival covering a new outside tap for the church and repairs to the church flagpole and replacing a fence and young saplings for the parish field.

So, please put the date in your diary and come along to the Seven Stars to enjoy a family day out. We are always looking for sponsors and if you would like to sponsor a barrel or some cider or Pimm's or contribute to the cost of the glasses, please contact Dick O'Driscoll on 07711 731740 or email Dick at [odriscoll110@btinternet.com](mailto:odriscoll110@btinternet.com) or Den Dunn at [Dennis.dunn@btconnect.com](mailto:Dennis.dunn@btconnect.com)

## **Food Bank Collection**

The Seven Stars in Dinton has a foodbank collection box situated under the tall table on the patio adjacent to the entrance of 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. Please donate any kind of tinned food or food in jars. You could also give toiletries or household goods.





# STARVEALL FARM BUTCHERS

## THE LOCAL BUTCHERY SHOP ON YOUR DOORSTEP

You can order online for local delivery or collection

Visit our website for more details:  
[www.starveallbutchers.co.uk](http://www.starveallbutchers.co.uk)

Starveall Butchers, Starveall Farm, Oxford Road, Upton, Aylesbury, HP17 8PZ

## Windmill Services

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE  
& GENERAL BUILDING WORK

Telephone: 01844 279519

Freephone: 0800 7837194

Email: [windmill2@btinternet.com](mailto:windmill2@btinternet.com)

Website: [www.windmill-services.co.uk](http://www.windmill-services.co.uk)

## 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: 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**

Wednesday: 14<sup>th</sup> August

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**

Wednesday: 28<sup>th</sup> August

We meet in the morning for 10.30

It's friendly, fun and **free**

August! The height of summer activity

Join us for a walk, chat.....coffee or tea!

### Walking for Health with Simply Walk

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

Telephone 01494 475367 Mobile 07802 260812.



----- Cut Out & Keep -----

<b>STONE, HADDENHAM &amp; DINTON SIMPLY WALK DATES 2024</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>STONE</b>	<b>HADDENHAM</b>	<b>DINTON</b>
September	4 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
October	2 <sup>nd</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
November	13 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
December	11 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>



**WE WILL BE WORKING IN THE CHURCHYARD COULD YOU HELP US?**



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**10AM TO 1PM ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY IN THE MONTH**  
Next session is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August, weather permitting.



We would like to tidy the graves, clear the banks along Bishopstone Road and Churchway, plant some flowers and generally make the churchyard look great!.

If you can help then please just come along, you can always make coffee if you want to join us but find the gardening tiring.

If you want a chat about this please contact Sue  
 [s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com) |  01296 338163

Future dates: 21<sup>st</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> November



**SOCIALLY CRAFTY MEETS**  
**EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**(excepting Bank Holidays)**

**10.30am - 12.30 in St John the Baptist Church, Stone**

**COME ALONG AND:**

- **Make friends**
- **Drink Coffee**
- **Eat Cake**
- **Do Crafts if you want**
- **Learn something new**
- **Share your talents**



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

There is no commitment to come every month - just come when you can and join in.

## Notice of road closures, A418 Oxford Road

June 2024 | [www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain, if you have any questions or enquiries about our work, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at [www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk](http://www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk).

### What are we doing?

From mid July, we will be closing the A418 Oxford Road several times in order to bring the new road alignment we have been building into use. This will culminate in the reopening of the new section of road in November this year. Part of the old A418 Oxford Road will remain for residents access only.

This work begins with two weekend closures in July. There will then be a 2-week closure and a further 1-week closure later this year. There are 3 additional weekends identified as contingency in case the works are delayed due to circumstances beyond our control. For further details on what these works will entail, please refer to the construction programme summary on page 5.

In order to complete the required work and reopen the road as swiftly as possible, we will be working 24 hours a day with consent from Buckinghamshire Council during these periods.

### When will these works take place?

- Friday 12 July 8:30pm – Monday 15 July 5:30am
- Friday 26 July 8:30pm – Sunday 28 July 6pm
- Friday 9 August 8:30pm – Monday 12 August 5:30am (Contingency weekend)
- **Friday 16 August 8:30pm – Monday 2 September 5:30am (2 week closure)**
- Friday 18 October 8:30pm – Monday 21 October 5:30am (Contingency weekend)
- **Friday 25 October 8:30pm – Monday 4 November 5:30am (1 week closure)**
- Friday 15 November 8:30pm – Monday 18 November 5:30am (Contingency weekend)

Please note, these dates may be subject to change due to circumstances outside of our control but will be completed on or around the timings specified.

## Notification



### Duration of works

Weekend road closures:

12-15 July

26-28 July

Longer road closures:

16 August – 2 September

25 October – 4 November

Contingency road closures:

9-12 August

18-21 October

15-18 November

Full 24 hour road closure during these periods.

### What to expect

Full closures of a section of the A418 Oxford Road with increased travel time

24 hour working with busier and quieter periods

A full diversion route to be signposted.

### What we will do

Respond promptly to any complaints we may receive and action accordingly.

Manage any noise or traffic impacts.

Call our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

# Café

IN THE PARK



**HOT & COLD DRINKS, HOME BAKED  
CAKES, LITE BITES AND MUCH MORE  
NO CHARGE FOR REFRESHMENTS  
DONATIONS ARE WELCOME**

**EVERY TUESDAY  
11.00AM – 1.00PM**

**Cakes, cheesy crumpets,  
soup, jacket potatoes with  
toppings and side-salad**

**SATURDAYS  
3<sup>rd</sup> AND 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**10.00AM – 12 NOON  
including Breakfast Rolls  
\*\*Note – two Café dates in  
August, though none in  
September\*\***

**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.**

# Stone Methodist Chapel

Eythrope Road, Stone HP17 8PH

Minister: Revd. Hee Gon Moon  
heegon5@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 and amenities continue to be prayed for week by week,

And following an alphabetical list of village streets –

The Glebe, The Spiert, Warren Close and Whitechurch Close

will be remembered on the four Sundays of August

**REMEMBER** – there is a postbox in the Chapel porch for an special prayer requests [anonymous if you prefer]

At our last Fourth Tuesday Fellowship meeting we looked at some well-known prayers and their stories and perhaps you might like to share these.

If you are looking forward to a really busy day, you might like to use Sir Jacob Astley's prayer before the battle of Edgehill. All attempts at constitutional compromise between King Charles 1 and Parliament having broken down in early 1642, on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1642 the armies of both factions faced each other at Edge Hill in southern Warwickshire. Sir Jacob, leading his mostly inexperienced and somewhat ill-equipped foot soldiers in the Royalist cause, rose at daybreak to see the massed Parliamentary forces across the 'no man's land'. This was his morning prayer:

**“O Lord, thou knowest how busy I must be this day.  
If I forget Thee, do not thou forget me”**

Apart from his prayer, Sir Jacob is a little-known figure who died in relative obscurity, in contrast to the author of our next prayer who is known and venerated throughout the Christian community, though you may not recognise his baptismal name of Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone. Born in 1181 and known to us as Francis of Assisi, he was canonized in 1228. To Francis we owe not only his beautiful prayer, but also our well-loved Christmas tradition of the stable nativity scene. Usually, we sing Francis' prayer to the beautiful tune *Channel of Peace*, composed by South African composer and writer Sebastian Temple [1928 – 1997].

**Make me a channel of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love,  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.  
*O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled, as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Then, of course, the best known of all prayers, the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.**

**AMEN**

\*\*\*\*\*

**FOURTH TUESDAY  
FELLOWSHIP  
and  
THURSDAY CLUB  
are joining forces this  
month  
and taking to the water!**



On THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> August members are looking forward to an afternoon cruise along the Great Ouse on the *JOHN BUNYAN COMMUNITY BOAT* and enjoying a CREAM TEA on board  
There may be some spare seats  
so please contact **DEE JAMES : 747671 for details**

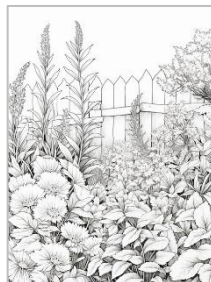
\*\*\*\*\*



## **St Peter and St Paul Church Dinton**

*The next churchyard gardening session will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August from 10am.*

*Please ring Ian Cairns on 07816 315361 if you are interested.*



### **u3a General Meeting at Haddenham Village Hall**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**A Brief History of Wine**

**Speaker: David Wright**

David has been a wine taster, importer and distributor for 30 years and has presented tastings and talks on wine to the trade and private audiences. This talk is full of rich evidence, going back 7000 years, in the form of paintings, decorated drinking vessels, buildings and literature that contribute to the story.

**Visitors who may like to find out more about the local u3a are welcome to have a taster visit, before joining, at no cost.**

**Members are able to join any of the 30 interest groups, ranging from book clubs to walking groups, details of which can be found on the website.**

To find out more about the u3a and join, please contact Elaine Parkes, Membership Secretary, [membership@haddenhamu3a.co.uk](mailto:membership@haddenhamu3a.co.uk), or visit our website [www.haddenhamu3a.co.uk](http://www.haddenhamu3a.co.uk)



## COUNTDOWN FOR FAMILY SHOEBOXES FOR CHRISTMAS : .....ONLY 95 DAYS LEFT TO 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:

the date when they are due to be collected for distribution by *LINK TO HOPE* in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova and surrounding countries.

**LINK TO HOPE** suggest that this month we concentrate on stocking up on gifts for men – so often overlooked when filling our shoeboxes. Welcome gifts are work gloves, socks, belts, ties and handkerchiefs. Also useful are small DIY tools, tape measures, small solar powered torches (*not batteries*)

And a reminder to save shoeboxes from any new shoes you buy! Most shoe shops are also happy to let you have spare shoeboxes – which I welcome for packing donated items.

Please get in touch with me if you would like further information and do access the **LINK TO HOPE** website yourself for lots of interesting news.

SUE SPINKS, Clowesbourne, Upton, HP17 8UA

Email: [royandsue1@btinternet.com](mailto:royandsue1@btinternet.com) (preferred, please!)

Tel : 01296 748369

### Local 'Cinema' dates

Did you know about the local film screenings in Haddenham and Cuddington – several films to see every month and not too far to travel!

See the Village Calendar at the back of the magazine for dates and film titles.





# Waterperry Gardens



## August at Waterperry

Waterperry Gardens is more than just a beautiful garden in summer bloom during August, with inspirational gardens and plants, expert advice, sumptuous food and great ideas for the home and garden, it really is the perfect place to come with family and friends.

**Waterperry Opera Festival – 9 until 18 August** The opera festival with a difference...not just grand opera, but family fun & entertainment too over 10 days across the Waterperry Estate.

**Oxford Storytelling Festival – 23 until 25 August** An enchanted realm of Myth, Magic and Mystery, an intimate festival weaving magic with stories, spoken word, poetry and song.

**Theatre: Little Mermaid by IK Productions – 31 August, 5pm** Brand new family show is great for all ages from tiny tots to big kids, so hop aboard and sail the sea with The Little Mermaid!

**Waterperry House Open weekend: 31 Aug & 1 September**

A chance to meet the owners of Waterperry Estate, the School of Philosophy and Economic Science. A varied selection of lectures, talks and tours throughout the 'open house' weekend.

**For more information and booking details please visit  
[www.waterperrygardens.co.uk](http://www.waterperrygardens.co.uk)**

## DINTON VILLAGE HALL FOR HIRE



***Suitable for all types of parties, get-togethers  
classes and events. Wi-Fi facilities are now available.***

For all enquiries, please contact the Bookings Secretary  
Honor Vane, Summers Cottage, Dinton HP17 8UG | 01296 748177  
[honorvane@hotmail.com](mailto:honorvane@hotmail.com)

## JUBILEE PAVILION

[WWW.JUBILEEPAVILION.CO.UK](http://WWW.JUBILEEPAVILION.CO.UK)



- Great venue for village activities, fund raising events, parties and groups.
- Includes a well-equipped kitchen with cooker and fridge.
- Changing rooms with hot showers for recreational hire.
- Car park with easy access.

For availability and booking enquiries contact Angela  
Email: [clerk@sbhpc.org](mailto:clerk@sbhpc.org) or visit  
<https://www.sbhpc.org/Jubilee-Pavilion/Jubilee-Pavilion-Home>

# Pearson Insurance Services

Established in 1996

## Local Independent Insurance Brokers in Cuddington



PROPERTY OWNERS



LIABILITY



PROFESSIONAL  
INDEMNITY



TRADESMAN



HOUSEHOLD  
including thatch  
and wychert



MOTOR



WORKING  
FROM HOME



PERSONAL ACCIDENT  
& SICKNESS

and more...



## Sandra, Corran & Becky

ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

01844 260936

[www.pearson-insurance.co.uk](http://www.pearson-insurance.co.uk)

[Sandra@pearson-insurance.co.uk](mailto:Sandra@pearson-insurance.co.uk)

[Corran@pearson-insurance.co.uk](mailto:Corran@pearson-insurance.co.uk)

[Becky@pearson-insurance.co.uk](mailto:Becky@pearson-insurance.co.uk)

Authorised & Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority FRN 304393

# M. SIMMONDS

## Decorating Contractors

*A Complete Painting & Decorating Service*

Top rated, award winning, local family business, known throughout the parish for their high quality workmanship and excellent customer service

**www.msimmonds.co.uk**

Office: 01296 655774

Mobile: 07850 499795

Email: michael@msimmonds.co.uk

**Established since 1979**

**Celebrating 45 years of Success**



**Craftsmen Decorators**  
**Carpentry & Repairs**  
**Refurbishment**

## PHOTO CALL!!!



If you have any photographs of local scenes that may be suitable for inclusion in a future issue of the Parish Magazine or for the front cover, please send a copy to the editor, David Pickup  
email david@pickupandscott.co.uk

# VILLAGE

## TREE SURGEONS

Felling, Shaping & Reductions  
Hedges Large or Small  
Garden Clearance

Fully Insured, Qualified Professional  
with over 15 years experience

Available to give prompt,  
FREE QUOTES for all aspects of  
tree surgery & ground maintenance

Contact Aaron Poulton:

**T: 01296 748576**

**M: 07545 543037**

E: villagetreesurgeons@icloud.com







**2025**  
**Short Breaks**  
**& Holidays**

Online & Available to book  
**NOW!**  
 Visit [www.crusader-holidays.co.uk](http://www.crusader-holidays.co.uk)

*More being added weekly!*

**Crusader**  
**Holidays**  
 Part of the  
**Motts Travel Group**

## HEIMDALLR DRONE SOLUTIONS

Our drones can complete a wide range of aerial services from, roofing and chimney inspections, general building inspections, church and spire inspections, real estate aerial photography and videography, construction site aerial data collection, infrastructure inspections, not excluding social events.



Our fully insured drones and Civil Aviation Authority approved operators offer a wide range of services in the aerial drone photography and videography workspace.

*Heimdallr*  
 Solutions Limited

Contact: Will Hughes  
 E: [will@huav.co.uk](mailto:will@huav.co.uk) M: 07834 087960  
[www.huav.co.uk](http://www.huav.co.uk)



# **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Proprietor: Dennis Cook

**BLOCKED DRAINS CLEARED**

**REASONABLE RATES**

**NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR EVENING, WEEKEND OR  
BANK HOLIDAY CALL-OUTS**

**24 HOUR POLITE, COURTEOUS SERVICE**

**C.C.T.V. DRAIN SURVEYS**

**9am-6pm**

**Tel: 07850 635 844**

**All other times**

**01296 624221**

**Full Public Liability Insurance**

**DOMESTIC DRAIN SERVICE**

**extremeclean.co.uk**

Superior Cleaning and Application of Protectors

Carpet, Upholstery, Leather  
Modern & Oriental Rugs  
Curtains  
Tile & Grout/Stone Flooring  
Anti-Allergen Treatment  
Specialist Stain Removal  
Wood Floor Refinishing

Paul Brooker  
35 Place Farm Way, Monks Risborough  
Bucks HP27 9JJ

T: 01844 346379 / 344735  
M: 07866 376934 E: [jjp@uwclub.net](mailto:jjp@uwclub.net)

[www.extremeclean.co.uk](http://www.extremeclean.co.uk)

## Windmill Landscapes

(Thame based)

Your Local Landscape Company

Established 1989

### Landscaping

- Grass Cutting
- Turfing/Seeding
- Hedge Cutting
- Fencing—All Types

### Construction

- Patios
- Drives/Paths
- Gates—Wood/Metal
- Groundwork

Tel: 01844 279519

Freephone: 0800 783 7194

[www.windmill-landscapes.com](http://www.windmill-landscapes.com)

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A  
VENUE  
FOR YOUR GROUP/MEETING/  
CHILDREN'S PARTY**



LOOK NO FURTHER!

**The Chapel Hall is available  
for hire at very reasonable  
rates**

Electric cooker/kettles/cutlery/  
crockery all on site.

**Please contact Sue Spinks on  
01296 748369  
[royandsue1@btinternet.com](mailto:royandsue1@btinternet.com)**

## STONE VILLAGE HALL



**50 Oxford Road, Stone, HP17  
8PB**

This large well-equipped hall with stage, kitchen and committee room in the centre of Stone is available for single or regular lettings. Suitable for meetings, events, parties and receptions.

Disabled access

For information and bookings telephone:  
01296 748 279

## Parish News Advertising

Should you contact any of the advertisers, please mention the Parish News.

Should you be interested in advertising your services in the Parish News, please contact Sue Unwin

Email: [sunwin1958@hotmail.com](mailto:sunwin1958@hotmail.com)  
Telephone: 07760 177599

NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE  
DELIVERY SERVICE

DELIVERIES TO HADDENHAM AND  
SURROUNDING VILLAGES

HADDENHAM

## NEWS DIRECT

4 STATION ROAD, HADDENHAM  
HP17 84J

TELEPHONE 01844 291341  
[WWW.HADDENHAM-NEWSDIRECT.CO.UK](http://WWW.HADDENHAM-NEWSDIRECT.CO.UK)



Bishopstone Village Hall

## NO LONGER BISHOPSTONE'S BEST-KEPT SECRET

Newly Refurbished and Available To Hire

An elegant and well-equipped venue  
in a convenient location available to  
hire at reasonable rates

Parties • Meetings • Classes • Events

Moreton Lane, Bishopstone HP17 8SQ  
[www.bishopstonevillagehallbucks.co.uk](http://www.bishopstonevillagehallbucks.co.uk)  
01296 747773 and on facebook  
Registered Charity No. 264370

## ARBOCARE TREE SURGERY LTD

Qualified and Experienced Arborists

- Established over 25 years
- Contractors to the National Trust
- Crown reductions
- Thinning
- Felling
- Hedge Trimming
- Stump Grinding
- Decay Detection & Tree Reports

Free phone: 0808 1555815

Mobile: 07778811136

[www.arbocare.co.uk](http://www.arbocare.co.uk)

## Mark's Computer Services In Bishopstone

PC and Laptop Repairs

Computer Running Slow?  
Computer will not start?  
No Internet or email?  
Replacement or Upgrade advice?

An Annual Service helps to keep your computer healthy. Plus get free monitored Security for added peace of mind.



**Telephone 01296 823009**

Mark is local with 30 years' experience.

**Don't get scammed. If you suspect anything, a call, an email, or website. Call us. We can tell you immediately, if something is not right.**

## T&B Private Hire

01844 261116

07831 882694

trevorjbailey@googlemail.com

**Air-conditioned cars and MPVs  
available for all occasions.**

**For details of rates and availability,  
please get in touch.**

## Bishopstone Blooms

***Beautiful Organic English Flowers  
Grown Locally in Bishopstone***

Weddings / Funerals / Bouquets  
Gift Vouchers

Floristry one 2 one tuition  
Workshops & Classes

🐦 Subscription Flowers from £16 a  
week - get fresh British Flowers  
delivered locally - check out the  
website 🐦

07932 606536 / 01296 709017

[www.bishopstoneblooms.co.uk](http://www.bishopstoneblooms.co.uk)

[deborah@bishopstoneblooms.co.uk](mailto:deborah@bishopstoneblooms.co.uk)



# Quit 4 life

## Is it time for YOU to give up smoking?

There are many ways in which you can choose to quit smoking. Whether it be nicotine patches, nicotine gum, smoking inhalators, or electronic cigarettes.

What is important is that you are ready to quit smoking. You want to stop smoking because YOU want to, not because someone is nagging you.

Stopping Smoking is whatever method you feel is right for you and that will give you the best chance of success.

### Hypnotherapy can make you a non-smoker

You just need to be committed to becoming a non-smoker.

### Hypnotherapy can make you a non-smoker

You just need to be committed to becoming a non-smoker.

You wish to be free from your smoking habit, you never want to have a cigarette again, you never want to think about smoking again.

YOU want to be a Non-smoker, I can help, it will take 2 hours of your time.

### Make 2024 the year to

#### Stop Smoking

One off session £250.00

Approx. 20 packs of cigarettes

Note: With an optional follow-up session included in the price.

### Call Debbie

M: 07740 348479

*Starbank House*  
Integrative Therapy

Starbank House, Stars Lane, Dinton,  
Bucks HP17 8UL

[www.starbankhouse.com](http://www.starbankhouse.com)

E: [debbie@starbankhouse.com](mailto:debbie@starbankhouse.com)

*Starbank House*  
Integrative Therapy

### Make today the day to change the rest of your life.

Here are some of the areas I can help you with:  
Giving up smoking / Weight management or body image issues /  
Self-confidence & self-esteem problems / Sleep issues / Fears or  
phobias / Unwanted habits / Headaches / Relaxation / Anxiety &  
panic attacks / Stress or depression / OCD / Learning and memory  
/ Anger, guilt or limiting beliefs / Regressional Hypnoanalysis /  
Anger, guilt or limiting beliefs / Grief / PTSD, Trauma.

I also work with children 12 years upwards.

I am qualified in  
Counselling & Psychotherapy  
Hypnosis

CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy)  
NLP (Neuro Linguistic Therapy)

EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitisation Reprocessing)

Call Debbie today on 07740 348479

For further information go to

[www.starbankhouse.com](http://www.starbankhouse.com)

E: [debbie@starbankhouse.com](mailto:debbie@starbankhouse.com)

# KUTICLE

Beauty Treatments

Receive **£5.00 off**  
any beauty treatment  
when you bring this advertisement.

One £5.00 off per person in any 12 month period.

For further information go to  
[www.kuticle.com](http://www.kuticle.com)

Call Debbie  
M: 07740 348479

Starbank House, Stars Lane, Dinton,  
Bucks HP17 8UL

[www.kuticle.com](http://www.kuticle.com)

E: [debbie@kuticle.com](mailto:debbie@kuticle.com)

**COMMUNITY DIARY – A guide to what’s on around you!****August 2024**

<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	EYAI Community Café, Stone, 1-4pm
<b>3</b>	Café in the Park (two Saturday cafes this month! 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> August)
<b>4</b>	Church Services
<b>5</b>	Cuddington Sunshine Club Tea and games 2pm
<b>6</b>	Tuesday Café in the Park, Stone, 11am-1pm
<b>7</b>	Simply Walk
<b>8</b>	Fellowship/Thursday Club Outing
<b>9</b>	EYAI Community Café, Stone, 1-4pm
<b>10</b>	Dinton Churchyard Tidy Up
<b>11</b>	Church Services
<b>12</b>	
<b>13</b>	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm U3A meeting in Haddenham
<b>14</b>	Simply Walk
<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b>	EYAI Community Café, Stone, 1-4pm
<b>17</b>	Dinton Beer Festival Garden Tidying Session at St John the Baptist, Stone, 10am
<b>18</b>	Church Services
<b>19</b>	Socially Crafty, St John the Baptist, Stone 10.30am-12.30pm Cuddington Sunshine Club – Garden Party Lunch 2pm
<b>20</b>	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm
<b>21</b>	Simply Walk
<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b>	EYAI Community Café, Stone, 1-4pm
<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b>	Church Services
<b>27</b>	Tuesday Café in the Park, Stone 11am-1pm
<b>28</b>	Simply Walk
<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b>	EYAI Community Café, Stone 1-4pm
<b>31</b>	Saturday Café in the Park 10am-12 noon <i>(extra one for August as no Saturday Café in September)</i>



## HARTWELL HOUSE HOTEL & SPA



### CHAMPAGNE TASTING ON THE TERRACE AT HARTWELL HOUSE

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2024

*Back by popular demand, join our Director and General Manager; Kevin Hughes for an evening of Champagne tasting on the South Terrace. Hartwell's cellar carries a vast array of vintage and non-vintage Champagnes. Arrival from 5.00pm to a selection of Chef's canapés and enjoy a tasting of Champagnes*

**£79 per person.**

Advance booking necessary.

*Did you know we also sell Gift Vouchers, the perfect gift for someone who has everything.*

*For further information, head over to [hartwell-house.com](http://hartwell-house.com)*



Hartwell House Hotel & Spa, Oxford Road, HP17 8NR

[www.hartwell-house.com](http://www.hartwell-house.com) | [info@hartwell-house.com](mailto:info@hartwell-house.com)

01296 747444 | [www.historichousehotels.com](http://www.historichousehotels.com)

