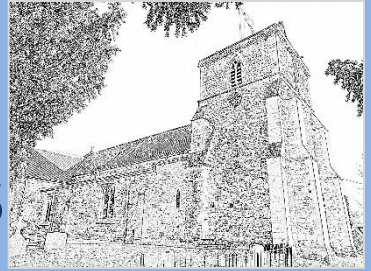


# Parish Church & Community News



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Front Cover image: Dinton War Memorial by Heather Harris

## **Editorial - November, a Month of Special Occasions.**

(In no particular order)

Guy Fawkes' Night is on 5<sup>th</sup> November and celebrates the fact that the King and his Parliament were not killed in a terrorist attack in 1605.

Remembrance Sunday is the Sunday nearest to the 11<sup>th</sup> and commemorates the casualties from two world wars and other conflicts since 1918.

Black Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Black Friday is the expression for the Friday after Thanksgiving in the United States. It traditionally marks the start of the Christmas shopping season. In the last few years it has been introduced to this country by businesses trying to increase profits by offering a small number of bargains on a first come, first serve basis.

Dr Who. *Doctor Who* first appeared on the BBC Television Service at 17:16 on 23 November 1963; this was eighty seconds later than the scheduled programme time, because of announcements concerning the previous day's assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Stir up Sunday on 26 November. Stir-up Sunday is a nickname for the last Sunday before the season of Advent. It gets its name from the beginning of the collect, *Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Traditionally people started to make Christmas cakes on this day.



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## Parish Services and Calendar

November 2023	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 5 November 4 Advent	9.00am** Mattins (BCP) 10.30am Family Worship	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 12 November Remembrance Sunday*	No Service at Church  10.45am Open air service at Memorial Gates, Stone Recreation Ground	10.15am Remembrance Service 11.00am Wreath Laying/Last Post at War Memorial  3.00pm Evensong	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 19 November 2 Advent	9.00am Mattins (BCP) 10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship	10.55am Holy Communion & Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 26 November Christ The King	10.30am Family Communion		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 3 December Advent Sunday Common Worship Year B begins	9.00am** Mattins (BCP)  10.30am Family Communion with Choir	9am Holy Communion  4pm Christingle	11.00am Holy Communion	

\*\* Indicates changes in services/times until further notice. Please see church noticeboards /websites for up-to-date details.

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



# News from Aston Sandford

## The Fallen

Our Remembrance Service this year will be on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10:55am**. *There will be no service on Remembrance Day itself, Sunday 12th November.*

Some years ago I attended a lovely service in Temple Church, London for the unveiling of a plaque belatedly commemorating members and staff of Middle and Inner Temples who had died during the Second World War, a plaque to match a longer list of those who died in the First World War. I cannot now recall why so many years had passed before the second plaque had been put in place. The occasion was well attended and demonstrated how important commemoration is all those years after the end of a war.



One of the books for sale at the event was a book then recently re-issued which I can recommend to anyone who is interested in war cemeteries and memorials: *The Fallen, a photographic journey through the war cemeteries and memorials of the Great War, 1914 -18*, by John Garfield, with an introduction by the now late Gavin Stamp, the architectural historian, originally published by Leo Cooper in 1990 and subsequently reissued in 2003 by Spellmount.

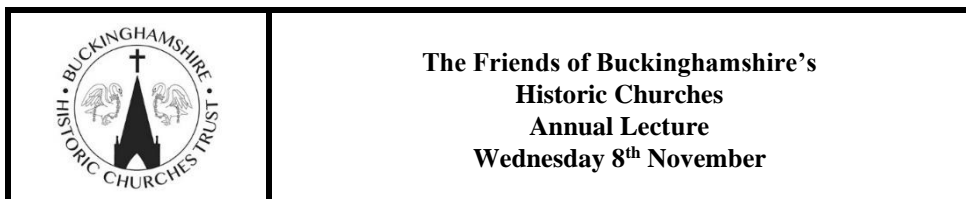
John Garfield (1930-2019) was a distinguished consultant neurosurgeon who retired early to pursue his other interest, photography. *The Fallen* was the culmination of a lifelong project to photograph the cemeteries of the First World War. He took all the photographs and wrote the text and apparently became steeped in the First World War poets and writers. According to the Royal College of Surgeons website his photographic career was marginally longer than his neurosurgical one; his final exhibition, to mark 100 years of Armistice Day, was held at Southampton University in November 2018.

*The Fallen* is such a moving tribute to those who died in the war supposedly to end all wars. It covers not only the better-known cemeteries and memorials in France and Belgium, but also in Italy, Macedonia, Gallipoli; German cemeteries are included as well as those of the Allies. The result is a moving pictorial tribute to the dead of so many nations. All the photography (and text) is in black and white which makes the whole so poignant.

In his introduction Gavin Stamp compares the style of commemoration by the nations concerned. He concludes that the losses France sustained were so great that the French seemed almost to have been unable to cope, with the result that the cemeteries appear as huge seas of white crosses and architecture of what he calls a painfully confused character. The Germans on the other hand created haunting war cemeteries with dark rough crosses and subtle buildings. By contrast the British cemeteries, designed by great architects like Sir Edward Lutyens, Charles Holden (who went on to design so many well-known London tube stations), and Scottish Sir Robert Lorimer, were uniform, disciplined, softened by subtle landscaping by garden designers like Gertrude Jekyll. In Gavin Stamp's view what makes the British cemeteries so powerful is the unique standardisation of secular headstones, something which the Imperial War Commission insisted on, somewhat controversially at the time.

I understand that subsequent editions of the book (there were four editions altogether) contain an additional introduction by the late Katherine Whitehorn and a new final chapter called *The Aftermath* in which John Garfield examines the memorials to the dead and murdered from the battlefields, cities and concentration camps of the Second World War, and ends with the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

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



***“Things to look for when you first go into a church”*** using St Mary's Princes  
Risborough as the prime example

by medieval architectural historian John McNeill, lecturer at the Oxford University Department of Continuing Education, and Secretary of the British Archaeological Association. This lecture is a must for all who enjoy visiting churches and want to get the most from your visits

**at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Princes Risborough HP27 9AW**  
**Doors will open at 6:30pm for the lecture starting at 7:00pm**

**Tickets £12.00 available at the door, complimentary drink provided on arrival**  
**Further information available from Nick Morgan 01844 291217**

## Harvest Festival at St John The Baptist, Stone

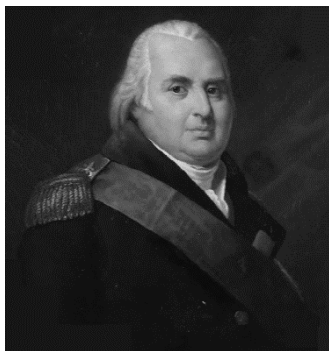
A very big thank you to all the flower arrangers who made our church in Stone look so beautiful for the Harvest Festival service, the hard work and time that goes into transforming the church is much appreciated.

The harvest service was very well attended and many gifts of produce were given by the congregation. These gifts of food were taken to the Aylesbury food bank who were so very pleased and grateful to receive our harvest donations.

Thank you to everyone.



## Interesting people of Stone



**Louis XV111 at Hartwell, 1809-1914, part 1: How the exiled French Royal family came to England and the Revd Sir George Lee rented Hartwell to the exiled King Louis and family and court.**

### **The French Revolution and its aftermath**

The storming of the Bastille prison in Paris in July 1789, the opening event in the Revolution, started a chain of events in Europe which lasted until mid 1815 and involved England in 21 years of war. Nearly every European country was caught up in fighting the Revolutionaries.

By 1792 the French absolute monarchy – the Bourbons – was abolished and in 1793 Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette were guillotined. In 1795 their son, the ten-year-old titular king Louis XVII died of neglect and ill-treatment in the Temple prison. The Comte de Provence, who escaped to Russia, was now the titular French King. His surviving sister, “Madame”, was also freed in 1795, and later married her cousin, the Duc d’Angouleme, and then joined the rest of the royal family in Russia, including Louis XVIII.

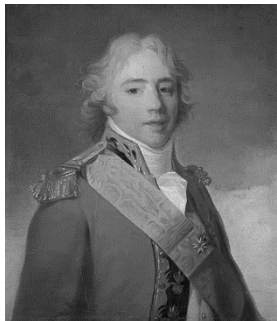
### **Louis finds refuge in England**

By 1807 things were too hot for Louis in Russia and, after a stormy voyage, he arrived at Yarmouth under the nom de plume of the Comte de L’Isle. The government wanted him out of London, where there was already a huge French expat community and Louis settled for a time at the Duke of Buckingham’s Gosfield Hall in Essex, where he was joined in 1808 by the ugly drink-sodden little Queen and Madame and their courts. Louis and his relations were feted by our own royal family – they dined with Queen Charlotte at Oatlands Palace, were guests of honour at the Prince of Wales’ huge and elaborate celebratory fete at Carlton House when he was made Regent, and frequently visited Stowe, where they were royally entertained.

### **Louis comes to Hartwell**

But Gosfield was too small, and Louis eventually rented Hartwell in 1809 from the Reverend Sir George Lee, whose previous tenant, Sir William Young, had been sent earlier to Bermuda as Governor. Louis paid Sir George £500 a year out of his British Government allowance and Hartwell was divided and subdivided to cram in not only the normal court of 140+ relatives, servants, clerics and hangers-on, but frequently other visitors who came and went – or lived here permanently.

These included his younger brother the Comte d'Artois with his two sons the Duc de Berry and the Duc d'Angouleme (married to Madame, rt) the Prince of Condé, former leader of the anti-revolutionary army, the exiled King of Sweden, and more members of both French and English high society, as well as a few local acquaintances. They all had to be fed and entertained and crammed into any corner to sleep. Servants grew vegetables and kept chickens on the roof. Several members of the company died, including their doctor, testified by two mossy stones in the corner of Hartwell Churchyard.



The Comte d'Artois (left), later Charles X of France, came to England in the early years of the C19th and lived for some time at Holyrood House in Edinburgh. He was only allowed out on a Sunday, to avoid being arrested for debt. He later moved to London and was a frequent visitor at Hartwell, together with his son the Duc de Berry. His other son the Duc d'Angouleme with his wife, "Madame", lived at Hartwell for five years. She was, understandably, gloomy and pessimistic. Louis was very fond of her and built her a charming cottage in the grounds in the style of Lot in France.

For all of his time in England, Louis survived on a large handout from the British government – up to £20,000 a year, most of it going to Louis, but it was never enough. Louis, a massive and dignified figure, maintained a formal miniature government. Court dress was worn and there was much bowing, curtsying and kissing. Each royal household had its own servants and followers, and Louis' strict routine – breakfast, Mass in the small private chapel in the house, business, garden walks, formal meals and evening sessions of whist and word games - was sometimes painfully tedious. There was a dais in the library where Louis sat in state on a sofa, his gouty foot supported on a stool, to receive his visitors. There was much visiting between rooms as the exiles discussed their sad situation and their hopes for the future. Louis was constantly receiving emissaries and spies (and counterspies) and keeping himself up to date by reading French and English newspapers and journals (the *Moniteur* was his favourite). Information from France was smuggled in via "cartel ships", sailing under a flag of truce, exchanging prisoners and scientific information, new writing ("Pride and Prejudice" went this way during the war to be translated and published in Paris) and even fashion dolls for the English ladies to keep up their spirits! Spies and information were shipped surreptitiously, extremely risky for of the cartel captains.

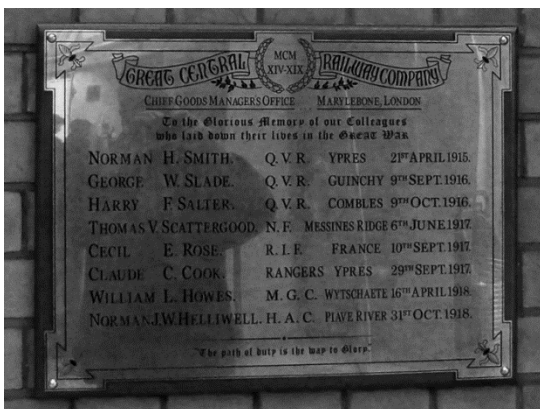
Many of the servants, crammed into outhouses, stables and cottages, fared well – there was "much mirth, music and dancing"- and a number of marriages between

French valets and footmen and local girls – services were held at Stone and in Aylesbury and babies born and baptised. The Court was self-contained and local people had to be satisfied with glimpses of the French riding out and of their numerous visitors approaching from Aylesbury – and the traditional invitation to walk round the table and see the king dine every few weeks. Nevertheless, it must have been an exciting period for local residents, catching sight of dukes and counts, kings and princesses in the grounds and parkland. The presence of the court must have benefitted local tradespeople and farmers – however penurious, the French had to be fed – and both servants and royals sold jewellery, china and other possessions to keep going – there must still be “souvenirs” of the court in Aylesbury attics! There are certainly items in the County Museum.

January 2024 issue: The king enjoys Hartwell, the death of the Queen in 1810, visiting and entertaining the neighbours and the eventual departure of King and court to France in 1814.

## Station War Memorials: “The Path of Duty and Self-sacrifice”

Communities were so affected by the First World War that memorials were instituted at many schools, hospitals other places of work and of course every village. There are also some at railway stations. Trains played vital role in both world wars including moving troops and supplies as well as transporting goods. Thousands of people must walk past these every day. Railways have always been a community and the memorials to those who left everything for a greater cause is very poignant. Here is a description of some which are on what is now the Chiltern Line and an additional one at Baker Street Underground.



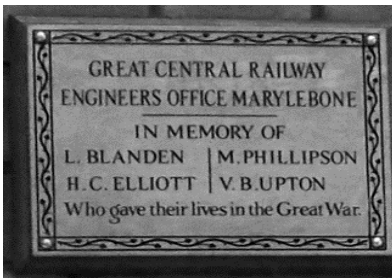
There are two memorials at Marylebone station.

### GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY LONDON AND DISTRICT GOODS DEPT

A Marble rectangular tablet with dark border and arms of the railway company carved above inscription. It has 31 names and was dedicated in 2016. It replaces an earlier memorial which was lost in 1941.

There is a second memorial to Great Central Railway Engineers Office which is a brass plaque with black border on wooden backboard.





Not far from Marylebone is the Baker Street memorial to the, "men from the service of the Metropolitan Railway Company whose names are inscribed below were among those who, at the call of King and country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who

come after see to it that their names be not forgotten.

Erected by the directors, officers and staff of the railway.

Below are 2 columns of 68 names each, in alphabetic sequence, with one more at the end in the centre. 'Arthur Lewis' appears twice.

Made of Carrara marble. The list of names is contained within an arch composed of fluted Ionic columns supporting an allegorical statue group depicting a lion overcoming a serpent. It was designed by C.W. Clark and unveiled by Sir Clarendon Hyde, the deputy chairman, on 11 November 1920.



To the right of the monument there is an unusual charity collecting box made of a war-time shell. There is a slot for coins in the top and a brass shield on the front, inscribed: "12 inch high explosive shell, presented by Messrs Vickers Ltd, Barrow

Works. Donations to the Railway Benevolent Institution for Disabled & Distressed Railwaymen, Widows & Orphans."

Further up the Chiltern Line is Royal Leamington Spa. The war memorial in Leamington Spa station to the men of the Great Western Railway who fell in World War I is an exact replica of the rolls of honour that were placed at major GWR stations after 1918. It is approximately 175cm wide by 127cm high and has a beech hardwood surround and a central metal plaque with names inscribed in four columns and the dedication on a fifth. The names are depicted as if on a scroll opening on a horizontal axis, and the columns are divided by inscriptions of highly decorated down-pointing swords, the outer two of which have laurel wreaths hanging from the hilt. The name of the Great Western Railway is on a smaller scroll in the central column, between two laurel branches. The whole memorial is in a medieval-revival style. The memorial is on platform 2, on the wall next to the waiting room.

At Birmingham Moor Street Railway Station beside The Centenary Lounge and the ticket machines is the Great Western Railway printed Roll of Honour in glazed case, with a dedication plaque below.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY ROLL OF HONOUR ON THIS ROLL OF HONOUR ARE SHOWN THE NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY/ COMPANY WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR. MANY OF THE MEN WERE CALLED UPON TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME OF THE FIERCEST FIGHTING OF THE CAMPAIGN; THEY UPHELD THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THEIR COUNTRY AND THEIR MEMORY IS REVERED ALIKE BY THE COMPANY AND THEIR COMRADES THE NUMBER OF WESTERN MEN WHO JOINED HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES WAS 25,479/ REPRESENTING THIRTY-THREE PER CENT OF THE COMPANY'S STAFF. THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE WAR NUMBERED 2,436

Sources:

Imperial War Museums

London Remembers

Illustrations

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Others by kind permission of [www.LondonRemembers.com](http://www.LondonRemembers.com)

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, STONE

**GARDENING: SAT, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM-1.00PM**

COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP US?



If so you will be able to:

- Work on a specified area of the churchyard in your own time
- Use your own equipment or ours depending on how you feel
- Be part of a team who care and are appreciated
- Help with conservation and encouragement of wildlife
- Enjoy doing something your church and community need.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENTS:

Stone -	12 <sup>th</sup> November, 10.45am Open air service at Memorial Gates
Dinton -	12 <sup>th</sup> November, 10.15am Remembrance Service at St Peter & St Paul followed by wreath laying and last post at war memorial at 11.00am
Bishopstone -	12 <sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am at War Memorial
Ford -	12 <sup>th</sup> November, 11.30am at War Memorial
Aston Sandford -	19 <sup>th</sup> November, 10.55am at St Michael & All Angels, Holy Communion & Remembrance Day Service combined

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Free coffee and homemade cake all day  
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[marilynpipe@btinternet.com](mailto:marilynpipe@btinternet.com) 01296 747336

## Appeals:

### Morocco and Libya

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Morocco following the devastating earthquake and with Libya for the dam flood. The Red Cross have set up appeals to provide vital aid. Donations can be made via <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/donate>

### Ukraine

We continue to pray for an end to the conflict and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war.

There are various ways we can all help. The Bucks County Council offers some resources through the following weblink:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/helping-hand-for-ukraine/making-a-donation-pledge-support/>

### Turkey/Syria Earthquake

Following the devastating earthquakes in southern Italy and north-west Syria, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected and their families and friends, and to all the rescuers and medical staff. The UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has launched an appeal to help those affected. The Bucks County Council weblink below provides details on helping:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/support-survivors-of-the-turkey-syria-earthquake/>



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Wednesday: 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road –

**HADDENHAM**

Wednesday: 8<sup>th</sup> November

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**

Wednesday: 22<sup>nd</sup> November

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## **Afternoon Teas including Christmas Crafts**

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 3.00pm to 5.00pm  
Stone Village Hall

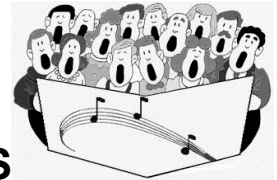
Come and enjoy a cup of tea and cake and have a cosy chat with friends old and new

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# ***A FORETASTE OF CHRISTMAS....***



## **COFFEE & CAROLS** with the VITUS GROUP [formerly SEES THE DAY]

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.15 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.**

**An informal telling of  
the Christmas Story in Readings and Song**

# EVERYONE WELCOME

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SOUP SATURDAYS ARE HERE AGAIN !

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## Aylesbury Choral Society – Christmas Oratorio

On **Saturday 25th November, 2023** at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury at 7:30pm The Aylesbury Choral Society will be performing the magnificent and much loved, *Christmas Oratorio* by J.S. Bach. This will be the first 4 cantatas which cover the Christmas story from Advent to New Year. The choir will be accompanied by The Aylesbury Sinfonia with a fantastic group of soloists, all under the direction of Jeff Stewart.

It is often said that this work would be more well known for a Christmas concert than Handel's Messiah were it not for the need of a bigger orchestra, so this promises to be a treat for the area. To mis-quote Douglas Adams, "No mortal man could have created a repertoire of such beautiful music in one lifetime."

Tickets can be purchased online via the choir's website at [www.aylesburychoral.org.uk](http://www.aylesburychoral.org.uk), by emailing [acschairman@gmail.com](mailto:acschairman@gmail.com), popping along to one of our Tuesday rehearsals (7:30-9:30pm) at The Church on Fairford Leys, Aylesbury; or from any of the members.

You may also like to join the choir's VIP members' club by purchasing season tickets for the three concerts being performed over the 2023-24 season. Season tickets can be purchased for £45 adults and £16 under 18s from the same sources as listed above. These prices represent a significant reduction on buying tickets for individual concerts and include a free programme. Please see our website for more information.

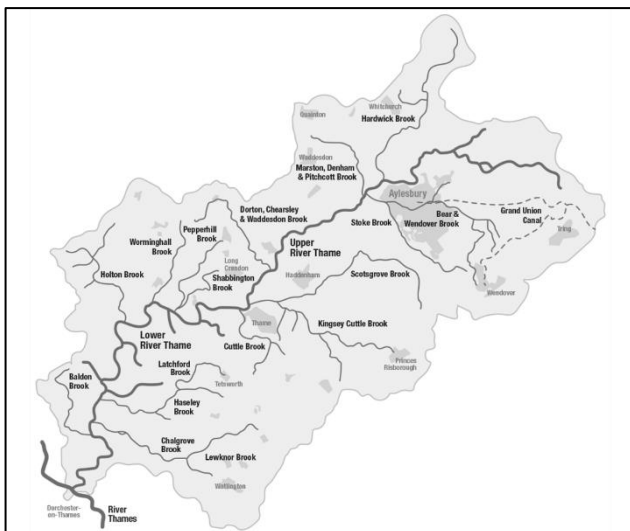
## Wildlife Spotlight



This month we hear from Chelsea Hothem from the River Thames Conservation Trust, who are a small local charity working for a healthy river catchment with clean water and thriving wildlife, valued and enjoyed by local people.

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We operate across the River Thames catchment which spans both Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. The main river arises above Aylesbury and flows past the town of Thame and eventually meets the Thames at Dorchester-on-Thames. Our work is catchment-scale, meaning we are dedicated to preserving and enhancing the entire network of tributaries that feed into the River Thames, as well as the land that



contributes to its flow. This includes some of the UK's precious chalk streams which flow out of the Chilterns and down through villages including Wendover and Princes Risborough.

For example, not too far from Stone, we embarked on a unique project at the Waddesdon Estate called the Eythrope Wetland. This project represents a groundbreaking initiative within our catchment, as it has notably transformed an area previously characterised by limited biodiversity into a flourishing floodplain and grassland habitat. The resultant landscape features a mosaic of pools, scrapes, and a large backwater connected to the River Thames. It is worth highlighting that this site has recently earned formal recognition from the Buckinghamshire Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre (BMERC) as a newly designated Local Wildlife Site. This designation is attributable to the extensive records of diverse

wildlife documented at the site, including an impressive tally of over 130 distinct bird species. While the site itself isn't open to the public, in order to protect the sensitive wildlife, there are several public footpaths in the surrounding area for everyone to enjoy.

Similar to many small charitable organisations, securing the necessary funding to enable us to do our vital work is a constant challenge. While we are fortunate to receive generous funding from various sources to support the direct execution of our projects, it often falls short of covering the entirety of our operational expenses. This includes vital but unfunded activities involving local communities, such as our involvement in planning consultations. For that reason, public donations make a huge difference to the Trust.



On the environmental front, the River Thames faces several pressing challenges that we aim to address. These include issues related to poor water quality, obstacles to fish migration, habitat degradation and loss, the intensification of land use, the effects of climate change, and the presence of invasive species.

*Photo courtesy of Ron Adams*

Presently, we are actively involved in multiple projects that align with our mission. One of our key initiatives is the facilitation of the Thames Catchment Farm Cluster, a collaborative effort involving farmers and landowners committed to regenerating the farmed environment and promoting local food networks on a landscape scale.

Additionally, we are dedicated to the ongoing development and implementation of our chalk stream strategy, which covers all tributaries originating in the Chiltern Hills. Our immediate focus lies on specific chalk streams, including the Chalgrove Brook, which hosts the sole verified population of wild brown trout in our catchment, the Cuttlebrook, unique as the only tributary free from sewage discharges, and the Kingsey Cuttlebrook, where we are addressing water quality constraints.

Moreover, we are approaching the one-year milestone of our Water Quality Monitoring Network, a citizen science project that trains volunteers to collect and record vital data from designated sites across the Thames catchment.

### **How can local people get involved or help your organisation?**

Engaging with our organisation and contributing to our mission is greatly encouraged. We rely on the dedication and passion of our volunteers, who play a pivotal role in achieving our objectives. There are numerous opportunities for local residents to participate, from monitoring our rivers to assisting with vital habitat

projects. To get involved, individuals can register and explore available activities through our online coordination system called Better Impact.

In addition to volunteering, there is another meaningful way in which individuals can directly contribute to our cause—through financial support. While we are fortunate to receive grants from external organisations to facilitate our work, these funds often fall short of covering the entirety of our operational costs. By generously donating, local residents become the driving force behind our ongoing efforts to safeguard the Thame River and its precious wildlife. Their contributions ensure that the river remains a cherished source of enjoyment and inspiration for our entire community.

As the Volunteer Coordinator, my role is incredibly rewarding. I have the privilege of collaborating with a multitude of passionate and committed local residents within the catchment who share a common goal of enhancing the health of our river. Working with individuals who possess diverse skills and interests is both inspiring and educational. Witnessing local community groups leverage our support and expertise to launch their own initiatives and make a positive impact in their towns and villages is particularly fulfilling. Ultimately, the best part of my role is the opportunity to connect with people who genuinely care about our environment and the well-being of our river catchment.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to get involved in volunteering, have questions about the Trust or just want to learn more about your river - [enquiries@riverthame.org](mailto:enquiries@riverthame.org) or <https://riverthame.org/get-involved/volunteering/>



## **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 and a Christmas party.

Next events:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00pm – Tea;

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm – Matinee Cinema, 'Phantom of the Open'.

For more information phone Angela Wenham 01844 291932  
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## **PHOTO CALL!!!**

If you have any photographs of local scenes that may be suitable for inclusion in a future issue of the Parish Magazine or for the front cover, please send a copy to the editor, David Pickup, email [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk)





# Stone Methodist Chapel

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12<sup>th</sup> - the Village Hall, the Recreation Ground and Jubilee Pavilion activities, members of the Parish Council

19<sup>th</sup> – our village Co-op shop, garage and hospitality venues

26<sup>th</sup> - the clients and staff of the village Care Homes, Bartletts and Stone House and every week we pray for those who are sick, housebound, lonely or bereaved.

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In this month of Remembrance, one of the iconic images often seen is the Grave of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, surrounded by Flanders poppies. How did this come about? Here is the history:

After the Armistice, after the millions of 'the fallen', as the poets of the time liked to call them, cried out "Remember me", the question was 'How?' No bodies were allowed repatriation, there were no graves for families to tend. Then came an extraordinary suggestion from an Army Padre who had been in the thick of it. He was the Revd. Donald Railton, later to become Vicar of Margate.

One evening in 1916 on coming back from the line, having buried a comrade, he returned to the billet near Armentieres. At the back of the building was a small garden and there, only a few paces from the house, was a grave. At the head of the grave stood a rough cross of white wood. On the cross, in pencilled black letters, the words '*An Unknown British Soldier*'. It was dusk, no-one was near except some officers in the billet, even the guns seemed to be resting.

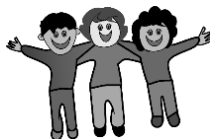
The sight and the words made a deep impression on Revd. Railton and after the War was over and he had returned to his Parish, he wrote to the Dean of Westminster, suggesting that a tomb in the Abbey, dedicated to 'An Unknown Comrade' would be an appropriate memorial to the nation's great loss and grief.

The King, George V, did not at first approve, but the Dean overcame his objections and with due solemnity - and anonymity - a body was repatriated and the tomb dedicated. The only difference from Revd. Railton's suggestion was that the Dean chose to use the designation 'Soldier' rather than 'Comrade'.

The celebrated text on the grave: *'They buried him among the Kings because he had done good toward God and toward his House'* had already been in use on an Abbey tomb for almost 600 years: although the Dean was not aware of it; Richard II had had it inscribed on the tomb of his friend the Bishop of Salisbury in 1395.

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