

# PARISH CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS



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" Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."  
John 15:13

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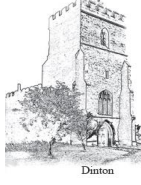
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Front cover photo: War Memorial, Victoria, Vancouver Island, BC by David Pickup..

# Parish news



Stone



Dinton



Hartwell

Such things must happen

*You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.*

Matthew 24:6

It has not been a very peaceful year and the signs do not look promising. The list of places to pray for seems to grow longer not shorter. Syria, The Holy Land, Korea, Hong Kong, The Gulf and many more. 11<sup>th</sup> November marks the one hundredth anniversary of the first national two minutes' silence. The King had asked for the nation to remember the fallen and so it did. 11<sup>th</sup> November 1919 was a working day but everything stopped. Schools, factories, trains and offices. People then as now had mixed emotions. Gratitude, pride, sorrow and fear that war would start again.

One hundred years later we again remember the sacrifices of previous generations and the horrendous struggles to obtain what we take for granted. War must happen but we must pray and work for peace.

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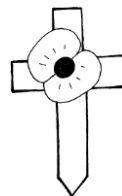
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## Parish Services and Calendar

<b>November</b>	<b>St John the Baptist Stone</b>	<b>St Peter &amp; Paul Dinton</b>	<b>Stone Methodi st Chapel</b>	<b>St Michael &amp; All Angels Aston Sandford</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> 4 Advent</b>	<b>10.30am All Age Family Service</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am Worship</b>	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> 3 Advent</b>	<b>10.45am Open Air Service at Stone Memorial Gates</b>	<b>10.15am Remembrance Service</b> <i>(No Evensong)</i>	<b>10.50am Worship* **</b>	<b>10.55 Remembrance Day Service</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> 2 Advent</b>	<b>10.00am Morning Worship</b>	<b>10.30am Morning Worship</b>	<b>11.00am Worship</b>	<b>11.00am Holy Communion</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Christ the King</b>	<b>9.00am Book of Common Prayer Mattins</b>  <b>10.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>4.00pm 'Messy' Church</b>	<b>11.00am Café Church</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> December Advent 1</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am Holy Communi on</b>	

**\*\*\* Please note change of time to respect the Two Minutes Silence at 11am**

## Remembrance Ceremonies



### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Bishopstone : 10.00 am**

Wreath laying and short service at the village War Memorial

#### **Dinton : 10.15 am**

Service at St Peter & St Paul Church, with procession to the memorial and wreath laying at 10.45

#### **Stone : 10.45 am**

Open Air Service at Stone War Memorial Gates

#### **Aston Sandford : 10.55 am**

Remembrance Day Service at St Michael & All Angels

#### **Stone : 10.55 am**

Methodist Chapel Worship Service with the Two Minutes Silence at 11 am

#### **Ford : 11.45am**

Wreath laying and short service at the village War Memorial

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

#### **Stone: 11.00am**

Informal gathering at Stone War Memorial Gates

*Correct at time of going to press. Please check local notices.*





Stone Local History Group

**EXHIBITION and EVENT**

# **THE GREAT WAR**

**IN AND AROUND STONE**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Stone Village Hall 11.30am – 5.30pm**

**Last chance to see – don't miss it**

**come over after the service at the memorial gates – soup lunches**



**How we took part in the war effort**

**Village people, homes, work, entertainments**

**Memories of our men who fought and those who fell**

**Photographs, letters from the front, diaries, obituaries**

**Family mementos, post-war memorials**

**Books, music, films, art and textiles inspired by the centenary**

**Lunches and teas**

**Parking at the Hall**

**Sponsored by Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council  
and ValeSigns**

## **‘Only Farmers Need Apply’ Emigration to Canada from the Parish**

Three men from the parish who are named on the local war memorials emigrated to Canada before the First World War, joined the forces there and then served in Europe. There were others who had moved to Australia and New Zealand, joined up there, and who then returned to this country with the forces and then serviced in France.

From the 1890s there was growth in emigration from Britain to Canada. America was becoming less attractive. This increased at the turn of the century up to the beginning of the First World War. The Canadian government pursued an aggressive immigration policy aimed at agricultural settlers and skilled men from Britain and other countries. Canada was seen as very attractive as it offered higher wages, better education and a healthier climate. Emigration was driven by poverty and unemployment in cities and rural areas like Buckinghamshire. Over 400,000 people went to Canada from Europe in 1912. Immigrants from Britain were given highest priority although the Canadian government may publicly denied it. Canada was attractive to farmers headed to the Prairies, who typically came from eastern and central Europe and many immigrants from Britain preferred to live in a city.

Clifford Sifton was Minister of the Interior for the Liberal government of Prime Minister Sir Wilfred Laurier and drove the policy. The government offered free homesteads to applicants who qualified. Sifton felt strongly that town dwellers, artisans, shopkeepers and labourers were not desirable immigrants as they did not make good pioneers and would increase the population of the major cities, add to unemployment.

*“I think a stalwart peasant in a sheep-skin coat, born on the soil, whose forefathers have been farmers for ten generations, with a stout wife and a half-dozen children, is good quality. A Trades Union artisan who will not work more than eight hours a day and will not work that long if he can help it, will not work on a farm at all and has to be fed by the public when his work is slack is, in my judgement, quantity and very bad quantity.”*

From: *Only Farmers Need Apply: Sir Clifford Sifton, “The Immigrants Canada Wants,” Maclean’s magazine, April 1, 1922, pp. 16, 32-4.*

In March 1906 the Daily Mail published a letter from a vicar asking wealthy people to pay for young men to emigrate to Canada. The passage from Liverpool to Toronto cost £6.19s.7d which many could not afford. In 1907 an emigration office was set up in London to recruit skilled weavers, boiler makers, carpenters,

machinists, and ship joiners to emigrate. The bureau was successful and recruited many men. It paid the costs of passage.

The three local men from the parish all had an agricultural background.

**Lance Corporal 7828 William T Andrews**

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Canadian Army (Eastern Ontario Regiment)

Died 26<sup>th</sup> April 1915 age 25

Commemorated at Ypres Menin Gate Memorial Ieper Belgium

Born 1890 and commemorated at Stone War Memorial Gates

*Co-Loq. L. Corp.*

**ATTESTATION PAPER.** No. 7828  
Folio. 8

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.  
(A NEW FORM.)

1. What is your name? *William Andrews*

2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Bucks, England*

3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Mrs. Frances Andrews (Mother)*

4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *14 Horse Rd. Stone, Derbyshire*

5. What is the date of your birth? *Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1890 Bucks Eng*

6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Laborer*

7. Are you married? *No*

8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? *Yes*

9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *Yes*

10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? If so state particulars of former Service. *Yes*

11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*

12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*

*W. Andrews* (Signature of Man)  
*E. Cullin* (Signature of Witness)

**DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.**

I, *W. Andrews*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

*W. Andrews* (Signature of Recruit)  
*E. Cullin* (Signature of Witness)

Date: *22/10/14* 1914.

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.**

I, *W. Andrews*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

*W. Andrews* (Signature of Recruit)  
*E. Cullin* (Signature of Witness)

Date: *22/10/14* 1914.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.**

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *Stone* this *22nd* day of *October* 1914.

*E. Cullin* (Signature of Justice)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

*E. Cullin* (Approving Officer)

*L. C.*

1914-841  
M.A. 1175-11



Enlisted 22nd September 1914 Valcartier Quebec, Canada. He had been baptised 17<sup>th</sup> January at Stone, and was a labourer. His parents were Francis and Drusilla Andrews. Francis was a cattleman on a local farm. His parents lived at Eythrope Road. His enlistment form states he was 5 foot 8 inches tall with a 35 inch chest and had a fair complexion, brown eyes and black hair. Entitled to 1914-15 star (medal). The attestation form states he was a member of the militia. He was reported missing on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1915 but not officially presumed dead until 14<sup>th</sup> August 1916.

**Acting Sergeant 114289 Cecil Farmborough Beechey**

Died 15th September 1916.aged 23

Commemorated at Vimy Memorial Pas de Calais France

Born 1893 and commemorated at Stone War Memorial Gates



1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles (Saskatchewan Regiment) He was born on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1893 at Stone and baptised there 5<sup>th</sup> March 1893. He was educated at Aylesbury Grammar School. Worked at Aylesbury Gas Company and then as a farmer. He moved to Canada in 1911 and worked in farming He enlisted in Canada and returned to England with his unit in October 1915.he went to France the following February. He was involved in what was described as “sharp encounters” and “hair breadth escapes”, rising in rank to Acting Sergeant by September 1916 at the age of 23. His parents, William and Martha, received a letter from another local soldier called Trooper Turnham that they had lost their son. Before going on his last patrol he gave his ring to his Sergeant-Major.

Cecil returned safely only to be killed by a sniper’s bullet. He was a popular man, well remembered in the village as a keen cricketer and footballer. He was well known for his geniality and comradeship. Prayers were said for his family at both Stone and Hartwell churches

The inscription on the Vimy Ridge memorial is as follows,  
TO THE VALOUR OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN IN THE GREAT WAR AND IN  
MEMORY OF THEIR SIXTY THOUSAND DEAD THIS MONUMENT IS RAISED  
BY THE PEOPLE OF CANADA

## **Private 2021979 William James ELLIOTT**

Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment) 16th Battalion

Died 01 Oct 1918 aged 28

Buried at Buried at Sancourt British Cemetery, Nord, France

Born 1893 and commemorated at Dinton and Ford War Memorials

He enlisted at Vancouver and his last address was Quilchena, British Columbia, Canada. Born 16 Jan 1893 Ford, a Baptist. He had been a farmer. His parents were Alfred & Sarah Elliott. His father was a cowman on farm. Next of kin - brother Jabez, Trapp Lake, PO, BC, Canada. The brothers probably emigrated together.

### **Notes**

Image of attestation paper permission sought

The Government of Canada has a searchable on line memorial and the Library of Canada has service records available online.

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## ***Join our 7<sup>th</sup> Advent Parish Posada***

*On 1st December at our **10.30am Advent Sunday service** in SJB Stone our Mary and Joseph figures will once again set out on their journey from house to house around the parish. They will arrive at the **Christmas Eve Crib service at 4pm** when they will be placed in the stable with the other Nativity figures.*



*If you would like to offer a home to Mary and Joseph for one night during their journey please register before 1<sup>st</sup> December.*

*Jenny Pickup 748170 J.Pickup@stonedintonhartwell.com*

*Further details: [www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)*

## Announcement from Aston Sandford

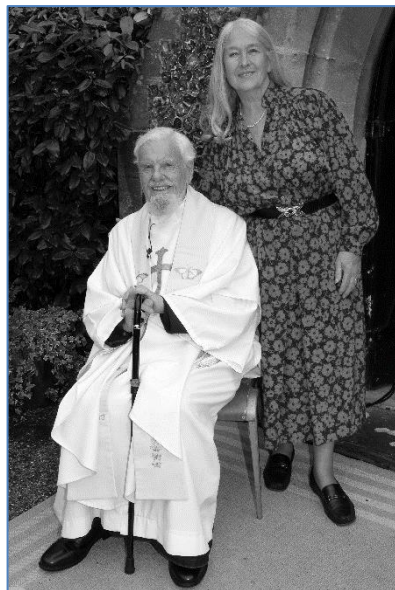
It is with the deepest regret that I have to record that on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Canon Cavell Cavell-Northam died peacefully at home, surrounded by his beloved wife Pauline and their family. He was 87. Dearest Cavell had taken our regular services at Aston Sandford for the last 22 years; the last occasion was on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August when the church was as usual well attended. Cavell's funeral was on 4<sup>th</sup> October, at Holy Trinity, Lane End, where he and Pauline have lived since his retirement as Vicar of St Mary and St Giles, Stony Stratford.

I hope to include a full tribute to Cavell in a future Parish Magazine. It was such a privilege to have known Cavell and to have had our services led by him for so long.

May he rest in peace.

All our thoughts and prayers are with Pauline and their family.

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



*(Photo right : Cavell and Pauline at the celebration of his 60 years in ministry)*

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## 'HARVEST FESTIVAL at St John the Baptist Stone'

A very big thank you to everyone who came along to help decorate the church with flowers, foliage, fruit and vegetables for Harvest. Your hard work and beautiful arrangements along with the lovely displays made by the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, all went towards making the church look wonderfully bright and festive for the Harvest celebrations.

Thank you again for bringing the Harvest home.

## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA IN STONE VILLAGE HALL**

**3.00pm to 5.00pm**  
**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**An array of delicious home-made  
cakes**

**Proceeds to Stone Village Hall  
and Action Medical Research**



### **STONE VILLAGE HALL**

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Suitable for meetings, events,  
parties and receptions  
Disabled access

For information and bookings telephone 01296 748279

### **Coins and old gold and silver broken jewellery**

Thanks again for the obsolete foreign coins and banknotes and do continue to send them in s it has been a great success. Do you have any broken silver or gold jewellery that we can sell for church funds?

Contact me (David Pickup) or one of the churchwardens.

## November & December at Waterperry



Waterperry  
Gardens

### Christmas Fayres at Waterperry Gardens – FREE ENTRY

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sun 24<sup>th</sup> November and Sat 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am – 4pm**

Get into the Christmas spirit at Waterperry Gardens with festive shopping from our Gallery, Gift Barn and Christmas Shop. Waterperry grown Christmas trees (bring your wellies & choose your own!) and hand-made wreaths, along with a number of Arts and Craft Stalls with gorgeous handmade gift ideas and festive food and drink. A shopper's delight with great gift ideas for all the family.

***STOP PRESS: Come & meet REAL Reindeer on Sunday 8 December between 11.30am and 2.30pm with the chance to pet and feed them!***

**Find Santa's Reindeer! 23<sup>rd</sup> November - 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10am-5pm**

Help Rudolph find his friends lost all around the gardens and then collect your Christmas treat. £2.50 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult paying garden entrance fee.

**We will be closed for Christmas from 25<sup>th</sup> Dec through to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020**

**[www.waterperrygardens.co.uk](http://www.waterperrygardens.co.uk)**



## Christmas Gift Fair

11 - 3pm 23rd November 2019

A beautiful selection of gifts  
including Christmas  
decorations, jewellery, food,  
homeware and more...

The Gateway Conference Centre, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF

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Entrance £3 / Concessions £1.50



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## Simply Walk in Stone, Haddenham & Dinton

**Come**, and join us out in the fresh air  
For an hour or so walk in the countryside  
On Wednesday mornings – throughout the year from:



Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road –**STONE**  
Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December

Seven Stars PH, New Road –**DINTON**  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

We meet in the morning for 10.30  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
We can walk and talk, to keep healthy  
Then have a nice cup of coffee or tea!

### Walking for Health with Simply Walk

Further dates/details visit [www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk)  
Or call Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367

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**10 - 5**

Textile Art    Silver Jewellery  
Furniture      Beading  
Glasswork      Eco dyeing  
Bags, Scarves ....come and see!

**FIRST SUNDAY CAFÉ**  
will be open for the  
last time  
before the winter break

12.30 – 2.00 p.m.  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
so it's cheer up time with .....



**YES, BANGERS in BUNS**  
with cake and coffee/tea to follow

**NEWS FROM CHAPEL HILL**

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road, Stone, HP17 8PH

Minister: Revd. Keith Edwards

Tel: 01296 423363

Village contact:

Mrs. Sue Spinks, Clowesbourne, Upton, HP17 8UA

Tel: 01296 748369

During this month's Services  
the following will be remembered in prayer:  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Badgers Rise; 10<sup>th</sup> – Beacon Close; 17<sup>th</sup> – Belle Vue;  
24<sup>th</sup> – Bishopstone Road and December 1st – Warren Close

Your prayer requests are very welcome –  
anonymous if you wish.  
Please either leave a note in the Chapel post box  
or contact Sue Spinks (as above)

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**FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

**(non denominational)**

**Meeting in the Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road**

**Come along at 2.30 pm on TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**as DAVID HEFFER shares with us more**

**of his wonderful 'home grown'**



followed by sandwiches, cake and the always welcome cuppa.

***DON'T FORGET THE BRING & BUY TABLE***

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## **STONE THURSDAY CLUB**

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

**Meeting in the Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road**

on the second Thursday each month

Subs are just £2.00 per meeting

Come and bring your friends –

For transport please contact Dee James 01296 747671

**REMEMBER, REMEMBER,  
THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER.....  
GUNPOWDER, TREASON AND PLOT !**



COLIN OAKES will tell us all about it  
2 p.m. on Thursday 14th November  
before we enjoy sandwiches, tea and cake

### **\* \* \* CHRISTMAS TURKEY HAMPER DRAW \* \* \***

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December in Dinton Village Hall  
From 12.30 – 2.30

Come and meet friends and neighbours for  
Soup and Sausage Lunch,  
Bring and Buy, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.



Plus the draw for the Turkey Hamper which this year is  
stuffed with wonderful goodies like a  
Starveall Farm turkey.

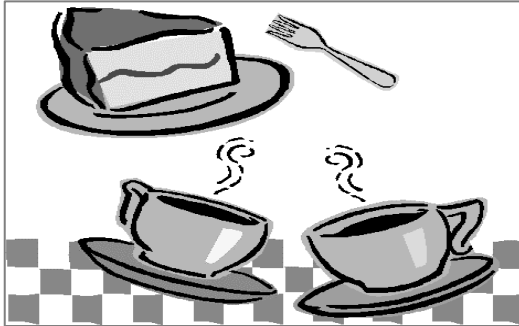
Lottery tickets available from  
Valma Thompson 01296 748561 and Rosemary Jackson 01296 748655



BRIGHTEN YOUR NOVEMBER DAY -

Come along to the

# COFFEE MORNING



at the Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**10 a.m. - 12 noon**

**BRING & BUY**

**BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!**

**Home made marmalade, jellies and chutneys**

**AND CAKES of course**

**All proceeds to**

**WHITECHAPEL MISSION**

(helping the homeless on the streets of London)

[noting the recent report on the increasing number of fatalities among the street folk the Mission seeks to help]

**and**

**BIBLE SOCIETY**

(bringing the Bible to people across the world)

## A Hundred Years of Change in the Village of Stone

As we approach Remembrance Day on November 10 (Service 10.45, Exhibition 11.30 - 5.30) here is a reminder of the changes in our village over the past century. When the First War ended the first priority was to welcome home Stone's serving soldiers and to remember those who had not come back. More than 100 names had appeared on the Stone Rolls of Honour and 22 had died. £600+ was raised by public subscription for the purchase of land from the Lees of Hartwell for



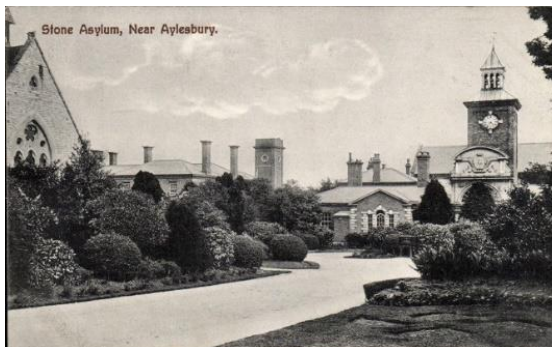
a memorial recreation ground and handsome memorial gates were designed by architect Clough Williams Ellis, nephew of Lady Smyth of St John's Lodge, Bishopstone Road. On November 12 1922 a huge crowd attended the unveiling and dedication of the gates. Seven names were added in 1945. Bishopstone's memorial was opened in June 1920. A memorial from the Stone Asylum is now in Stone Church.

The village was still mainly agricultural and the impoverished Lee family owned much of it, struggling to sell off or maintain farms, houses, land and crumbling tied cottages. They survived until 1938, when Ernest Cook bought house, parkland and estate. Villagers worked on the land, at the Hospital or cycled or took the bus into town to work - or shop, though most used Miss Piddington's stores and the White's butchery, both on Eythrope Road. Carter's shop and coal yard was opposite the school and is still our village shop and Post Office today. The Post Office had moved from The Elms to the Rose and Crown, then back to the general store opposite the Waggon, later Fox's grocery, then a bridal shop, now the Pine Shop. Most people grew their own vegetables and fruit – the old cottages had large gardens and there were allotments.

There were four places of worship – St John Baptist Church, the Methodist Chapel, the Hospital Chapel and the deteriorating little Gothic church at Hartwell, the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. The latter was damp and neglected, appeals for help failed and services ceased in the mid-30s. There were four pubs – the Bugle, the Waggon and Horses (now Jeera), the Rose and Crown and the County Arms opposite the church. Burials took place at the hospital burial ground opposite St John's and St John Baptist and Hartwell churchyards.

Plested's waggon makers and undertakers at the bottom of Eythrope Road provided the coffins.

The Village Hall, opened in 1911, continued to be the centre of social activity, meetings, plays and performances, and village and assylum football and cricket teams played on the new Ground as well as in the asylum grounds. The village children attended the 1870 Stone School and were joined by the older Bishopstone children, who traipsed up the lane in all weathers. Everyone enjoyed annual carnivals, horticultural shows and maypole dancing.



The number of cars rose very gradually – petrol was sold at Griffith's Garage next to the Rose and Crown and later there were pumps at the County Arms. The Piddingtons and Griffiths sold paraffin for household use. Stone petrol station came mid-century.

The County Pauper Lunatic Asylum was renamed Bucks Mental Hospital in 1919 and many villagers worked there on the wards, in the grounds or in the kitchens. Until it closed in 1991 St John's was a vital part of Stone.

By 1939, despite the difficulties of the Lees, things had stabilized, but 6 years more of terrible warfare did its damage. Although Stone school was inundated with evacuees several bombs fell in and around the village and Hartwell was requisitioned by the army – local children followed the soldiers as they marched up to church on Sundays. The field by the Bugle Horn became a POW camp for Italians and Germans.

Many houses were built after the Second World War. New homes replaced Cromhamstone House, between Griffiths Garage and the shop, Stonecroft opposite the village hall, the old rectory opposite the County Arms and Pledsted's Yard. Flats were built on the sites of Griffith's garage, Tom Elliott's dairy by the Waggon and the White's butcher's shop. Badger's Rise replaced the County Arms. St John's Hospital was closed in 1991 and it and the staff accommodation opposite replaced by housing. Only the Hospital Chapel remains, still awaiting restoration. Hartwell House, now leased by the National Trust, is in its 30th year as a prestigious country house hotel and the little church, threatened with demolition after the roof lead was stolen in the 1940s, now partially restored and with a new roof, is under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

Pevel Court, behind the Bugle, owned from the early '30s by the Longford family and sold to an insurance company for the duration, was then purchased by the Hospital Board for offices, the wartime huts in the grounds being used for nurses' accommodation. In 1970 the village school moved in during building works to extend and improve the old school. Pevel was then occupied by the

Vale School for some years, then sold and restored. It is now, with recent appropriate additions, a large and friendly retirement home.

On the Bishopstone Road, St John's Lodge was used as Hospital accommodation over the years but is now a nursing home. There is a Brendoncare home at the back of the old St John's site so the village continues its tradition of care. Many of the older cottages and houses do still survive and despite the constant intrusion of the A418 the traditional Hartwell stone walls with fossil insets, the many trees and the school, hall, pubs and church still give the village its character... Much change, but much still to recognise – and enjoy.

By Enid Robinson

*Hold half page for The Harrow*

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November is the season for planting bare rooted trees and shrubs although nowadays one can buy most of these plants growing in pots which can be planted out all year round.

There are three vegetable plantings which can be undertaken in November. My favourite is the Broad Bean which if planted in the middle of the month will generally produce a good early crop, without the troubles of black fly. At the same time plant Garlic. Very easy to grow. Set the cloves about 3 inches deep with the pointed tip pointing upwards, about 8 inches apart. As they take a while to grow, do not forget where they are planted.

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