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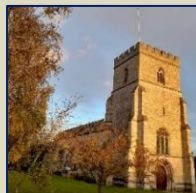
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Front Cover image: Sparrowhawk photographed in Stone by Michael Pitt-Payne

Editorial

*Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Isaiah 40:30-31

Many thanks to Michael Pitt-Payne for the marvellous photograph of a sparrowhawk having a bath in a local garden.

We are used to seeing red kites and occasional kestrels but sparrowhawks are less common, although we had one in our yard at the office in town a few years ago.

Birds like these are amazing. It is a delight to see many different types of them around the villages.

Ok Isaiah was not writing about sparrowhawks but eagles. He wanted to encourage his readers to take heart and that they will be renewed. Birds cause wonder delight and inspiration.

More wildlife photos please!

Parish Services and Calendar

March 2023	St John the Baptist Stone*	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 5 March <i>Lent 2</i>	10.30am Family Worship with Baptism	9.00am** Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 12 March <i>Lent 3</i>	10.30am Family Communion	3.00pm** Parish Evensong	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 19 March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.00am Mattins 10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 26 March <i>Lent 5</i>	10.30am Family Communion		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 2 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.30am Family Service with Choir	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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Letter from Aston Sandford

Did you know? A miscellany of facts about early Aylesbury

Did you know that –

- the name Aylesbury comes from *Aegel's burh* meaning an Anglo-Saxon fortress. The fortress was originally a Celtic iron age hill fort and was situated where the historic centre of Aylesbury now is;
- the site was on the Roman road called Akeman Street - though there is little evidence of a Roman settlement in the Aylesbury area. Starting from Verulamium, near St Albans, Akeman Street linked Watling Street to the Fosse Way at Cirencester. Watling Street was an ancient road, paved by the Romans, which went from Dover via London to Wroxeter, near Shrewsbury;
- by the mid seventh century the Aylesbury area was within the Kingdom of Mercia, at a time when Christian kings of Mercia were establishing a network of Minsters (the Anglo-Saxon version of a monastery) across the kingdom, with the aim of encouraging the growth of Christianity;
- the first Christian foundation in Aylesbury was its Minster church, believed to have been founded in about 660 within the hill fort area, very close to where St Mary's is now, by King Wulfhere of Mercia (658–675). Nearby Minsters were also established at Buckingham and Wing;
- King Wulfhere's sister Edith was installed as the Abbess of Aylesbury. Women of royal birth played a big role in the early development of Christianity. According to the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle she became St Edith of Aylesbury. Her sister Edburga of Bicester was also a nun and may have been joint Abbess (and indeed may also have been canonised);
- Edith and Edburga's niece was Osyth (or Osgyth), who was born in Quarrendon and was probably educated by them. As a person of royal birth herself Osyth was later to marry the King of Essex. She established a nunnery near Colchester and she is primarily celebrated in the nearby Essex village of St Osyth. She is said to have been beheaded by raiding Vikings (she is depicted as carrying her head) and was canonised. She was buried at Aylesbury Minster and her burial place became a centre of medieval pilgrimage; in the medieval period there was a shrine dedicated to her at St Paul's Cathedral. There are several legends about her, usually associated with water. The former Vicarage of St Mary's Aylesbury on Parson's Fee is now called St Osyth's;

- Aylesbury Minster was well endowed and served a large area of countryside. As parish churches, such as Haddenham (itself now believed to be a Minster), began to be established, particularly from the mid eleventh century, Aylesbury's Minster's wealth and status started to be eroded. By the time of the Domesday Book of 1086 Aylesbury Minster was within the diocese of Lincoln and it is suggested that much of its wealth probably ultimately endowed the cathedral church of Lincoln;
- by the time of the Norman Conquest in 1066 Aylesbury itself was in the possession of the Anglo-Saxon kings, and remained as part of the royal lands till the early thirteenth century. In the Domesday Book Aylesbury is listed as a Royal Manor, and is the first named among the King's lands in the shire. There is also a reference to a King's Sheriff, an appointment which underlines Aylesbury's importance at that time.

*Postscript: there is an interesting article entitled *Minster? What Minster?* by Bruce Alexander in *Haddenham Chronicles No 19**

Marilynne A Morgan, Treasurer, Aston Sandford

British Summer Time

Now we are travelling to hospitals more frequently, we look forward to longer daylight hours and the end of those cold, dark, early evenings. I think I understand why the days are longer in Summer and shorter in Winter but why do we change the clocks back or forward? I never remember which; but it is my job to go around the house changing the clocks. I frequently knock one over and forget another. Then there are those electronic clocks which sometimes change themselves.



The phrase 'Spring forward, fall back' is a helpful way of remembering what to do, if not why. In Spring, the clocks go forward one hour and British Summer Time begins. In Autumn the clocks go back as British Summer Time comes to an end and the UK reverts back to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

British Summer Time, also known as Daylight Saving Time, was the brainchild of a builder from Kent called William Willett. The story goes that one day on his way back from riding his horse in Petts Wood near his home in the early 1900s, he noticed many of the blinds and curtains in the neighbouring houses were still drawn, even though it was light.

This led him to consider the idea of adapting the time to better fit daylight hours. Back then the clocks were set all year round to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), meaning it was light by 3am and dark around 9pm in the Summer.

In 1908 Willett got the support of the MP Robert Pearce who championed the idea, albeit unsuccessfully, in the House of Commons. The idea appeared again during World War One when the need to conserve coal made the suggestion of daylight saving more pressing. The Summer Time Act was finally passed in the UK on 17th May 1916. The clocks went forward one hour on the following Sunday, 21st May. The time changes were widely advertised in the newspapers. On 1st October 1916, the public were advised to put their clocks forward by 11 hours rather than turning the hands back an hour, as in those days this would break the mechanism. Sadly William Willett died of the 'flu in 1915 aged 58 and never lived to see his daylight saving ideas become law.

In 1941, during the Second World War, Britain adopted British Double Summer Time, which saw clocks being put forward two hours ahead of GMT. The clocks were turned back to GMT at the end of summer 1945. However because of severe fuel shortages resulting from the harsh winter of 1946/47, the UK returned to British Double Summer Time.

The lighter Summer mornings are supposed to save energy, reduce traffic accidents and get people out and about more. Critics however claim that if adopted all year round (known as British Standard Time), this would result in darker Winter mornings which would be more dangerous for children going to school. It has even been argued that England and Wales should have their own time zone and Scotland and Northern Ireland, another.

I vaguely remember when I was at primary school, parents were asked whether school should start earlier or later when it would be lighter (or darker). Harold Wilson proposed British Summer time all year and it was introduced as an experiment. (Why did they not call it British Time if it was all year?).

The clocks change on Sunday, March 26, 2023, 2:00:00 am

See British Summer Time by Ellen Castelow
<https://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/British-Summer-Time/>

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**Thank you
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
SOCIAALLY CRAFTY
MONDAY 20TH MARCH
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**

A hundred good points of husbandry (1557)

Thomas Tusser.

Some more excerpts from Thomas Tusser's poems. Thanks to Alice Gillespie who spotted a recipe for a mulled wine drink, called 'the bishop'. It does not contain any milk, though. This refers to one of his characteristics for cheese. He said that cheese should not be "...like a bishop, made of burnt milk."

In March sow thy barley, thy land not too cold:
the drier the better, a hundred times told.
That tilth harrowed finely, set seed time an end:
and praise and pray God, a good harvest to send.

Sow wheat in a mean, sow thy Rye not too thin:
let peas and beans, here and there, take therein.
Sow barley and oats, good and thick do not spare:
give land leave her seed, or her weed for to bare.

For barley and peas, harrow after you sow:
for rye harrow first, seldom after I trowe. [believe]
Let wheat have a clod, for to cover the head:
that after a frost, it may out and go spread.

A digression from husbandry:
to a point or two of housewifery.

Now here I think needful, a pause for to make:
to treat of some pains, a good housewife must take.
For housewives must husband, as well as the man:
or farewell thy husbandry, do what thou can.

In March and in April, from morning to night:
in sowing and setting, good housewives delight.
To have in their garden or some other plot:
to trim up their house, and to furnish their pot.

Have millons at Michaelmas, parsnips in lent:
In June, buttered beans, saveth fish to be spent.
With those and good pottage, enough having than:
thou wins the heart, of thy labouring man.

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

Oxford Road, Poplar Close, Ravens Forge and Roundhill

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

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Here we are in March and just one week into the season of LENT. This is the time of year when as Christians we follow in hearts and minds the journey of Jesus towards His Cross. It is a good opportunity to think and pray about our own faith and life journey. Methodists are encouraged to follow the calling of the Methodist Church and respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ, living out discipleship in terms of Worship, Learning and Caring, Service and Evangelism.

So far as we are able, with God's help:

WORSHIP:

We will pray daily

We will worship with others regularly

We will look and listen for God in Scripture, and the world

LEARNING AND CARING

We will care for ourselves and those around us

We will learn more about our faith

We will practice hospitality and generosity

SERVICE

We will help people in our community and beyond

We will care for creation and all God's gifts

We will challenge injustice

EVANGELISM

We will speak of the love of God

We will live in a way that draws others to Jesus

We will share our faith with others

In a world of fake news and bad news,
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****Note new time on Tuesday****

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The Great British Spring Clean

Not only does Spring awaken our latent nesting instincts to remind us to clean and tidy our habitats, it is also a great time to tidy up our local environment.

Even though we organise regular litter picking activities across the Parish, this year we will also be joining in the Great British Spring Clean which runs between the 17th March and the 2nd April.

For those of you who have helped before the format doesn't change, but with the associated publicity we would hope for more residents to provide help.

So, what is the format and how long does it take? Well, the last litter pick in Bishopstone, with about 7 volunteers, took about 90 minutes to clear the whole village of litter (13 black sacks full!). All equipment ie; litter pickers, sacks and hi-viz tabards are provided.

We have struggled in the past to get our message out across the Stone and the rest of the Parish for volunteers to help, so if you do take pride in your village and want to get involved please email clerk@sbhpc.org and we will keep you informed of our up-coming Litter Picking events.



Community Speedwatch Report

The new Community Speedwatch Scheme, under the direction of PC Lee Turnham of Roads Policing, was launched in October 2021 following a successful six-month pilot scheme in Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire.

The new scheme removes much of the previous paper-based process and allows groups to update data to the Community Speedwatch platform swiftly. The main difference is that the scheme is now fully out of the hands of Neighbourhood Teams, freeing them up for other community issues. There are now 221 groups across Thames Valley Police footprint, comprising of approximately 1200+ residents or volunteers, and the system has been set so that Councils can access information

on all schemes in the local police areas. The scheme is GDPR compliant, and groups are restricted to seeing their own data and not that of another's group. All training is conducted on-line for new group members, saving time and expenditure.

The previous requirement for a paper Service Level Agreement (SLA) has been removed. It was agreed at the Strategic Board that when Speedwatch locations are 'built' and authorised by PC Turnham, the platform recognises where these are and will add people to a dynamic SLA and record this.

In terms of the operation, a motorist can receive three graduated letters over a rolling six-month period; any further transgressions will lead to a visit by a Roads Policing Officer to discuss driving behaviour. If a motorist is 50% over the specified speed limit, they will automatically receive an 'Excess 50%' letter, explaining potential police action if the speeding offence had been seen by a Police Officer. If the motorist is detected at twice the specified speed limit, it will be flagged for a Roads Policing Officer to visit as soon as possible.

Where a site/road is particularly busy, according to statistics with a high level of activity and transgressions, other measures will be considered by PC Turnham, such as Neighbourhood Tasking, and use of a mobile speed camera if the area becomes a certified site. Roads Policing will also be tasked with an enforcement package, to take a proactive approach in the area.

A DVLA check is automatically completed of any vehicle detected speeding, after which a letter will follow. DVLA are automatically notified via the Speedwatch Scheme, of vehicles travelling with no tax. Roads Policing will look at time periods and consider prosecuting for no MOT; usually they will not do so within the first week of expiry. Outside of this, vehicle details from Speedwatch are confirmed with ANPR for Roads Policing patrols.

In the past 12 months, the new scheme has had over 297,672 vehicles pass through it, with 33,023 letters being sent out.

Over 8721 hours of volunteering have been contributed by community members towards Road Safety with 968 approved sites and 3144 completed Speedwatch sessions as at end of November 2022.

Clearly there is far more potential for scheme expansion, and more interested groups are seeking to join.

Interested in volunteering?

Anyone interested in volunteering with speed monitoring or co-ordination of volunteers should contact the clerk@sbhpc.org.

Up Before the Beak: Vicars and the Law in the Nineteenth Century

Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! 1 Corinthians 6:3

Clergy are used to having varied duties to perform. Centuries ago, clergy dispensed medicines as well as sermons as most villages would not have easy access to a doctor. They were also often appointed as magistrates to deal with less serious criminal offences.

At the beginning of the Nineteenth Century magistrates were mainly chosen from the land-owning gentry. However, as the aristocracy and upper classes drifted to London and its social life as well as looking after their estates, the numbers available for judicial work reduced. Clergy were seen as the ideal replacement as they were respected, well educated, hardworking and morally and politically orthodox. They were trusted to enforce the established order. Between 1801 and 1806 five out of seven magistrates who attended Aylesbury Petty Sessions (the courts dealing with minor offences) were clergymen. In addition to dealing with thieves, poachers and drunks, they had other duties. They not only dealt with crimes but had responsibilities for administering payments for deserving poor people, inspecting local prisons and the workhouse, local taxation and upkeep of local facilities such as roads and hygiene. The proportion of vicars who were also magistrates declined at the end of the Nineteenth Century when the numbers of professionals such as businessman and doctors joined the bench.

A lot would depend on particular interests and prejudices of the magistrate. They might also be determined about "moral" issues such as alcohol related crimes and orders against unfaithful or unreliable parents, especially unmarried ones. A hunting vicar might be tough on poachers and this for some reason led to considerable criticism from the public. Many vicars were keen on country sports such as fox hunting or shooting and got a reputation seen as too hard on poachers and poor people who had snared a rabbit or killed a pheasant as a way of getting a much-needed free meal.

This led to letters to the local press and petitions to the bishop asking that clergy be directed not to waste time and money on expensive sports. There were complaints about the harshness meted out to poor people who were imprisoned or fined large sums of money for minor crimes. This unrest rumbled on from the 1840s to 1860s. Perhaps as time went on clergy were no longer able to be men of leisure and there would be increasing pressure not to be seen as siding with the landowning classes.

As far as I can tell, the clergy are still permitted to be magistrates as long as there are no conflicts of interest.



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

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Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council Meetings

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

14 th March	No meeting in August
11 th April - Annual Meeting of the Parish (Council's Annual Report)	12 th September
9 th May - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council	10 th October
13 th June	14 th November
11 th July	12 th December

**WELCOME TO THE FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEETING
at the METHODIST CHAPEL
28th MARCH @ 2.30 p.m.**

This month we'll be thinking about



SAINTS
[who is your favourite – and why?]

Followed by **SANDWICHES, TEA AND CAKE**

**MEET
MAKE**



**FRIENDS
FRIENDS**

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

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As usual sandwiches, tea and cake to follow

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Interesting Local Residents no 2, Richard Watson of Asylum Cottages and his family orchestra:



In summer 1879 Ruth Smith walked across the fields from her family home in Nether Winchenden, to be married to Richard Watson in Cuddington Church. Farm labourer Richard, born 1854, had started work as a shepherd boy, but by the mid-1880s he was an attendant at the Buckinghamshire County Pauper Lunatic Asylum – (later St John's) - in Stone, and they were living at 23 Asylum Cottages, (still there), new staff accommodation opposite the main entrance. Ruth bore seven sons and one

daughter, Charles, Harry, Walter, Arthur, Janet, Albert, Arnold, and Maurice, the youngest, born in 1897. Richard was a keen musician. As each child was born Richard bought and learned to play a new instrument and taught the child – by the end of the century he led an eight-piece family orchestra. The photograph below shows the family in 1898, each child with its instrument – even the one-year-old baby, Maurice, seated in his frilly dress on his mother's lap, is clutching a piccolo. One presumes that Janet would have played the piano!



Richard had formed his family orchestra for a purpose – he was horrified at the bleak Saturday nights at the Asylum when the patients “pranced about” to a piano and was determined to provide them with more upmarket entertainment. The family performed every Saturday night over

at the Hospital and were wildly popular – they also entertained in all the neighbouring villages – a unique group.

Richard Watson was not just a musician. He was a great gardener and craftsman. For each of his sons he made a fine twisted walking stick - a “honeysuckle twist”. He and his boys played in the local cricket and other sports teams. He was an ardent Methodist, regularly attending the Wesleyan Methodist chapel, reading and rereading the Bible and, like many of his co-attendants at the Asylum, deeply interested and active in current affairs, education, social conditions and politics.

The family moved from Stone to Aylesbury in 1910. When the War came, all seven sons joined up, serving with various regiments in many countries – Maurice with the Royal Engineers, Charles a bandsman with the 26th Fusiliers, Arthur in the local regiment, the Ox and Bucks. Harry and Arnold ended the war in Salonika then Russia. As they all moved about, letters and photographs sent home kept their parents in touch and Maurice's war diary is still a fascinating read and a valuable

source of information. Many parcels were sent from home, containing garden produce, sweet treats and warm scarves, socks and mittens. Richard wrote long letters to his sons, describing the garden and the fruit and vegetables he was producing: "We have plenty of nice things if we live to want them... I wish all you poor souls were here to eat them." Miraculously, they all came home unscathed, to live long and full lives.

When Richard's eyes eventually started to fail, and he became less active, his son in law, Janet's husband Ray Juniper, found an enormous brass bound church Bible for him and he read right through it twice before his death in 1936 at the age of 82. Ruth died in 1941.

Information from Maurice's war diary and other documentation provided by Ray Juniper.

Dinton Playground Plaques

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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/>



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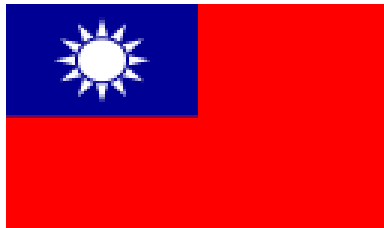
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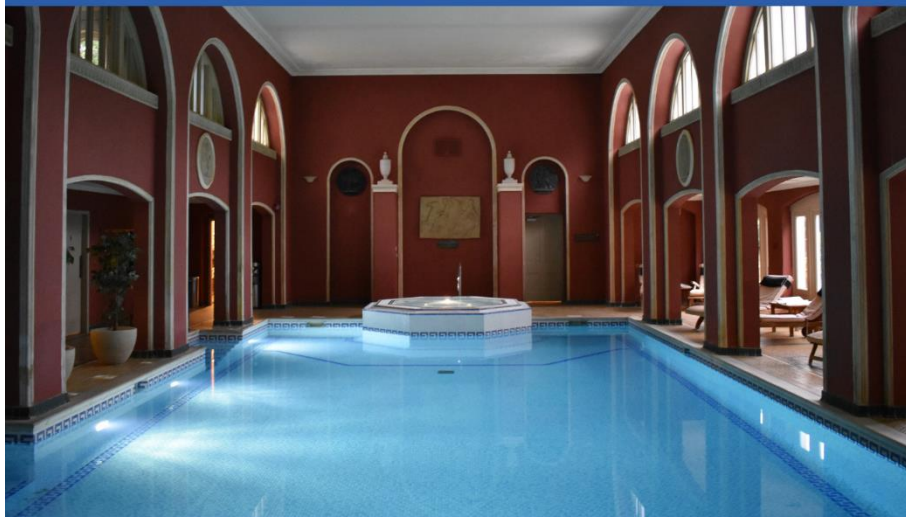
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2	Screening of “See How They Run” Village Picture House, Cuddington 8pm www.cuddingtonvillage.com
3	World Day of Prayer Service (see page 22)
4	Cafe In the Park (see page 14)
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7	Screening of “From Russia With Love” Haddenham Screen 7.30pm www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk Café In the Park (see page 14)
8	Simply Walk (see page 8)
9	Screening of “Joyride” Village Picture House, Cuddington 8pm www.cuddingtonvillage.com Stone Thursday club at 2pm (see page 19)
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14	Café In the Park (see pages 14)
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16	Screening of “Roald Dahl Matilda the Musical” Village Picture House, Cuddington 8pm www.cuddingtonvillage.com
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19	Church Services (see page 4)
20	Socially Crafty at St John the Baptist Church, Stone (see page 12)
21	Screening of “Emily” Haddenham Screen 7.30pm www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk Café In the Park (see pages 10)
22	Simply Walk (see page 8)
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