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# PARISH CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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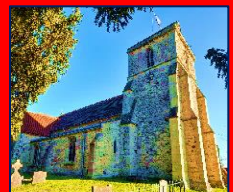
St Michael & All Angels  
Aston Sandford



St Peter & St Paul  
Dinton



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Stone



St John the Baptist  
Stone

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*Front Cover photograph courtesy of Heather Harris*

## Editorial - Remembrancetide

It is Remembrancetide again. One of those times in the year that seems to come around again quickly. Many thanks to Fiona for taking on the Poppy Appeal this year. Please support the appeal. We have such a tradition in the parish of doing this.

This year we have been faced with a major war in Europe which has cost many lives and millions have been forced to move. No-one knows where it will end. As I write the fear is that Ukraine is advancing but a cornered, defeated Putin may react unpredictably. I mention him by name as I do not believe we have any dispute with the people of Russia. We have shared so much effort and struggle together to defeat fascism. It is tragedy we do not have a better relationship.

It is the first war that I can think of that has led to almost unanimous support in the West. Most conflicts before were highly controversial. Even sections of the media and the country that normally are pacifist, are actively on Ukraine's side in the war.

11<sup>th</sup> November marks exactly one hundred years since the Stone War Memorial was opened. People then hoped for peace and a better world. Despite the setbacks we must still seek real lasting peace.



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## Parish Services and Calendar

<b>November 2022</b>	<b>St John the Baptist Stone*</b>	<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul Dinton</b>	<b>Stone Methodist Chapel</b>	<b>St Michael &amp; All Angels Aston Sandford</b>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 3 before Advent	10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday  <b>(Please see details of local Remembrance events on page 6)</b>	No Service in Church  (10.45am Stone War Memorial Recreation Ground, Outdoor Service)	10.15am Remembrance Service  11.00am Wreath laying at War Memorial  No Evensong Service	11.00am Holy Communion	10.55am Remembrance Service
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November Christ The King	9.00am Mattins  10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday Common Worship Year A begins	10.30am Family Communion with Choir	3.00pm-5.00pm Craft & Christingle (Messy Church) Children and adult crafts with refreshments including mulled wine	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 4th December Advent 2	10.30am Christingle Service	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	

*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.*

# Letter from Aston Sandford

## Remembrance 2022

This year the Remembrance service in Whitehall will, of course, take on a special significance following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who must have attended the service at the Cenotaph in the vast majority of the years in which the service has taken place.

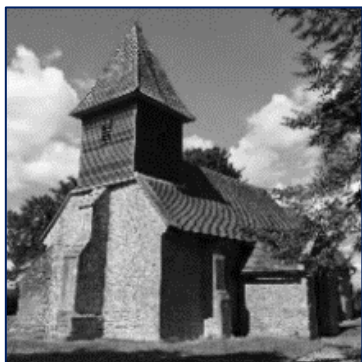
The first national remembrance service, the Allied Victory Parade, took place in Whitehall in 1919 and focussed on a temporary cenotaph designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869 – 1944); it is said he designed it in 6 hours. The Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, had wanted a catafalque, an empty wooden structure for the coffin of someone lying in state, as we saw recently in the lying-in state of Queen Elizabeth: it was Lutyens who had the idea for a taller structure. The design and its symbolism was much admired, and following public pressure it was decided to make the structure a permanent one and the Cenotaph, built in Portland stone and based on that wooden design, was unveiled by King George V on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1920; the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey was dedicated at the same time.

Lutyens had been appointed as one of the three principal architects for the Imperial War Graves Commission (now the Commonwealth War Graves Commission) – the others were Sir Herbert Baker who designed among many other buildings South Africa House in Trafalgar Square, and Sir Reginald Blomfield who had been involved in the design of the Quadrant in Regent Street. The Commission was set up by the Government in 1917 and was led by a visionary called Sir Fabian Ware, who employed talented architects and artists to ensure that the cemeteries (there were 900 on the Western Front alone) were designed and planted to the highest of standards. It was Lutyens who had the greatest influence over the Commission's work.

Until this time Lutyens had largely been known for his designs for New Delhi and more particularly for his country houses, largely in conjunction with Gertrude Jekyll (1843 – 1932). Indeed, one of Lutyens' very first commissions was for her house, Munstead Wood (near Godalming, Surrey, completed in 1896) which is where their partnership began; she lived there till her death. (Nick and I have visited the gardens at Munstead Wood which are beautifully restored by the current owners; as I write this the Grade 1 listed house and gardens are up for sale.) It may be a little-known fact that Gertrude Jekyll advised the War Graves Commission on the planting and landscaping of their cemeteries.

Lutyens' Cenotaph was much admired, and in 1921 he was awarded the Royal Gold Medal by the Royal Institute of Architects. Not unnaturally much of his work thereafter was associated with the design of war memorials. In all he designed 44

war memorials in Britain, all listed as Grade II\* since 2015. There are two in Buckinghamshire – a plaque in St Peter’s Church, Tyringham, and at Gerrards Cross the [Gerrards Cross Memorial Building](#) which apparently is the only instance of a Lutyens war memorial with a functional purpose, rather than as a monument in its own right.

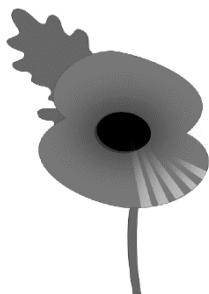


This year’s Aston Sandford’s Remembrance service will held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, at 10 55am.

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

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### Local Remembrance Day Events



Stone	War Memorial Recreation Ground	10.45am	Outdoor Remembrance Service
Dinton	St Peter and St Paul	10.15am	Remembrance Service
Dinton	War Memorial	11.00am	Wreath laying
Aston Sandford	St Michael & All Angels	10.55am	Remembrance Service
Bishopstone	War Memorial	10.30am	Remembrance Service
Ford	War Memorial	11.30am	Wreath laying



## Stone War Memorial Gates – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Armistice Day 1922 saw the unveiling of Stone War Memorial Gates. Fund raising had included fetes at Lady Smyth's house St. John's Lodge, a concert at the hospital, and whist drive. A fete was held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 1920 to raise money for a memorial. It included hoopla, an Aunt Sally and a concert by village children. There was dancing, palm reading and "Whan Foo Chang" in his robes from Peking was due to perform (weather permitting). The Bishopstone Band played and old comrades' performed songs. By July

1921 £740.00 had been raised for the purchase of the land at Corn Close. The land cost £600.00 and the building cost £224.00. The bronze plaques cost £34.10. Fencing and the gates were an additional expense.

The land was purchased from the Lee Estate by Stone Parish Council, "...As a public pleasure ground in memory of the inhabitants of the parishes of Hartwell and Stone who fell in the Great War 1914-1918." A recreation ground had first been proposed in 1894 when parish councils were set up. The gates were designed by William Clough Ellis the designer of the village hall and built by Aylesbury based firms. At opening of the memorial one hundred members of the British Legion marched from Bishopstone Crossroads to Stone church headed by Bishopstone Band.

The gates were unveiled by the Marquis of Lincolnshire. The Lord Lieutenant of the County Brigadier-General Oxley Major General Swann, two members of the Rothschild family, a Viscount and the Mayor of Aylesbury attended. Lady Smyth unlocked the gates. She spoke as follows,

*I feel it is a great honour to be asked to open the gates which have just been dedicated to those who have passed over from their sight And we now dedicate and open this recreation ground to keep in memory the great war and of all the hard things all the self-sacrifice all the pain and sickness our young men went through several of whom are still bravely bearing the signs and too to remember the calls to duty so often nobly answered the unpublished heroism the kindness and sympathy from man to man on the battlefield all while doing their part fearlessly for the sake of their king their homes and their country. So, it is to the young we owe a deep debt of gratitude and in thankfulness to God for victory and in honour of all that devotion and self-sacrifice and glorious achievement we have been able to secure this ground they may find manly and healthy recreation helping them we*

*trust towards good pure and honest living setting a worthy example to this and the next and future generations.*

Revd Steel presided and read out the names. Mr Flowers spoke about the long fund-raising efforts, £888.00 had been raised, much of which was in small donations. They were still £100.00 short outstanding for bills and land tax. He felt certain the young generation appreciated the use of the field. "Future generations would no doubt equally appreciate it, and at the same time not forget the brave men whose memory the field was purchased to perpetuate."

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## **Welcome to Reverend Clare Joyce**



I'm Clare and am really excited to have begun my Curacy here in The Wychert Vale Benefice. I completed my training for ordination at Ripon College Cuddesdon and was ordained deacon in July at Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford. Over the summer it has been great to meet a good number of people from across the benefice and I feel as though I am starting to remember names and get to know the villages! I enjoy music and walking and am always very happy to drink tea and chat so do feel free to get in touch and say hello!

*Revd Clare Joyce (left), Revd Cassa Messervy (right)*

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Curate in the Wychert Vale Benefice  
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## STONE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Next Meeting: Monday November 21, 2022, at 7.30pm  
Stone Village Hall

### LIZ WOOLLEY LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT IN VICTORIAN OXFORD



Oxford social historian Liz has spoken to us before on various aspects of the history of town and gown. In the C19th the University's Sheldonian Theatre, left, shown during a university ceremony, was joined by concert and music halls and theatres in the city centre. Sports, on and off the river, annual fairs and processions, emporiums and the covered and open-air markets filled with

tempting exotic or useful goods, as well as interesting pubs and eating places – there was something for everyone...

**For further information ring Carole on 01844 885168. Guests welcome £2**



## Afternoon Teas

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November: 3.00pm to 5.00pm  
Stone Village Hall  
Featuring Christmas Crafts

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

Registered charity in England & Wales (208701)



## 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road –  
**HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday: 9<sup>th</sup> November

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: 23<sup>rd</sup> November

We meet in the morning for 10.30  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
With days getting shorter, chilly, frosty  
Warm with a walk and a coffee or tea!

**Walking for Health with Simply Walk**  
Visit [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk)  
Or call Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367.



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### Gardening Notes

Phil Shurvell, who has written the Gardening Notes for this magazine for very many years, has decided to step down as our gardening expert. We are indebted to Phil for all his knowledge, expertise and monthly tips and suggestions for looking after our gardens. We are sure, in his 'retirement' he will still be out tending to shrubs and harvesting the vegetable patch.

The Gardening Notes page has been a regular and popular feature and it would be good if someone else would be happy to take over the role and write a few paragraphs each month which could be added to the magazine.

If you've got green fingers and would like to assist, please contact the Editor.



Wychert Vale Benefice  
www.wychertvale.org



# Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL  
www.stonedintonhartwell.com

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10.30am**

We invite you to come and have a cup of coffee and a piece of cake in St John the Baptist Church, Stone



We need your help while you sit and chat over coffee and cake

BUT.....

Will YOU help to sew rings onto our handmade kneelers so that they can be hung on the pews??



We will provide the things needed to do this but if you have a thimble and some sewing needles then please bring them along.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED 😊

# Stone Methodist Chapel

Eythrope Road, Stone HP17 8PH

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ulysee798@gmail.com



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

Chiltern Close, Churchway, Corn Close and Creslow Way

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

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***November is a month of remembrance: on the 5<sup>th</sup> with bonfires and fireworks we remember the deliverance of Parliament from the Gunpowder Plot. Solemnly on 11<sup>th</sup> November we commemorate all those who have sacrificed their lives in defence of freedom. But on occasions like these, we don't merely remember, we look to take some action : in the first instance to support our democracy and obey its laws and in the second to work for peace and justice for all.***

***I looked up November Special Days on Google – and what a plethora of them there are! Among the many, on 1<sup>st</sup> there is World Vegan Day, moving on to on the 7<sup>th</sup> National Cancer Awareness Day, on 10<sup>th</sup> World Science Day for Peace and Development, 13<sup>th</sup> World Kindness Day [that appeals particularly!] coupled perhaps with on the 16<sup>th</sup> the International Day for Tolerance. Later in the month come World Toilet Day [19<sup>th</sup>] and International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women [25<sup>th</sup>]. All with worthy aims and appeals to learn about and support the various causes.***

***What about the Church's Special November Days? The Sunday before Advent, this year the 20<sup>th</sup>, is known as STIR UP SUNDAY, a name derived from the Collect [Prayer] for the Day in the Book of Common Prayer –***

***“Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may be of thee plenteously rewarded”. Hearing this, the cooks in the congregation take it as a reminder to make their Christmas cakes. The making of the Christmas cake is a significant***

activity which needs to begin it early because it needs time to mature and develop its richest flavour. It brings together one of the largest list of ingredients of any cake we're likely to make. It involves care in measuring, soaking, stirring, bringing all the elements together. And it's significant that the final stirring is traditionally shared by all the family members.

The Collect reminds us that our wills must be stirred so that love, faith and hope begin maturing within us as we begin our Advent journey – our **adventurous** journey together - towards Christmas and Christ's coming.

Recommended reading for Advent: Archbishop John Sentamu's ADVENT BOOK FOR 2019 SPCK

ISBN 978-0-281-08354-1  
eBook ISBN 978-0-281-08353-4

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**LIVE ON**

TO THE MEMORY OF THE FALLEN  
AND THE FUTURE OF THE LIVING



## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022

Last year, we marked 100 years of the Royal British Legion, and also celebrated the return of our amazing Poppy Appeal collectors in our local communities. Without them and without you, we wouldn't be able to continue supporting serving and ex-serving men and women and their families. Thank you very much to Fiona Rysdale who has taken over as Poppy Appeal Organiser.

We always need more help with static sales at the shop, places that will host a collecting box such as businesses in the parish and door to door collecting. If you can help by preparing or distributing boxes, please let Fiona know.

National Poppy Appeal launch - 22nd October

Armistice Day - Friday 11th November

National Festival of Remembrance - Saturday 12th November

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 13th November

### **Fiona Rysdale**

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**PLEASE  
WILL YOU LOAN YOUR CHRISTMAS CRIB SET  
FOR A  
CHRISTMAS CRIB EXHIBITION  
SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
@ *Methodist Chapel,  
Eythrope Road***



**Cardboard cutout or carved ivory, every set is welcome to make a  
CHRISTMAS DISPLAY FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY  
Christmas Cards for children to colour and take home  
FREE ADMISSION + Tea/Coffee/Biscuits  
Donations welcome for ACTION FOR CHILDREN  
\*\*\* RAFFLE \*\*\***

**PLEASE CONTACT SUE SPINKS, 748369 [royandsue1@btinternet.com](mailto:royandsue1@btinternet.com)  
with CRIB OFFERS – THANK YOU !**

# Café

IN THE PARK



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

**EVERY TUESDAY  
10.00AM – 12.00 NOON**

**Cakes, traybakes, crumpets**

**SATURDAY  
5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.00AM – 12 NOON  
including Breakfast Rolls**

## **JUBILEE PAVILION STONE RECREATION GROUND**

**RUN BY ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, STONE  
THE LOCAL CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY,  
SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

**For the whole community to meet friends, make new friends or just  
come and enjoy the Park while having a cuppa.**



# STONE WITH BISHOPSTONE AND HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Your Council, Your Services, Your Parish



## Parish Council meeting dates

Day	Date	Month	Time	Venue	Meeting
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	November	19:30	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	January 2023	19:30	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	February	19:30	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	March	19:30	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	April	19:30	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	April	19:30	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone	Annual Parish Meeting
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	May	19:30	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please note meeting dates/times may change. If you intend coming to a meeting please check the date, time and venue on the agenda published on any of our noticeboards and our parish website [www.sbhpc.org](http://www.sbhpc.org).

## Litter Picking Event - 6<sup>th</sup> November

The Parish Council is organising another Litter Picking event on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November. If you are passionate about keeping the Parish litter-free please come and support us at either the Jubilee Pavilion in Stone or at the Bishopstone Village Hall starting at 9.30am. We will provide litter pickers and black sacks.

## FixMyStreet

Do you notice potholes, broken pavements, missing or damaged bollards or drain covers, lamps not working or any other issues as you go about your daily life? You can help to keep them all working and in good condition by registering the problem with Buckinghamshire Council on their website:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fixmystreet>

If the problem is with a Public Footpath crossing private land or a bridleway then please contact Buckinghamshire Council Public Rights of Way [Public rights of way | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

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## HOORAY! SOUP SATURDAYS ARE BACK AGAIN!

**COME ALONG TO THE  
METHODIST CHAPEL  
SATURDAYS  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
12 noon – 2 p.m.  
Enjoy a wide choice of soup  
with cake, tea/coffee to follow  
DONATIONS FOR  
ACTION FOR CHILDREN**



Please

will

**YOU help by offering to make soup,  
or serve, or clear away and wash up**



Please contact SUE SPINKS with your offers –  
748369 or  
[royandsue1@btinternet.com](mailto:royandsue1@btinternet.com)

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## Music Concert

**Kevin Galloway (Uncle Lucius) from Austin, USA  
plus support**

19<sup>th</sup> November, St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Dinton.

Doors open at 7.30pm

Tickets £13 in advance or £15 on the door.

Licensed Bar

Contact details: Mike Trotman Empty Room Promotions

Tel: 01296 748268

<http://www.empty-rooms.com>



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



**Pace Christmas Gift Fair**  
**Buckinghamshire College, HP21 8PD**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**11 am – 3 pm**

A beautiful selection of gifts from some fabulous businesses including Christmas decorations, jewellery, food, homeware, skincare and more...

Entrance £3/Concessions £1.50 FREE PARKING

By supporting the Christmas Gift Fair, you will not only have the opportunity to wrap your Christmas shopping up early, but you will also be helping us to provide life changing support to the children and young people who access Pace services.

**WE NEED YOU!**  
**NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

Do you have 1-2 hours per month available to help out on a voluntary basis with delivery of the Parish Church & Community News to residents in your area?

For more information, please contact David Pickup on 01296 748170 or email [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk).

## STONE THURSDAY CLUB

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



**IS THIS YOU ?**

**If so, come along and enjoy a warm and friendly afternoon  
at the THURSDAY CLUB**

[Subs are just £2.00 per meeting]

Meeting @ **METHODIST CHAPEL, Eythrope Road**  
**[to arrange a lift, contact Dee James 747671]**

Miserable old Thomas Hood in his poem **November** claimed:

*No warmth,  
no cheerfulness,  
no company –  
NOVEMBER*

Well, don't believe him, because at our meeting on

**NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

we will enjoy all three as we're entertained by our friend

**RON ADAMS**

**with his wonderful programme of songs and monologues**

Followed of course by the usual sandwiches, tea and cake

**N.B. This is NOT a  
portrait of Ron !!**



## Old Coins

Keep sending in any foreign or old coins or unwanted gold jewellery. We can convert this into funding for the church. We've raised much needed funds recently from a few obsolete foreign banknotes and jewellery.

You can send to the Editor at:

12 Roundhill, Stone HP17 8RD

Tel: 01296 748170 or email [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk)



**FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP**  
[non denominational]  
**Meeting in the Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road**  
**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2.30 p.m.**

**A VERY WARM WELCOME to**  
**DAVID HEFFER**  
who will be bringing us some more of his own  
**VARIED VERSES**

With subjects ranging from nature rambles, grandchildren,  
the Christian year to, yes, that old favourite –  
*Malcolm's Mother's Vest* - and everything in between,  
we know it will be a fine afternoon's entertainment.

And of course, a tasty tea to enjoy before home-time  
**plus** the **BRING & BUY TABLE** and **BOOK BOX** to browse

**MEET FRIENDS**



**MAKE FRIENDS**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

## **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/>

## Parish and other websites

Church	<a href="https://stonedintonhartwell.com/">https://stonedintonhartwell.com/</a>
Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council	<a href="http://www.sbhpc.org/">http://www.sbhpc.org/</a>
Jubilee Pavilion	<a href="http://www.sbhpc.org/Jubilee-Pavilion/Jubilee-Pavilion-Home">http://www.sbhpc.org/Jubilee-Pavilion/Jubilee-Pavilion-Home</a>
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Dinton News	<a href="https://www.dinton.info/">https://www.dinton.info/</a>
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"Although I am not completely retiring just yet, I am moving to the back office from May 2022, to take on more of an advisory role. Graham and Matt are to continue their roles as business partners and will take full responsibility for the day-to-day activities and general running of the business.

"It's a plan that we've been working on for the past four years, to give Graham and Matt time to adjust and ensure there's a smooth transition period before myself and Kay fully retire. We will remain directors, but more 'silent directors' than our current hands-on role. We are starting the process of slowing down and taking a back seat, but plan to be around for a couple more years, so can help and assist Graham and Matt in an advisory role, before taking full retirement in two years' time.

"Matt (right) is now 27 and has worked for the company since he left Waddesdon School at 16. He completed his apprenticeship and for the past 11 years has grafted alongside the other lads gaining their respect. He has certainly proved himself - he's very popular with our customers, he's a vital part of the team and he's now ready to take a step up the ladder and work alongside his Uncle Graham, running the family business.



“My younger brother Graham Simmonds (left) has worked with me for more than 30 years. He learnt his trade working for a carpentry firm in Dinton when he first left school and is now a highly skilled and respected carpenter, a man who takes extreme pride in his work and a Mr Fix-It, capable of doing jobs that are beyond what most would tackle. Graham has always been popular with both customers and work colleagues and has all the experience and knowledge required to take the family business forward.”

“I am lucky and blessed to have worked for and with so many wonderful people from all walks of life during my 42 years in business and although I am looking forward to retirement, I will miss them all as well.”

**All those involved with the Parish News would like to pass on their best wishes to Mick as he eases into retirement and to congratulate Matt and Graham on their new roles within the business.**

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