



Parish Church & Community News



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



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Front Cover Image: Walking to Dinton Church to be baptised – by Rosemary Jackson

Editorial -

Bearbrook

Psalm 110:7

He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

The name Bearbrook gives its name to an athletics club, a school and businesses in Aylesbury, but do you know where the stream is? I hesitate to call it a river. It starts in the east of town and skirts round the centre via the station, Morrisons, then goes under the Oxford Road and heads out northwest to join the river Thame. On route it also goes under the Aylesbury Arm of the Grand Union Canal at Stocklake.

I am not sure where the name comes from. Brook is an older word for a stream. Bear could be a person's name or possibly refer to the large animal. You probably will not spot many of those today. I have seen Bear Brook or Bearbrook. The latter version is more modern.

In medieval times Aylesbury was a settlement on a hill surrounded by low lying marshland. There was a mill near the Bearbrook from the medieval period and the most recent building was not demolished until the 20th century. This was near where the Multicultural Centre is sited. You can still walk from there to Oxford Road and it is quite a pleasant walk, almost rural.

In the 1840s the quality of water in the Bearbrook was considered to be "excellent" and water was drawn into portable tanks for the citizens of the town. Later, along came the railway and local industry and according to the internet there is information about flood risks from the stream. I would not recommend drinking from the brook now.

In the verse above, the psalmist was writing about a hero or leader who was refreshed by drinking from a local watercourse, and they lift their head to show revival in spirits. The psalm encourages us that God provides for our needs and refreshes us.

Parish Services and Calendar

March 2025	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton*	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 2 March	9.00am Matins 10.30am Family Service	09.00 Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday	7.00pm Holy Communion			
Sunday 9 March	10.30am Baptism	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 16 March	9.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship with Explorers		11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Communion Service
Sunday 23 March	10.30am All Age Holy Communion	09.00 Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 30 March	10.30am Family Service		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 6 April	9.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship with Explorers	09.00 Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	

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

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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

SOCIALLY CRAFTY MEETS
EVERY 3RD 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.



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 at Tyringham Hall and a Christmas party in the Bernard Hall.

Next events:

Monday 3 March 2.00pm: Tea & card games in Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 17 March at 1.30pm : Cuddington Matinee Cinema in the Bernard Hall, showing the Great Escaper"

All Welcome

For more information telephone Angela 01844 291932
or email apdwenham@gmail.com

Lady Day

Lady Day is 25th March and was New Year's Day (i.e., the new year began on 25 March) from 1155 until 1752, when the Gregorian calendar was adopted in Great Britain and the Empire. The tax year ends on 5 April, or "Old Lady Day". I think this refers to what was Lady Day not a day for elderly women.

Traditionally it was when landowners and tenant farmers in England would begin and end their annual contracts and when farmers would move to new farms and fields. This is referred in some of Thomas Hardy's novels such as *Far from the Madding Crowd* when Gabriel Oak tries to find work at a fair and also in *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*. Lady Day was also a quarter day when rents would be due.

Rural employment would be uncertain and hard work. Hardy wrote in an essay about,

Having 'agreed for a place', as it is called, either at the fair, or (occasionally) by private intelligence, or (with growing frequency) by advertisement in the penny local papers, the terms are usually reduced to writing: though formerly a written agreement was unknown, and is now, as a rule, avoided by the farmer if the labourer does not insist upon one. It is signed by both, and a shilling is passed to bind the bargain. The business is then settled, and the man returns to his place of work, to do no more in the matter till Lady Day, Old Style-April 6th.

In the church's year Lady Day is concerned with the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrated on 25 March to commemorate the annunciation of the archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would bear Jesus Christ. We usually have that story at Christmas.

PRINT DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING ISSUES:

If you have articles, adverts, community events, ideas for the magazine, please note print deadline dates as follows:

April issue : deadline for receipt of copy is
Wednesday 12 March



March in the Garden

I always like to start the gardening year off by sowing some seeds indoors. Last Spring was very cold but let's hope it is better this year. If you do not have a greenhouse you can put trays on window sills. Give them some warmth to start with by wrapping the seeds trays in plastic bags and putting them in the airing cupboard. Look at them regularly.

I like to sow tomatoes, courgettes, squash and some flowers like this. Growing plants from seeds is so much cheaper than buying plants and there is more choice.

If the weather is nice tidy up the garden by pruning and cutting. I like to leave a pile of twigs and cuttings for birds. Why not plan to leave an area to grow wild to encourage wildlife?

As the weather warms up, hopefully, think about planting Summer bulbs and tubers such as gladioli and lilies.



STONE THURSDAY CLUB

Meeting in the Methodist Chapel on the second Thursday of each month
is for the over-60s – especially those who live alone
or find it difficult to get about – if this is *YOU* do come along
Contact Dee James [747671] for transport

Subs are just £2.50 per meeting

13th MARCH

will be an afternoon of music and song
with WENDY AND HER GUITAR
(*postponed from February*)



PLUS of course the usual delicious tea and cakes

Letter from Aston Sandford

A seat in church

I was prompted to write this piece when reading something about pew rents, and started to wonder more widely about seating in church. I had always understood that in the early days of Christian worship there was no seating and that in early church buildings worshippers were in open spaces in which people stood or knelt and came and went at will during worship. So when did things change?

Once more Nicholas Orme's *Going to Church in Mediaeval England* (Yale, 2021) fills in some gaps. By the Norman Conquest the basic church building had developed into what we would know today as the chancel and the nave, the chancel being from where the clergy (the priest, the deacon, the subdeacon) conducted the mass. Many churches had *sedilia*, seats for clergy on the south chancel wall. Later stalls were introduced for additional clergy, choristers or sometimes important laity.

The nave was the area for most of the congregation, and according to Orme there is little evidence of any form of seating in the nave before the fourteenth century apart from stone benches built into the wall of naves particularly in monasteries and cathedrals. However he says that there is enough written evidence to show that some, usually the richer, or higher status, members of the congregation did bring some form of seating, such as stools, benches or chairs. It is interesting to note that men and women tended to occupy different parts of the church – men on the south side, women on the north. This may have been the origin of the wedding practice of bride's family and friends on the north, groom's on the south.

Orme believes that fixed or placed seats were probably fairly common by the late fourteenth century. He points to evidence in *Piers Plowman* and in *Canterbury Tales* and to extant churchwardens' accounts of the fifteenth century which show such seating to be normal – at least for women – though a small fee might be paid. It was not till the mid sixteenth century that general seating for both men and women was normal. Some commentators suggest that seating became a necessity after the Reformation, because the sermons were so long.

The seating provided, be it benches, with or without backs, or stools, was not necessarily uniform throughout the nave – and not all provided at the same time. Some seating was in the form of box pews, which kept out draughts and which could be occupied by families. What is surprising to me is that there are surviving familiar looking examples of pre Reformation pews.

Once the seating was there – who should sit on them and where? Seating was hierarchical, with the important laity near the pulpit, and the lower orders and servants at the back. Hence the importance of a fee. Orme quotes fees ranging from 8d to 6s 8d, depending on the position in the nave.

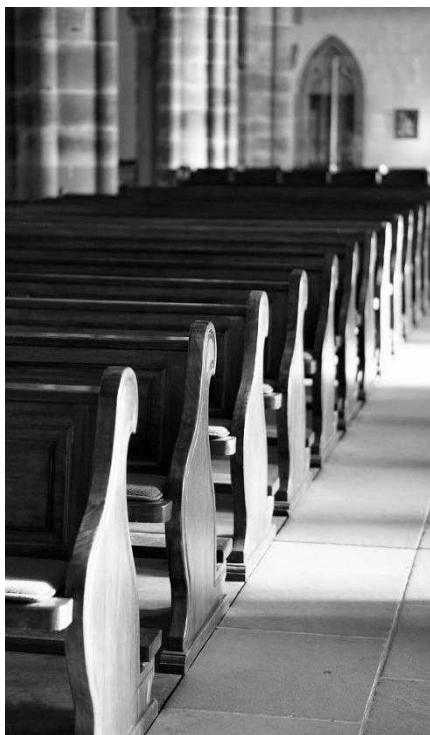
By the seventeenth century pews, or benches with backs, had become the norm, along with pew rents. If you look up 'pew rent' in a dictionary you will see it simply described as 'rent paid for the use of a pew'. And as it happens the earliest use of the word 'pew' to be found, according to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, is in the early 1700s. The word itself is derived from Old French 'puye' meaning balcony. Pew rents were seen as a source of additional revenue in many churches (and was a practice later followed in Methodist chapels).

It is usually supposed that 'seat renters' were confined to the rich. It is however not the case that pew rents, or 'rented sittings', were paid only by the richer members of the congregation. The evidence suggests that for example in large urban churches most renters were from the middle classes, and particularly small business owners.

It seems that pew-letting continued in some churches well into the twentieth century notwithstanding that in most churches the practice had dwindled in the last three decades of the nineteenth century. There is a suggestion that the practice died out at least in part because it was no longer cost effective.

I have seen no evidence of pew renting in Aston Sandford, but our records are not extensive. Our pews (and our pulpit) were installed as part of the church restoration in the 1870s and were bought from Jones and Willis of Oxford and London who appear to have been specialists in church furniture. *The History and Antiquities of the County of Buckinghamshire*, vol 1 (published in 1830) contains the following description of our church furniture before the 1870s restoration:

The pulpit, in the north east angle of the nave [where its successor is now] is very little elevated above the reading desk, within which it stands. Opposite to it is one large pew; the greater part of the area being fitted up with plain benches.



Marilynne A Morgan
Treasurer, Aston Sandford

A reminder that magazine subscriptions are due for 2025

*******Please note revised instructions for BACS Payments*******

We hope that you enjoy the magazine and will wish to continue this year. Due to rising print costs we have taken the difficult decision to increase the annual subscription to £10 per annum. This covers 12 issues January to December and represents good value at less than £1 per issue, delivered to your door. (The cost to non-subscribers for individual monthly copies is £1 per month.)

The magazine, which is put together by a group of dedicated volunteers, features helpful local information and articles and the proceeds from subscriptions provides much-needed funds for our local churches. Do please support us to keep the magazine in circulation.

You can make your payment via the following methods:

1. Pay by bank transfer to:

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Or

2. By cheque payable to :

'Stone, Dinton & Hartwell PCC'

If paying by cheque please return payment to your distributor or send to David Pickup at 12 Roundhill Stone HP17 8RD

(Please include a note of your name and address with cheques so we can reconcile payments made.)

Please let me know of anyone else who would like to take the magazine:

Name.....

Address.....

Email/telephone (optional).....

Thank you, David Pickup. Editor

Dinton News

Dinton Luxury Christmas Raffle 2024

We are very pleased to announce that £1235 was raised from the Luxury Christmas Raffle and this sum was donated to the Florence Nightingale Hospice and to Dinton Church Fabric Fund.

Huge thanks go to so many. The three hampers were brimming with Christmas goodies and heartfelt thanks to the donors of the luxurious and varied contributions. Raffle tickets needed to be sold and individuals living in Upton, Dinton, Ford, Westlington, Gibraltar and at Starveall Butchery stepped up to the mark selling 229 raffle envelopes; what a result.

Once again, the raffle was drawn after the Christmas Carol Service, held on 8th December. The winner of the first prize hamper, who lives in Hartwell wanted his Christmas turkey donated to a local charity choosing the Aylesbury Women's Refuge. They were extremely pleased and grateful. A Stone resident and member of the church choir won the second hamper prize and an ex-Dinton resident won the third hamper prize. All prize winners were thrilled and thanked everyone.

Very many thanks to you all, especially the buyers of the raffle tickets and we will be hoping for your support in November 2025!
Diane Smith and Paddy Lambert

Dinton Village Hall

The Quiz Night held at Dinton village hall on 1st February was a great success. It was organised by Richard Crow who was ably assisted by his wife and other villagers. Approximately £2000 was raised via raffle tickets, the entry fee and the bar. There were 95 participants and 12 tables. The winners were table 3. Raffle prizes included £300 worth of Marks & Spencer vouchers. The money raised will go to Dinton Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.

Cheese and Wine Evening : 22nd March

Cheese and Wine with 100 Club Draw at Dinton Village Hall with a variety of wines and an eclectic mix of cheeses. Also beer from Marlow Brewery. The draw for the Village Hall 100 Club will take place.





Remember a loved one this spring with a Precious Pink Peony, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has partnered with the magnificent Waddesdon Manor to launch a very special Forever Flowers event to celebrate and remember loved ones this spring. A stunning, temporary display of 1,200 bespoke metal pink peonies will be installed in the Rose Garden at Waddesdon Manor, near Aylesbury in April. Each flower will represent the life, love and memories of a loved one.

The Charity is offering you the opportunity to be a part of this event by dedicating one of these limited Precious Pink Peonies, and an invitation to a private viewing of the display on Monday 28th April whilst the grounds are closed to the public. The installation will then remain on display to the public for three weeks. Once the installation is removed, those who have dedicated a flower will be able to take it home to display as a forever keepsake. By dedicating a Precious Pink Peony, you will help us to provide compassionate local hospice care and be there for more patients and families across Buckinghamshire and its borders.

To dedicate a Precious Pink Peony visit the website <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/foreverflowers> or call 01296 429975 for more information. For more information visit www.fnhospice.org.uk

Haddenham Community Support Group

TURBULENCE **at the Tea Party**

An Alice in Wonderland MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Saturday 12th April 7.30pm for 8.00pm

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- **Connections are Made:** Build relationships with fellow community members in a relaxed setting.
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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.

u3a General Meeting at Haddenham Village Hall

Tuesday 11th March 2025 @ 2.30pm

**The Land of Giants & Volcanoes –
plants and places in Western USA**

Speaker: Dr Timothy Walker

The Pacific States of America are home to a wonderful array of huge trees and volcanoes. There is also a dramatic coastline and spectacular alpine meadows. This talk looks at the botany of the region and the influence of volcanoes.

Dr Timothy Walker was brought up in South Buckinghamshire and after graduating from Oxford University with a degree in botany, he gained further qualifications in horticulture. From 1986 to 2014 he worked at the University of Oxford Botanic Garden and Harcourt Arboretum becoming Director in 2002. He now lectures in plant sciences at three Oxford colleges.

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, or visit our website www.haddenhamu3a.co.uk

Little Wrigglers

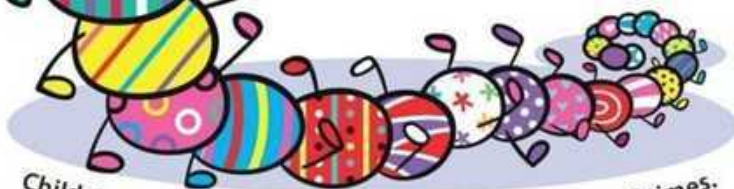
At the
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From 9.00am-10.30am

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

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SJB

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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: 5th and 19th March

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

Wednesday: 26th March

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**

Wednesday: 12th March

We meet in the morning for 10.30

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

Sometimes come back a little bit dirty

With boots to clean after coffee or tea!



✂ -----Cut Out & Keep-----

STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON SIMPLY WALK DATES 2025			
MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
March	5 th -19 th	26 th	12 th
April	2 nd -16 th -30 th	23 rd	9 th
May	14 th -28 th	21 st	7 th
June	11 th -25 th	18 th	4 th
July	9 th -23 rd	16 th	2 nd -30 th
August	6 th -20 th	13 th	27 th
September	3 rd -17 th	10 th	24 th
October	1 st -15 th -29 th	8 th	22 nd
November	12 th -26 th	5 th	19 th
December	10 th -24 th	3 rd -31 st	17 th

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Telephone 01494 475367 Mobile 07802 260812.



Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell
Wychert Vale Benefice

Do you have some time to give to take up a voluntary position in your community? The parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell is seeking someone to be our Parochial Church Council treasurer. You will work as part of a team with our book-keeper and members of our finance group. A more detailed role description can be found on the Stone, Dinton and Hartwell website <https://stonedintonhartwell.com/category/news/> Please feel free also to discuss the role informally with Richard Smith on 07584 246268 or Revd Phil Groves on 07875 438244

Parish and other websites

Parish Church	https://stonedintonhartwell.com/
Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council	http://www.sbhpc.org/
Jubilee Pavilion	http://www.jubileepavilion.co.uk
Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council	https://www.dinton.org/
Dinton News	https://www.dinton.info/
Wychert Vale Benefice Website	https://www.wychertvale.org/
Oxford Diocese (The Church of England serving the people of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire)	https://www.oxford.anglican.org/
Church of England	https://www.churchofengland.org/

Disability Aids for loan/occasional use

If anyone is looking for occasional use of disability aids, such as a wheelchair, mobility scooter, crutches, rollator, zimmer frame, please let us know. Further details will be published in next month's magazine.

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1st MARCH**

10.00AM – 12 NOON

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THE LOCAL CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY,
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Stone Methodist Chapel

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Minister: Revd. Hee Gon Moon
heegon5@gmail.com



Village contact: Mrs. Sue Spinks
Clowesbourne, Upton, HP17 8UA
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The Chapel with heart, at the heart of the village

WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY @ 11 am

Village friends and amenities continue to be prayed for week by week,
and following an alphabetical list of village streets –
Manor Farm Close, Mayflower Close, Meadoway and Oxford Road
will be remembered on the four Sundays of March.

REMEMBER: there is a postbox in the Chapel porch for any special prayer
requests [anonymous if you prefer]

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Wednesday March 5th is **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the beginning of Lent.
This is a period when we remember Jesus' forty days in the wilderness where he was
tempted – unsuccessfully - to turn his back on God's plan. It's a time when we think of
living a rather more austere life, giving up some little luxuries.

The poet Robert Herrick [1591-1674] has a different 'take' on what we should be
giving up. Find your way through the archaic language to the great truth he shares:

Is this a fast, to keep
the larder leane
and cleane
from fat of veales and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
of Flesh, yet still
to fill
the platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an houre,
or raggd to go,
or show
a downcast look, and sowre?

No, tis a Fast, to dole {share}
thy sheaf of wheat
and meat
unto a hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
from old debate,
and hate;
to circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;
to starve thy sin
not bin;
and that's to keep thy Lent.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

[A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT]

PLEASE COME TO THE SERVICE

FRIDAY 7th MARCH

METHODIST CHAPEL

to join in prayer with thousands around the globe

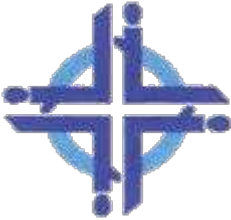
The Service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of **THE COOK ISLANDS**. These are a group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean with a rich and colourful Maori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme

‘I MADE YOU WONDERFUL’

World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical organization which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast, the service begins with the writing country and theme being chosen a number of years earlier. Once written it goes to the international Committee in New York for translation and dissemination to the National Committee in each participating country. The Service is then discussed and edited before being presented nationally, regionally and then locally for branches to make their plans.

Finally, in our village at the Methodist Chapel, we will gather to celebrate the Service prepared by the women of the Cook Islands.

The **DAY OF PRAYER** is celebrated in over 210 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.



A worldwide wave of prayer





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Ring Josie : 748031 [after 4pm]
for further information**

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**If you did, THANK YOU!
TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE
boxes were delivered by the Charity in 2024**

I've just been asked to register for this year's
collection so I thought I'd get my appeal in early!

If you need inspiration to get going,
PLEASE GO TO THE *LINK TO HOPE* WEBSITE
and view to 2024 Delivery Diary
to see the joy and delight **YOUR** shoebox could bring
The cold weather we've been having is a reminder that
Warm hats, scarves, gloves, socks – and hot water bottles
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SUE SPINKS,
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Bishopstone Village Hall

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1	Saturday Café in the Park, Stone 10am-12 Noon
2	Sunday Church Services
3	Cuddington Sunshine Club -2pm Tea and Card Games
4	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Haddenham Screen 'The Apprentice' Cert 15 7.30pm
5	Simply Walk
6	Little Wrigglers 9.00-10.30am Cuddington Screen 'Paddington in Peru' Cert PG 7.30pm
7	World Day of Prayer 2pm Pippa's Community Café, Stone Village Hall 2-5pm
8	Sloe Gin competition at Seven Stars, Dinton
9	Sunday Church Services
10	
11	Tuesday Café in the Park, Stone, 11am-1pm
12	Simply Walk
13	Little Wrigglers 9.00-10.30am Cuddington Screen 'Wicked' Cert PG 7pm Thursday Club 2pm
14	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 2-5pm
15	
16	Sunday Church Services
17	Socially Crafty, St John the Baptist, Stone, 10.30am-12.30pm Cuddington Sunshine Club – Cuddington Matinee Cinema "The Great Escaper" 1.30pm, Bernard Hall
18	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Haddenham Screen 'Conclave' Cert 12A 7.30pm
19	Simply Walk
20	Little Wrigglers 9.00-10.30am Cuddington Screen 'Conclave' Cert 12A 8pm
21	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 2-5pm
22	Cheese & Wine with 100 club draw at Dinton Village Hall
23	Church Services
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25	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm
26	Simply Walk
27	Cuddington Screen 'NT Live – Dr Strangelove' Cert 15 7pm
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