

# Parish Church & Community News



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



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Front Cover Image: 'Fox Cub in my garden' by Michael Pitt Payne

## Editorial

*You visit the earth and water it,  
You greatly enrich it;  
The river of God is full of water;  
You provide their grain,  
For so You have prepared it.*

Psalm 65:9

It seems to have been a bumper year for fruit despite the dry weather. There were plenty of apples, blackberries and even hazelnuts and earlier in the year plums and cherries.

For the first time in my life I found a lot of hazelnuts and picked a large pot full. I usually associate them with Christmas. They are sweet tasting and unlike Brazil nuts do not need a sledgehammer to break them open. Hazel, the plant, has several species including ornamental shrubs in gardens, including forms with contorted stems (*C. avellana* 'Contorta', popularly known as "Corkscrew hazel" or "Harry Lauder's walking stick" from its gnarled appearance). Hazel is a traditional material used for making wattle, withy fencing, baskets, and the frames of coracle boats. The tree can be coppiced, and regenerating shoots allow for harvests every few years. There is a seven-year cycle (cut and grow) for hurdle (fence) making. I cannot say I have ever made a coracle from one.

They have other names such as filbert or cob nuts. The etymology for 'filbert' may trace to Norman French. Saint Philibert's feast day is 20 August (old style) and the plant was possibly renamed after him because the nuts were mature on this day.

There is a variety called Kentish cobnuts – is the main variety cultivated in fields known as plats, hand-picked, and eaten green. Cob was a word used to refer to the head or "noggin," and children had a game in which they would tie a string to a hazelnut and use it to try to hit an opponent on the head.



Apart from hitting people, hazelnuts can be used in baking cakes or biscuits, muesli or in nut roasts.

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## Parish Services and Calendar

<b>October 2025</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>
<b>Sunday 5 October</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Family Worship	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 12 October</b>	10.30am Family Communion & Joyfull Juniors 4.00pm Lego Church in the Jubilee Pavilion	6.00pm Harvest Festival Evensong	11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 19 October</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Family Worship	6pm Evensong (Education Sunday)	11.00am Worship	11.00am Communion Service
<b>Sunday 26 October</b>	10.30am Family Communion & Joyfull Juniors	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 2 November</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Family Worship 6.00pm Service of Loving Remembrance	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	

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

### **\*\*PRINT DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF THE PARISH MAGAZINE\*\***

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



**November issue** : deadline for receipt of copy is **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**.

## **A SPECIAL SERVICE OF LOVING REMEMBRANCE**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.00pm  
St. John the Baptist Church, Stone**

A special evening service to remember before God those who are dear to us who have passed away.

The service will include words of hope from the Scriptures, quiet prayer and well-known hymns. On request we will read the names of those to be remembered as we light a candle for them.

If you would like to know more about the service ring Canon Phil Groves on  
**01296 748390**

To have a person included for remembrance please email  
**office@haddenhamstmarys.org**



**LIVE ON**

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



### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025**

Thank you very much to Fiona Rysdale who is the  
Poppy Appeal Organiser

**CAN YOU HELP WITH HOUSE-TO HOUSE COLLECTIONS?**

National Poppy Appeal launch – 23rd October

Armistice Day - Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 9th November

**Fiona Rysdale**

Email [therysdales@live.co.uk](mailto:therysdales@live.co.uk)

Telephone or 07977 415507.

## Old Chestnuts and what to do if your Horse has a Cough



This section of a map from the 1760s shows Stone church. The main road from Aylesbury carries straight on down Portway then right at the crossroads and up Bishopstone Road but turning left opposite Roundhill and up Churchway. To the north is Burn Hill. Towards the east is Hartwell, owned by Mr Lee. To the west is Upton and “Dynton” and land owned by John Vanhattam baronet. To the south-east is Sedrup, then spelt Southrop.

It was recently announced that the tree on the island near Stone crossroads was to be removed because it is dangerous. The tree reportedly suffers from Chestnut tree blight, cankers and fungi growing on the trunk. Fungi can be a sign of disease. I remember when it was planted about 30 years ago, replacing a much older tree called the Hanging Tree. The name simply referred to the fact it hung over not any other use.

The latest island tree was a conker or horse chestnut. The common name horse chestnut originates from the similarity of the leaves and fruits to sweet chestnuts, *Castanea sativa* (a tree in a different family, the *Fagaceae*), together with the suggestion that the fruit or seeds could help panting or coughing horses. I cannot say if horses are helped by this.

Playing conkers was very popular. The first mention of the game is in Robert Southey's memoirs published in 1821. He describes a similar game, but played with snail shells or hazelnuts. It was only from the 1850s that using horse chestnuts was regularly referred to in certain regions.↓

There is uncertainty of the origins of the name. The name may come from the dialect word *conker*, meaning "knock out" or "conk out"(perhaps related to French *conque* meaning a conch shell or simply conquerer meaning winner.

There have been stories about the game being banned. In the early 2000s, a myth sprang up that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) had banned conker fights. The HSE was even forced to put a denial on its website, external, describing the story as, "an old chestnut".



The diseased chestnut tree at the Bishopstone Road junction before felling.  
(Photo by Phil Childs.)

# Little Wrigglers

At the  
Jubilee Pavilion  
Stone HP17 8PD



**For 0-5yrs and their adults**  
**Every Thursday** (term-time only)  
**From 9.00am-10.30am**

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

Suggested donation – £3 per family.  
No need to book – just turn up!



Children remain the responsibility of their adult at all times.



SJB

Run by SJB Church, Stone – Your local church serving the community

## DINTON CHURCHYARD : MONTHLY WORKING PARTY

A small group of volunteers meets once each month between March and October with the aim of maintaining and keeping the churchyard attractive and tidy. We work from 10am until 12 noon and the tasks are basically the same as for gardens – mowing, strimming, weeding, pruning etc. We provide our own tools and equipment. Refreshments are provided at 11am.

There is always plenty of work to do in the churchyard, so all and any help is much appreciated. If you could give any time to this worthwhile and enjoyable task, please contact Ian Cairns on 07816315361 or simply come along.

The next tidying is planned for 11 October



### Food Bank Collection in Dinton

The Seven Stars in Dinton has a foodbank collection box situated under the tall table on the patio adjacent to the entrance of the pub. All foodstuff will be collected by the Bernwode bus on the first Saturday of each month and delivered to the Aylesbury Vineyard Church foodbank. Please donate any kind of tinned food or food in jars. You could also give toiletries or household goods.

### Magazine subscriptions

A reminder re subscriptions. If you're a subscriber and have not yet paid for 2025 please contact David Pickup, the editor, for details on how to pay (contact details for David on page 4.).

If you've received this magazine and are not a current subscriber though would like to receive the magazine each month, please contact David Pickup, the editor (contact details on page 4).

An annual subscription to receive a copy of the magazine at the beginning of each month, delivered to your door, is just £10 per annum (that's for 12 copies!).



## Letter from Aston Sandford

The History of Aston Sandford's Village Green!

If you could travel back in time to Aston Sandford in the 14th/15 centuries you would have encountered the original Manor, church and Rectory and a small cluster of dwellings, the core of an older village. But did you know there was a Village Green! Starting out in front of the Manor you would have seen a triangular shaped open area of 33 acres stretching way out of sight towards Longwick increasing in width as it departed from the church.

This open area remained sacrosanct while farming outwith the Green would have been mostly arable within the open field system evidenced by the remains of ridge and furrow you can still see today. A few crofts with a basic homestead would have respected the Green's boundaries.

Travelling back later in the 16th/17 centuries you would find a more recognisable later medieval village standing round the Green. Organised plots for families extended from it both south towards the Longwick Road and north as well. At some point there were incursions onto the Green with the building of the original Stone Lacey and Sandford cottages. It is understood that these incursions onto the village green were allowed if a rudimentary house structure could be created between Friday night and the Monday morning, when there had to be a fire burning in the grate with a chimney above it – early squatters rights!!

The biggest incursions onto the Green however can still be seen in the first field beyond the present gate where a whole lot of "lumps and bumps" represent house platforms with also two roads, one heading in the direction of Waldridge Manor and the other doubling back toward Longwick Road. It is debatable as to whether these were earlier or not but they could certainly indicate an increase in population even if only temporary. By 1730 there was no sign of these dwellings. In 1640 Aston Sandford had 25 households. By 1860 households had reduced to 10 or 11, the same as today!

Despite all this the Green was still in existence in 1856. The estate had long been rented out by absent landlords and very little had been enclosed. John Dover, the grandson of the first John Dover tenant, bought the estate freehold from John Barber. He set about getting rid of what remained of the open field system and much of the Green and created new fields some of which are still evident with their hedges and ditches. By 1878 a new road had been laid and that is now lined with the properties we see today.

Laura Macpherson  
Church Warden

## TEA PARTY ON WESTLINGTON GREEN

24<sup>TH</sup> August 2-5pm

A good crowd met on Westlington Green to enjoy Tea and Cake and a glass of Dinton Folly. Cakes were donated by villagers and together with a raffle a sum of £1264 was raised towards the Dinton Village Hall Fund.



## BEER FESTIVAL AT SEVEN STARS

16<sup>th</sup> August noon to 6pm

A huge crowd attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer Festival at the Seven Stars. Real Ales, Pimms, Cider and Dinton Folly Wine were on offer. Steph and her team cooked a variety of food on the barbeque. Music organised by Mike Trotman with 2 soloists singing, Linda Watkins and Kris Wilkindon Hughes.

*Linda Watkins*



# Café

IN THE PARK



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

**EVERY TUESDAY  
11.00AM – 1.00PM**

**Cakes, cheesy crumpets,  
jacket potatoes with  
toppings and side-salad,  
homemade soup**

**SATURDAY  
4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
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.**

## OUR FUNDS NEED A BOOST IN ORDER TO KEEP YOUR CHURCHES GOING



The churches of **St John the Baptist, Stone** and **Saints Peter and Paul, Dinton** have been elegant and distinctive landmarks at the heart of our communities for nearly 900 years. Both churches have several unique historical features which attract many visitors and their churchyards provide space for peace and contemplation amidst a variety of wildlife. They have been and remain thriving places of Christian worship.

As grade 1 listed buildings, both churches are expensive to maintain, costing around £5000 per month, for which we receive no central or local government funding. We rely on the committed giving of members of the churches and community to maintain the churches for future generations. If, as members of the parish of Stone, Dinton, and Hartwell, you enjoy and appreciate our churches, whether you have a Christian faith or not, please consider making a financial contribution to their upkeep.

To make a regular contribution by direct debit, we recommend the Parish Giving Scheme for the two churches, which ensures that the full value of your gift, including reclaimed gift-aid if you are a taxpayer goes to the church. Alternatively, one-off gifts are also appreciated.

**We value any contribution, large or small. Thank you**

St John the Baptist

Ss Peter and Paul



You can go to the website for more information about the churches and the way you can help financially and make your gift work harder <https://stonedintonhartwell.com/>

If you prefer to use a paper form or need more information, please contact Richard Smith (treasurer@stonedintonhartwell.com or 07584 246268).



# COME AND JOIN US



Would you like to come and join the group that talks, drinks coffee, eats cake and shares craft ideas?

**YOU ARE VERY WELCOME**

Just come along when you can no obligation - just fun!



**WE MEET ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
(except Bank Holidays)  
10.30am to 12.30pm in the church.  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

Parish 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.jubileepavilion.co.uk">http://www.jubileepavilion.co.uk</a>
Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council	<a href="https://www.dinton.org/">https://www.dinton.org/</a>
Dinton News	<a href="https://www.dinton.info/">https://www.dinton.info/</a>
Wychert Vale Benefice Website	<a href="https://www.wychertvale.org/">https://www.wychertvale.org/</a>
Oxford Diocese (The Church of England serving the people of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire)	<a href="https://www.oxford.anglican.org/">https://www.oxford.anglican.org/</a>
Church of England	<a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/">https://www.churchofengland.org/</a>



## At St John the Baptist churchyard we need your help!



The grass is growing.....the weeds are coming up....  
the graves are getting overgrown

Saturday gardening will be held on  
18<sup>th</sup> October, and 15<sup>th</sup> November  
10am – 12noon

There are jobs that can be done at anytime, not just on the gardening days and your help would be very much appreciated so let me know what you can do and I'll arrange it with you. Thank you

Please talk to Sue about any help YOU can offer.  
Email: [s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com)  
Tel: 07816 448268



Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell  
Wychert Vale Benefice

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



**'JOYFULL JUNIORS'  
SUNDAY CHILDRENS CHURCH**

**Sunday 12<sup>TH</sup> October &  
26<sup>th</sup> October 10-30am in  
St John the Baptist Church, Stone**



We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday every month with lots of different themes and things to do.



COME ALONG TO CHURCH AND HAVE SOME FUN  
If you want to know anymore then please contact  
[s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com)



**EXPLORE FAITH TOGETHER AT**

**All Age**

**LEGO CHURCH**

**SING SONGS    LISTEN TO A BIBLE STORY**

**BE CREATIVE WITH LEGO/DUPLO    SAY PRAYERS    EAT FOOD**

STARTS Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 4pm - 5pm  
then 12<sup>th</sup> October    9<sup>th</sup> November    14<sup>th</sup> December  
At the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone, HP17 8PD



**SJB** Run by St. John the Baptist Church, Stone \*\*Children must be accompanied by an adult

## **Cuddington Sunshine Club**

Open to Senior Citizens in Cuddington and surrounding villages. Activities include monthly Tea and Card Games in Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse, bi-monthly Matinee Cinema in the Bernard Hall, Coach outings, a Summer Garden Party at Tyringham Hall and a Christmas party in the Bernard Hall.

### Next events:

Monday 6th October 2.00pm – Tea & card games in Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse;

Monday 20th October 3.00pm – Afternoon Tea at Haddenham Garden Centre.  
All Welcome

For more information telephone Angela 01844 291932  
or email [apdwenham@gmail.com](mailto:apdwenham@gmail.com)



The next meeting of the Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council is as follows:

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone**

Dates for the remainder of 2025 are as follows:

Day	Date	Month	Time	Venue	Meeting
<b>2025</b>					
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	October	19:30	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	November	19:30	Bishopstone Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting

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 website.

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## **MEETING DATES FOR DINTON WITH FORD & UPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

14th October  
11th November  
9th December

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

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## **u3a General Meeting at Haddenham Village Hall**

**Tuesday 14th October 2025 @ 2.15 for 2.30pm**

**Canal History, Heritage and Architecture**

**Speaker: Roger Butler**

This talk is a colourful introduction to the history and heritage of our 2000 mile canal network, with its remarkable engineering, architecture and landscapes. It looks at locks, bridges, cottages, warehouses, tunnels and boats and some quirky features. There are anecdotes, archive pictures and images of the waterways through the seasons.

Roger is a lecturer, writer and photographer contributing to magazines covering countryside, canals, heritage and travel.

**Visitors who may like to find out more about the local u3a are welcome to have a taster visit, before joining, at no cost.**

**Members are able to join any of the 30 interest groups, ranging from book clubs to walking groups, details of which can be found on the website.**

To find out more about the u3a and join, please contact Elaine Parkes, Membership Secretary, [membership@haddenhamu3a.co.uk](mailto:membership@haddenhamu3a.co.uk), or visit our website [www.haddenhamu3a.co.uk](http://www.haddenhamu3a.co.uk)



## **Afternoon Teas and Homemade Cakes**

**Stone Village Hall : 3pm to 5 pm**

**Sundays**

**26<sup>th</sup> October / 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Proceeds to Action Medical Research**

## 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: 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October

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

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

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**

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

We meet in the morning for **10.30**

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

Autumn cometh. Mornings cool and misty

Seasons changing, but still coffee or tea!

### Walking for Health with Simply Walk

Visit [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk)

Telephone 01494 475367 Mobile 07802 260812.



✂ -----Cut Out & Keep-----

<b>STONE, HADDENHAM &amp; DINTON SIMPLY WALK DATES 2025</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>STONE</b>	<b>HADDENHAM</b>	<b>DINTON</b>
October	1 <sup>st</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
November	12 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
December	10 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>

Information on the Joyfull Juniors at St John the Baptist Church, Stone – starting on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**STARTING 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
PLEASE COME AND JOIN US**

WE MEET IN CHURCH AT 10.30

*Our Joyfull Juniors are Full of Joy, ready to greet newcomers as well as familiar faces and we would love to welcome YOU.*

*Come and join our junior group as we explore stories and themes from the bible, make new friends and partake in fun games and crafts.*

*Our activities are aimed at 3 to 11 year olds, but all young people are welcome. Each session a new theme is considered so there is no need to worry about when to start or missing a session.*

DATE	THEME
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	HARVEST
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	BREAD OF LIFE
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	HUNGER & PLENTY
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	POPPIES
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	CHRIST THE KING
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CHRISTMAS CARDS

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help put the parish magazine together?

We are looking for one or two volunteers to join our editorial team and help with preparing the magazine for print on a monthly basis. You'll need a PC/Laptop.

Our local and friendly team meet once a month over Zoom.

Please Contact Us For More Information

[david@pickupandcot.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandcot.co.uk)



## **EASY GOING EXERCISES FOR ALL**

*Have fun while you exercise – gently!*

**EVERY MONDAY at 11 am – 12 Noon  
at the Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road**

**£3.00 PER SESSION – INCLUDES COFFEE & BISCUITS**

Ring Josie : 748031 (after 4pm)  
for further information

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### **School news**

The summer holidays proves a useful time to undertake odd bits of refurbishment and decorating at both school sites however work to repair the leaking roof at the Dinton site has overrun and the children and staff are having to accommodate the scaffolding for a little longer than planned.

Unlike previous years there have been no significant staff changes this year although Mrs Bowman is now the Assistant Headteacher at the Junior site and Mrs Thomas at the Infant site. The new term has started really well and it is always such a joy to see lots of fresh new faces in Foundation class eagerly and happily starting their schooling by getting to know one another using little songs and rhymes. As this goes to press they are also enjoying practising songs for their whole School Harvest Festival in Cuddington Church on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Every school is now being encouraged to consider its impact on the environment and consider ways of reducing emissions, developing resilience to extremes of temperature and giving pupils more access and connection to nature. To start developing a climate action plan, a local sustainability consultant lead a staff consultation recently; it is heartening to be part of such a forward thinking school.

## THURSDAY CLUB

Meeting in the Methodist Chapel @ 2 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month is for the over-60s – especially those who live alone or find it difficult to get about – if this is YOU do come along

Contact Dee James [747671] for transport  
Subs are just £3.00 per meeting

**ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
TIME TO GET OUR BRAINS IN GEAR –  
IT'S KATHY'S QUIZ TIME !  
as our teams take on  
the lady with all the answers!**



Then after all that cerebral activity, it's



## Afternoon Tea Excursion

The annual coach trip for the Thursday Club & Tuesday Fellowship members on Tuesday was to Millets Farm centre near Abingdon. 30 club members with family and friends enjoyed looking around and a delicious Tea was served in a Function room overlooking the Lake

Thanks to the Organisers  
and The Parish Council for  
a Grant.



# WELCOME TO FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

[non denominational]  
MEETING monthly at METHODIST CHAPEL  
each fourth Tuesday @ 2.30 p.m.

As the hymn says:  
*“All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord for all His love”*

so at the meeting on  
**28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**  
Sue and Lynn will be talking about **HARVEST**



and there will be a special **BRING & BUY** to support **WATER AID**  
**COME ALONG TO**

**MEET  
FRIENDS**



**MAKE  
FRIENDS**

## Local ‘Cinema’

Cuddington Screen (at The Bernard Hall, upper Church Street,  
Cuddington HP18 0AP)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - The Last Showgirl Cert 15 8pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October - The Ballad of Wallis Island Cert 12A 8pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Black Bag Cert 15 8pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - National Theatre Live Mrs Warrens Profession Cert 12A 7pm

Haddenham Screen (<https://www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk>)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – A Real Pain Cert 15 Doors 7.30pm, Film 8.00pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – The Ballad of Wallis Island Cert 12A Doors 7.30pm, Film 8.00pm



**Stone Methodist Chapel  
Eythrope Road, Stone HP17 8PH**

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY @ 11 am**

***Village friends and amenities continue to be prayed for week by week,  
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Cromhamstone, Darvill Road, Eythrope Road and Faithful Close  
will be remembered on the four Sundays of October

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Deeply concerned as we all are regarding the ongoing tragic situation in the Middle East, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland is calling on churches to take part in a prayer initiative for peace and reconciliation. The following prayer has been prepared by The Most Reverend Dr. Hosam Naoum, Archbishop in Jerusalem.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ  
came down from heaven to be the one true bread which gives life to the  
world:

in your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from  
hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish  
their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls.

By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release  
of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost  
loved ones and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace here in  
the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during  
his earthly life;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

AMEN

Jesus said:

**Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God**



## LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Here is another reminder about the **SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS APPEAL** and I wonder how full your shoebox is by now because it's

**DEADLINE TIME ! \*\*\***

The Shoebox Appeal has been running since 1992 and has delivered a total of well over **ONE MILLION** shoeboxes to hundreds of different locations through eastern Europe. Each shoebox filled with essential items and love brings comfort, dignity and hope to families and elderly people living in desperate conditions. Our villages have been contributing towards that one million total for twenty years, so this will be our **COMING OF AGE** year :

**PLEASE LET'S MAKE IT AN EXTRA-SPECIAL ONE!**

**PLEASE DO ACCESS THE 'LINK TO HOPE' WEBSITE FOR LOTS MORE DETAILED INFORMATION INCLUDING WONDERFUL, INSPIRING VIDEOS OF BOXES BEING DELIVERED.**

### THE ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR EACH BOX:

Gloves, scarf or hat [*new or knitted*]      Soap and Flannel  
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste      Candles and holders or Tealights  
Small Games [*Playing cards travel size dominoes etc*]  
Sweets or Chocolates [*BB June 2026, EU origin*]

### AND SUGGESTED 'ADD Ons' FOR FAMILY BOXES

Crayons/pencils [*not felt tips*]      Colouring books, erasers, sharpeners  
Soft toy/teddy [*with CE label*]      Toys: yo-yo, skipping rope, toy vehicle  
Tape measure, sewing kit      Shampoo [*max 400ml*]  
Safety razors      Hairbrush/comb  
Socks/tights [*new*]

\* \* \* \* \*

A useful idea if packing a box yourself is difficult, is to get together with friends and fill a box between you: maybe have **PACK A BOX PARTY**, while enjoying a cuppa together.

As in previous years, I am VERY HAPPY TO RECEIVE ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS to pack.

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As the boxes are delivered as near to Christmas as possible, they are collected at the **BEGINNING of NOVEMBER**, so I would be glad to receive boxes, contributions or donations at **Clowesbourne, Upton Road, Upton \*\*\* BEFORE 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.**



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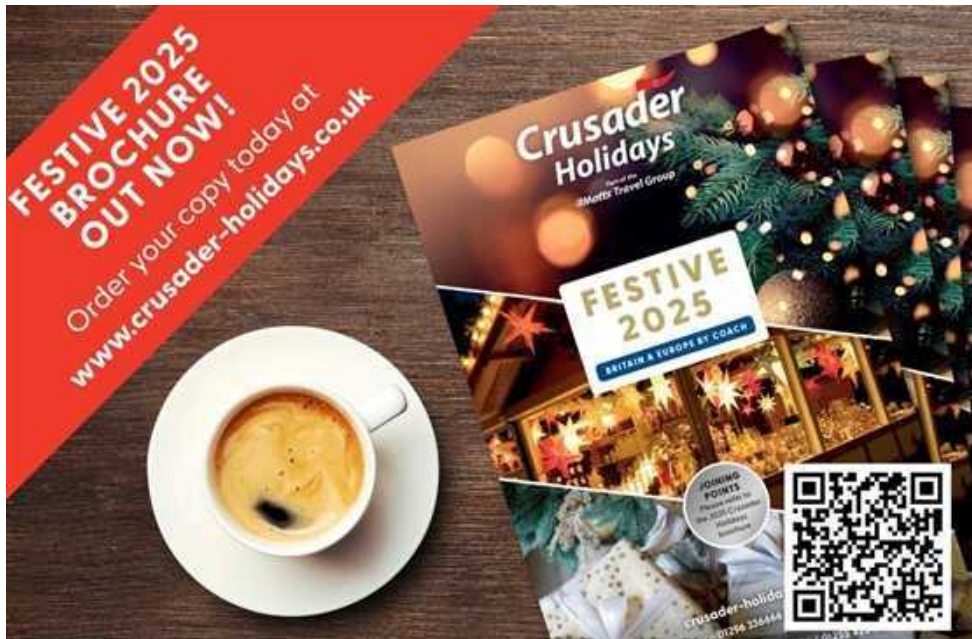
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2	Cuddington Screen: The Last Showgirl Cert 15 8pm
3	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 10.30-1.00pm **NEW TIME**
4	Saturday Café in the Park, Stone 10am-12 Noon
5	Sunday Church Services
6	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Cuddington Sunshine Club -2pm Tea & Games, in the Clubhouse
7	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Haddenham Screen: A Real Pain Cert 15 Doors 7.30pm, Film 8pm
8	Simply Walk
9	Little Wrigglers in Stone Thursday Club Meeting 2pm Cuddington Screen: The Ballad of Wallis Island Cert 12A 8pm
10	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 10.30-1.00pm **NEW TIME**
11	Dinton Churchyard Tidying 10am Annual Conkers Tournament & BBQ, Dinton Cricket Club 5.30pm
12	Sunday Church Services 4pm Lego Church at Jubilee Pavilion in Stone
13	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel
14	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm u3a Meeting, Haddenham Village Hall, 2.15 for 2.30pm Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
15	Simply Walk
16	Little Wrigglers in Stone Cuddington Screen: Black Bag Cert 15 8pm
17	
18	Churchyard Gardening at St John the Baptist, Stone 10am
19	Sunday Church Services Pie & Pudding Evening, Seven Stars, Dinton 7.00pm
20	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Socially Crafty, St John the Baptist, Stone, 10.30am-12.30pm Cuddington Sunshine Club Afternoon Tea at Haddenham Garden Centre 3pm
21	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Stone, Bishopstone, Hartwell Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Haddenham Screen: The Ballad of Wallis Island Cert 12A Doors 7pm, Film 8pm
22	Simply Walk
23	Little Wrigglers in Stone Cuddington Screen: National Theatre Live Mrs Warrens Profession Cert 12A 7pm
24	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 10.30-1.00pm **NEW TIME**
25	
26	Sunday Church Services Afternoon Teas at Stone Village Hall for Action Medical Research 3pm-5pm
27	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel
28	Tuesday Café in the Park, Stone, 11am-1pm Fourth Tuesday Fellowship Meeting 2.30pm
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