

THE STEWKLEY ELVES



BROWNIE FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

In November, 2nd Stewkley Brownies held a bring-and-buy, craft and cake sale to raise money for charities they had chosen.

In one meeting they made invites which they handed out to family and friends and then they donated items to be sold on the evening.

Their hard work and selling skills on the day meant that they raised a massive £270 for their chosen charities.

£70 was donated to a lady running the London Marathon to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, in honour of her aunt who was a long-time Brownie Leader.

The remaining £200 was given to their first choice of charity, the Medical Detection Dogs based in Great Horwood. This has allowed each six to sponsor a puppy for a year as they are trained to become a life-saving medical detection dog. In return they have received certificates of thanks, a toy dog representing the puppy, and they will get updates on the puppies throughout the year.

A big thank you to all the Brownie parents, relations and friends who made the sale such a success.



Father Christmas would like to send his love and huge thanks to all who came out to give him a wave when he visited Stewkley whilst taking a quick break from choosing toys for all the boys and girls everywhere. The wonderful folk of Stewkley donated over £500 which was so gratefully received by Leighton Buzzard Homeless Charity, along with an absolute mountain of food which was delivered before Christmas to both Stewkley's and Leighton Buzzard's Foodbank.

Father Christmas would also like to particularly thank the team of Stewkley Elves and helpers who worked so hard to polish his sleigh and organise his journey through Stewkley – he hopes you all enjoyed waving him on his way.

FROM ROSIE GEORGE OF LEIGHTON LINSLADE HOMELESS SERVICE AND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Dear Steve, John, Hannah, Lynsey and all the Stewkley Elves,
I am very sorry that there has been no public acknowledgement of the amazing donations you gave to us this Christmas. Whilst we expected it to be busy, we did not envisage just how busy, and time just ran away with me. But your kindness has not been forgotten.

What amazes us all at LLHS is the level of commitment the people of Stewkley village, and especially Stewkley Santa and all his elves, make to help others. We thank you most sincerely and would like to give just a brief explanation of how much you helped.

Families are referred to us by social workers and health visitors. Christmas means we receive lists rather than individual referrals. This year we were sent over 100 family referrals.

On the afternoon you visited, the process of collecting food parcels began (see photo page 5), more than 500 bags of food were prepared. We receive brief details of each family, the number of adults and children and any food allergies. This helps us to ensure that there are enough selection boxes included in every parcel. Other festive things are added - Christmas pudding, festive biscuits, ham, savoury nibbles etc. One social worker was particularly concerned and said that one of her families was going to be extremely grateful for the food parcel as they were struggling. They had confided that no presents had been bought for the children. Helping with this was down entirely to your generosity. The social worker was really touched, and I explained how the money was made available. Later, she contacted us to say she had purchased an Amazon voucher so that presents could be purchased with very little time to spare.

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VILLAGE DIARY

February 2024

Thu 1	Coffee Stop, Pavilion, 10.30am
Mon 5	PC meeting at 7.30pm, Village Hall
Mon 5	Book Club, Carpenters Arms, 8pm
Wed 7	Bins: General waste, food bins and garden waste
Wed 14	Bins: Recycling blue tops and food bins
Wed 21	Bins: General waste, food bins and garden waste
Sun 25	Stewkley Players Big Breakfast, Village Hall 9.30am - 12.
Wed 28	Bins: Recycling blue tops and food bins
Wed 28	SLHG, Rec Pavilion, 7.45pm

What's on - Looking Ahead 2024

March

Fri 1	Quiz Evening for St Michael's Church and Methodist Chapel
Mon 11	Stewkley Village Hall AGM
Fri 15	Stewkley Church- a journey through 900 years
Mon 18	Climate Crisis Exploration Session, Pavilion
Wed 20 - Sat 23	Stewkley Players, Village Hall

April

Sat 27	Stewkley Players, Murder Mystery Evening
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May

Sat 11	Aperitif o'clock, St. Michael's Church
Sat 18	Stewkley Singers, All Saints, Leighton Buzzard

June

Sat 15	Stewkley Open Gardens, in aid of St Michael's Church
Sun 16	Stewkley Open Gardens, in aid of St Michael's Church
Sat 22	Summer Ball - Little Hearts Matter - Upper Dean Farm

July

Sat 13	Flower Show, Village Hall
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If you are organising an event in the village, please let us know as soon as your date is confirmed. We will publish details here to inform all village event organisers so that clashes can be avoided. team@stewkleygrapevine.co.uk

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

COFFEE STOP

In the Pavilion from 10.30am to 12 noon

Thursday 1 February

In aid of Banana Box trust

BOOK CLUB

Monday 5 February

8pm at the Carpenters Arms

Come along for a drink and a chat with our lively group. You don't need to have read the current book. Bring your ideas.

Book to discuss: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.

Book for March: *Caves of Steel* by Isaac Asimov

Please contact Sally 07902 860255 or

Greg on 240487 for information.

STEWKLEY'S BIG BREAKFAST 2023

Hosted by Stewkley Players

Village Hall: 9.30am – 12 midday

Sunday 25 February

Adults: £7.50, Under 12s selection from £1

Stewkley Local History Group

ALL WELCOME TO THIS OPEN MEETING

Wednesday 28 February 2024

"The British Pub Sign"

2,000 years of history hanging above our heads.

A talk by Jean Yates

At the Rec Pavilion, 7.45 for 8pm.

Admission £5, includes refreshment.

SAVE THE DATE

Fund Raiser for

St. Michael's Church and the Methodist Church

QUIZ EVENING

Friday 1 March

7pm in Methodist Chapel Schoolroom

Tickets £10, includes food and your team place.

To book ring 240337

Stewkley Village Hall

(Charity No. 231141)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 11 March at 8pm

Visitors welcome.

Please consider supporting the Village Hall.

"STEWKLEY CHURCH - A JOURNEY THROUGH 900 YEARS"

An illustrated talk by John Sheldon

Friday 15 March 2024 7.30pm

in Stewkley Church

Tickets £10 on sale now to include refreshments
07786 543193 eltonart@hotmail.com or 01525 240398.
Help to fund modest facilities to make St Michael's more accessible for everyone in future.

****Please note date change to Friday 15 March****

STEWKLEY COMMUNITY CLIMATE CRISIS EXPLORATION SESSION *from Patricia Downing*

Monday 18 March, 7pm – 9pm, at the Pavilion.

What does the climate crisis mean to you? We're hearing about it in the news, seeing floods and wildfires on the TV and hearing about the loss of species. Communities arguably are our best support in facing this complex crisis.

This will be a structured event, following the Experience Analysis Training (EAT) model, used by David Lett in his work with New Meaning Training. Bringing people together to reflect on this challenging topic may lead to the emergence of ideas and local activities, or just be a chance to hear and voice views as a local community. It will be co-facilitated by David Lett (Social Business leader and trainer) and Patricia Downing (experienced in facilitating Active Hope sessions).

Anyone aged 16 and over is welcome to come along. The event is free, but please bring a small cash donation (if possible) to cover room hire.

STEWKLEY WALKERS from Bridget Watson

We look forward to seeing you on one or more of our walks. Walk leaders who recce walks may change the route depending on the conditions on the day but, as a rough guide, walks take approximately two hours. Occasionally, a walk has to be cancelled due to poor weather conditions, so please check your emails or phone the walk leader before setting off.

Walks Programme for February 2024

Thursday 8 Mystery Walk 4.5/5 miles

Meet at 10am at Furzton Lake, (MK5 8AA) parking opposite Ronnie's Car Wash, Watling Street, for a two-hour saunter. Mostly hard-surfaced paths throughout. Lunch either at Sul Lago or The Hungry Horse, both by the lake. Toilet facilities. Dogs on leads welcome.

Leader: Tom 376736 or 07970 479007

Thursday 29 Waterhall Park Circular about 3.5 miles

Meet at Dobbies Garden Centre car park, Belvedere Lane, Watling Street, Bletchley (MK17 9JH), at 10.30am (Please note start time - short walk).

This is a walk on surfaced paths, level, with no fields, livestock, stiles or gates, so suitable for dogs. Crossing Watling Street it follows a riverside route outwards, then returns along a path, parallel with a canal towpath, to cross back over Watling Street to Dobbies, where the cafe serves drinks and light lunches.

Leaders: Chris and Greg 240487 or 07525 925310

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED FOR STEWKLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Are you a keen BAKER needing a volunteer/skills role to complete your Duke of Edinburgh award?

If so, Stewkley Football Club would like your help...could you bake a batch of cupcakes/cookies/muffins (whatever) and deliver them to the Pavilion at 9am each Saturday?

Looking for someone to start as soon as possible. Just three months would be great, or until the end of the footy season.

Please contact Rob Owen, 07938 102523

robert.lynn.owen@gmail.com

JOIN STEWKLEY COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

by Mary Richards, Organiser

Further to our article in the December issue of *Grapevine*, volunteers are still required to join Stewkley Community Speedwatch.

Stewkley Community Speedwatch is a programme where volunteers use hand-held speed-measuring devices to record the speed of passing motorists. The data collected is then shared with Thames Valley Police, who send warning letters to offenders. By actively participating in this initiative, we can play a crucial role in fostering a safer environment for everyone.

It's easy to get involved. Simply visit www.communityspeedwatch.org to learn more about the scheme. If you are ready to take the next step, please email us at stewkleyspeedwatch@gmail.com. Training and equipment will be provided – all you need is your commitment to our community's well-being.

Endorsed by Stewkley Parish Council

Stewkley Parish Council fully endorses this initiative. Together, we can actively contribute to the safety and harmony of our village.

Let's create a safer Stewkley.



STEWKLEY'S BIG BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY STEWKLEY PLAYERS

**VILLAGE HALL
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25TH
9:30 – 12:00**

**ADULTS £7.50
UNDER 12s SELECTION FROM £1**

Advance Bookings

Please phone: 07522 862929 or 07930 676085

STEWKLEY WI from Sheila Fellowes

We started off the year with a trip down memory lane. Steve Dimmer came to talk to us about "Walt Disney, The Struggles of a Legend". As well as telling us facts about Walt Disney's life, he showed us clips from many Walt Disney films: Snow White, Cinderella and, of course, Mary Poppins. All films we had seen in the past, and maybe taken our children to see.

The next meeting is on 14 February, 7.30pm, at the Village Hall. The speaker is retired Squadron Leader Graham Laune talking about "The History of Royal Flying".

For more information contact Sheila Fellowes (240596).

COFFEE STOP RAISES £2,882 IN 2023

Every first Thursday of the month the Coffee Stop serves tea, coffee and biscuits in the Pavilion from 10.30am to 12 noon. It is a chance to meet other villagers, newcomers and have a chat. There is no charge but a donation is welcome for the hot drink. Of course, being a Stewkley event, there is a raffle which, together with a bring-and-buy stall, has raised £2,882 for various charities both big and small in 2023.

In December £350 was raised for the Children's Society. The chosen charity for January was Supershoes and the morning contributed £306 towards specially decorated shoes given to children who are very ill with cancer or other serious diseases. We were told by the founder, Sarah White, that a child who, when he was given his present, got out of bed for the first time in a long while to put on the shoes and then toured the hospital to show them off. To read more look at supershoes.org.uk.

None of this fundraising could happen without the great generosity of the supporters of Coffee Stop.

February's charity will be the Banana Box Trust (bananaboxtrust.org). Come and hear what it is about on Thursday 1 February in the Pavilion from 10.30am to 12 noon

**To contact Grapevine
email: team@stewkleygrapevine.co.uk**

SCHOOL REPORT *from Mr David Morley*

Happy New Year!

The last day of the autumn term brought the end of an era as Rosie Farran retired, after more than a quarter of a century of commitment to St Michael's School. Rosie's service to the school has been outstanding and we are hugely grateful for everything she has done for our community. Parents, pupils, staff and governors contributed to buy Rosie a lovely gift, with the children providing a guard of honour as she departed the school down the drive. *(Pictured right).*

We are back in full swing with lots of excited children ready to learn new things. Our children love to learn through experimentation and collaboration. At St Michael's we believe that our youngest children learn best when they have practical opportunities that encourage talk and discussion. This helps the children to develop a rich vocabulary, essential to tackling a more complex curriculum as they move through the school. Learning in this way helps the children embed knowledge into their long-term memory and helps them to have rapid recall of the skills they need to make excellent progress.



We are currently looking to recruit some additional lunchtime supervisors (or 'dinner ladies' as we used to call them in the olden days!). We have vacancies for people who can work between two and five lunchtimes per week, and would also consider two people applying as a job share to provide the candidates with some flexibility each week. It is a great role and a position vital to the smooth-running of the school. We are a thriving community with fantastic staff and lovely children. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mrs Phimester in the School Office on 240248 or office@st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk



Stewkley Church a journey through 900 years

An illustrated talk

by John Sheldon

Friday 15th March 7.30pm
at Stewkley Church LU7 0HL

Tickets £10 including refreshments

01525 240398 07786543193 eltonart@hotmail.com

FROM ROSIE GEORGE OF LEIGHTON LINSLADE HOMELESS SERVICE AND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK *continued from page 1*



Other than families, we also prepare Christmas bags for people referred to us by charities linked to homelessness. For the NOAH outreach team, we prepared twenty bags - thirteen of which were for people without cooking facilities, the others are sofa surfing. Bespoke bags are essential for these people.

Christmas continued to be busy after we had seen all food parcels collected or delivered. We have for some years, cooked Christmas dinner for people referred to us by doctors' surgeries and charities involved in the care of vulnerable people who are living without close family. This year we delivered 38 meals through the kindness of volunteers and of course, the generosity of people like yourselves who helped in ensuring we could provide the food required. Boxes are delivered with turkey and ham, vegetables and all the trimmings and a plate of festive things for afternoon tea. A gift is added. For many who receive the box, this is their only Christmas contact with people.

The practical involvement, preparation and work is only made possible through the support we receive. Stewkley village is extraordinary in its generosity and we thank you all most sincerely. We also thank Steve who comes regularly with food deliveries and seems tireless in his determination to support us as he does.

We all hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and send very best wishes for 2024. The work that is undertaken for the Santa Sleigh is fully recognised and appreciated. The difference it makes to so many people, will always be remembered.

Thank you from the trustees and volunteers of our charity.



STEWKLEY ANNUAL SLOE GIN COMPETITION

The now legendary sloe gin competition took place on Sunday 17 December 2023. It sees numerous members of the village try their hand at making gin and then sampling each others efforts to establish who has done the best job.

This year the overall winner was Andy Dunn who is on the left of the picture, along with Steve Neale.



NEWS FROM THE BELLRINGERS *from Ailsa Knightley, Ringing Master*

On 20 December 2023 the bellringers presented Bunt Scott with a handbell to show their gratitude for his years as Tower Captain. Although he was officially Captain from 2004 he had in fact been acting as Captain for several years before, supporting Chris Carter as his health was failing.

The engraving reads "Presented to BUNT SCOTT by the bellringers of St Michael & All Angels Stewkley in gratitude for his services as Tower Captain" and "BUNT SCOTT TOWER CAPTAIN 2004 - 2022".

The handbell is in fact an old servant's bell rescued from a stately home, so is over 100 years old. It was thanks to a chance conversation at a ringing event that a fellow ringer, Tony Crabtree, offered to help out. He collects old bells and converts them into mini sets of handbells. Also, a thank you to Irene Gordon, one of our ringers, for the idea.

Bunt continues to ring with us on Sunday mornings and to offer assistance to me on maintenance issues. Stewkley tower is well supported but we are sad to have recently lost two of our most talented ringers, Bob and Cassie Lorrimore, as they have moved to pastures new. We hope they continue to visit as they will be much missed. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

Anyone interested in the bells, and maybe having a go, is very welcome to turn up on a Wednesday at around 7.30pm. We are

a very welcoming bunch and are currently teaching two families, so any new learners or returners to ringing would fit in well. Alternatively you can contact Ailsa on 07745 478573 or 240967.



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8 January 2024 at the Village Hall.

PLANNING

There was one planning application on the agenda for consideration:

23/03785/APP – STEWKLEY

Land off Wing Road, Stewkley – Erection of stables (retrospective) and alteration to roof

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this retrospective application.

Update from Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillor, Phil Gomm

- Due to very tight budget restraints, white lining will likely not happen in 2024 but the High Street South footways are still on target for resurface this year. Social Services and Adult Care is where the majority of BC's money has been allocated.
- A meeting will be scheduled with Stewkley Cllrs to discuss and tackle speeding, and a rural crime project is underway with a £200k budget coming in from TVP. The intention is to install ANPR cameras coming in and out of the area to bring rural crime down. A letter will be circulated shortly by the Community Board for Parish Councils to consider.
- The two Stewkley Community Board applications currently in the system, for the Commemorative Garden and the Wetland Project, are both looking promising and the PC will have a decision on these in the next week or so.
- The Community Board are launching across the Ward, the Warmer Spaces project with £1k grants available. Information on this will be circulated shortly. Cllr Gomm referenced the Newton Longville project which has been a great success.
- The Community Board are about to launch an appeal to set up a community bus system with the aim of getting 4/5 buses on the Ward. Councils will be written to within the next month to see if they would be interested in being part of a Trust to support this project, and those Councils that have access to S106 funds will be written to first inviting them to attend a meeting to discuss the project further. Cllrs expressed a keen interest and look forward to hearing more about this project.

Other Matters

- TGMS Cemetery Development has now been commissioned to proceed with the conceptual designs for the lawn cemetery extension and an onsite meeting has been arranged.
- Two new defib pads have been ordered for the defibrillator located at the Rec Pavilion.
- The rusty footpath post, at the Ivy Lane end of footpath 20 has been reported to Rights of Way.
- Disappointing news from TVP that Joshua Walton-Taylor left his role as PCSO for the Winslow Team on Christmas Eve and has made a move to the Bletchley Team. The Clerk had no information surrounding the circumstances but as soon as a new point of contact is allocated, Cllrs will be updated.
- Two new faulty streetlights have been reported; one in Chapel Square and the other on the Soulbury Road near the Rec.
- A new Biodiversity Policy has been adopted by Cllrs, the aim of which is to work towards conserving and enhancing the biodiversity of the Council's area.
- The long running saga of 74 HSS remains an issue. Cllr Gomm said he would raise this directly with the Senior Compliance and Enforcement Officer.
- Cllrs resolved unanimously to approve a 2024/25 precept figure of £56,682, which for Band D households equates to an increase from £57.74 to £62.36 on an annual basis. This is

still relatively low compared with other parishes, and importantly, includes a great programme of renovation on our lighting next year.

- A new replacement bin has been installed on the Bletchley Road.
- In preparation of the 2024 Best Kept Village competition, the PC is seeking a new Co-ordinator to manage the project. If you or anyone you know are interested to find out more, please email the Clerk at stewkleyparishclerk@gmail.com

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 February 2024 at The Village Hall at 7.30pm.

YOUR BEST KEPT VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Stewkley has an enviable record in winning Best Kept Village awards. We, as villagers, all play our part in that. But our actions need to be co-ordinated so that we are well prepared for the independent judges when they visit.

John Flewin has fulfilled this Co-Ordinator role wonderfully for a number of years but sadly 2023 was his swansong and he left with yet another win!

We now need someone to take on this role and bring together the various groups and actions to make the absolute most of our village, especially around the judging time.

It is a very rewarding volunteering role, as this village has always set itself high standards and become a lovely place to live.

If you are interested please contact Jo our Parish Clerk. There is no time to waste because getting ready for another BKV 'win' begins in the early Spring. Full support, mentoring and back-up will be given.

In fulfilling this role you will have the thanks and support of the whole Stewkley community.

STEWKLEY VICARAGE CRICKET CLUB

Stewkley Vicarage Cricket Club senior indoor net sessions will commence on Wednesday 7 February at The Fremantle School in Winslow. The sessions will run from 7.30pm until 9pm.

Our junior teams will also be using the facility this year, with the U15 squad starting on 21 February and the U11s on 14 February, and then alternating each week until 10 April.

For further information please contact: Alan Hardings (07548 969636), for U15s David Wheeler (07767 690231) and U11s Ian Russell (07980 881448).

NEWS FROM STEWKLEY PLAYERS

Casting is now complete and rehearsals underway for our 129th production, *Boeing Boeing*. Come along and join us for a quick-moving and fantastically funny ride, with lots of turbulence throughout.

Performance dates are Wednesday 20 March to Saturday 23 March 2024, tickets, priced at £7.50, will be on sale from Monday 26 February through our Box Office (tel: 07845 489167) or from the Village Hall from Sunday 3 March (10am-12noon).

New members are always welcome so come along and join us; we would love to see you.

Our now traditional pre-production Breakfast will be held on Sunday 25 February. This is a hugely popular event so please try and book in advance, tickets are £7.50. Contact either Jilly on 07522 862929 or Helen on 07930 676085.

Also, in aid of the Village Hall Roof Appeal we will be holding a murder mystery evening, *Adieu Adieu*, on Saturday 27 April – please make a note in your diaries – more details will follow in March's Grapevine. We hope to see many of you soon.

Erica McDonald, Chair, Stewkley Players



Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev Noreen Daley-Lee

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Email: noreendaley1@hotmail.com

Stewards: stewards@at-the-chapel.co.uk

Tel: 240337

SERVICES and NOTICES for FEBRUARY

4	10.30am	Ken Harris
11	10.30am	Arthur Sara
18	10am	Café Church
25	10.30am	Communion – Rev Noreen Daley-Lee
	5pm	Young people's group

EVENTS FOR ALL IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOM

- **Mend It** Repair session Saturday 3 February, 10am to 12 noon, refreshments will be available.
- **Social fellowship** - Monday 19 February, 2.30pm.
- The **Daisy Club** for parents, carers, toddlers and babies under school age on Wednesdays 10am – 11.30am.

Half term break on 14 February.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER



Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In ancient Roman religion and Greek mythology, Janus is a mythical god. Janus was the god of beginnings, transitions, gates, doorways, passages, duality and endings. Visually he had two faces on one head; and these two faces

looked in the opposite direction to each other. One face looked backward and the other face looked forward. It is thought that Janus is the root from where we get the word January. But we are not polytheistic; we do not believe in many gods. So, for us, this mythical Janus helps to bring to light some historical and cultural ramifications for the month of January. It is necessary for us to look back and reflect on God's work and providence in our lives in 2023 and look ahead for 2024.

My prayer for you in 2024 goes like this:

I pray that the God of the Alpha, will help you to walk in His strength to put an end to some things. As you press towards the mark, of your high calling, forgetting those things which are behind. God of the Omega help you to end those things within your control that distract and deter you from God's plan and purpose for your life.

I pray that 2024 will be a year that takes you to another level. The God of forward thinking enabling you to see within you a gift, ability, calling, vocation, or aspiration that you believe will catapult your life forward.

I pray that 2024 will be a year for 'increased discipleship'. Allow this year to be a personal commitment to God to magnify your walk with Him through a greater commitment to Christian service, Bible study, ministry participation, personal witness, and stewardship. Commit to give God more of you in 2024.

I celebrate God's provision over your life and family during 2023, but I'm also excited about God's will being manifested in your lives in 2024. With all that's going on in the world today, we do still believe that your life is in God's control - the Alpha and Omega; and it will flourish and be sustained by His authority! May the Lord do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think in 2024 as we raise our commitment to Him both individually and collectively as a Church.

All the very best for 2024. Noreen

Quiz Evening

Friday March 1 at 7pm, for St Michael's and Methodist Church in School Room. Tickets £10 ring 240337.



St Michael's Church

Benefice Rector: Rev Howard Robson

Tel: 01296 688593

Team Vicar: Rev Dr Andrew Krauss

Tel 07508 213154

Church Warden: Donald Peebles

Tel: 07966 035623

Email: d.peebles@ucl.ac.uk

SERVICES and NOTICES for FEBRUARY

4	10am	Holy Communion
11	10am	Messy Church
18	10am	Holy Communion
25	10am	Holy Communion

† **Junior Church Sunday 25 February** 9.50 in the Hut for school age children.

† **Benefice Lent Group** Thursdays 22 Feb to 21 March – 7.30pm in Wing Church, following the Lenten journey of Christ from the wilderness to Jerusalem.

† **Stewkley Church – a Journey through 900 years** – talk by John Sheldon on Friday 15 March in St Michael's.

† **Aperitif O'Clock** – Saturday 11 May in St Michael's.

† **Open Gardens** – Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June.

† **Food bank:** the porch is open for donations for the Leighton/Linslade Homeless Service. Many thanks for contributions.

† To sponsor the illumination of St Michael's to celebrate a special event or in remembrance of a loved one please contact Tracy Scott on 07775 684803.

MESSAGE FROM THE COTTESLOE TEAM VICAR

REV DR ANDREW KRAUSS



The Journey of Lent

With Easter being early this year Lent will be upon us already by the middle of February. The forty days of Lent are, of course, symbolic. In the Hebraic idiom that permeates most of the biblical writings it simply means 'a long time' – a time long enough for something reasonably to be expected to change and

develop within people embarking on a Lenten journey. The journey of Lent specifically moves from the wilderness, where we famously hear of Christ resisting temptations of various types, to the city of Jerusalem where the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection would take place. Clearly there is a big difference between wilderness and city, which itself points towards the need for change and development along our Lenten journeys now.

Unlike the more communal expectation of Advent, Lenten journeys may often seem rather more focused on individually set tasks, aims and disciplines that are specific to one person's choice. Perhaps this might involve their sense of what may need developing in their response to Christ's call, or distractions that might need avoiding. Whatever the reason, it is equally important to remember the broader context in which Lent is embedded. We have our own discipline and journey to focus on, certainly, but we also know that we often need the cooperation of others to empower and aid us along the way. Sometimes sharing in a Lenten commitment is a good way of emphasizing this. It reminds us that our journeys are all intertwined with one another, especially if followed with the same ultimate hope in mind.

Many people express this aspect of Lent by meeting together more frequently during this period – the classic 'Lent group' for example, which often involves studying, discussing and praying together on a pre-agreed theme of common interest. As in previous years we will be having a Benefice Lent Group for this purpose, which this year will focus specifically on the theme of journeying together, and wherever people feel that they are at on their own journey I wish you all the very best for this rich and often underestimated season – a season well worth inhabiting as fully and meaningfully as we feel able.

Prayers and best wishes to all. Andrew Krauss

Nature Watch

Not much nature to report on currently, but a lot of weather!

Weather Watch

Last year was the warmest year on record globally, the second warmest after 2022 for the UK. Average rainfall for the year was up by 11% for the whole UK, but up a full 20% for England. And scientists are predicting that 2024 will be warmer still globally, due to already increased temperatures and the effect of El Niño. This weather system causes a significant drop in winds over the Pacific Ocean, leading to a rise in surface temperatures.

The year 2024 certainly arrived with gusto in the UK, with storm Henk fast on its heels. Henk was the eighth-named storm since September, bringing strong winds and rain. Wind gusts of more than 40 miles-per-hour were recorded at Littlecote. Henk was named much later than usual, only hours before it hit, because it was small and still developing early on 2 January – it may have been small but it brought misery to many in its brief blow through the UK.



When Henk had gone on its way the rain continued. On the evening and night of Thursday the 4th the rainfall was truly biblical, with a total of 1.18 inches before 5am on the 5th. During that first week of January a total of 2.05 inches of rain fell, compared with 0.67 and 0.33 inches for the same week in the two previous years.

No surprise then that there was a fair amount of local flooding, though nothing as serious as other parts of the country. Outdoor nets might have been difficult for the cricketers on that Friday morning (above). One field off the Soulbury Road saw ducks swimming where sheep usually graze (header), and a few local roads were closed.

The Met Office predicts that UK weather will continue to be variable but that climate change will mean more: warmer wetter winters, hotter drier summers, and more frequent and intense weather extremes.

While January started 'warmer and wetter', in the second week temperatures plummeted; the standing water and mud froze solid and black ice formed on those wet roads.

The cold spell continued through to the third week of the month. The night of 17th/18th was the coldest, with the temperature dropping to minus 7.2C at Littlecote.

Then just as it seemed the weather was done with us, and Nature

Watch was ready to go to print, the Met Office announced a ninth named storm, Isha, with severe weather warnings all across the UK. In fact Isha was not as hefty as Henk locally; a weather station in Littlecote recorded maximum wind gusts of 'only' 35.5 mph during the early hours of Monday the 22nd, though other parts of the country experienced far worse with widespread travel disruption and power cuts.

As the clean-up was underway a tenth storm, named Jocelyn by the Irish Meteorological Service, is due to arrive on the 23rd. These storms are the result of low pressure systems being pushed across the Atlantic by a strong jet stream. The Met Office started naming storms in 2015, since then there have only been ten storms in a season once before, in 2015/2016, but that was in early March.

The Met Office is NOT saying that the UK is going to get more storms; it IS saying that storms will be more intense, with higher levels of rainfall.

A Little 'Bite' of Nature

Lillie Jenkins of High Street North got a shock as she walked in through her back door in December. There on the door frame was a false widow spider (below).

There are six species of false widow now living permanently in the UK; this specimen is a noble false widow (*Steatoda nobilis*), the largest of the six, ranging in size from 7 to 14mm, with



females typically larger than males. Noble false widows are easily identifiable with their dark brown colouring and a cream pattern on the abdomen that is said to look like a skull.

They are not aggressive towards people and a bite would probably be by a female and only if caught in clothing or knocked; on the rare occasions when one has bitten someone, the bite has been compared to a wasp sting.

Farm Watch

by Richard Heady

Although my fingers and toes wouldn't thank me for saying this, the mid-January cold snap has been a relief from the constant damp weather of the last few months. We brought the last of our cattle in from the fields just before Christmas. Even though the fields were very wet, our old meadow pastures are well-rooted and stand up to the trampling effect of the cattle far better than the more recently planted grasses. Also we have some 'ridge and furrow' fields (with a pattern of ridges and troughs created by a system of ploughing used during the Middle Ages) that are pretty resilient, allowing us to keep some of the cattle out and grazing far longer than most. Even when it's cold and wet the cattle are still very happy outside and just grow a thicker winter coat, but most fields will not tolerate their trampling in these winter conditions. The majority of our cattle have been in the sheds since late November. Once they are inside, they are fed



on grass silage and we add fresh straw most days to give them clean and dry areas to lay. This straw bedding builds up until we get a cold snap, freezing the ground enough for us to cart the muck to the fields without damaging the soil.

Luckily we avoided the worst of the flooding this winter, although after one particularly heavy rain event I found that the straw we had chopped and spread across a field during harvest had been washed away into the hedge. Many farms across the country are finding their fields and crops becoming regularly sacrificed to save new housing developments from flooding.

Waterways that were previously dredged to keep the water flowing and farms productive have been left to silt up, allowing the rain to flood fields, slowing its journey into towns, thus protecting houses. It's completely understandable that people need new houses and houses need to be protected, but it's a bitter pill to swallow for the farmers who have invested thousands of pounds into drowning crops, and have the weight of a lake compacting their soil on a regular basis.

A few weeks ago I attended a fertiliser facility in Goole, East Yorkshire. Before the conflict in Ukraine, most of our imported crop nutrients came from Russia, but in recent years new suppliers of the mined and manufactured ingredients had to be found, completely disrupting the industry. Some of these agricultural fertilisers are simply mined, pelleted and bagged,



whilst others are made from by-products (such as from the nylon manufacturing industry).

Nitrogen fertiliser is one of our major crop inputs and is manufactured using gas. This is why it has been so expensive of late, and why UK fertiliser factories are shutting down. (Do you remember the government financially bailing out CF fertilisers in 2021 to keep factories running, producing medical grade CO₂ as a by-product?) Due to its gas-hungry production process, nitrogen fertiliser comes out as the biggest greenhouse gas contributor in our carbon audits, but without it our crop yields drop drastically. In recent years we have been working to reduce our fertiliser inputs, whilst trying to maintain crop yields and quality, but it's not an easy balance.



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DOWN MEMORY LANE

A Tale of Two Houses. 25 and 27 High Street North...when it comes to historic buildings, appearances can be so deceptive.

At a casual glance, the two red-brick village homes at Nos 25 and 27 High Street North appear to be semi-detached Edwardian properties built as a pair at a peak of demand for new village housing. It's obvious, isn't it? There's even a terracotta plaque on No 25 indicating the building date of 1904. However, the truth is very different as they were built quite separately 30 years apart.

The story begins with today's No 27, which back in the 1870s was No 25. In the 1861 and 1871 Censuses, one Joseph Dickins, a wheelwright, was living at Wood Hall (*today's Dean Road near to the Bletchley/Mursley crossroads*). By the time of the 1881 and 1891 Censuses, Joseph Dickins was living with his family at what was recorded as the 'wheelwright's shop', to the north of Hounslow's shop (*which was No 23 High Street, although the local authority had not yet started numbering houses on the High Street.*) In 1877 Joseph fathered a daughter, Gertrude, whose birth was recorded at 25 High Street North, so we can assume that this was also the street number of the recently built 'wheelwright's shop'. Gertrude appeared again in the 1891 Census, aged 13 and a scholar, still living in the same location.

The large brick outbuilding to the former No 25 featured in November 2023 *Grapevine* as the premises of the successful wheelwright business of Joseph Dickins' sons Alfie and Teddy.

(Editor's note: I do hope you are keeping up with our detective story!?)

Meanwhile, one William Edward Stonhill, born 1875, and in 1891 apprenticed as a baker, was living in lodgings with the Mead family further north along the High Street. Very conveniently, William married 'the girl-next-door' Gertrude Dickins in 1897, and in 1904 he built the present No 25 High Street North, semi-detached and adjoining his in-laws' home, with a bakehouse premises at the rear.

The original No 25 (the Dickins' home and wheelwright's shop) became renumbered No 27, as it is today. This association explains why for many years the only access to the rear of No 25 was from around the back of the in-laws at No 27.

William and Gertrude's son Owen, born at No 25, continued the master baker's business on the premises. William passed away in 1950 leaving the not inconsiderable sum of £2,669 in his estate to Owen and his sister Dorothy, proving that where there's bread there's brass!

Although these substantial Stewkley red-brick semi-detached homes look as though they may be contemporary, there are significant architectural differences, with No 27's yellow brick quoins and detailing, and No 25's dressed stone window lintels and ground floor window bays.

Sadly, No 27 presents an unhappy face to the High Street today. Because of their local historic importance, the pair were given candidate status in 2023 for Buckinghamshire's Local Heritage List.



Dickins' wheelwright shop at 27 High Street North



25-27 High Street North with bakehouse at rear of No 25

FROM THE GRAPEVINE 10 YEARS AGO...

From February 2014, the infant village newsletter, eventually to become our *Grapevine*, celebrated its 21st birthday, (see below) the idea of the Vicar, the late Rev Norman Cotton, and run by a team of four village ladies, Veronica Bowsher, Sharon Buck, Josie Cornish and Diana Sheldon...the efforts of the village traffic Speedwatch team seemed to be paying dividends according to Thames Valley Police... St Michael's Church was organizing 2014 Open Gardens but had no garden offers towards the centre of the village, not dissimilar to the 2024 planned event...the village mourned the passing away of Anne Wade, Anne Clark and Alice Simmonds...AVDC had received a planning application for a Salden Wind Farm, the proposed site for four 115m. high industrial wind turbines...and Stewkley Scouts were looking for a new village site on which to pitch their hut.



FROM THE GRAPEVINE 20 YEARS AGO...

From February 2004, two possible village sites for building affordable homes of around a dozen new houses were open for consultation...the 1938 Parish Council minute book recorded discussions about the provision of tennis courts on the former Recreation Ground site (now occupied by Dove Street) at a cost of about £200...Stewkley Players were to present *Fatal Encounter* to be directed by Erica MacDonald...Churchwarden John Sheldon described in detail the conservation work currently being carried out on St Michael's bells, the bell frame and the ringing chamber following the hugely successful £40,000 village fund-raising campaign...the village mourned the passing away of Chick Wheeler, Les Smith, Rosena Noble, Bryan Bosworth and Jean Reynolds...and Janet Ewart retired from the role of Stewkley Group Scout Leader.



"STEWKLEY CHURCH – A JOURNEY THROUGH 900 YEARS"

from St Michael and All Angels Church team

Friday 15 March at 7.30pm

Being of national importance as a particularly remarkable example of a spectacular late Norman church, Stewkley Church has a lot to tell us. John Sheldon, formerly church warden for 12 years with a fascination for church architecture and local archaeology, is a mine of information.

St Michael and All Angels is so good it has had four names from St Mary's to Our Lady to St George, reflecting our interesting and sometimes turbulent history.

It was commissioned by Norman nobleman, Geoffrey de Clinton, a big cheese in the court of King Henry I, and was nearly demolished twice last century and only saved by formidable action campaigns.

Whilst the big stone faces and gargoyles leering down have a Christian theme, the church also harbours semi-pagan Nordic winged dragons and a Green Man.

If you ignore the 19th-century mock-Romanesque south porch and the Edwardian vestry, it's easy to imagine a perfectly unchanged Norman parish church.

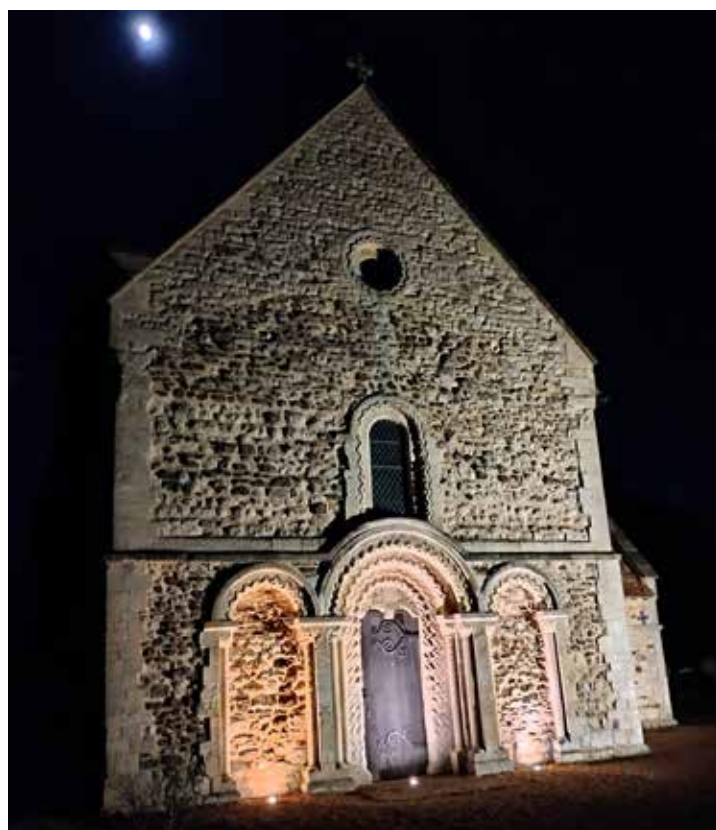
It would have been a very different place in Norman times. The tiny medieval windows were set high up and would have admitted little light for the worshippers who would have stood or knelt on the ground. If you look carefully, you can see two doors that today lead nowhere evidencing other changes over the years.

All will be revealed at the talk about our little gem of Norman architecture:

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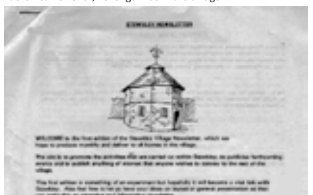
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Stewkley Grapevine, February 2014

Our Village Newsletter, 21 Years Old This Year

Twenty years ago last December a pilot edition of our village newsletter was circulated and it is exactly 20 years ago this month that the publication that was to become The Grapevine made the headlines. It was born from an idea first put forward by the then Vicar, the late Rev Norman Cotton, quickly backed by the Methodist Minister, the Rev Jonathan Hunter. The simple first "pilot" edition was well received and by the time the new version, like the first simply called the 'Stewkley Newsletter' was published in February 1994, a team of volunteer deliverers had been put together. A logo design, depicting a Stewkley landmark, the Dovecote off High Street South, had been offered by village artist Primrose Gallimore. There were contributions from a good many village organisations and a list of addresses was provided where villagers could drop off news items for later editions. Some 600 copies were published. The founding production team had their picture taken to make news themselves – a picture which appeared in the Leighton Buzzard Herald, a newspaper which did not have as long a life as the Grapevine.

Two of the production team pictured, Jose Cornish (far left) and Diana Sheldon (second from the right) are still members of the Grapevine team. The others in the picture, Sharon Buck and Veronica Bowsher, no longer live in the village.



By the following month, the newsletter had changed its name: Yelkwest (Stewkley spelled backwards, almost). It was considered a temporary name.



By November the result of a competition to find a long-term name was announced, and The Grapevine was born. The first edition thanked villager Ron Read for designing the "beautiful logo" – and for a poem entitled "Read – all about it" (See Tailpiece Tales on page 20). The 12-page edition included news that a Village Diary would feature in future editions, which were printed on different colour paper so villagers could always spot the latest one lying around. Stories were all typed on a typewriter, and adverts were mainly cut and pasted – an operation which, in those days, involved scissors and glue! Today The Grapevine publishes in colour. And



Village gets in the news



some 825 copies are delivered throughout the village by a willing band of volunteer deliverers. An electronic copy is provided each month as a web download. The initial newsletter had been published with the help of a £100 grant from the Council for Voluntary Organisations. Last month the present Grapevine team had their annual accounts audited. They showed an annual turnover in 2013 of £10,855 gathered almost exclusively from advertisers, and a spend of £8,655, almost entirely spent on printing.

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SEWAGE HAPPENS *from Rachael Webb*

The planned works to reduce the amount of untreated (diluted) sewage spilling into the Hardwick Brook have been delayed until the end of 2026. These spills can occur during heavy rainfall when storm water overwhelms Stewkley's Sewage Treatment Works off the bottom of Dunton Road. The December and January storms saw the plant spill for extended periods into the brook, which flows past the Kingsbridge Picnic Site and eventually into the River Thames.

A Thames Water spokesperson explained to the Grapevine, "The planned work will improve our ability to treat the volumes of incoming sewage, reducing the need for untreated discharges in wet weather. At this time we do not have the information from the project team of what actually will be happening at site as we are still at the design stage. The reason for such schemes being delayed is because we have had to reprioritise the work we can complete within this five-year period 2020-2025. There have been a number of factors including inflation, costs of materials and contractors, changes to permitting standards and complexity of solutions that means we have needed to reprioritise our delivery of schemes ... some have slipped into the next price period 2025-2030."

Thames has improvement plans for over 250 storm discharge

sites. The company's shareholders have agreed to provide a further £750 million in new equity funding across the 2020-25 investment period.

The spokesperson added, "Many of our STWs have been impacted by the wet weather ... Although we regard any discharge of untreated sewage as unacceptable, and are working hard to make them unnecessary, this will take time. The overflows are designed to operate automatically when the sewer network and sewage works are about to be overwhelmed, and they release diluted wastewater into rivers rather than letting it back up into people's homes. It is the way the system is designed to operate."

Despite the extended discharges at Stewkley, the water quality permit from the Environment Agency is very rarely breached, the last occurrence (pending 2023 data) being in December 2022.

Stewkley homes and businesses can help reduce spills of untreated sewage by reducing water consumption and therefore waste, and by flushing nothing but the 3Ps: Pee, Poo and (toilet) Paper. They can also help by investigating where their roofs and surface waters drain. This needs to be kept away from the waste sewers to reduce the risk of overwhelming the STW.

SIMPLY – FOR PLEASURE, HEALTH AND FRIENDSHIP – WALK *from Brian Bilson*

Presumably most of us walk just to get somewhere. But there could be plenty of other reasons one might take a walk away from home.

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- o for our mental health, whether we are sorting out who we are or how we fit into our world, or by just absorbing the calming effects of nature, and
- o for connecting with others and making new friends.

Some are less willing to go for a walk on their own and, of course, to make new friends one needs a group, so, Buckinghamshire Council initiated a scheme (now having run for over twenty years) called Simply Walk.

Across the county there over 60 different walks, but the ones nearest to Stewkley are from Wing.

These walks are gentle, last just over an hour and make use of the paths through and around the village of Wing. Inclusion, friendliness and wonderful conversations are all part of these times together.

Every Wednesday, to leave at 10.30am, participants gather in the car park of The Cock Inn, in the High Street. On returning, many stop for coffee, etc in the pub. Each walk is led by a trained volunteer leader and shepherded by a trained back marker.

In addition to the Wing Weekly Walk (designated level two) there is a shorter, even gentler, fortnightly Wing Strollers' walk (level one) meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays, leaving at 11.00am. Both groups end up together in the pub.

Perhaps you used to join in with the Stewkley Walkers' rambles around the county, and now find them a bit too strenuous. Perhaps you fancy starting to walk more but want to take it gradually. Perhaps your doctor or physiotherapist has advised you to get moving more or perhaps you are attracted to meeting more people. Whichever, these walks could be just what you need.

To find out more, visit the web page:
buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk

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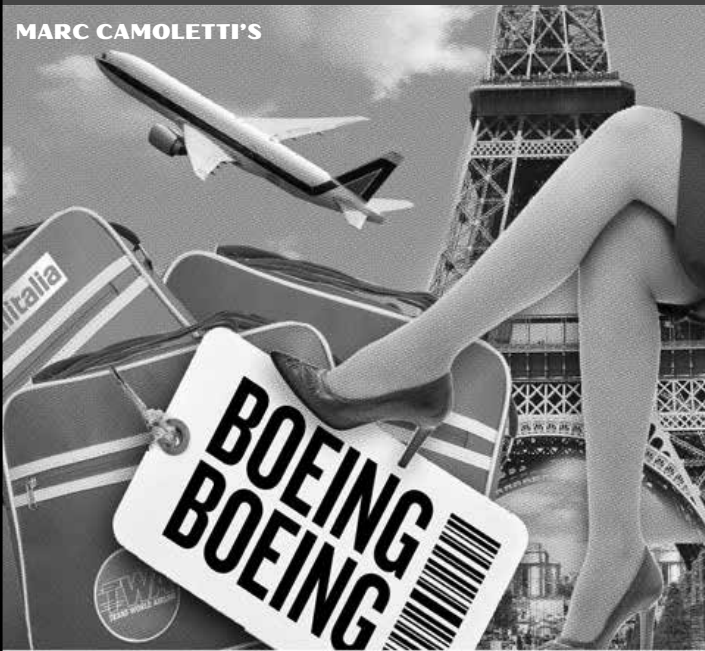
Note from the Nature Watch Editor – Nature Watch is running out of new items to report on. It needs new and fresh content. I really need your inputs.

Please keep your eyes, ears and cameras open for any wildlife or weather stories that will keep Nature Watch current, local and lively. Or send me questions and I will do research to try and answer them. Thank you.

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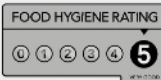
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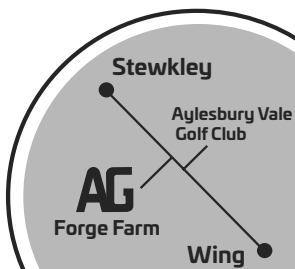
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Have you renewed your brown bin subscription? If not see page 9.

February 2024					
Wednesday	7	YES	YES		YES
Wednesday	14	YES		YES	
Wednesday	21	YES	YES		YES
Wednesday	28	YES		YES	

NB: Bletchley Road, Dean Road and Mursley Road are all collected the day before.

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Red Rose No 162					Red Rose No 154	
Stewkley - Leighton Buzzard - Bletchley			Bletchley - Leighton Buzzard - Stewkley		Stewkley - Aylesbury	
	Tue	M/W/Thu		Tue	Mon/Wed/Thu	Friday
Carpenters' Arms	10:10	09:35	Bus Station, Bletchley		- 12:25 - 14:25	Soulbury Road 09:39
Dove Street	10:11	09:36	Bletchley Tesco		- 12:27 - 14:27	Library (North of the red phone box) 09:40
Soulbury Road	10:17	09:42	Wharfside		- 12:28 - 14:28	Village Hall 09:41
Hollington Turn	10:21	09:46	Galleylane Farm		- 12:33 - 14:33	Stockhall Crescent 09:42
Stewkley Road	10:23	09:48	Mill Lane		- 12:35 - 14:35	Haywood Park 09:43
The Boot PH	10:24	09:48	Rotten Row		- 12:37 - 14:37	Haywood Park 09:43
Haywood Park	10:25	09:49	The Old Red Lion		- 12:38 - 14:38	Stockhall Crescent 09:45
Stockhall Crescent	10:26	09:50	Picnic Area		- 12:41 - 14:41	Village Hall 09:46
Village Hall	10:28	09:52	Manor Farm		- 12:42 - 14:42	Library (North of the red phone box) 09:46
Library (North of the red phone box)	10:30	09:54	High Street		11:40 - 13:45 -	Dove Street 09:47
Stoke Road	10:35	09:56	Tesco, Leighton Buzzard	13:00	11:40 - 13:45 -	The Carpenters' Arms PH 09:49
Bridge Street	10:36	09:57	Stoke Road	13:01	11:41 - 13:46 -	Friarage Road 10:18
West Street	10:38	-	Old Road	13:01	11:41 - 13:46 -	Aylesbury Bus Stn (Bay 6) 10:20
High Street	-	09:58	Bideford Green	13:03	11:43 - 13:48 -	Returning
Tesco	-	09:58	The Boot PH	13:09	11:49 - 13:54 -	Aylesbury Bus Stn (Bay 6) 12:15
Manor Farm	-	10:04	Stewkley Road	13:10	11:50 - 13:55 -	Exchange Street 12:16
Picnic Area	-	10:06	Hollington Turn	13:11	11:51 - 13:56 -	High Street 12:16
The Old Red Lion	-	10:11	Soulbury Road	13:10	11:55 - 14:00 -	Aylesbury New Street 12:17
Rotten Row	-	10:11	Dove Street	13:16	11:56 - 14:01 -	Carpenters' Arms 12:46
Mill Lane	-	10:14	Carpenters' Arms PH	13:17	11:57 - 14:02 -	Dove Street 12:47
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Wharfside	-	10:20	Library (North of red phone box)	13:18	11:58 - 14:03 -	Village Hall 12:48
Bletchley Tesco	-	10:23	Village Hall	13:19	11:59 - 14:04 -	Stockhall Crescent 12:49
Bus Station, Bletchley	-	10:25	Stockhall Crescent	13:20	12:00 - 14:05 -	Haywood Park 12:50
			Haywood Park	13:22	12:02 - 14:07 -	Haywood Park 12:50
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Stewkley - Aylesbury		Aylesbury - Stewkley	
	Wed		Wed
Stockhall Crescent	11:15	Aylesbury Bus Station	14:35
Carpenters' Arms	11:19	Buckingham Road, Horse & Jockey	14:41
Cublington, Crossroad	11:25	Weedon, Five Elms	14:44
Aston Abbotts, The Green	11:30	Aston Abbotts, The Green	14:54
Weedon, Five Elms	11:40	Cublington, Crossroad	14:58
Buckingham Road, Horse & Jockey	11:43	Stewkley, Carpenters' Arms	15:05
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