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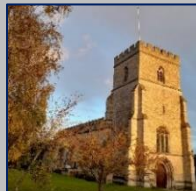
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## Editorial – February Fill Dyke

*Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him.  
As surely as the sun rises, he will appear;  
He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that  
water the earth.”*  
Hosea 6: 3-4

Thomas Tusser, about 1524 – 3 May 1580, was a poet and farmer who was best known for his instructional poem *Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry* first published in 1557. The word husbandry in this context means good management of the house and garden. His book was an Elizabethan best seller and it was an equivalent of radio serial *The Archers* because it reminded farmers and growers when to plant, sow or prune. In those days most gardens were vegetable plots for most people.

During February he told his readers not to be lazy and get peas and beans sown.  
*In February, rest not for taking thine ease:  
get into the ground, with thy beans and thy peas.  
Sow peas betimes, and betimes they will come:  
the sooner, the better they fill up a room*

He also called January “freeze pot” and February was “fill dyke”. February fill dyke is not a common term for the second month now but it used to be popular. It refers to the snow melt and heavy rain causing flooding. Tusser seems to have been the source of various sayings, such as:

Christmas comes but once a year  
A fool and his money are soon parted  
He was also had strong opinions on cheese as many people do. He wrote ten characteristics the perfect cheese must have,  
Not like Gehazi, i.e., dead white, like a leper  
Not like Lot's wife, all salt  
*Not like Argus, full of eyes*  
*Not like Tom Piper, "hoven and puffed"*  
*Not like Crispin, leathery*  
*Not like Lazarus, poor*  
*Not like Esau, hairy*  
*Not like Mary Magdalene, full of whey or maudlin*  
*Not like the Gentiles, full of maggots*  
*Not like a Bishop, made of burnt milk*

I am not sure why a bishop should be made of burnt milk. It seems to have been a saying centuries ago but its meaning is lost. It could be that “bishop” was a drink. Answers please on a postcard.

## Parish Services and Calendar

February 2023	St John the Baptist Stone*	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 5 February <i>3 before Lent</i>	10.30am Family Worship	9.00am** Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 12 February <i>2 Lent</i>	10.30am Family Communion	3.00pm** Parish Evensong	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 19 February <i>1 Lent</i>	9.00am Mattins 10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 22 February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7.30pm Holy Communion			
Sunday 26 February <i>Lent 1</i>	10.30am Family Communion		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 5 March <i>Lent 2</i>	10.30am Family Worship	9.00am** Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	

\*\* Please note change of service time at SPP, Dinton – until further notice. Changes/more details can be found on the churches' noticeboards and the website.

*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.*

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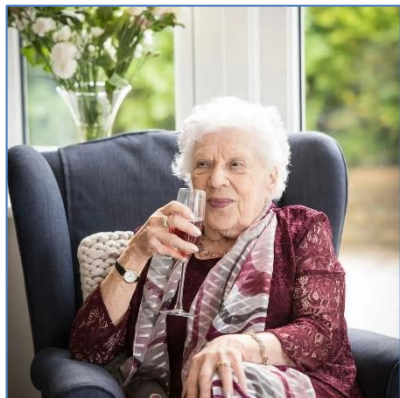
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## Letter from Aston Sandford

**Gwen Barton 7<sup>th</sup> November 1932 – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**



Everyone in Aston Sandford congregation was saddened to learn of the death of Gwen Barton, who had attended our church regularly for over 40 years. A long-time resident of Haddenham, for nearly all those 40 years Gwen took an active part in the life of our church. Until fairly recently Gwen had been on the cleaning rota for years, indeed for many years she organised it. She was also a flower arranger: 'her' window was in the chancel and her arrangements were always lovely, and a bit different. In addition she occasionally played the organ for us. She

was a regular attender of and contributor to our APCM.

During lockdowns, when we zoomed our services, Gwen's family set up her tablet for her so she could join in. In the last few months she had not been able to attend church services so regularly. Her last visit was to our October service, which was our Harvest Festival, and it was so good to see her. Gwen celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 7<sup>th</sup> November, but her family had in fact organised a lovely party for her in October.

Gwen's well attended funeral took place on 13<sup>th</sup> December, at Bieron Crematorium, taken by the Venerable Dr Gordon Kuhrt, and afterwards at Bradmoor Farm.

Donations in memory of Gwen will go to pay for a sunken trampoline at Linslade Farm, where Gwen's late daughter Linda lived for the last years of her life; any excess monies will go to Florence Nightingale Hospice @ Home who looked after Gwen. Donations can be made online via [surmanandhorwood.com](http://surmanandhorwood.com) or c/o Surman & Horwood Funeral Services, Crowell, Oxon, OX39 4RR.

### **Our Commemorative Tree**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December we planted in the churchyard what had been going to be our Jubilee Tree, now our Commemorative Tree. After much deliberation we decided to plant the native *acer campestre* commonly known as field maple. Field maples do well in alkaline soils such as ours, and is renowned for its golden autumn foliage. It has small, yellow green flowers which hang in clusters and the fresh winged seeds are attractively tipped with pink. It is attractive to all sorts of wildlife.

The tree arrived in late November and it was planted in the churchyard by Richard Belgrove and Nick Morgan on the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We have planted it in the part of the churchyard which we have designated as our wild area, until recently an area shaded by a large chestnut tree which had become dangerous. The Rev Cassa Messervy very kindly came to watch the planting, together with myself and Laura Macpherson, and when the planting was done Cassa read a prayer of dedication. Field maples can last for well over 300 years, so long may it flourish in its new home.



**Marilynne A Morgan, Treasurer,  
Aston Sandford**

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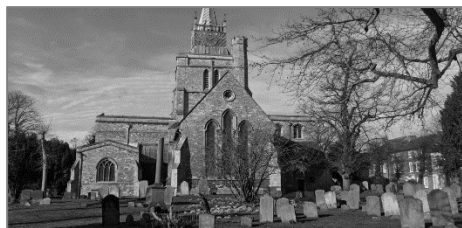
## **Community Christmas Lunch at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury**

A 'thank you' received from the organisers of the Community Christmas Lunch for 2022:

*"I am just writing a quick note to thank you for all of the support St John The Baptist Church Stone gave to the Community Christmas Lunch at St Mary's.*

*The money your congregation gave to the project was used to buy the food and other items for the lunch. The event was a real success and 107 guests enjoyed lunch and entertainment and even haircuts, so we made a difference to those people who without the lunch would have been on their own at Christmas.*

*Thank you so much for your support it was very much appreciated by all of our guests!"*



## Annual Quiz 2022 - answers

Well done to all those who entered the Annual Quiz in the December issue and congratulations to Michele Bale.

### The answers are as follows:

1. No Vac Novak became No Match Novak because Novak Djokovic was due to play at the Australian Open but prevented because he had declined a covid vaccination.
2. 35 years ago ITV wanted a detective story set within 50 miles of the Midlands to rival BBC's Agatha Christie stories. They choose the Morse stories.
3. Meatloaf was the rock star who died in January and would do anything for love, but not that.
4. Snow at the Winter Olympics caused problems as the organisers had not expected it.
5. Actor and singer Michael Flanders would have celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in March and was one of a duo who wrote the hippopotamus song *Mud, mud, and glorious mud*.
6. Partygate was the furore about parties held in Downing Street. Tractorgate was the alleged incident when an MP looked at inappropriate material online during a session of the House of Commons. Beergate was a political controversy concerning allegations that an event in Durham in April 2021 could have been in breach of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. The police, after investigating, cleared the attendees. Controversies are often named "gates" after the Watergate scandal.
7. In May footballer Diego Maradona's shirt was sold for the record breaking £7.1 million.
8. The two places outside the UK that gained city status this year were Ramsey on the Isle of Man and Stanley in the Falklands. Before you google it the Isle of Man is not part of the UK.

9. There was a television series this year called *Infamy*. The line, "Infamy, infamy, they've all got it in for me!" comes from *Carry on Cleo* 1964 and was spoken by Kenneth Williams.
10. A surprise guest of Her Majesty for tea over the jubilee was Paddington Bear. Paddington was played by Ukrainian President in the Ukrainian language version of the film.
11. Cravat is the neckwear named after Croatian mercenaries.
12. The actor who played Rev Timothy Farthing passed away this year. He was Frank Williams in the BBC television sitcom *Dad's Army*. He became a prominent lay leader in the Church of England.
13. At the age of nearly 90, Bernard Cribbins published an autobiography looking back on his years in show business in 2018. Its title was *Bernard Who? 75 Years of Doing Absolutely Everything*.
14. The Commonwealth Games was held in Birmingham
15. Nichelle Nichols who played Uhura in the Star Trek franchise was ordered not to quit a science fiction series by Martin Luther King.
16. Dan Snow reportedly urge tourists to visit Durham instead of (or possibly as well as) Stonehenge.
17. In 1962 President Kennedy said landing a man on the moon should be done. (Not landing a *nan* on the moon as someone suggested.)
18. Boris Johnson mentioned Cincinnatus and booster rockets in his farewell address
19. Her late Majesty was in Kenya when she ascended the throne.
20. Nurse Ratchett was in *One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*

I hope you enjoyed the quiz and remembered some of these events and people from 2022.



## Candlemas

When did you remove Christmas decorations? The traditional day is Epiphany, 6<sup>th</sup> January, or some people take them down on New Year's Day. In medieval times Candlemas Day was when they were removed. This year Candlemas Day is 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

*Down with the rosemary, and so  
Down with the bays and mistletoe  
Down with the holly, ivy, all,  
Wherewith ye dress'd the Christmas  
Hall  
That so the superstitious find  
No one least branch there left behind*  
Robert Herrick, 1591-1674



It is also called the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple when the church remembers when forty days after the His birth, Mary brought Jesus to the Temple to offer a sacrifice for her purification after giving birth to a boy, as prescribed by the religious law. Saint Luke tells the story,

*Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:*

*"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him.*

*Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.*

Simeon recognised that the baby was very special and was God's saviour who would change the world.

## 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: 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park,  
Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday: 1<sup>st</sup> February

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: 15<sup>th</sup> February

We meet in the morning for 10.30  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
Sometimes we come back a bit dirty  
To enjoy a nice cup of coffee or tea!!

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STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON SIMPLY WALK DATES 2023			
MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
February	8 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
March	8-22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
April	5 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
May	3 <sup>rd</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
June	14 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
July	12 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
August	9 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>
September	6 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
October	4 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
November	1 <sup>st</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
December	13 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>

## **A reminder that magazine subscriptions are due for 2023**

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**David Pickup**  
**Editor**



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## **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 20TH FEBRUARY  
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.**

*Don't be shy come along and try*

### ***Everyone is welcome***

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

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*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 January and following an alphabetical list of village streets we will pray for the families of

Long Furlong, Manor Farm Close, Mayflower Close and Meadoway

Please leave any prayer requests in the letter box on the Chapel porch, anonymous if you prefer.

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Have you ever dreamed of reading the Bible all the way through? Perhaps you **have** read the Bible all the way through – I can only stand in awe because it's something I've never managed..... EXCEPT as follows:

God made

Adam bit

Noah arked

Abraham split

Joseph ruled

Jacob fooled

Ruth talked

Moses balked

Pharaoh plagued

People walked

Sea divided

Tablets guided

Promise landed

Saul freaked

David peeked

Prophets warned

**JESUS BORN**

God walked

Love talked

Anger crucified

Hope died

Love rose

Spirit flamed

Word spread

God remained

But I still think it would be better to read the full version. What do YOU think?

Shall we give it a go this February? Get in touch next month to compare how we did.

# Café

IN THE PARK



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

**\*\*Note new time on Tuesday\*\***

**EVERY TUESDAY**

**11.00AM – 1.00PM**

**Cakes, traybakes, crumpets,  
hot soup and rolls**

**SATURDAY**

**4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**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.**



## Tuesday ‘Café in the Park’ is evolving.....

With Winter coming bringing its colder mornings – we have decided to change what we offer at the Tuesday Café in the Park.

For the winter months we will be changing our opening times to.....

**11.00am – 1.00pm**

We will be offering **a choice of homemade soups with bread/rolls** to warm everyone up (as well as still having yummy cakes, cheesy crumpets, hot drinks, etc.)

We want to offer a simple, wholesome, healthy lunch for everyone in a warm welcoming place – in the dreariest, darkest months of the year.

As always there will be no charge so everyone can come and enjoy (although donations are accepted)



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## 'Our Park'

Stone, Bishopstone or Hartwell may not boast an idyllic village green, but we do have the Stone War Memorial Recreation Ground. I am always delighted to see so many people using 'the park' whether for exercise, organised football, dog walking, playing with the kids or just quiet contemplation.

The Parish Council have, over many years, created a public space which is highly functional, appealing to all ages and simply a nice place to visit.

As many of you will be aware from the November edition of this magazine, the Stone Memorial Gates were unveiled one hundred years ago in 1922. The Parish Council have very recently overseen the cleaning of this unique memorial, ensuring that it remains a fitting tribute to all those local residents who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defending our liberty.

In the last few months, brand new goalposts have been installed in the park, replacing the old ones with a more contemporary design. These allow children and adults to play football, basketball or any other ball game which their imagination conjures. The gym area and perimeter path both remain very popular with local walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts. The latter looks particularly impressive when it is lit up at night.

Keeping the War Memorial Recreation Ground in good condition takes a great deal of time and not inconsiderable expense. Our Chair, Councillor Clive Corbould and Parish Clerk, Gregory Coulthard, have been instrumental in ensuring that this important community space can be enjoyed by all. Councillor Roger Cattle has also worked tirelessly in the planning, planting and maintenance of trees which add so much to the park.

But this is **your** space and is provided for **your** use. Please let us know what you think? How could it be improved? What would you like to see in the park? You can contact the Parish Council at [clerk@sbhpc.org](mailto:clerk@sbhpc.org). Please help us to keep the park in the best possible condition by reporting any activity which impinges upon the pleasure that others gain from this public space.



Finally, the Recreation Ground is probably an example of how many services are much better delivered locally and by local people. Things always seem to get much more complicated and difficult when big organisations become involved. But that's another story!

Thank you for your continued support of the Stone War Memorial Recreation Ground - 'our park'.

Cllr Richard List

## 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/>



Our new 'What's On' diary is a new feature in the Parish Magazine (see inside back cover) to keep you updated with events, classes, meetings, etc in the local community. If you would like your event or class listed (free of charge) please email details to: [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk)

**WELCOME TO THE FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEETING  
at the METHODIST CHAPEL  
28<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm**

**This month we'll be thinking about some  
BIBLE WOMEN  
(and there are lots of them!)  
There will be some very gentle quizzing,  
plus prayers, readings and hymns**

**Followed by SANDWICHES, TEA AND CAKE**

**MEET**



**FRIENDS**

**MAKE**

**FRIENDS**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

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**STONE THURSDAY CLUB  
meeting in the Methodist Chapel  
on the SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH at 2.00pm.**

is for the over-60s - especially those who live alone  
or find it difficult to get about



Stressed?



Tired?



Worried?

**COULD AROMATHERAPY HELP ?**

Club member **JOAN WOODWARD** is a qualified Aromatherapist and she will be talking about the history and benefits of this interesting discipline and bringing some of the products for us to see at this month's meeting on

**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY @ 2 p.m.**

As usual sandwiches, cake and tea to follow

**FOR TRANSPORT PLEASE CONTACT DEE JAMES : 747671**

## Interesting Local Residents, No.1

### **CANON VICTOR LORENZO WHITECHURCH, 1868-1933**

**Rector of Hartwell with Stone 1923-1931 and famous crime novelist**



Canon Whitechurch was not only an eminent churchman but also a celebrated crime writer, producing twenty-four books, some of them never out of print, and a large number of short stories, published in the Strand Magazine, Pearson's Weekly, Boys' Own Paper and Railway Magazine. He is included with Dorothy Sayers, Agatha Christie and G K Chesterton in the front rank of classic crime writers.

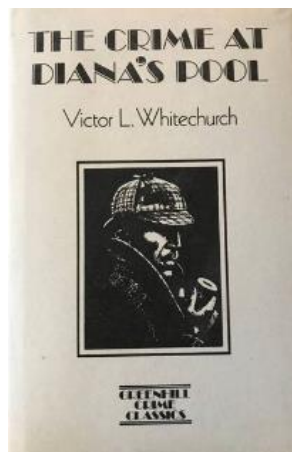
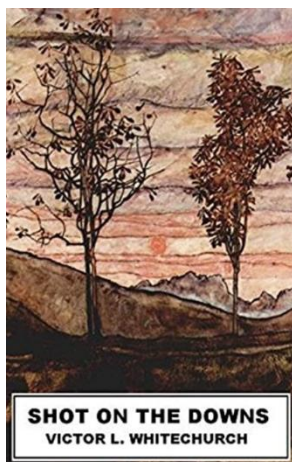
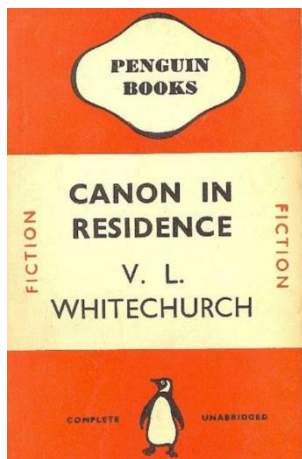
Ordained at 23, various curacies, mainly in the Thames Valley, followed, and by 1904 he was already publishing short stories, but now began to produce a full length book every year as well. His deep interest in and wide knowledge of Britain's railway system during this golden age of rail transport resulted in many stories linked to the railway, with titles such as "The Affair of the Corridor Express" and "The Murder on the Okehampton Line". A collection of short stories, "Thrilling Stories of the Railway" was published in 1912. He was also fascinated by the local topography, the chalk downlands, and was a keen amateur actor and conjuror - all these interests came together with clerical lore and his later Oxford connection to provide background for his writing. His artist wife, Florence Partridge, illustrated his books. Their only child, Bertha, born in 1903, also became an artist.

In 1913 he became Chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford, resigned for health reasons in 1923 and moved to the living of Stone. He stayed here until October 1931, when he became too unwell to continue, and died in Buxton in 1932. He produced at least eight books during his time in Stone, as well as carrying out his pastoral duties, being greatly admired for his able and forceful public speaking and eloquent and convincing sermons. He was also a prominent Freemason and took an active part in public life in the Aylesbury area'

Whitechurch was a superb constructor of mystery plots and was also one of the first crime writers to make a proper study of police procedures. His pet detective, the eccentric Thorpe Hazel, whose primary characteristics were shared with his creator, was "a slight, delicate-looking man, with pale face and refined features, light red hair, and dreamy blue eyes", was a book collector and railway enthusiast, a gentleman of independent means. He was a food faddist and addicted to physical culture, an extreme vegetarian and constantly practiced various strange "exercises".

None of these peculiarities stopped Thorpe Hazel getting his man, and he was as popular with the readers as the equally eccentric Sherlock Holmes or, later, the charming Peter Wimsey.

Copies of “Shot on the Downs”, “The Crime at Diana’s Pool”, “The Dean and Jecinora”, “Murder at the Pageant” and “Murder at the College”, all written in Stone, can sometimes be found second-hand, but Whitechurch’s best short stories are still included in collections of classic crime – all a really good read!



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