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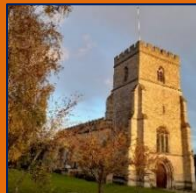
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Front Cover: Humming Bird Hawk Moth photographed in Churchway Stone, by Michael Pitt-Payne

Editorial - All things bright and beautiful

"The dear God who loveth us; He made and loveth all."

What a marvellous photograph on the cover again! It made me think of the hymn, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. We do not often hear it now. It is a bit out of fashion, but it is a childhood favourite and many of us like it.

The hymn was first published in 1848 in Mrs Cecil Alexander's *Hymns for Little Children*. Each one is inspired by lines in the Apostles' Creed. This is based the description of God as "maker of heaven and earth".

It may have also been inspired by Psalm 104, verses 24 and 25: "Oh Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts" or even a verse from Samuel Taylor Coleridge's *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*: "He prayeth best, who loveth best; all things great and small; for the dear God who loveth us; He made and loveth all."

Whatever the origins it shows the diversity of the natural world and the significance of each living thing.

Keep on humming and the photos coming in!

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Parish Services and Calendar

September 2022	St John the Baptist Stone*	St Peter & St Paul Dinton*	Stone Methodist Chapel **	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 4 September Trinity 12	10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 11 September Trinity 13	10.30am Family Communion	6.00pm Parish Evensong	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 18 September Trinity 14	9.00am Mattins 10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 25 September Trinity 15	10.30am Family Communion		11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 2 October Trinity 16	10.30am Harvest Festival	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving (see page12)	
	*For current Covid compliance and any service changes, please see the parish website and notices at the churches.		** No longer any need to pre-book for these services.	

*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 Strip Parishes

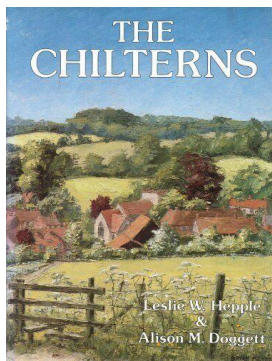
In April 2019 the Friends of Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches visited St Dunstan's, Monks Risborough, a beautiful church not long redecorated and repaired. I was interested to learn that Monks Risborough is a *strip parish*, a term of which I had never heard. And yet there is a line of strip parishes from Ellesborough through to Princes Risborough, five strip parishes in less than five miles.

If you look up strip parish on the internet you will find it described as a parish with a narrow elongated shape, typically formed during the Anglo-Saxon and early medieval period. The shape is influenced by topography, local political and economic factors such as water and pasture. Strip parishes are found all over England, but appear to have been more common in southern counties, particularly but not exclusively associated with locations with both lowland and upland landscapes or alternatively with coastal communities.

Topographical factors seem to have been particularly important. In the Chilterns, South Downs and coastal areas in Devon and Cornwall crucial resources were often limited. In Buckinghamshire settlements established in the lowland areas of the Vale of Aylesbury along the base of the Chiltern Hills extended their territories by accumulating territory on the largely uninhabited hillside, scarp and hilltop areas to exploit scarce resources such as woodland and upland summer pasture. As a result parishes developed into narrow elongated strips to get the widest possible selection of resources. Some of the strips were extremely narrow, and very long – indeed Monks Risborough is a good example, being very narrow at its south eastern end. In some cases villages acquired land not contiguous with the settlement area, which was often some miles away – these were known as detached areas. Later in the medieval period the detached area broke away and became a parish in its own right (Penn, which had once belonged to Taplow, is a remarkable example of that).

One of the curiosities of strip parishes in the Vale of Aylesbury is the fact that the parishes are so close to each other. If you look at a map which denotes churches you will see that all five churches on the Lower Icknield Way from Ellesborough to Princes Risborough, all nestling at the foot of the Chilterns, are more or less in a straight line, and certainly within sight of each other. Indeed the map will show a more or less complete line of churches from Ickleford in Bedfordshire to Benson in Oxfordshire, most but not all historically strip parishes.

A detailed account of strip parishes can be found in *The Chilterns*, by Leslie W Hepple and Alison M Doggett, published by Phillimore in 1992.



Marilynne A Morgan, Treasurer, Aston Sandford Church



Evensong Service

Sunday 18th September 2022 at 6 pm

By kind permission of Hartwell House, Oxford Rd. Aylesbury, Bucks. HP17 8NR

The traditional Common Prayer service takes place out of doors, in front of Hartwell Church.

This spectacular and romantic mid-18th-century church is built in the 'Gothic' style. The church was built between 1753 and 1755 to a design by Henry Keene for Sir William Lee. It has two towers and sits in the landscaped grounds of Hartwell House, now a luxurious country hotel. Henry Keene designed the church for Sir William Lee. It is octagonal with east and west towers,

and it is thought to echo the chapter house at York Minster.

Please bring your own chair

Led by Reverend Cassa Messervy, Rector of the Wychert Vale Benefice

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/>

STONE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Monday September 19 2022

John Tyler – The changing wildlife of the Chilterns

We look forward to seeing you on September 19 at 7.30, for conservationist and local wildlife expert John Tyler's illustrated talk.



John will take us a journey through 100 million years of Chilterns history, from the formation of the bedrock chalk in shallow tropical seas. Fossils range from the skeletons of microscopic planktonic creatures to flint nodules formed around sea sponges. Huge ridged mammoth teeth can be found. The vegetation changed slowly, but it was the planting of beeches for furniture making in the C18th that gave us the familiar green woodland of today. We will see from his stunning slides a fascinating story of the evolving of this unique area so close to home.

Visitors welcome, £2

Queries to Carole Fryer 01844 885168 or Judith McArthur 01296 749080

The Hummingbird Hawk Moth

The hummingbird hawk-moth is a small, day-flying hawk-moth. It is a Summer visitor to the UK, migrating from Southern Europe. In some years, it can be common and may be seen in gardens, hovering like a hummingbird as it feeds on the nectar of honeysuckle, red valerian and other flowers. It can also be found along woodland edges, and on heathland and scrub. The caterpillars feed on various species of a plant called bedstraw, so the female adult moths lay their eggs on the buds or flowers of these plants.



The hummingbird hawk-moth has greyish-brown forewings, bright orange hindwings, and a greyish body with a broad, black-and-white 'tail'. Its hovering flight is a distinguishing feature; it flutters its wings so quickly that it can appear orange and makes an audible hum.



Afternoon Teas

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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

St Peter & St Paul Church, Dinton – for your diary

- 10th September, 10am to 12 noon – Churchyard gardening. Mowing, strimming, sweeping the south path.
- 8th October : final churchyard gardening for this year
- 9th October 6.00pm : Harvest thanksgiving service. Proceeds to Aylesbury Food Bank

Parish and other websites

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

[non denominational]

But this month NOT on the fourth Tuesday
but on **TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER** when it's **ALL ABOARD**
as once again we can plan an outing together

This year we're off to visit



BECKONSCOT MODEL VILLAGE

Gather at the Chapel at **12.15pm** for a **SANDWICH LUNCH**
Coach leaves @ **1.30pm** from the Village Hall layby

After our tour of the Village, we'll enjoy a **CREAM TEA**
before journeying home

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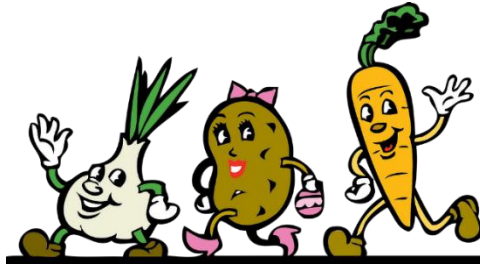
The Chapel with heart, at the heart of the village

WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY @ 11 a.m.

Village friends continue to be prayed for week by week.

During September and following an alphabetical list of village streets we will pray for the families of Whitechurch Close, Willowmead, Badger's Rise and Beacon Close. Please leave any prayer requests in the letter box on the Chapel porch, anonymous if you prefer.

ADVANCE NOTICEFOLLOW THESE HAPPY CHAPPIES



COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER @ at 11 a.m.

Gifts of garden or storecupboard produce are very welcome and will be sold after the Service in support of WATER-AID

Welcome to the Sale and to enjoy coffee from 12 noon
if you can't make the Service

Watch out for **THE BOOKWORM**
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BIG OR SMALL YOUR CHOICE.....

There are so many things that need doing in the churchyard and boundaries and at present too few people to help to maintain the areas. So, if you could spare a short time every couple of weeks you can choose what you would like to do and we can find a suitable job either

BIG OR SMALL YOUR CHOICE



Jobs like:

- Keeping these cobbles brushed and weed free
 - Painting the gates and posts
- Cutting back the weeds along Bishopstone Road
 - Taking Ivy off the walls
 - Brushing the steps to keep them clear
 - Painting the railings

If you can help please contact: s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com
Any help you can offer will be very much appreciated.

Thank you

St John The Baptist Church, Stone, Buckinghamshire



The church now has a kitchen, toilet and baby changing facilities
Come along and join us.

and after the service come
and have a cuppa



Thank you to everyone who has made this possible in any way, no matter how large or small that may have been.
Come and join us anytime you are welcome



Watch the Bishop of Buckingham opening the facilities and check out some photos of the work on our website
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Promoting better, biodiverse open spaces

The benefits provided by nature are indispensable for making human life both possible and worth living. We need all the riches of our living planet to help us live healthy happy lives long into the future.” David Attenborough, 2021

All of us depend on the natural world. Without air we cannot breathe; without food, we starve; and nature provides us with many modern medicines.

Yet we are on the verge of a natural breakdown – a biodiversity crisis - which is largely the result of our own human actions, however unintentional.

Biodiversity – the sum of all life on earth including species, communities and ecosystems really does matter for our own human survival. When we lose biodiversity we reduce our ability to fight climate change, grow healthy crops, have access to clean and abundant water, prevent pandemics, and plan for future generations. That’s why each one of us should consider doing something to make an impact, however, small.

The Parish Council has a duty to conserve biodiversity and, in future, is required to promote biodiversity at a local level. Increasingly, it is looking at the way it manages its land to promote living spaces in which wildlife can flourish. It is doing this in partnership with Aspire - its new open spaces manager - that is equally committed to increasing biodiversity within the villages and within its own practices.

Over recent months you may have seen some subtle changes in the way we manage our open spaces such as leaving perimeter grasses and borders to grow at the War Memorial Recreation Ground, relaxing mowing regimes to enable wild flowers to flourish as at Whitechurch Close and leaving fallen trees and log piles at St John’s. All of this is part of a biodiverse method of land management which far from a sign of neglect is part of nurturing wildlife and biodiversity to promote wider well-being for our villagers.

In changing our practices, we are increasing the habitats for beneficial insects and wildlife, promoting native wildflowers to flourish and grow, saving fuel and energy and reducing carbon emissions in our village.

For some of us who are used to over-managing and controlling nature in our gardens, the necessary changes that we have to make to our habits is a challenge.

Understanding the reasons why things need to change, is part of the process of changing our approach to nature.

If you have a garden, you can end the war on nature by;

- leaving small areas to grow wild to enable living areas to develop
- leaving bushes less pruned to enable birds to nest and leaving nest building debris for birds to use
- avoid pruning any spring-flowering shrubs and enjoy more nature in your garden
- planting bee loving plants in your beds

If you don't have a garden;

- get out and enjoy nature, so good for your well being
- volunteer to do something to help nature
- learn more by signing up for a free course with the Open University <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/science-maths-technology/citizen-science-and-global-biodiversity/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab>

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.

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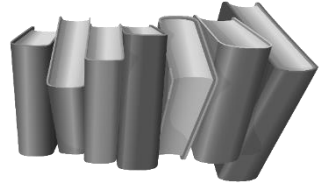
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Stone, Buckinghamshire – a local community page

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