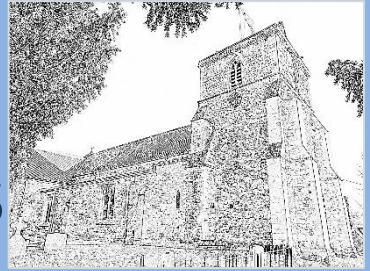


# Parish Church & Community News



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Parishes within the Benefice of Wychert Vale



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Front Cover image: Stone Fete by Heather Harris

## Editorial

***The earth has yielded its produce;  
God, our God, blesses us.***

***Psalm 67:6***

Husbandry – bad spells

I hope you enjoy the Husbandrie section we sometimes have. These are excerpts from an Elizabethan poet, Thomas Tusser. I like the old-fashioned spelling which I try to update. It is not always easy. Before the Eighteenth Century when dictionaries were published everyone would just spell how they feel.

It is strange reading about harvest in July. We would think the harvest starts later and we have church services in October. The Jewish people had a harvest festival called “first fruits” and this meant celebrating the beginning not the end. I suppose like spelling we should celebrate whenever we feel like it. At harvest time there was a tradition of letting poor people “glean” which meant picking up the leftovers,

*This done, set the poor over all for to glean:*

But this was after cattle had eaten their fill.

Enjoy your Summer

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## Parish Services and Calendar

July 2023	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 2 July Trinity 4	9.00am** Mattins (BCP) 10.30am Family Worship	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 9 July Trinity 5	10.30am Family Communion	6.00pm ** Parish Evensong	11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 16 July Trinity 6	9.00am** Mattins (BCP) 10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 23 July Trinity 7	10.30am Family Communion		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 30 July Trinity 8	Combined service with Methodists		11.00am Combined Service of Worship	
Sunday 6 August Transfiguration	9.00am** Mattins (BCP) 10.30am Family Worship	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.

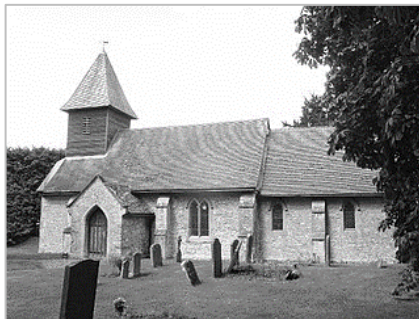
*Parish News is a community magazine for the residents of Stone, Dinton, Ford, Upton, Bishopstone, Hartwell and Aston Sandford. We welcome news, announcements by societies and clubs, and articles on local and other issues. We do not charge for charities or personal notices such as weddings, baptisms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

## News from Aston Sandford

The residents of Aston Sandford are always proud to say that they live in one of the smallest villages in England. Outsiders think Aston Sandford is a hamlet. Indeed, if you look at the definitions on the internet you may be forgiven for thinking that - the definitions appear to emphasise size of population, so that a village has a larger population than a hamlet but smaller than a town.

Nevertheless, most mention that a hamlet lacks a focal point such as a church or other meeting point. The definitive Oxford English Dictionary says specifically that in Britain a hamlet lacks a church. So we are indeed a village, even if in all other respects we appear to be a hamlet!

The village itself is located around the Church, and consists of The Manor, the Old Rectory and nine other houses, five of which are modern – plus a number of business units at Manor Farm. The village was originally much bigger, built around a huge village green – it is known as a ‘shrunken village’ though why it shrank to the area around the Church and Manor Farm is open to speculation. The wider parish includes Pasture Farm and the Black and Brown Barn businesses, and extends to the junction of the what the Council calls the Risborough Road and the A4129, and from there towards Longwick, ending on the east side of Green Lane (so not including Penns). Curiously the bungalow on the opposite side of the A4129 diagonally opposite Penns is included within the parish. Altogether, and including the Pasture Farm, there are 12 more residences in this outlying area of the parish. Most of the houses were built in the 20<sup>th</sup> century or within the last 20 years.



As of May 2023, the population of the village is 29, and in the outlying area, at least 30 – so in total something over 60. In Bettie Macpherson’s book *Aston Sandford Only*, published in 1994, the late Tuck Tuckett noted that ‘*over the last few generations the [population] figure has varied from between 80 and 30*’ – a rough estimate which is borne out in what few records we have. Bettie herself recorded elsewhere in the book that the population of the Parish was currently 42, of whom 28 lived in the village.

A few years earlier, in the 1986 *Chronicle of the Vale* (with which Bettie was involved), the population in Aston Sandford village was recorded as 29 (it seems that the *Chronicle* ignored dwellings in the wider parish other than Pasture and Black Barn Farms, or maybe included them under Longwick or Imler), and was

thus the least populated village in the Vale (closely followed by Horsenden at 32 and Owlswick at 36).

The earliest population figure we have is that of 1801, the year of the first census in the UK, when it was 71. This figure was recorded in Lipscomb's *History of the Antiquities of the County of Buckingham Volume I* (published in 1830), which also records that the 1811 figure was 70. Lipscomb goes on to say that '*in 1821 [the year of the second census] there were fourteen families, all, excepting that of the Rector, employed in agriculture*'. It should be borne in mind that at the time at least two of the older houses in the village, including our own, were divided into two, and that there may not have been any outlying houses in the village other than Pasture and Black Barn Farms.

The early censuses were solely headcounts and any data collected was mostly destroyed. The first census to collect personal information was that of 1841, regarded as the first modern census, the first time that the head of each household was given a form to fill in on behalf of everyone in the dwelling on a set day. Unfortunately, it is difficult to extrapolate information from the early censuses available on line because few of the houses in Aston Sandford are identified – usually just the Manor and the Rectory. Other dwellings are simply numbered 1 – 12 without any indication of where those dwellings were. Analysis is further complicated by the fact that in some censuses (eg 1911) Aston Sandford is included with Stone and Dinton with little indication of who lived where!

What I think I have established is that in 1841 it appears that there were 76 living in the village. The next census, in 1851, however specifically named Pasture Farm and what was called 'Brown Barn Farm' and states that all the other 12 households were on 'Aston Green', that is to say in the village itself; the total population was 88. By 1871 the figure appears to be 54, in 12 houses, including the Manor and the Rectory, but it is hard to work out which houses were included. While it is clear that most of the males were still employed in agriculture, there were six lacemakers among the women. By 1901 (the last census I have been able to look at) 10 households are listed, plus Pasture Farm, and in total the population was 46. Most of the men were engaged in agriculture, including one blacksmith (and no lacemakers are listed amongst the women).

However unclear the records are, it seems that Tuck's estimate of a population over the generations of 30 – 80 was about right, and that the population decline probably started in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, but has remained remarkably stable in the last 40 years.

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

## **July husbandrie - some more excerpts from his poem, *A hundred good points of husbandry (1557) by Thomas Tusser.***

### **July was harvest time**

- 90 Then muster thy folk, play the captain thy self:  
providing them weapon, and such kind of pelfe(?).  
Get bottles and bags, keep the field in the heat:  
the feare is not much, but the danger is great.
- 91 With tossing and raking, and setting on cox:  
the grass that was green, is now hay for an ox.  
That done, leave the tieth, lode thy cart and away:  
the battle is fought, thou hast gotten the day.
- 93 Thy fallow betimes, for destroying of weed:  
least thistle and dock, fall a blooming and seed.  
Such season may hap, it shall stand the upon:  
to till it again, or the summer be gone.
- 96 Saint limes (James) willeth husbands, get reapers at hand:  
the corn being ripe, doe but shed as it stand.  
Be saving and thankful, for that god hath sent:  
he sendeth it thee, for the self-same intent.
- 97 Reap well scatter not, gather cleane (glean) that is shorn:  
bind fast, shock apace, pay the tenth of thy corn.  
Lode safe, carry home, lose no time, being fair:  
goife just, in the barn, it is out of dispaire.
- 98 This done, set the poor over all for to glean:  
and after thy cattle, to eat it up clean.  
Then spare it for pasture, till rowen be past:  
to lengthen thy day, no better thou hast.
- 99 Then welcome thy harvest folk, servants and all:  
with mirth and good cheer, let them furnish th[i]ne hall  
The harvest lord nightly, must give the a song:  
fill him then the blackeboll, or else he hath wrong.
- 100 Thy harvest thus ended, in mirth and imoye:  
please everyone gently, man woman and boy.  
Thus doing, with alway, such help as they can:  
thou winnest the name, of a right husband man.  
Finis.

## 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)

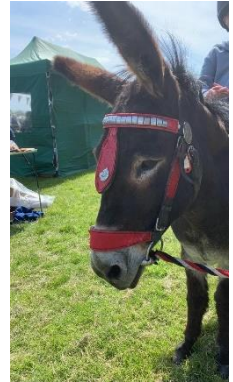


## Stone Village Fete (feedback from the Fete Committee)

On May 29<sup>th</sup> the annual village fete took place in the War Memorial Recreation Ground on a day that started blustery and blessed us with sunshine as we opened.



Local families enjoyed the entertainment which included a dog show, performances by All Stars, donkey rides, swing boats, penalty shootout and over 40 incredible stalls and the wonderful music of Aylesbury Concert Band.



The highlight was the traditional carousel generously provided by Yvonne of Stone Petrol Station (as pictured on the front cover).

Delicious BBQ food was supplied by Starveall Butchers, the village school PTA ran the teas and cakes and the ice cream van was as popular as ever.



The bar included beers from local breweries XT and Vale Brewery and, like the BBQ, was run by incredible volunteers. We had wonderful support, with village businesses sponsoring the beer and local solicitors BWK generously to be our overall fete sponsor. The Parish Council gave a generous grant.



Our vision is an affordable day out for local families can enjoy. We use the sponsorship to keep our prices low but, thanks to our sponsors, we made a surplus.

The committee met the week after the fete and has agreed to make a donation to the village school. More on that to follow!

In the meantime, put next year's fete in your diaries: it's always the late May Bank Holiday 12-4pm.

[stonefete@gmail.com](mailto:stonefete@gmail.com) Facebook @StoneBishopstoneHartwellFete



# HADDENHAM OPEN GARDENS



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

2pm to 6pm

Many interesting and varied gardens to visit around the village including NEW gardens to view this year.

**Tickets, maps, and refreshments from The Scout & Guide Centre, Banks Park, Banks Road, Haddenham, HP17 8EE**

£6 ticket for entry to all/any gardens. Free to accompanied children under 12yrs.

More information from [fnhcs@gmail.com](mailto:fnhcs@gmail.com)

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## 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: 12<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday: 19<sup>th</sup> July

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: 5<sup>th</sup> July

We meet in the morning for 10.30  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
Bring water to drink lest you get thirsty  
Then chill and chat with a coffee or tea!

### Walking for Health with Simply Walk

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## Afternoon Teas

Sunday ~ 30<sup>th</sup> July 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

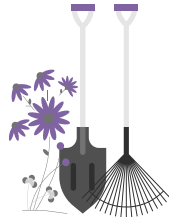


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## St Peter & St Paul, Dinton

### Churchyard Tidy Up – Volunteers Needed

July 8<sup>th</sup>  
August 12<sup>th</sup>  
September 9<sup>th</sup>  
October 14<sup>h</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.



## UPTON CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



Upton Coronation Celebrations took place with a “bring and share” supper on Saturday May 6th. The supper was held at Amanda and Graeme Bassett’s home, Lower Farmhouse in Upton. Despite the very wet weather that afternoon, the rain stopped just in time and around 56 people attended. A good time was had by all, with thanks to the organisers and everyone who attended and brought along their delicious food. Unused cakes were donated to The Seven Stars for

their event on Sunday May 7th, and all unopened food was donated to Aylesbury Food Bank.

## DINTON CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

The bells were rung by Andrew Wild at the Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Dinton on May 6, to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

A Coronation Treasure Hunt on Sunday, May 7 was organised around Dinton followed by a barbecue in the garden at The Seven Stars in Dinton. Thank you to the Community Events Team for organising the event and for Steph and her team for providing an excellent barbecue.

Marion Baker raised £175 for the Aylesbury Foodbank by making cakes for people to buy to celebrate the Coronation.

## Interesting people from Stone no 7: Elizabeth and Arthur Croxton Waine, tenants of Lower Hartwell Farm 1884 to 1923, and their diarist daughter Mabel:



On Dec 3, 1873, Elizabeth Gibbons wore this blue silk dress to marry farmer Arthur Croxton Waine at Ambrosden. In 1894 they took over the tenancy of the C16/17 timber framed brick built Lower Hartwell Farm, part of the Lee estate, and moved in from Marsh Gibbon with children Rachel, Arthur, Aubrey and Alex. The annual rent was £220.



Their last and best loved, but fragile, child Mabel, below, right, was born in 1896 and christened at Hartwell Church. Mabel later kept a diary for several years, recording the many events on the farm, the doings of her brothers and sister and her own enjoyment in village events, regularly cycling up the dark lane to attend the working parties of the Young Helpers League in the Reading Room near the Church, warmed by a smoky oil stove, making gifts to sell at Lady Smyth's summer Fetes in the gardens at St John's Lodge. Mabel reported in her diary local fetes and celebrations and the annual pantomimes, entertainments and lantern lectures at the new Village Hall, and there were trips to Aylesbury to the theatre and to celebrate Empire Day, and further afield to see relatives. She worked hard on the farm, dealing with hens, rabbits, piglets, calves and sheep,



(see left, below, sister Rachel, 30, in 1808 with their sheep), helping with haymaking and harvesting. Mabel sold her rabbits for a shilling each and in autumn collected and sold blackberries. On November 5, 1912, she enjoyed a bonfire at Coldharbour Farm, where they burned an effigy of Lloyd George!

In December 1912 she records her first telephone conversation and in February 1913 her first sights of an aeroplane and a balloon. The last entry was in December 9, 1914: *"I went up to Stone on my bicycle and Ken Woodford run into me on his motor bike. It didn't hurt me or him but smashed up my bike.... Aubrey came home from the War last week he has been fighting the Germans...the war is terrible."*

Mabel died at 19, probably from a recurrence of TB, on June 28, 1916. The detailed newspaper report of her funeral at Hartwell Church lists the many people at the service and the senders of wreaths. Four choirboys sang a hymn by her grave. She is buried with most of her family members, just inside the graveyard wall at Hartwell.

Six months before, after a very similar service, the Bucks Herald had reported the funeral of Mabel's friend Theodora Carter, also 19, of Coldharbour, buried at Hartwell with her tiny brother, Cecil, who died in 1899 at 8 months. The Waines finally left the farm in 1923. In 1939 the tenancy moved to the Woodford family, and it and Whaddon Hill are now tenanted by Mike Woodford, together with Calley Farm, Sedrup, and Bishopstone Farm. Mike is now the only remaining Ernest Cooke farm tenant on the Hartwell Estate.

***With thanks to the late Eileen Smith, Rachel's daughter in law, and her family for the diary, and to Mike's mother, Jenny Woodford, who still lives at Lower Hartwell Farm.***

**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](mailto: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





# Stone Methodist Chapel

Eythrope Road, Stone HP17 8PH

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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 July and following an alphabetical list of village streets  
we will pray for the families of Bittenham Close, Chesterfield Close,  
Chiltern Avenue, Chiltern Close and Churchway

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On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June we were happy to welcome friends from S. John Baptist, the Fourth Tuesday Fellowship and the Thursday Club for a farewell lunch with our Minister Revd. Keith Edwards.

Keith was pleased to share this time with village friends and touched by the gifts he received from S. John Baptist and Chapel members.

It was anticipated that this would be Keith's final Service with us but happily he has agreed to celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION and the CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY** on **SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY @ 11 a.m.**  
to which everyone is of course welcome

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On **SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY the UNITED FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE**  
will be led by **DAVID PICKUP**

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The prophet Jeremiah has had a rather bad press over the years – reckoned by many to be a 'prophet of doom', speaking as he was to a nation in exile, a nation which had lost hope and felt abandoned by God.

But in fact Jeremiah brought words of hope and encouragement from God. Remember his words when times are hard for us individually, and as a nation:  
*"This is what the Lord says: "I know the plans I have for you: plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"*  
A wonderful promise to hold in our hearts in troubled times

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**WELCOME TO  
FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP  
[non denominational]  
MEETING monthly at THE METHODIST CHAPEL  
each fourth Tuesday**

**On JULY 25<sup>th</sup>  
we'll be looking at some favourite hymns,  
their writers and the stories behind them**



**Refreshing tea, sandwiches and cake to follow of course**

**MEET  
FRIENDS**



**MAKE  
FRIENDS**





## 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:

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**11.00AM – 1.00PM**

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jacket potatoes**

**SATURDAY**

**1<sup>st</sup> July**

**10.00AM – 12 NOON**

**including Breakfast Rolls**

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come and enjoy the Park while having a cuppa.**

## STONE THURSDAY CLUB

Usually meeting in the Methodist Chapel  
on the **SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH at 2 p.m.**  
is for the over-60s - especially those who live alone  
or find it difficult to get about

FOR TRANSPORT PLEASE CONTACT DEE JAMES : 01296 747671

On **THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY :**  
**WELCOME TO CHRIS BEATTIE**  
encouraging everyone in singing favourite melodies



[no, this is NOT Chris  
but the enthusiasm  
will be the same!]

Then the traditional  
sandwiches, tea and home made cakes

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Fund-raising was quite a challenge this year, but the Takeaway packed lunches, Book Sale Café and S. John Baptist fund-raising were well supported: grateful thanks to all who contributed to those.

Special thanks to the folk who distributed the Big Red Envelopes around the villages, and to those who brought them back to the collecting points. In these days of less 'ready cash' we hope that many took the option of donating on line from the details on the envelopes.

Thanks also to the businesses who sported a collecting tin.

After all the 'thank you's' - the bottom line :

**THE AMOUNT SO FAR RAISED IS OVER**

**£1,100.00**

**BUT.... if anyone finds they still have a big red envelope,  
donations can still be made – deliver to Clowesbourne, Upton  
or leave in the Methodist Chapel postbox, Eythrope Road**

**FREE Play  
Session!!**



**For 4 to 11  
Years!!**

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



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

**FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES**

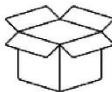
**WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND, STONE,**  
**AYLESBURY, BUCKS HP17 8PD**

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

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