

Dadford and Stowe Parish Magazine

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This magazine is produced every two months for everyone in Dadford Village and Stowe Parish.

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Dear Friends

On the 18th January this year a Canadian professor, Jordan Peterson, published '12 Rules for Life'. By 6th August it was announced that two million copies had been sold making it, by far, the most popular non-fiction publication this year. It's a self-help book containing chapter headings such as 'Treat yourself like someone you are responsible for helping', and 'Do not let your children do anything that makes you dislike them'.

In the UK 7 months ago he was aggressively interviewed by Channel 4 broadcaster Cathy Newman which has now been viewed over 11,000,000 times on Youtube. He has appeared on countless talk shows throughout the English speaking world. In August he debated with Sam Harris, a well-known atheist, at the O2 Arena before an audience of 8,000. He has challenged political correctness, championed the nuclear family, and dare I say, robustly contested policies such as equality of outcome and politically endorsed gender equality. His propositions are robustly supported by statistical evidence derived from his career as a clinical psychologist. He decries the breakdown of marriage and argues that the benefits of the nuclear family are self-evident and is not afraid of declaring his belief. He has placed his bible-based university lectures online, attracting enormous support particularly from young men. In a nutshell he expounds what in a previous generation would have been called, 'common sense'. Now there's a phrase that rings a bell.

Peterson has become a world-wide phenomenon. He speaks with authority. His detractors, in countless debates and in hostile news interviews, have tried and failed to entrap him in what he has said in public. Astonished by his answers, they become silent. Now there's another phrase that rings a bell.

'Luke 26: They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.' No, I am not equating a rather humble but determined professor with the Son of God, but we owe to ourselves, to those we love, to our family, friends and to those who we meet who are prepared to listen, to know how to defend our belief: *'...in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.'* 1 Peter 3:15.

Robin Shepherd



Parish Council Update

The new community bus – the **BART bus** (Buckingham Area Rural Transport) – is open for bookings. A 16-seater (13 with two wheelchair users), it can be hired by anyone at modest rates on Tuesdays, Thursdays and at weekends through project coordinator Mr Ashley Waite (ashley@fundra.co.uk). Family outings, community groups, sports clubs, an alternative form of taxi or car-share – everyone is welcome to book the bus. There could even be a regular route if enough people want this. The project is funded by Buckingham Local Area Forum. More volunteer drivers are needed.

Do you know where our *defibrillator* is located? It's in the middle of Dadford village opposite the red phone box. No knowledge or training required. Dial 999 and the operator will give you the code. The defibrillator 'talks' to you and works out for itself whether or not a casualty needs its services. An awareness event is planned for Monday 24 September.

There's to be a new committee to manage Dadford village hall, made up of Stowe Parish Council, Stowe Parochial Church Council and Dadford Women's Institute – the three major stakeholders of the parish. The hall is a fabulous

historic parish resource for family and community events, exercise groups, arts clubs, children's parties, dinner parties and much more. Hire rates are very reasonable.

Other news: Congratulations to the people who helped Dadford gain a 'Merit' in the Best Kept Village competition this summer. There are still allotments vacant; drop us a line if you'd like one. Voneus Broadband has identified a new fibre terminal point and has begun to install it. Silverstone Park MEPC hopes to submit detailed design plans this autumn, which is a move in the right direction towards the traffic calming scheme for Dadford (it was agreed in 2016 that this will be built no later than three months after tenants take up residence). For the imminent MotoGP at Silverstone Circuit there will be again be direct communication between Stowe Parish Council and the head of traffic management, who have worked hard to minimise disruption. Thanks to Silverstone Circuit for litter picks, verge grass trimming and signs at each end of Dadford village.

Councillors: Chris Atkinson, Jamie Boulet, Sue Boulet (Vice-Chair), Christine Considine (Chair), Ian Watkins, Steve Williamson, John Windley.

Next Stowe Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 26 September 2018
Dadford Village Hall, 19.30

Clerk: Tony Skeggs,
parishclerkstowe@outlook.com

A Memorial Concert for BARBARA EDMONDSON

To include some of her favourite music



7.30pm, Saturday 13 October 2018

The Radcliffe Centre, Buckingham

Tickets:

Ticket information will be available nearer the event date from:

www.buckinghamsummerfestival.org



Buckingham Summer Festival

Registered Charity Number 1083099

Buckingham Summer Festival are planning a concert in memory of Barbara Edmondson. This has been agreed with her family. Barbara was a patron and trustee of the Festival and an indefatigable helper. As you know, she was also a member of the Stowe congregation.

Church News

Services in September and October follow the usual pattern. The current theme 'Mark's Gospel.... What Jesus did' will conclude on September 23rd to be followed by a new theme 'The Power of Prayer'. The Family Harvest Service is on Sunday 30th September followed by Harvest Lunch in church. Details of all services are on the back cover.

Licensing of our Church Wardens.

On 29th July Rev Val Plumb licensed the Churchwardens and commended the PCC in their work. We are very grateful to John, Kay and the PCC for taking on this responsibility.

Congratulations to Seraphina

Forbes and Wisam who had a Marriage Blessing on July 14th in Stowe Church.



Congratulations to **Simon Owens and Amanda Hilsdon** who were married in Stowe Church on the 11th August 2018 (see page 11 for photograph) and to **James Haycock and Angela Churcher** who were married on 18th August. Please pray for these couples and their happiness and life together.

Congratulations to **Tom and Amy** on the arrival of **Ava Grace** and to **Philip and Shelley** on the safe arrival of **Grace Elizabeth** at



Boycott Farm

Charlotte (Matthews) and Leon Catello have moved to Headington, Oxford, where Leon is Associate Vicar at St Ebbs, Headington. Charlotte will be working at the Dragon School in Oxford.

Thank you to all those who led the very successful **Summer Bible Studies** in August on the Psalms of Confidence and to Andrew Rudolf for hosting them.

Activities: Ladies' Bible Study, Young Mums and Lantern and Delta Bible Studies will all resume in September.

The Church Website: There are details of all services and a colour version of this magazine on the Church website

www.stowechurch.org.uk



STOWE PARISH CHURCH
LOVING GOD **+** LOVING OUR NEIGHBOURS
MATT 22:37-39



Children's Light Party



Wednesday October 31st

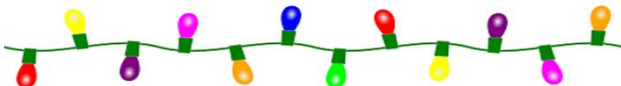
4.30 - 6.30

Dadford Village Hall

tea, fun, games

EVERYONE WELCOME

Contact: Kay Murray 01280 814742



STOWE STARS

FAMILY SERVICE

Tales from the Riverbank

16th September

Elijah and Elisha

2 Kings 2, 1-15

One day Elisha was ploughing when Elijah came by and threw his cloak over Elisha. This was to show that God had chosen him to be Elijah's companion in his work and support him as he faced King Ahab's and Queen Jezebel's hostility. When Elijah felt that his time to leave the world had come he tested Elisha's loyalty by going from Gilgal to Bethel to Jericho to the River Jordan while Elisha insisted on following him.

Elijah struck the river with his cloak and the two prophets crossed over dryshod. There Elijah asked Elisha what gift he would like and Elisha asked for a share of his power. Suddenly a chariot of fire pulled by horses of fire came between them and Elijah was taken up to heaven by a whirlwind. Elisha picked up Elijah's fallen cloak and determined to accept the calling of speaking to God for the people and to the people from God.



FAMILY SERVICE

21st October

Elisha and Naaman

2 Kings 5, 1-16

Elisha did many helpful things for rich and poor alike. He was the one person who a little Israelite slave girl knew would help her master, the commander of the Syrian army.

Naaman was suffering from a dreaded skin disease. He was so valued by the king that when the little girl's advice was brought to him the king immediately sent a letter to the king of Israel for Naaman to be cured. The Israelite king was terrified and thought this was a pretext for war but when Elisha heard of it he sent word that Naaman was to come to his house. Naaman arrived with his horses and chariot but Elisha did not come out. Instead, he sent instructions that Naaman was to bathe seven times in the river Jordan. Naaman was affronted - bathe in the foreign river when he had rivers at home!

Fortunately his servants persuaded him to carry out the simple instructions and he entered the river. He emerged completely cured, his skin firm and healthy like a child's. He returned to Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no god but the God of Israel. Please accept a gift." Elisha refused it and said, "Go in peace," and Naaman left determined to offer sacrifices to God only and not to the gods of Syria.

You can read about other wonderful things that Elijah and Elisha did with God's power in 1 Kings 17 - 2 Kings 4.



Elijah was one of Israel's greatest prophets. With Moses he appeared at the Transfiguration of Christ, Mark 9, 2-13.

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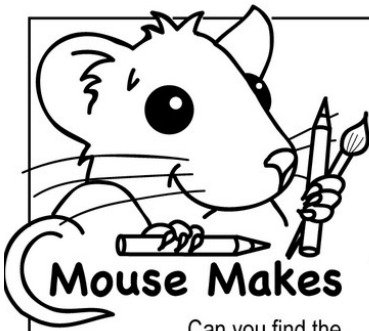


Harvest Lunch

**Sunday 30th September
12.30 - after the Service**

**£10 per person - children free
in aid of the Church Restoration Fund**

**Please book with Hilary (822872) or
Loreen (817943)**

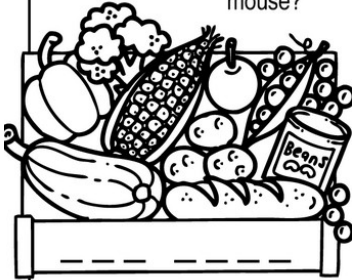


A HARVEST PUZZLE

Change each letter to the letter **before** it in the alphabet to see how QSPWFSCT 3:9 says we can give thanks to God.



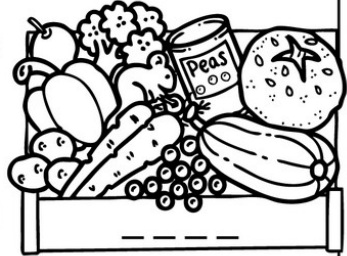
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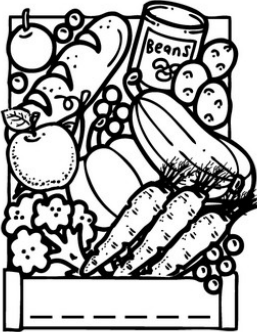
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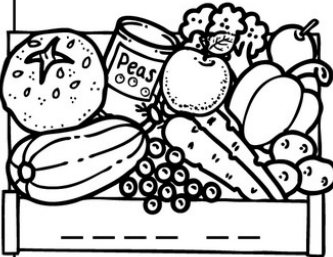
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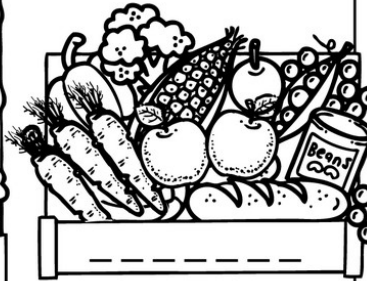
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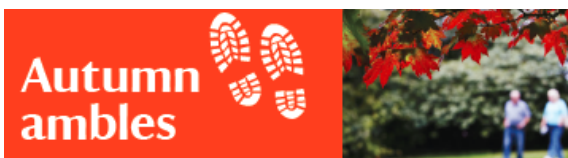


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Which two boxes have the same harvest food?



**National
Trust**



Sat 8 Sep

10am-5pm

Heritage Open Day

The gardens and Stowe House will be open for free to discover. Head to the Gothic Temple where you can catch a rare glimpse of the inside of this special monument which is normally a holiday cottage. Free

Fri 14 – Sat 15 Sep 8-9.45pm

Lost Cinema

Bring a picnic along for a chilled, outdoors viewing experience with friends and family by the Temple of Venus. Choose from The Lost Boys showing on Friday night or Pretty Woman on Saturday. Adult £12 www.thelostcinema.co.uk

Mon 17 Sep – Sun 04 Nov 10am-6pm

Autumn rambles

Pick up one of our self-led walks from our visitor centre to enjoy a ramble around the gardens and park to discover more about the stories of Stowe. In autumn, they'll be a bright display of autumn colour to admire across the Grecian Valley. Free NAA

Tue 10 Sept – 09 Nov

“Aren't We Worthy?” – The winners

Join us as we celebrate our winning worthy women, as voted for by you, in a modern day representation of Stowe's famous Temple of the British Worthies. Free NAA

Sat 6 – Sun 7 Nov

Apple weekend

There'll be an array of apple goodies on sale from our orchard, taste freshly pressed juice, identify your rare variety and chat to the gardens team. Free

Mon 13 Nov – Fri 17 Dec 10am-4pm

Christmas shopping season

Throughout the season you'll find a select group of stallholders in our atmospheric Parlour Rooms selling homemade and traditional products. Make shopping a leisure-time treat with a catch up over coffee with a friend before browsing our shop for Christmas gifts.

Sat 01 Dec – Fri 04 Jan 2019 10am-4pm

Landscape advent calendar

Head out on a winter quest along our cryptic trail to discover all 24 'doors' hidden in the landscape for our advent calendar on a monumental scale. NAA

Weekends 01-02, 09-10, 15-16 Dec 10am-4pm

Carols in the courtyard

Get together at the New Inn; enjoy carols in the courtyard, roasted chestnuts and mulled wine.



DADFORD WI July and August

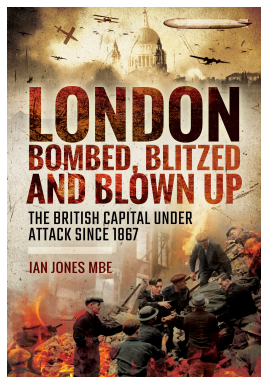
It was lovely to welcome our dear friend and crafter Sally Chittenden to our July meeting. We were soon enthralled as she showed us how to fold, stick and produce a bar of chocolate so beautifully wrapped it would be fit for anyone to receive as a token of friendship. Sally admitted that her paper skills had now become her passion and she let no piece of shiny paper or cardboard slip through her fingers and re-cycled just about everything she could.



We then went on to make a small container suitable for a small gift, just by folding card, hole punching and using embellishments, masterpieces were made. We then admired some of Sally's lovely work, from cards for every occasion to the most beautifully crafted boxes; we all thoroughly enjoyed our craft evening and hoped that Sally would return again soon.



For our 'Open' meeting in August we gave a warm welcome to Ian Jones MBE, who had spent 40 years with the Bomb Disposal Unit. Ian nearly set fire to his home twice as a youngster and made a home-made bomb which did serious damage to his leg, then decided his love of explosives would be safer in the hands of the Army so joined up at the age of 16. An apprentice in ammunitions proved the right career and he rose through the ranks to lieutenant and finally Captain. He had many hair-raising stories to tell of his work in Kosovo and Northern Ireland dealing with car booby traps and IEDs.



Marrying his wife, also a Captain in the Army, and then with three children, Ian decided he had had enough of travelling and decided to settle down and worked a further 18 years with the Metropolitan Bomb Squad in London. We were shown a video of the Canary Wharf attack where 300 tons of flying glass did extensive damage. Thankfully Ian suffered no injuries throughout his Army career and now retired excavates and explores WW1 tunnels in various parts of Europe and is still discovering

unexploded material in the most unlikely of places. A really enjoyable but eye-opening talk, which family and guests all enjoyed.

On the 13th September Elizabeth Webster will be telling us all about the History of Denman, the WI's own College and on 11th October, Philippa Atkinson will be telling us all about Dadford and 'The Lives Beneath Our Feet'.

Do hope to see you soon.

Loreen.



Congratulations to Simon Owens and Amanda Hilsdon who were married in Stowe Church on the 11th August 2018.



We are writing these notes on Sunday evening 5th August 2018 after our last trailer load of winter planted wheat was brought into the barn.

Looking back in our diary to 2017 we read that after a long spell of wet weather we began combining our wheat on Sunday 6th August, but on Tuesday 8th we had heavy rain all day. What a difference a year makes.

The crops on our farm are becoming as variable as the English climate. When callers turn onto the farm track they are greeted on the right with a very traditional field of stubble dotted with straw bales, on the left is a 9 acre field of green foliage dotted with the smiling yellow faces of sunflowers. "What is that on the left" our visitors ask, we tell them "it is a Winter Bird Feed Survival Crop".

The Countryside Stewardship Scheme, to which we belong, obliges us to plant a proportion of our farm with environmental and wildlife friendly crops to further encourage the return of our native hedgerow and migratory birds.

The Winter Bird Feed Survival Crop was planted in May this year and is a seed mix of mustard, forage radish, kale, millet, linseed, quinoa and sunflowers. The crop will remain until next Spring providing food and cover for the birds.

Early this year we were rewarded for our Stewardship by the arrival of a flock of yellowhammers who regularly shared the wheat spilt in the farmyard with a pair of English partridges.

Looking at this summer's dried up pastures, where our livestock are being fed on hay which was cut in June for next winter's feed, we wondered whether there had ever been such a dry season here and we were reminded of the time when, soon after arriving 30 years ago we met William Yates. Bill Yates, whom some of you will remember well, was a beloved member of our community and a long time bell-ringer. Bill had worked on this farm all his working life and he told us that he had never seen the stream in Boggy Piece dry up.

To-day we went to Boggy Piece, which is a very damp spinney at the lower end of the farm. We found that our stream has become a mere trickle of water hardly moving through the pebbles and we are hoping that we will not be the first farmers here to witness it drying up altogether.

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