



Pitstone Guide 2011/12

What to do in and around
the village

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WELCOME TO THE PITSTONE GUIDE

In the spring, Pitstone Parish Council undertook a Sports and Leisure survey to identify the type of additional provision that you would like to see within our village. As well as identifying the type of facilities we need to investigate, we also received many pleas to inform you of the activities that are already on offer. This guide is aimed to bridge that gap and provide other information about our local area that may be particularly useful to our newer residents. You will hear more about the other possible sports facilities that have been identified over the coming months, so do look out for further communications from us. We have included details of all known local clubs, and where an activity isn't currently available in Pitstone, we have tried to track down the nearest provider for you.

We are very proud of our rural parish, set within some of the most beautiful countryside in England and we hope you are too. This was recognised in June when we were awarded Runner Up in Buckinghamshire's Best Kept Village Competition.

As you will find within the pages of this guide, there are plenty of walks and cycle rides that will let you take in some of the breathtaking views in our area. The parish and the surrounding area is steeped in fascinating history and there are plenty of opportunities for you to experience this. We are also a vibrant village and you will probably be surprised at the extent of activities available within our community, or just a short distance away.

The first parish council in Pitstone was established at the end of 1894 and consisted of just five seats. Today our council is comprised of ten elected members of the village, who give their time voluntarily because they are passionate about Pitstone and enhancing the lives of those who live within it. We are there to represent you, and drive forward the initiatives that you identify as being important to our community. We welcome all your views and encourage you to attend our meetings or become involved in our committees, working parties and community groups. You are welcome to contact any member of the parish council, or our clerk, about local issues, and you will find all our contact details at the back of this guide.

If there is information that you would like to see in this guide that doesn't appear at present please let us know as the information may be of benefit to other residents as well and we hope to update the guide annually.

Bob Sainthey, Chairman of Pitstone Parish Council

Distance in Miles:

Tring – 3.5

Dunstable – 7

Berkhamsted – 7.5

Leighton Buzzard – 8

Aylesbury – 9.5

Hemel Hempstead – 11.5

PITSTONE'S HISTORY

In ancient times, herds of red deer, giant deer and oxen roamed the area. Their fossilised bones were found during excavation for cement production at Quarry 3, which is now College Lake, along with hippopotamus, rhinoceros and mammoth bones.

Evidence of a settlement in Pitstone (formerly Pightlesthorn) dates back to as early as the 6th Century. There have been findings of Iron Age and Roman material, indicating this area was extensively inhabited. Several ancient trackways linking the Chilterns to the Vale have been found. In addition several moated sites and Scheduled Ancient Monuments have also been identified.

The village name is Anglo Saxon in origin, and means 'Picel's thorn tree'. It was recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Pincelestorne. Pitstone was given to the abbey at Ashridge by the Earl of Cornwall in 1283. In 1290 King Edward I (right) spent Christmas in Pitstone at the estate that had been given to the abbey. He stayed for five weeks, during which time he held parliament in Ashridge. His stay caused great inconvenience to the local inhabitants of the village, who were legally obliged to keep the king and his court.



Pitstone was originally a farming community, including Pitstone Green Farm which is now our museum. This farm was once an important employer within the village. Farming included seasonal fruit picking such as the local plum, often known as the Aylesbury Prune, which was very popular up until the Second World War. Cereals were the most important crops (hence the windmill and old watermill and bakery located in The Mill House and Brook End Mill on the Whistlebrook and parish boundary). Although thousands of Aylesbury Ducks were fattened each year for the London market, the most important livestock was sheep. In 1866, there were 534 sheep on Pitstone Green Farm. Pitstone was also an important supplier of straw plait to the thriving hat industry in Luton, and plait schools existed in cottages where children as young as 4 were sent to learn to plait.

In the 1930's Pitstone cement works opened, which was run by The Tunnel Portland Cement Co Ltd and operated until 1991. During this time village life was dominated by the cement works, which gave work to local people. However there was a constant battle with dust and other negative environmental impacts. The site has now been demolished and has been redeveloped for housing and business use. The new housing district is named 'Castlemead' (after the Castle Cement Company who were the last operators of the site) and the business area contains numerous units, offering new opportunities for local employment.

A comprehensive illustrated history of Pitstone can be found in "Pitstone 2000". If you don't have a copy of this book, please contact the parish clerk who will be happy to supply one free-of-charge.

PITSTONE TODAY

Only a few of the buildings built before 1800 still exist. These include Sparrow Thatch and Robin Cottage in Chequers Lane, Moat Farm in Vicarage Road, Whitefriars in Old Farm, Cocksparrow Cottage on Marsworth Road and 4 thatched cottages at The Green. Over the years, many housing developments have been created, the most recent and extensive being the Castlemead estate which is still under construction. Plans are still being formed for a new village centre which will lie around the existing recreation ground and provide a focal point for Pitstone, joining the old with the new.

We are lucky enough to live in a village where our landscape is characterised by gently undulating hills lying before the Chiltern foothills. The area is crossed by numerous streams and brooks fed by local springs. The Grand Union Canal wraps around the west and north, and you can still see extensive arable farming. In the wetter areas you will find willow trees and on the higher ground, plenty of oak and ash.



The village benefits from several employment opportunities with the introduction of the business park and several well established firms such as Goodrich Engineering, White Dalton Motorcycle Solicitors and Grebe Canal Cruises. Pitstone also has excellent education provision, with Windmill Pre-School recently being awarded “outstanding” status by OFSTED and Brookmead Primary School the best performing primary school in the local area.

The last Census was undertaken just this year and the results won't be known until 2013. However, we do know from the previous Census in 2001 that Pitstone had a total population of 2,343. Today, we have almost that many adults that are eligible to vote plus our children, so our population has grown steeply and is likely to continue to do so over the next 5-10 years.

Housing development in the parish has already funded (or part funded) many community benefits such as the extension to the Memorial Hall, cycle paths, the sports pavilion and football pitches, children's play equipment, the provision of open space and the allotments. The Sports and Leisure Survey you completed earlier this year is now helping to shape the development plans for further recreational facilities that will be available to all our residents. So this is a very exciting time for our parish, as our future begins to unfold.

It is really important that the village develops in the way that the existing residents wish and we thank all of you that have taken the time to complete our surveys and attend our consultations. Look out for more events over the coming months and do come along and tell us your views. The future of your village is in the making.

PLACES OF INTEREST TO VISIT - PITSTONE

Pitstone Green Museum, Pitstone



Located in Vicarage Road, opposite the Memorial Hall. The Collection is housed in farm buildings, many of which have remained unaltered since the farm was built. Indeed many of the implements and machinery exhibited are those that were used during the working lifetime of this farm. The farm, was largely built by the Countess of Bridgewater and is unusual in that it has been occupied by the Hawkins family since 1808.

It was built on the site of earlier farms and some of the old buildings survive to this day. Most prominent of these is the Big Barn, a section of which dates from the 17th century. The museum also contains many items and photographs of people and places that are part of the history of Pitstone, Ivinghoe and the surrounding villages.

The museum is run by the Pitstone & Ivinghoe Museum Society and is open to the public on the second Sunday of the month from June to September and all Bank Holiday Mondays. There is ample free parking and refreshments are available.

On open days attractions include the Museum shop, a model railway, craft stalls, craft demonstrations, Vintage Wireless Room, saw mills, two stone mills and many rooms depicting trades and crafts from the local area.

For further details: please contact the museum manager on 01582 605464 or visit www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk.

What happens at this venue?

Date	Details
2 nd Sunday of the month from June to September plus all Bank Holiday Mondays	Open Days
3 rd Thursday of every month	Pitstone and Ivinghoe Museum Society Talks and social events. Everyone welcome.

PLACES OF INTEREST TO VISIT - PITSTONE

Pitstone Windmill, Pitstone



This is one of the most imposing and important features in Pitstone. It is one of the oldest surviving post mills in the country and the whole top timber part of the windmill could turn, so the sails could face the wind. The date 1627 is carved on its framework. An 1824 map shows a road running from the present windmill car park, passing the mill, the Vicarage Road, Pitstone. In 1874, Earl Brownlow of Ashridge, bought the mill and leased it to the Hawkins family of Pitstone Green Farm.

In 1902, a violent storm caused sufficient damage to stop any further milling and make the mill uneconomic to repair. With the break-up of the Ashridge estate in the 1920's, the mill passed to the ownership of the Hawkins family in 1924. By 1937, vandalism and bad weather had necessitated heavy expenditure merely to safeguard the fabric, so the windmill was offered to the National Trust. The Trust immediately carried out a first aid operation but little further happened until the Pitstone Windmill Restoration Committee was formed in 1963. It launched an appeal for funds for material (Labour was given voluntarily) and in 1970 the committee successfully completed the restoration work to gain a "Countryside in 1970" award.

A team of volunteers now open the windmill to the public every Sunday afternoon during June, July and August. The car park can be accessed on the B488 Upper Icknield Way and there are a variety of footpaths that lead to the windmill from the village.

For further details: please email pitstonemill@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 01442 851227.

PLACES OF INTEREST TO VISIT - PITSTONE

Grebe Canal Cruises & Waterside Café



Join one of the 90 minute public cruises from Pitstone Wharf, past Cooks Wharf marina and Dunstable Boat Club before climbing through 2 locks to Marsworth's old village wharf where the boat turns in the entrance to the Aylesbury arm for it's return trip.

There is a licensed bar on board the ship selling hot and cold drinks, crisps, biscuits and chocolate. Alternatively, you could try the 2 hour coffee &

cake cruise, or the 3 hour cream tea/afternoon tea cruises. At Halloween and Christmas there are special trips. For the more adventurous you can hire a self-steer boat for the day, or if you have a whole party you can charter a special trip.

There is always something happening at Pitstone Wharf, particularly on sunny summer weekends, so bring the family along and soak in the atmosphere of a working boatyard, take a ride on one of our trips, or enjoy a relaxing cup of tea in our picturesque waterside cafe.

Follow the brown boat signs down Cheddington Road to Pitstone Wharf, LU7 9AD. Plenty of free parking, cafe and shop. **For further details:** please call 01296 661920, visit www.grebecanalcruises.co.uk or email enquires@grebecanalcruises.co.uk.

What happens at this venue?

Date	Details
Every weekend April to October, every day in August & selected days in school holidays	90 minute cruise
Last Wednesday & Sunday of each month during June-Sept	Afternoon Tea Cruise
Other Wednesdays and Sundays June-September	Cream Tea Cruise
Last weekend in October	Halloween Cruises – lots of fun and activities, come in fancy dress, lucky dip prize for every child
Christmas	Santa Special – mulled wine & mine pies for the adults, juice & lolly for the children, plus a visit from Santa with a personalised gift for each child. Booking essential

PLACES OF INTEREST TO VISIT - IVINGHOE

Ford End Watermill, Ivinghoe

This lovely little watermill has records that date back to 1616 but is certainly very much older and was in use up until 1963.



Restored by volunteers and maintained and run by Ford End Watermill Society, it is the only remaining working watermill in Buckinghamshire with original machinery.

It retains all the atmosphere of a small farm mill of the late 1800's.

An unusual feature is a sheep-wash in the

stream below the mill, washing made the fleece easier to shear and increased it's value.

Stone-ground wholemeal flour is on sale during milling demonstrations.

Schools and other parties are very welcome. To make an appointment please telephone Mrs Jill Graves on 01296 660074.

The watermill is open on certain Sundays and Bank Holidays between Easter and the end of September and can be found approx 600 metres from Ivinghoe Church along Station Road (the B488 towards Leighton Buzzard). Ample free parking.

For further details: please call the Mill Manager, Chris Tugby on 01442 825421 or email millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk or visit their web site to check opening times at www.fordendwatermill.co.uk

What happens at this venue?

Date	Details
Certain Sundays from Easter to September & Bank Holidays	Open Day and Milling Demonstrations

PLACES OF INTEREST TO VISIT NEARBY

Grove Farm Pick Your Own, Great Gap



The pick your own started in 1981 and now covers 80 acres with a wide choice of over 30 different fruits and vegetables.

A great day out for all the family. Children's play area with picnic tables. Refreshments available.

Open from 10am every day from June to October.

Follow Station Road (B488) past the Kings Head and Ivinghoe Lawn down towards Cheddington. Grove Farm is on the right hand side once you reach Great Gap.

For further details: please call 01296 668175. You can also find full details of what is in season on the web site: www.grovefarmpyo.co.uk.

College Lake Nature Reserve, Bulbourne

Once a chalk quarry, College Lake has been restored over 20 years and is now a flag ship site with a marshland, lakes, chalk and rough grassland and woodland plus a brand new visitor centre and cafe.



A great day out for all the family. Full programme of special activity days for adults and children. Picnic areas available.

Open every day 9.30-5.00 during the summer and 9.30-4.00 during the winter.

Turn right out of the Westfield Road roundabout onto the B488 to Bulbourne & Tring. College Lake is on the right hand side past the railway

bridge. Ample parking.

For further details: please call 01442 826774, email: collegelake@bbowt.org.uk or visit www.bbowt.org.uk.

PLACES OF INTEREST TO VISIT NEARBY

Bridgewater Monument & Visitor Centre, Ashridge



The monument sits on top of the Chilterns Plateau and is a great focal point for discovering the Ashridge Estate. The monument was built in 1832 to commemorate the 3rd Duke of Bridgewater, a pioneer of 19th century canal building.

Set within 2,000 hectares of atmospheric mature woodland with lots of waymarked trails to explore. There is a programme of walks and activity days. There is a visitor centre, shop, cafe and car parking. Climb the hill from Aldbury & turn left onto the B4506 towards Ringshall. The centre is on your left.

The Visitor Centre is open mid February to mid December 10am-5pm or dusk if earlier. The cafe is open all year (except 25 & 26 December) 8am-4pm (8am-6pm April to October). The Bridgewater Monument is open weekends and Bank Holidays April to October 2-4.30pm (weather permitting).

For further details: please email Ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 01442 851227.

You might also like to visit:

Venue	Details
Mead Open Farm	Stanbridge Road, Billington Tel: 01525 852954
Walter Rothschilds Zoological Museum	Akeman Street, Tring Tel: 0207 942 6171
Tring Local History Museum	The Market Place, Brook Street, Tring
Dunstable Downs & Chilterns Gateway Visitor Centre	Whipsnade Road, Dunstable Tel: 01582 500920
ZSL Whipsnade Zoo	Bison Hill, Dunstable Tel: 01582 872171
Whipsnade Tree Cathedral	Whipsnade, Dunstable Tel: 01582 872406
Berkhamsted Castle	Next to the railway station, Berkhamsted Tel: 01442 871737

CHURCHES AND CHURCH SERVICES

St Mary's Church, Pitstone



Newcomers to the villages of Ivinghoe and Pitstone may not be aware of this gem standing out between Pitstone's Vicarage Road and the new Castlemead development.

When the two parochial parishes were combined in 1974 its historical significance was

appreciated and its future secured by being vested in the Churches Conservation Trust, with a local committee to look after the day to day administration.

The earliest parts of the church, the chancel and north chapel, date back to 1250 and some carved fragments of stone from the 12th century indicate that it may have been built on the site of an earlier church.

You should particularly look out for the Norman font, the unique brass (probably depicting Lady Neynut) and the ancient wooden chest and sanctuary chair. Notice the Medieval floor tiles and the wall painting, dating from the early seventeenth century.

Limited car parking in Church Road, Pitstone.

For further details: please call Mrs Joan Bolton King on 01296 668806.

What happens at this venue?

Date	Details
Sunday afternoons from May to September & Bank Holidays	Open Afternoon
Saturday of National Heritage Open Day	Open Afternoon
Late May Bank Holiday Weekend	Annual Festival of Art and Flowers
2 nd Saturday in July	Evening Concert

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St Mary the Virgin Church, Ivinghoe



More than thirty generations have looked up to the great church built on a rise beside the lower Icknield Way, its three storey tower now crowned with a flèche which they have dubbed a Hertfordshire spike.

On the evidence of the stiff leaf decoration of the capitals of the nave pillars the building dates from 1220, its west wall incorporating part of an earlier church. (if this is so the church survived the torches of Richard Siward and his thugs who set fire to the village on the 9th May 1234 to spite its patron, the Bishop of Winchester.)

Henry III rewarded Peter de Chaceport with the living of Ivinghoe in 1241 and it is he who is honoured as the builder of the church. The effigy of a Norman in priestly robes once described as the 'best bit of sharpening stone in Buckinghamshire' now in the chancel is

considered to be of Peter, placed there by the Bonhommes of Ashridge. In the chancel there are several brasses to remind us of the sheep farmers of the district. Part of one tomb lies beneath the west wall indicating the shortening of the church by a few feet. In their time the walls of the nave were raised for the insertion of a clerestory. Parts of the original rose windows can be seen in the walls today. The nave arches show evidence of the rood screen (which once divided the church and it can be seen that the door leading to it from the tower stair has been filled in.) Queen Elizabeth I had its images removed and in her time pews were provided. Their ends are there today, the Ivinghoe 'poppy heads' with carvings of witches, knights and the well known mermaid

For further details: please call Rev Tracey Doyle on 01296 668260

What happens at this venue?

Please see following pages for details

CHURCHES AND CHURCH SERVICES

Regular activities at St. Mary's Church, Ivinghoe

Information about the benefice of Ivinghoe with Pitstone, Slapton and Marsworth and about all the events and activities going on at the churches can be found at www.ipsmchurches.co.uk You can also contact Rev. Tracey by email through the website for more information.

Songs of Praise at Yardley Lounge

in conjunction with the Chapel Fellowship, 3pm every 4th Sunday of the month. Come along and sing all your favourite hymns and end an afternoon of singing with tea and cake. Contact: Rev Tracey 668260

Evening Bible Study

8pm at 1 Queen Street on 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month; studies are chosen by the group at the beginning of each term. Contact Jane and Chris Grimmette 660972

Morning Bible Study

10am at 5 Windmill Close on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month; studies are chosen by the group at the beginning of each term. Contact Betty Swabey 668617

Men's group

a friendly get together enjoying trips, walks, breakfast or simply a beer. Held monthly at various venues and times according to the activity details of which appear in the parish magazine. Contact Mick Doyle 668260

Sister Act

crafts and chat held at St Mary's church 8pm on 1st Tuesday of each month. A chance to try out a new craft whilst enjoying a glass of wine amongst friends. Contact Rev Tracey 668260

Reel Issues Film Club

held at The Vicarage 7.30pm on 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. On the first evening we watch a film, chosen by the group, on a big screen and then meet the following week to discuss the films message and meaning. Contact Rev Tracey 668260

After School Club

held in St Mary's church on alternate Thursdays at 3.30pm – 5pm during term time.

A whole range of crafts and activities for children aged 3 – 11 years in safe surroundings with competent and CRB checked leaders. Contact Rev Tracey 668260

CHURCHES AND CHURCH SERVICES

Pram service

meets in the children's corner at St. Mary's Church. We begin our story, songs and activities at 9.45am. We hold a small Communion service on alternate weeks and a shared breakfast on the 2nd Friday of the month. We are a very friendly bunch and our term time weekly meetings are open to all mums, dads and carers. Contact: Sandra Green 668648

Church Choir

at St Mary's held every Thursday at 7pm. The church choir sing regularly for services and special occasions such as weddings and welcome singers of all ages. Contact: Barbara Cummings 668621

Community Choir

at St Mary's held every Thursday at 8pm during term time. Everybody is welcome to join with this friendly group of enthusiast's led by our professional choir mistress, Judith, as we enjoy singing a wide range of contemporary and popular material. The choir are often involved in concerts and shows locally. Contact: Barbara Cummings 668621 (see page 27 for more details)

St Mary's Music Group

At the Worshipping together service each month a friendly collection of musicians play the worship songs. The group also play for a few other events; we even played at a wedding last year by special request. The group includes violin, clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet, piano and oboe and we would be very happy to welcome any new musicians of any age and ability and any instrument. If you would like to know more ring Mick on 01926 668260 or email mick.doyle@virgin.net.

Bell Ringing

practice is held at 8pm on Monday in St Mary's church tower. Individuals of all ages and experience, or none at all, are very welcome to come and join in as we practice in readiness for services and weddings under the expert guidance of our tower captain. Contact: Charles Thorogood 661540

Normal service

pattern for St Mary's Ivinghoe

1st Sunday of the month 9.15 am Worshipping together (family service with puppets; music group; etc)

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2nd Sunday of the month 9.15 am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month 9.15 am Non Communion Morning Praise

4th Sunday of the month 9.15 am Holy Communion

5th Sunday of the month 10.30 am Holy Communion; rotates around the benefice's three churches.

Wednesday morning 9.15am Holy Communion; a short said communion in the lady chapel of St Mary's

Children's church

is held in the children's corner of the church at all services in order for the children to be part of the main service



Regular activities for Ivinghoe WRU Church

The Chapel Fellowship

Worship Service at 10.30am every Sunday at Yardley Lounge, all welcome, child friendly.

Bible Study every Tuesday 10.00am-12.00pm and Wednesday 7.30pm-9.00pm.

Please contact: Pastor Dave and Seridan Clifford on 01296 668906

Explorers

Every Thursday from 4.30pm-5.30pm at the Memorial Hall in Pitstone. Games, Bible stories and activities for those in school years 6-11. FREE.

Please contact: Pastor Dave and Sheridan Clifford on 01296 668906 or

Revs Brian and Vanessa Richardson on 01296 662227

VENUES

Pitstone Memorial Hall



Originally built in 1974 and significantly improved and extended since, the Memorial Hall in Vicarage Road is the ideal place to hold your clubs, parties and functions. The hall, which is situated next to the large recreation ground also has changing rooms for sporting activities. There is plentiful car parking and good disabled access to the facilities. The hall is run by a voluntary management committee.

Main Hall: A large hall, which will hold up to 120 people seated, or 150 for dancing. It features a large stage and bar facilities are available on request.

Millennium Room: Ideal for the smaller function and complete with its own kitchen and toilets. This room will comfortably seat up to 60 people.

Meeting Room: A carpeted meeting room with dry wipe boards and seating for approximately 60 people.

For bookings: please contact Mrs Sue Gregory on 01296 661609.

What happens at this venue? See the alphabetical guide

VENUES

Club	Day/Time
Brownies	5.45pm Monday in term time Contact: Elaine Thorogood on 01296 661540 or Elaine.thorogood@btinternet.com
Cricket	Ivinghoe & Pitstone United Cricket Club for both adult and colts, various match and training times
Drama Workshops (Children's)	4.00pm & 5.00pm on Wednesdays in term time Contact: Kate Turnley of Tring Showstoppers on kate@tringshowstoppers.co.uk
Explorers	4.30pm-5.30pm every Thursday Contact: Pastor Dave & Sheridan Clifford on 01296 668906
Football Club (Junior)	Pitstone & Ivinghoe Junior Football Club Various training and match sessions throughout the week during football season
Football Club (Senior)	Pitstone and Ivinghoe United Football Club play matches on a Saturday afternoon on the Recreation Ground Contact: Stuart Plenty on 07732 309520 or email stuplenty@googlemail.com
Guides (1 st Cheddington)	Tuesday evenings in term time Contact: Yvonne Ashton on 01296 660044 or yvonne.ashton1@btinternet.com
Herbalife Wellness Coaching	Weekly support meetings. Contact: Eve or Nick Smellie on 01296 660330.
Jazzercise	7.30pm on Wednesday Contact: Keri on 07900 987230 or jjazzercise1@hotmail.co.uk
Karate Club	6.00pm every Wednesday Contact: Trevor John on 01628 784254 or visit www.se-martialarts.co.uk
Modern Dancing	From 4.15pm every Friday during term time for children aged 5 or over. Contact: Lisa Sabatini, Beacon Arts, on 01908 645170 or lisabeaconarts@yahoo.co.uk
Pilates	Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday Contact: Karen-anne Fisher, Body Electric Fitness, on 01296 668904
Rainbows	4.30pm Mondays in term time Contact: Elaine Thorogood on 01296 661540 or Elaine.thorogood@btinternet.com

VENUES

Club	Day/Time
Singalong with Helen (0-5 years)	10.30am Monday, 1.30pm Wednesday and 10.00am Thursdays during term time. Contact: Helen Gray on 01296 661791
Social Club	Open every Friday evening from 7.30pm. Contact Barry on 01296 661609 or email pitstonesc@gmail.com
Tap Dancing	From 3.45pm every Friday during term time for children aged 5 or over. Contact: Lisa Sabatini, Beacon Arts, on 01908 645170 or lisabeaconarts@yahoo.co.uk

Please see the "Sports Activities and Clubs" section for further details and contact information for each club.

Pitstone Pavilion and Football Pitches



These premises on the Marsworth Road (almost opposite the Westfield Road junction) sit on the site of the old Castle Cement work force football pitch. The pavilion and two football pitches were provided to the village as part of the leisure facilities agreement with the developers of the Castlemead housing estate. These premises are owned by Pitstone Parish Council.

The day-to-day management is handled by Pitstone Parish Council's Pavilion Committee, which consists of members of the Parish Council and co-opted members to represent all the leagues that play regularly at the site and the Ground Keeper.

For bookings: please contact Mrs Laurie Eagling on 01296 660791 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

What happens at this venue?

Club	Details
Pitstone, Ivinghoe & Cheddington United Senior Football	Every Saturday afternoon during football season
Pitstone & Ivinghoe Junior Football Club	Various training and match sessions throughout the week during football season

Please see the "Sports Activities and Clubs" section for further details and contact information for each club.

VENUES

Yardley Avenue Sheltered Accommodation Lounge



The sheltered accommodation in Yardley Avenue is run by the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust. The elderly residents have a dedicated lounge for social events. Often these events are restricted to the residents only, but sometimes they are open to anyone.

For further details: please contact Mrs Linda Taylor, VAHT Warden, on 01296 732718 or

linda.taylor@vaht.co.uk

What happens at this venue?

Activity	Details	Restrictions
Afternoon Tea	2.30pm every Thursday.	Yardley Avenue over 60's only
Bingo	Tuesday afternoons	
The Chapel Fellowship	Worship service 10.30am every Sunday	Everyone welcome
Coffee Morning	Wednesday mornings	
Friday Night Party	Every Friday evening	Yardley Avenue over 60's only.
Pitstone Over 60's Club	2.00pm Every third Thursday of the month, with talks and craft demonstrations	Membership is currently full
Over 60's Club	The other Thursdays in the month	Yardley Avenue over 60's only
Silver Surfers Computing Group	2.30pm every Friday	Yardley Avenue Sheltered Accommodation residents only (must book a place)

Ivinghoe Town Hall



Ivinghoe Town Hall dates back to the early 16th century and has a long history of supporting the local community, being the meeting place for trading and social events. Whilst it has been modernised over the years to cater for modern day needs, it has lost nothing of its charm and character. The hall is the perfect location for meetings, classes as well as parties and gatherings.

The meeting room is located above the Post Office. A chair lift is provided for those who find the stairs difficult. You can find the Town Hall in the High Street, opposite the Lawn.

For bookings: please contact Mrs Carole Wesley on 01296 661094.

Please see the “Sports Activities and Clubs” section for further details and contact information for each club.

What happens at this venue?

Club	Details
Ballet Dancing	From 2.30pm every Monday during term time for children aged 3 or over. Contact: Lisa Sabatini, Beacon Arts, on 01908 645170 or lisabeaconarts@yahoo.co.uk
Jazzercise	8pm on Monday Contact: Keri on 07900 987230 or jazzercise1@hotmail.co.uk
Women’s Institute	7.45pm on the second Thursday in the month Contact: Julie Haynes on 01296 668405 or Win on 01296 660755.
Zumba	6.30pm and 7.45pm every Tuesday Contact: Carolyn Syme via www.zumba.com

VENUES

Sure Start Children's Centre

This new facility is managed by Barnardo's and is located next to Windmill Pre-School on the Brookmead School site, High Street, Ivinghoe (accessed via the public footpath). It offers a range of services and sessions for babies and children under 5 years and their carers to help children reach those important milestones and full potential. The activities on offer will help prepare children for pre-school and school, and give parents and carers the opportunity to meet other local families. The centre will invite other professionals into sessions to ensure there is help and support on a variety of subjects. Drop-in to find out more about the centre – play and refreshments provided.

Contact: 01296 662363, Rachel (Family Support Worker) on 07940 258427 or Katie (Play Leader) on 07903 475391.

What happens at this venue?

Activity	Details
Baby Bounce and Rhyme	Song & rhyme time with instruments for babies 2.00pm-2.45pm on Wednesdays
Baby Cafe	Breastfeeding Support Group 9.30am-11.30am every Tuesday
Baby Massage	Periodic 5 week courses, suitable from birth to 1 year Tuesdays 1.30pm-2.30pm
Bumps and Babies	Early play and development fun for babies up to 12 months, 10.30am-12.00pm on Thursdays
Childminders Group	Fun activities and messy play for childminders and their children 10.00am-11.30am every Monday
Dad's Messy Play	Fun activities & messy play for Dad's with their children, 10.00am-11.30am selected Saturdays
Mini Munchers	Ideas to make mealtimes fun! For children aged 2-5 years, 12.00pm-1.00pm Wednesdays
Movers and Groovers	Music, singing and moving! 10.00am-11.00am on Wednesdays
Sling Meet	Try before you buy. 9.30am-11.30am on certain Fridays
Stay and Play	Fun activities and messy play for under 5's 1.30pm-3.30pm on Mondays
Storytime at Ivinghoe Library	Stories for children, 2.15pm-2.45pm Tuesdays
Twins Club	Multiple birth group 9.30am-11.30am on the last Friday of every month

VENUES

Rose and Crown Public House



A public house since 1699, The Rose and Crown is probably Pitstone and Ivinghoe's oldest surviving business. Today it is operated as a community facility and in 2010 was awarded Aylesbury Vale's Community Pub of the Year, Runner-up. As well as being run on a day to day basis as the village pub, The Rose and Crown is available for events. There is no charge for the venue; only for catering. The pub is also available for local fundraising activities and regularly contributes to, and assists with, local fundraising initiatives.

The pub hosts a number of clubs, groups and activities. These are listed below along with the times they are currently held. Please

check the website for up to date information: www.roseandcrownivinghoe.com
telephone 01296 668472

What happens at this venue?

Group/Club	Details
Bridge Group	Fortnightly from September to June. Starts again on 12 th September at 7.30pm. Enquiries to Barbara Cummings at philcummings@btinternet.com or call The Rose and Crown
Knit and Natter	Fortnightly from September to June. Starts again on the 5 th September at 8.00pm. Enquiries to Sally Beezer at sally.beezer@gmail.com or call The Rose and Crown
Photo Group	Fortnightly from September to June. Starts again on the 12 th September at 8.00pm. Enquiries to Alistair Owens at info@roseandcrownivinghoe.com or call the pub
Ivinghoe Velos	Rides leave and/or return to the Rose and Crown as follows: General Ride – Year Round every Sunday at 9.45am Beginners Ride – Year Round every second Saturday at 2.00pm Other off-road and on-road, seasonal and year-round rides occur at various times. See http://www.ivinghoevelos.org.uk/
Quiz Nights	Fortnightly from September to June, starts again Wednesday 20 th September 8.00pm.
Games Evenings	Fortnightly from September to June, starting Tuesday 13 th September 8.00pm. Mix of traditional pub games with some high tech thrown in. Poker, dominos, bowls, shift unleashed, raffle etc. Over 18's only please!

VENUES

The Bell Public House



The only pub in Pitstone and a free house. The bell has a garden and ample parking. The Bell offers live sport, live music every week and a selection of real ales. It is available to hire for events and for use as a venue for meetings. Run by Mario O'Neale, who can be contacted on 0752 3855385

What happens at this venue?

Activity	Details
Royal British Legion	4th Wednesday of every month
Motor Cycle club	Meets each month on a different night Phone Mario for details

SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

ANGLING

The Tring Anglers are a small, friendly club committed to improving and promoting fishing. They are based on the Grand Union Canal, Aylesbury Arm at Marsworth Reservoir.

Contact: **07837 273054** or visit www.tringanglers.org.uk or email memsec@tringanglers.org.uk

ARCHERY

Chiltern Archery are based at the Archery Centre (the largest archery centre in Europe), Buckland Village, Aston Clinton. With over 7 acres of outdoor shooting plus 30m 7 boss indoor range. Beginners courses available.

Contact: **01296 630919** or visit www.chilternonline.com

ART CLASS (WATERCOLOUR)

The Beacon Art Group is suitable for adults of all abilities. Millennium Room of Pitstone Memorial Hall 1.45pm-3.35pm Tuesday and 10.00am-12.30pm Wednesday. 3 x 10 week terms with break for half term.

Contact: Sarah Moruzzi on **01442 822829, 0787 6670278** or s.moruzzi@sky.com

BABY BOUNCE AND RHYME

At the Sure Start Centre every Wednesday from 2.00-2.45pm. FREE. Song and Rhyme time with instruments for babies.

Contact: Rachael or Katie on **01296 662363**

BABY CAFÉ

Breastfeeding support group at the Sure Start Centre every Tuesday from 9.30am-11.00am. FREE.

Contact: Rachael or Katie on **01296 662363**

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Stay and Play

Meet at the Sure Start Centre every Monday from 1.30-3.30pm. FREE. Fun activities and messy play for all children 0-5 years. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

Contact: Rachael or Katie on **01296 662363**

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Baby and Toddlers

meet at Pitstone Memorial Hall every Wednesday during term time from 1.20-2.50pm. You can be sure of a warm welcome & cup of coffee, and for the little ones there is a variety of activities, music sessions, arts & crafts, toys, games and story time. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

Contact: Michelle Wood on **01296 663311**.

BABY MASSAGE

Suitable from birth to 1 year. Regular 5 week courses at the Sure Start Centre on Tuesdays from 1.30-2.30pm. FREE.

Contact: Rachael or Katie on **01296 662363** to book a place.

SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

BADMINTON (TRING RACKETIERS)

One court at the main hall at Pitstone Memorial Hall. Takes place each Monday between September and July 7.30pm-10.00pm. The club is friendly, and competes in the Aylesbury and District Leagues.

Contact Andrea Mitchell on **07949 394896** or mitchell207@btinternet.com

BALLET DANCING

Fun classes for children in ballet, following the ISTD syllabi, with qualified, registered teachers. Monday afternoons from 2.30pm (term time only) at Ivinghoe Town Hall for children aged 3 years or over. You are welcome to come along for a trial session.

Contact: Lisa Sabatini, Beacon Arts, 29 Nottingham Grove, Bletchley, MK3 7WA or telephone **01908 645170** or email lisabeaconarts@yahoo.co.uk.

BEAVERS

For children aged 6-8 years.
Part of 1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout Group.
Meet at the Scout HQ next to the Lawn in Ivinghoe every Monday during term time.

Watermill Pack 6.00pm-7.00pm and
Windmill Pack 7.00pm-8.00pm.

Contact: the Leader, Michelle Lee, on **01296 668467** or email frist1_pscouts@yahoo.co.uk.

BOWLS (BEACON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB)

Full size woods on mats 45' x 6'. Main Hall of Pitstone Memorial Hall 7.15-10.00pm every Thursday plus 10.00-12.00 every Wednesday (Oct-Apr).

Contact: Peter Coker, 12 Crispin Field, Pitstone on **01296 661176** or coker839@gmail.com

BOWLS (CHEDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB)

Bowls can be played by all ages, abilities and sexes so the whole family can enjoy it together. Outdoor bowling green on the Recreation Ground, High Street, Cheddington.

Contact: Nigel Dolton on **01442 824679** or Sue Molnar on **01296 668772** or visit www.bucksinfo.net/cheddington-bowls-club

BRIDGE

Meets fortnightly from September to June at the Rose & Crown. Starts again on 12/9/11 at 7.30pm.

Contact: Barbara Cummings on philcummings@btinternet.com or call The Rose & Crown on **01296 668472**.

BROWNIES

For girls aged 7-10 years.
Main Hall of Pitstone Memorial Hall 5.45-7.15pm on Monday during term time.

Contact: Elaine Thorogood on **01296 661540** or Elaine.thorogood@btinternet.com

SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

BUMPS AND BABIES

Early play and development fun for babies up to 12 months at the Sure Start Centre every Thursday from 10.30-12.00pm. FREE.

Contact: Rachael or Katie on
01296 662363

CHILDMINDERS GROUP

Fun activities and messy play for childminders and their children at the Sure Start Centre every Monday from 10.00-11.30pm. FREE. NCMA coordinator visits on the 3rd Monday of every month.

Contact: Rachael or Katie on
01296 662363

CHOIR – BEACON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Meets during term time only on Thursday evenings between 8.15pm-9.30pm at St Mary's Church in Ivinghoe. Join us for a cup of tea beforehand at 8.00pm. No audition or experience required. Do not require ability to sight read music but basic ability to follow music is helpful. We are led by an experienced professional musical director.

12 session term costs £36.00.
All welcome.

Contact: Babs Byrom on
07860 780127,
Barbara@gerald-simonds.co.uk or
Barbara Cummings on
01296 668621,
philcummings@btinternet.com

CRAZY GOLF

Gadebridge Park, Hemel Hempstead open throughout the summer. Also available: croquet, petanque, giant chess and draughts and outdoor table tennis.

Contact: **01442 230668**.

CRICKET – IVINGHOE & PITSTONE UNITED CRICKET CLUB

Home matches on the Recreation Ground in Pitstone in the Marrant Four Counties Cricket League on Saturdays, friendly matches on Sundays and mid-week evening knock-outs. There is also a growing colts section (<9s-<17s) in the Aylesbury & District mid week league.

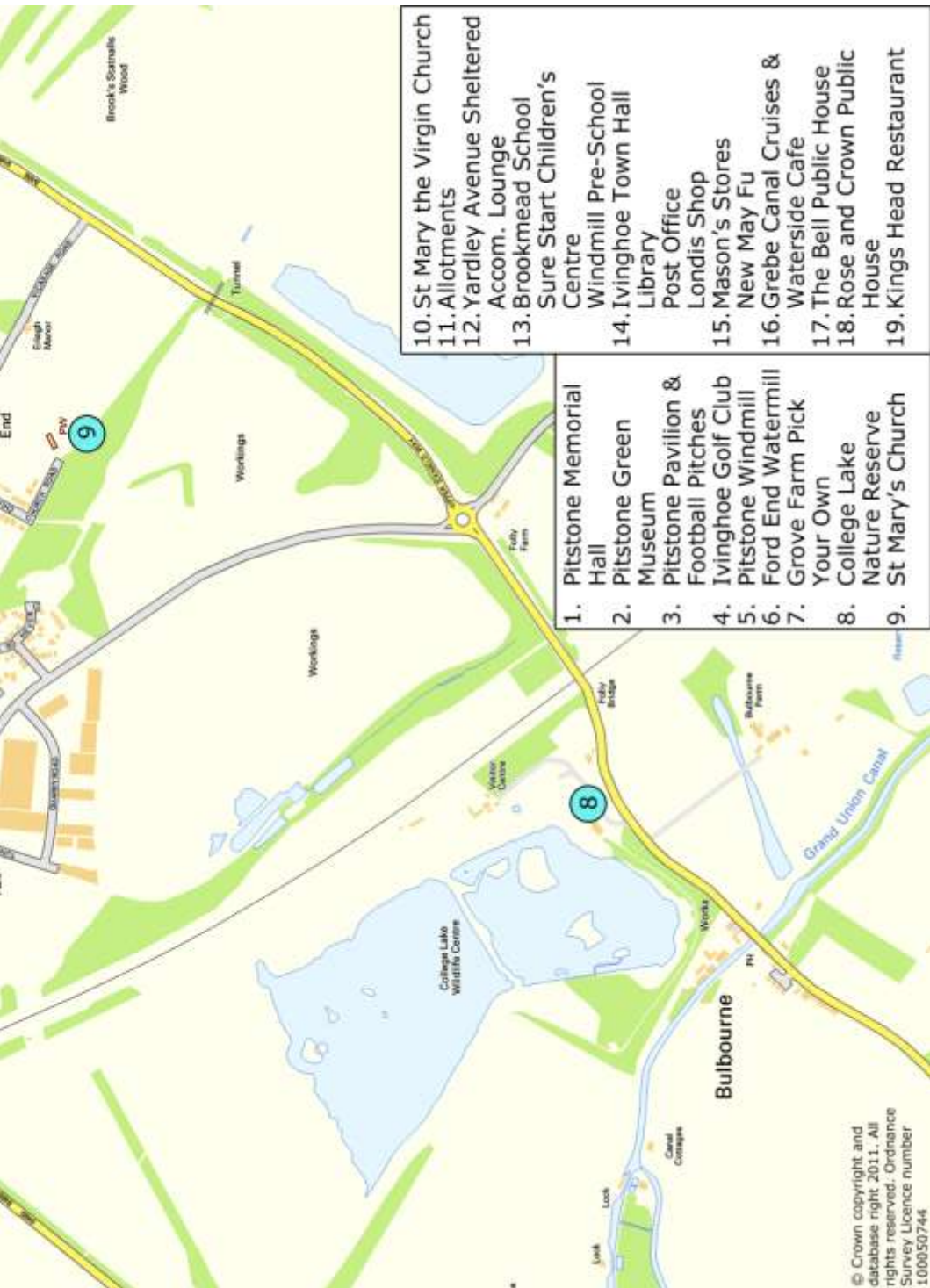
Contact: Robert Culley on
01296 661295 or visit
www.ivinghoepitstone.play-cricket.com

CUBS

For children aged 8-10.5 years. Part of 1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout Group. Meet at the Scout HQ next to the Lawn in Ivinghoe. The Windmill Pack meet between 6.30-8.00pm every Wednesday during term time.

Contact: the Leaders, Rob & Andrea Haddock on 01296 663615. The Watermill Pack meet between 6.30-8.00pm every Thursday during term time.

Contact: the Leader, Hattie Mackinder on
01442 824358 or email
firsti_pscouts@yahoo.co.uk.



10. St Mary the Virgin Church
11. Allotments
12. Yardley Avenue Sheltered Accom. Lounge
13. Brookmead School Sure Start Children's Centre
14. Ivinghoe Pre-School Library
15. Mason's Stores New May Fu
16. Grebe Canal Cruises & Waterside Cafe
17. The Bell Public House
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19. Kings Head Restaurant

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2. Pitstone Green Museum
3. Pitstone Pavilion & Football Pitches
4. Ivinghoe Golf Club
5. Pitstone Windmill
6. Ford End Watermill
7. Grove Farm Pick Your Own
8. College Lake Nature Reserve
9. St Mary's Church

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SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

CYCLING

The "Vinghoe Velos" arrange regular rides that leave and/or return to The Rose & Crown in Ivinghoe as follows:

1. General Ride – year round every Sunday at 9.45am
2. Beginners Ride – year round every second Saturday at 2.00pm
3. Other off-road and on-road, seasonal and year-round rides occur at various times.

See www.ivinghoevelos.org.uk for information.

FENCING

Dacorum Fencing Club, based in various venues in Hemel Hempstead.

Contact: web@dacorum-fencing.co.uk

or visit

www.dacorum-fencing.co.uk

FOOTBALL – P AND I JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Various training sessions and matches throughout the village during the season for 5-16 year olds.

Contact: Merrick Davis on

01296 668940 or visit

www.pandifootball.net

DAD'S MESSY PLAY

Fun activities and messy play for Dad's with their children at the Sure Start Centre some Saturday mornings. FREE.

Contact: Rachael or Katie on **01296 662363** for latest dates.

FOOTBALL – P AND I UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB (SENIOR)

Matches every Saturday afternoon during the football season on the Recreation Ground.

Contact: Stuart Plenty on

07732 309520 or email

stuplenty@googlemail.com

DRAMA

(TRING SHOWSTOPPERS)

At Pitstone Memorial Hall every Wednesday during term time.

4.00pm-5.00pm for 6-10 years and 5.00pm-6.00pm for 11-18 years

Contact: Kate Turnley on

kate@tringshowstoppers.co.uk or visit www.tringshowstoppers.co.uk.

FOOTBALL – P, I AND CHEDDINGTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB (SENIOR)

Matches every Saturday afternoon during the season at the pavilion.

Contact: Nik Sabatini on

07854 389055 or email

solox90@hotmail.com

SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

GAMES EVENINGS

Games Evenings run fortnightly from September to June at the Rose & Crown. Started again on 13/9/11 at 8.00pm. A mix of traditional pub games with some high tech. thrown in. Poker, dominos, bowls, shift unleashed, raffle etc. Over 18's only please.

Contact: Alistair Owens on info@roseandcrownnivinghoe.com or call **01296 668472**.

GOLF

Ivinghoe Golf Club, Wellcroft, Ivinghoe. Opened in 1967, this family run 9 hole golf course, set in the beautiful Chiltern Hills, provides challenging golf to all ages & abilities. Mens, Ladies, Senior & Junior sections. Open to visitors daily. There is also a large, well stocked Pro Shop, offering tuition and club repairs. Hot and cold food available in the clubhouse.

Contact: **01296 668696**

GUIDES

Fun and challenging activities for girls between 10-14 years. Held in Millenium Room at Pitstone Memorial Hall on Tuesdays during term time.

Contact: Yvonne Ashton on **01296 660044** or yvonne.ashton1@btinternet.com

GYMNASTICS

Tring Gymnastics Club run both junior and adult classes at

Tring Sports Centre, Mortimer Hill

Contact: **07834 549764** or visit www.tringgymnasticsclub.co.uk

HERBALIFE – WELLNESS COACHING

Sports nutrition, weight management, energising & general support for healthy lifestyles and skin care.

Weekly support meetings at Pitstone Memorial Hall.

Contact: Eve or Nick Smellie on **01296 660330** or email info@naturalwellbeing.info

HOCKEY

Tring Hockey Club

Tring Park CC, London Road

Contact: **07875 344408** or visit www.tringhockeyclub.org

HORSE RIDING

Hastoe Hill Riding School in Hastoe, Tring is a BHS approved riding school offering individual and group lessons.

Contact: **01442 828909** or visit www.hostoehillriding.co.uk

Riding for the Disabled, Rossway Group, operate from the same site.

Contact: Irene Purse on **01442 825010** or visit www.rda.org.uk

SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

IRISH DANCING

The Claddagh School of Irish Dance
Adult and junior classes at the Red
Cross Hall in Faversham Close, Tring

Contact: Sandie Bunda on

01442 381241 or email

sando@fsmail.net

MINI MUNCHERS

Are mealtimes a battle? Have fun and get new
ideas while making meals and eating
together. For children aged 2-5 years.

Regular courses at the Sure Start Centre on
Wednesdays from 12.00pm-1.00pm. FREE.

Contact: Rachael or Katie on

01296 662363 to book a place.

JAZZERCISE

Dance fitness classes at Ivinghoe
Town Hall on Mondays at 8pm and
Pitstone Memorial Hall on
Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

Contact: Keri on **07900 987230** or

jazzercise1@hotmail.co.uk or

www.jazzclass.co.uk

MODERN DANCING

Fun classes for children in modern dance
following the ISTD syllabi, with qualified,
registered teachers. Friday afternoons from
4.15pm (term time only) at Pitstone Memorial
Hall for children aged 5 years or over. You
are welcome to come along for a trial session.

Contact: Lisa Sabatini, Beacon Arts, 29

Nottingham Grove, Bletchley, MK3 7WA or
telephone **01908 645170** or email

lisabeaconarts@yahoo.co.uk.

KARATE (FREESTYLE SPORT)

6.00pm-7.00pm every Wednesday at
Pitstone Memorial Hall, the South
East Academy of Martial Arts hold
freestyle sport karate lessons.

Contact: Trevor John on

01628 784254 or visit

www.se-martialarts.co.uk

MOVERS AND GROOVERS

Get active with music, singing and moving. At
the Sure Start Centre on Wednesdays from
10.00am-11.00am. FREE

Contact: Rachael or Katie on

01296 662363.

KNITTING

"Knit and Natter" meets fortnightly
from September to June at the Rose
& Crown. Started again on 5/9/11 at
8.00pm.

Contact: Sally Beezer on

sally.beezer@gmail.com or call The

Rose & Crown on **01296 668472**.

NETBALL

"Chiltern Flyers" play in the Aylesbury District
league 7.00pm-9.00pm Wednesdays at
differing venues in the Aylesbury area.
Occasional training at Brookmead school. All
welcome.

Contact : Pam Cook on

07920 112196 or email

pam@thecookpartnership.co.uk

SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

OVER 60'S CLUBS

Pitstone Over 60's meet at 2.00pm in the Yardley Avenue Lounge on the third Thursday of every month with talks and craft demonstrations.

Contact: Membership is currently full, but please speak to Brenda on

01296 668168 or Margaret on **01296 668005** about the waiting list.

Yardley Avenue Over 60's also meet on the other Thursdays in Yardley Avenue Lounge.

Contact: Linda Taylor on **01296 732718**.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The "Photo Group" meets fortnightly from September to June at the Rose & Crown.

Contact: Alistair Owens on

info@roseandcrownivinghoe.com or call

The Rose & Crown on

01296 668472.

PILATES

(BODY ELECTRIC FITNESS)

All classes held in the Millenium Room at Pitstone Memorial Hall. Entrance by induction course, personal training or previous pilates experience only.

7.00-8.00pm Monday (all levels),

8.15-9.15pm Monday (Iron Core). 7.15-

8.15pm or 8.15-9.15pm Wednesday (all levels).

9am Saturday (all levels)

6.00-7.00pm Sunday (all levels) or 7.00-

8.00pm Sunday (advanced)

Contact: Karen-anne Fisher on

01296 668904

PUPPY & DOG TRAINING

The Chiltern Dog School hold weekly classes outdoors in the lovely surroundings of the Cow Roast at Berkhamsted Hockey Club, Lockhart Field. Puppy training, adult dog training and 1:1 sessions available.

Contact: Jon Peplow on

01442 878109, email

jon@chiltern-dog-school.co.uk or

visit www.chiltern-dog-school.co.uk

QUIZ NIGHTS

Run fortnightly from September to June at the Rose & Crown. Started again on 20/9/11 at 8.00pm.

Contact: Alistair Owens at

info@roseandcrownivinghoe.com

or call The Rose & Crown on

01296 668472.

QUIZ NIGHTS

Held regularly at Pitstone Memorial Hall. Bar opens 7.30pm, quiz starts at 8.00pm.

Contact: Barry on **01296 661609** or

visit www.pitstonesc.vpweb.co.uk for the latest dates or to book a table.

RAINBOWS

Fun activities for girls aged 5-7 years held in the Main Hall of Pitstone Memorial Hall 4.30pm-5.30pm Mondays during term time.

Contact: Elaine Thorogood on

01296 661540 or

Elaine.thorogood@btinternet.com

SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Branch
Contact: Margaret Johnson,
6, Lukes Lea, Marsworth
margo.j@btinternet.com
01296 661280

RUGBY

Tring Rugby Club
Cow Lane, Tring
Contact: **01442 825710** or visit
www.tringrugby.com

RUGBY

Aylesbury RFC
Ostlers Field, Brook End, Weston
Turville.
Juniors from under 7 years plus
adults.
Contact: **01296 612556** or visit
[www.pitchero.com/clubs/
aylesburyrfc/](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/aylesburyrfc/)

RUNNING

Tring Running Club
Seniors meet at 7.20pm on
Wednesdays at Tring Park Cricket
Club
Contact:
www.tringrunningclub.org.uk
Dacorum and Tring Athletics Club
For juniors interested in more running
and athletics. Meetings are in Tring
or at the Athletics Track at Jarman
Fields in Hemel Hempstead.
Contact:
www.dacorumandtringac.org.uk

SAILING

Aylesbury Sailing Club based on the
Weston Turville Reservoir is a family
club encouraging a year round
interest in recreational and racing
sailing.
Contact: Dr Richard Hudson on
01296 331047, email
[aylesburysailingclubmembership@
gmail.com](mailto:aylesburysailingclubmembership@gmail.com) or visit
www.aylesburysailingclub.org.uk.

SCOUTS

For children aged 10.5-14 years.
Part of 1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout
Group. Meet at the Scout HQ next to
the Lawn in Ivinghoe every Friday
during term time between
7.30pm-9.00pm.
Contact: the Leader, Rachel Smith on
01296 661213 or email
firsti_pscouts@yahoo.co.uk.

SINGALONG

Singalong with Helen. 40 minutes of
musical fun with instruments and
puppets at Pitstone Memorial Hall
during term time only. Classes on
Mondays at 10.30am, Wednesdays at
1.30pm and Thursdays at 10.00am.
0-5 year olds £3.50
Siblings 2+ only £2 and siblings under
2 are free.
Contact: Helen Gray on
01296 661791 to reserve a place or
ask about Singalong parties.

SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

SLING MEET

Run by the parents of 3 Counties Sling Meet. Find out more about the benefits of carrying your baby in a sling and how to do it safely. A chance to try different slings, bring along your own to show others and meet other mothers/fathers.

Get active with music, singing and moving. At the Sure Start Centre on selected Fridays from 9.30am-11.30am.

FREE.

Contact: Rachael or Katie on **01296 662363** for the latest dates.

STORYTIME

Bring the children up to Ivinghoe Library where they can listen to a story whilst the parents browse the large range of books, magazines and DVD's that are available to borrow. At Ivinghoe Library every Tuesday from 2.15pm-2.45pm. FREE.

Contact: Rachael or Katie on

01296 662363.

SOCIAL CLUB

Open every Friday from 7.30pm at Pitstone Memorial Hall. Membership is £1 per annum and is open to all village residents. Come and join us for a drink, bar snacks, game of pool, darts or to watch sports matches. We host quiz nights and live music throughout the year in the main hall. The club provides financial support to Pitstone Memorial Hall and its resident football and cricket teams.

Contact: Barry on **01296 661609** or email pitstonesc@gmail.com

SQUASH

Tring Squash Rackets Club is based at Pendley Sports Centre on Cow Lane, Tring. Lessons available.

Contact: **01442 826480** or visit www.tringsquashclub.co.uk

SWIMMING

Tring Swimming Club

Tring Sports Centre, Mortimer Hill

Contact: **01296 660403**, email info@tringswimmingclub.co.uk or visit www.tringswimmingclub.co.uk

The swimming pool is also open for general public swimming during the evenings, weekends and school holidays.

Contact: **01442 228957** or visit

www.sportspace.co.uk

The Beavers Swimming Club for the Disabled also operates from Tring Sports Centre.

Contact: Olive Conway on

01442 381204.

SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

TAP DANCING

Fun classes for children in tap dance following the ISTD syllabi, with qualified, registered teachers. Friday afternoons from 3.45pm (term time only) at Pitstone Memorial Hall for children aged 5 years or over. You are welcome to come along for a trial session.

Contact: Lisa Sabatini, Beacon Arts, 29 Nottingham Grove, Bletchley, MK3 7WA or telephone **01908 645170** or email lisabeaconarts@yahoo.co.uk.

TENNIS

Cheddington Tennis Club at the Recreation Ground off the High Street in Cheddington. Competitive and social tennis plus tuition for adults and juniors.

Contact: Matthew Soundy on

01296 668767 or visit

www.cheddingtontennis.co.uk

TWINS CLUB

Twin and multiple birth support group held on the last Friday of every month at the Sure Start Centre from 9.30-11.30am. FREE.

Contact: Rachael or Katie on

01296 662363.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Run a full and varied programme of events, speakers, theatre trips, evening walks etc and have a supper club that frequent local restaurants.

Meet at 7.45pm on the second Thursday of each month at Ivinghoe Town Hall. New members are always very welcome and you can go along to a couple of meetings for free before deciding if you wish to join. Fees are £30 per year.

Contact: Julie Haynes on

01296 668405 or Win on
01296 660755.

YOUTH CAFE

If you are between 11-16 years (at secondary school) come along to Pitstone's Youth Cafe 630pm-8.00pm every Wednesday evening at Brookmead school hall. Initially until Christmas but hopefully a permanent term time fixture, the cafe offers loads of free activities like computer games, games, sports, crafts and music.

Contact: Laurie Eagling on

01296 660791 or email

parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

ZUMBA

Classes at 6.30pm and 7.45pm every Tuesday at Ivinghoe Town Hall.

Contact: Carolyn Syme via

www.zumba.com

WALKS

A safer Way to Walk to The Grand Junction Arms



About 2 ½ miles to the pub with another 3 if you extend the walk right round to the swing bridge and back to Pitstone that way.

Starting from the Memorial Hall go out of the car park and turn right into Vicarage Road. Continue up the road until you turn right into Church Road. Keep straight along Church Road and onto the public footpath across the quarry. When you get to Westfield Road keep left to the roundabout. Go across the roundabout and a few yards up Northfield Road till you come to a stile on your left. (For those who cannot manage stiles there is a gap in the hedge a little further up.)

Continue along this footpath until it veers to the left to go up the hill. At this point you will find a gate into the Northfield Road on your right. There is a footpath here along the verge which makes this safer. Taking care cross the road at the entrance to Park Hill Farm. Continue down the drive through the farm and the wide gate. Cross the bridge over the railway and past two more houses on a metalled road. This road goes towards Tring. Follow it only until you come to the canal. If you continued you would come out by Grove Road School.

Take the towpath the other side of the bridge to the right which can be wet in winter. This will lead you along the Tring summit to the Grand Junction Arms. You can also visit the garden centre further up the road past the pub.

On the way back this walk can be varied in three ways.

1. About 200 yards back along the towpath there is footpath signed up to the right. This goes along the field edge to the road and is drier in winter.
2. When you cross the canal bridge at the end of the summit, instead of continuing up the road take a foot path to the left which is clearly marked. It goes around the chicken

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farm (Chickens are all protected by electric fencing) and diagonally across a field to the railway which it follows to the bridge on the B488. Here care needs to be taken in crossing the bridge and following the road up to the roundabout though most of the verge is well trodden. Here it is possible to cross a low stile to your left and follow the extension of the footpath which comes out further down Westfield Road. Here you cross the road and follow the original route back to the Memorial Hall.

3. It is of course possible to complete the circuit by continuing along the towpath of the Grand Union through Marsworth passing the Bluebell Cafe, Angler's retreat and the Red Lion. If you chose this route you can either leave the canal at Cook's Wharf and turn left down Cheddington Road further on and walk up the footpath to Cheddington Road that way.

Walk to the monument.

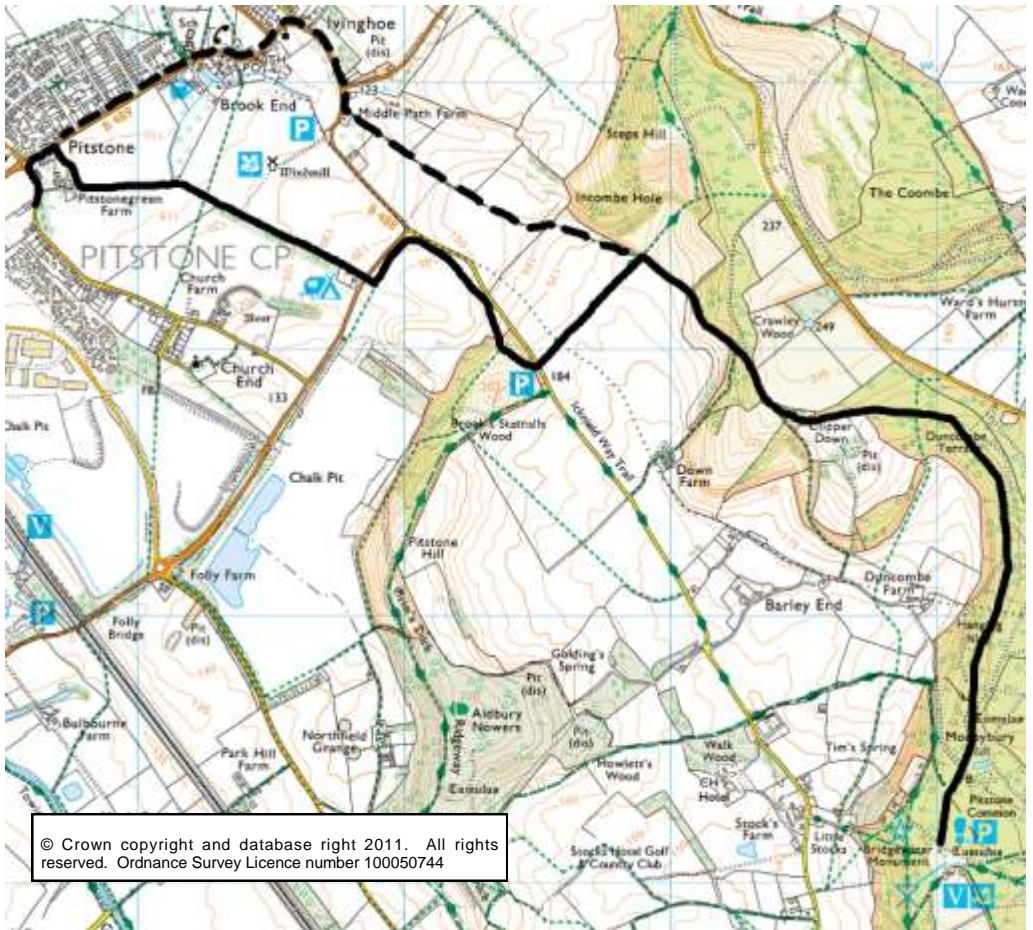
Just under 4 miles with a fair amount of uphill.

*Starting from the Memorial Hall car park go to the roundabout and turn right up Marsworth Road into the village. After about 200 yards take the smaller gate on your right into the permissive footpath surrounding the allotments. Do not enter the allotment site.

Follow this path round till you come to the farm track. Turn left and follow the track straight till you reach the B488 by the Silver Birch. Beware that this path can be muddy in parts in the winter.

1. Cross the B488 taking great care. This is the safest place to cross the road. Cross the field on the permissive footpath. Go through the hole in the hedge and turn left onto Footpath 7.
2. Continue on the footpath over a stile, across the field entrance and round to your right parallel with Stocks Road to climb the hill.
3. When you go through the gate at the top of the footpath keep walking up the hill past the Anglian Water inspection field to Pitstone Hill car park
4. Cross the road at this point and continue along the wide track beside the field until you come to the corner with a crossroads signpost.
5. Go right along the side of the field till you come to a post in the path.
6. Keep to the left hand path up the hill unless it is very muddy when it is possible to divert

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up the grass.

7. Keep going up till you come to a gate. Go through the gate and take the diagonal path up continuing in the same direction.
8. You will come out onto a potholed gravel track. Bear right and continue till you come to the Kennels. Follow the made up track along the boundary. This is the beginning of the wide track which is easy walking to the monument still some distance away.

It is also possible to start this walk by going through Ivinghoe across the T junction of the B488 and 489 and through the gate up middle path about 200 yards further along. Rejoin the walk at point 5

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Pitstone Hill Walk

This walk is about 3.5 miles long. An easy stretch for a Sunday afternoon.



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1. Starting from the Memorial Hall car park go across the recreation ground to the roundabout and turn right up Marsworth Road towards the village. After about 200 yards take the smaller gate on your right into the permissive footpath surrounding the allotments. Do not enter the allotment site.
2. Follow this path round till you come to a farm track. Turn left and follow the track straight up till you reach the road by the Silver Birch. Beware that this path can be muddy in parts in the winter.
3. Cross the road taking great care. This is the safest place to cross the road. Cross the narrow field on the permissive footpath. Go through the hole in the hedge and turn left onto Footpath
4. Continue on this footpath over a stile, across the field entrance and round to your right parallel with Stocks Road and continue up the hill.
5. When you reach the top of this path go through the gate and turn right. Follow the wide path till you reach the well trodden path coming down from the top of the hill (Picadilly). Turn right here and climb up to the highest point. On your way note the overgrown

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Pitstone Hill Walk continued

copse on your right. This is the AA wood planted in the 50's by members of the AA with neither permission or plan for maintenance. Also note a dug out pocket beside the path to your right. This is the Pitstone home guard gun emplacement from World War II.

6. Admire the view from the highest point including All Saints, Leighton Buzzard to your right and County Council building in Aylesbury to your left.



Above: Pitstone Hill from the quarry.

Right: Footpath across the quarry

Photos by Dave Nicholls



7. When you reach a post with blue arrow bear right and follow the path downwards till you reach the gate into Aldbury Nowers. Do not go through the gate.
8. Turn down the hill which is quite steep at this point. Go straight on through the gate onto the footpath going down the side of the quarry. After you have been through the metal barrier at the bottom turn right to walk on a footpath parallel with the road.
9. At the end cross onto the road near the roundabout. Take care here and make your way across the roundabout and along Westfield Road.
10. Follow the Footpath sign across the quarry (above left) to Church Road. At the end of Church Road turn left and follow Vicarage Road back to the Memorial Hall.

CYCLE ROUTES

Cycle with the Vinghoe Veloes



The (I)vinghoe Veloes are a group of residents of the Buckinghamshire villages Ivinghoe and Pitstone who get together regularly for a bike ride. It is suitable for all fitness and equipment levels. The main rides are from the **Rose and Crown Pub** in Ivinghoe at 9.45am on Sunday for a 2(ish) hour ride. Occasionally we arrange rides on other days including some off road adventures.

The focus is to support all members of the group to achieve what they want to from each and every ride and to have FUN.

We welcome ALL cyclists so please encourage friends from all over the area, the more the merrier. All rides will be published on the website,

Please visit the following website www.ivinghoevelos.org.uk where you will find details of several long and several short cycle rides that you may like to browse through (unfortunately we can't reproduce them all here). If you don't have internet access at home, pop along to your local library and you will be able to access the internet there. You can also just turn up outside the Rose and Crown on a Sunday morning to join one of the scheduled trips.

You can also subscribe to the mailing list by visiting the above web site and then you will be notified as soon as each new ride is posted.

If you are into social media, you will find (I)vinghoe Veloes on Facebook or you can follow them on Twitter @Vinghoevelos

You will get to see some of the stunning countryside around our village and the local areas and get fit at the same time, so do give it a try. Happy cycling!

ALLOTMENTS



The new allotment site on Marsworth Road, opposite the New May Fu restaurant, opened in April 2010.

The National Trust has leased the land to Pitstone Parish Council for the sole purpose of providing allotments for village residents.

The Pitstone Allotment Association was formed to manage the site on behalf of the parish council. They provide support to all the allotment tenants to ensure they get the most benefit from their allotment plots by encouraging the sharing of knowledge, a love of growing fruit, vegetables and flowers plus social interaction. They arrange a number of open days and special events at the site throughout the year, so that the whole community can benefit from this superb facility.

The site is divided into 69 quarter sized plots (which measure approximately 6.25m x 5m or 20ft by 16ft). All plots are currently occupied and a waiting list is in operation.

For more information please contact: Nikki Matthey, Secretary for Pitstone Allotment Association on 01296 662691, [email pitstoneallotmentassociation@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pitstoneallotmentassociation@hotmail.co.uk) or visit www.pitstoneallotmentassociation.co.uk.

YOUTH CAFE



94% of the young people we spoke to told the parish council that they would love somewhere safe to hang out and have fun with their friends. The older generation said that they would like somewhere constructive for the young people to go, rather than hang around the streets.

We held several successful pop-up cafe's during the spring & summer holidays and are very grateful to Brookmead school for

offering the Youth Cafe a regular home.

Pitstone's very own Youth Cafe started a seven week trial on Wednesday, 2nd November, 2011 at 6.30pm and we hope it will prove successful and become a regular term time fixture.

The cafe is a joint initiative between Pitstone Parish Council and Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ who run several successful cafe's across the Vale.

If you are 11-16 years old and at secondary school you are welcome to attend the café, which will be held every Wednesday from 6.30pm-8.30pm during term time.



The youth cafe offers loads of cool activities like games, wide screen computer games, sports, workshops, craft activities, snacks and drinks, music and chill out space. The trained youth leaders will also be able to provide you with support and guidance.



Our cafe is completely free. The project is funded by Pitstone parish council and we are very grateful for the support of all our volunteers, without whom it wouldn't be able to operate.

All we ask is that you show respect to the people, school and property whilst at the cafe and to the neighbouring residents as you make your way home - so do come and join in the fun.

For more information please contact: Laurie Eagling on

01296 660791 or email parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

PITSTONE CHARITIES BENEFITTING PARISHIONERS

The Williamson Trust

Reg. Charity. No. 266108

The Williamson Trust started with a donation of £10,000 derived from the sale of land that formed the first phase of Crispin Field. It came from Mark Williamson (1881 - 1979) a local farmer who lived at 29 Marsworth Road, The Declaration of Trust was signed on 11th July 1973.

Benefits

This is a single annual grant determined by the interest accrued from assets, in the previous twelve months, divided by the number of qualifying beneficiaries who must **live in the parish and be aged 65 years and over**.

Unless they have previously declined a grant, residents 65 and over in age receive a grant distributed in the first quarter of the year. In 2011 the total distributed to 144 homes was £5545. (£45 paid for a couple in the same household or £35 for a single, qualifying person.)

Newly qualified residents and those who have recently migrated to Pitstone should make themselves known to a trustee. The Williamson Trust Charity is managed by five trustees appointed by the Parish Council. The trustees are currently the same as those administering the Pitstone Town Lands Charity. (A list of trustees is shown under The Pitstone Town Lands Charity).

Pitstone Town Lands Charity

Reg. Charity. No. 204053

The Pitstone Town Lands Charity can trace its origins as far back as 1422. Income is derived from:-

1. Interest on investments in the form of unit trust shares.
2. Rents paid by tenants of four flats in Cheddington Road
3. Rent from a 6 acre field in the Lower Icknield Way used for horse grazing
4. Rent from a 30 acre field in Cheddington Road Pitstone, and a 13 acre field in Cheddington Road, Marsworth (Bequest from Humphrey Williamson)

Today it benefits people of state pensionable age with grants set out in the table below as well as discretionary payments, not related to age, to individuals, families and organisations in need of financial assistance. Grants issued, in the last financial year, totalled £29,307 some £1,058 greater than 2008 while income remained similar at £23,210. Since 2005 requests for assistance have trebled.

PITSTONE CHARITIES BENEFITTING PARISHIONERS

Expenditure which must be for the benefit of the charity and Pitstone residents can be divided into four classifications:-

1. Costs associated with maintenance, improvement and administration of the flats.
2. Grants made to organisations which provide certain services and facilities for those resident in the parish
3. Payments to individuals in need, hardship or distress.
4. Age related grants to those in receipt of a state pension.

Main Grants for Pensioners:

For a long time the trustees have regarded people of pensionable age as among those most in need and have assisted, except where offers have been declined with the following grants.

Requests for payment under this scheme should be supported by a receipt.

Grant towards cost of	Amount
Spectacles (eyes)	up to £150.00
Dentistry (teeth)	up to £150.00
Chiropody (feet)	up to £28.00

Other Individual Grants available (not age related):

Examples of individual grants currently made are those to:

1. patients, their relatives or friends, for the cost of travel to hospital or associated services.
2. those having further education or training and who need help towards the expenditure on books, equipment and fees.
3. a bereavement grant of £350 is available towards funeral expenses incurred by the family.

All information given to trustees is treated in the strictest confidence.

PITSTONE CHARITIES BENEFITTING PARISHIONERS

Pensioners in Pitstone not in receipt of Grants:

If you are of pensionable age and have previously declined grants it is possible to be included in the next round by informing the trustees, of your change of mind. Also if you are currently unknown to the trustees you may be added to our register which contains the name, address and date of birth of beneficiaries and is maintained solely for the purposes of the charities.

Mobility scooters:

The trustees of the charity have available, for use by Pitstone residents, an electric mobility chair and a mobility scooter. Please apply to see if these can meet your needs.

State Retirement Age for Women:

The State Retirement Pension Entitlement age for women has changed with effect from 6 April 2010 and will affect all those women born between 1950 and 1955 to bring them into line with men's retirement age.

The entitlement dates are no longer first pay-day following the relevant Birthday but are set in varying stages. Dates for an individual's entitlement can be obtained by using the Directgov web site.

Pitstone Town Lands Charity will be using these dates, as laid down by the Government, to establish entitlement to many of our benefit payments, where our Charity Rules state Parishioners must be in receipt of State Retirement Pension to qualify.

If you would like more information, or to apply for a grant or assistance please contact one of the following trustees:

Name	Address	Telephone Number	Role
Mary Saintey	2 Albion Road	668633	Chairperson
Kate Smethers	41 Albion Road	661499	Treasurer
Gill Lowe	21 Rushendon Furlong	668809	Secretary
Sue Gregory	4 The Crescent	661609	Trustee
Klaus Ginda	7 Chequers Close	668911	Trustee

HELP FOR THE ELDERLY - TRANSPORT

Free bus to Tesco

Tesco provides a free bus to either the Tring or Aylesbury store, leaving from the Marsworth Road bus stop at 10.45am every Monday, returning from the Tring Road store at 1.30pm and collecting from the Tring store on the way.

Need help getting to the hospital or other places? Try the Pitstone Community Car Scheme

Provides transport to medical appointments for the less mobile members of the community in Pitstone and Ivinghoe. Small charge to cover expenses only. See full details on the adverts in PPP magazine and around the village, or call Pastor Dave and Sheridan Clifford on 01296 668906.

Dial-a-Ride

If you have trouble getting around and are unable to use public transport then Dial-a-Ride is there to help. They provide a door-to-door mini-bus service to anywhere within Aylesbury Vale. You can go shopping, meet up with friends, go to the doctors or attend social events – any kind of trip you want to make. Once you have registered with dial-a-ride (there is a small annual fee of £8) you can travel as often as you like. Simply call and let them know where and when you want to go & when you would like to come back. You pay a small fare to the driver when you travel, but most members are eligible for up to £30 of Aylesbury Vale District Council travel tokens every year which you can use to pay for all or part of your journeys with Dial-a-ride. Each trip is much less costly than a taxi, but slightly more expensive than a bus.

For more information, please telephone 01296 330088, email: enquiries@dialaride.org.uk or visit www.dialaride.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Pitstone Parish Council is often made aware of local projects and community groups that would welcome your time and involvement. We also receive calls from residents that would like to volunteer but don't know what opportunities exist. So, we have set up a database of opportunities.

If you only have an hour or two a month, or have plenty of time on your hands, there is bound to be a role to suit you! If you are a community group that would like some extra support, please do get in touch and we will add your details to the database.

1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Scout Group

Do you have a scouting background or an knowledge of what scouting does and stands for? As you will be in close contact with children, a CRB check will need to be conducted on all volunteers. Please contact Michelle Lee on 01296 668467

or putseylee@mmdg.wanadoo.co.uk

Community Car Scheme

Some residents have great difficulty getting to their hospital or healthcare appointments, especially when they are in another local town. If you would be willing to drive someone there in your own car (petrol and car parking expenses will be paid) and wait with them, then volunteering to join the community car scheme could be right for you. For further information, please contact Dave Clifford on 01296 668906 or davidclifford954@btinternet.com.

Community Speed Watch

If you are concerned about vehicles speeding through the village, then perhaps you have time to join the Community Speed Watch team. In pairs, or small groups, the volunteers would operate mobile speed check equipment. The data collected is provided to Thames Valley Police who issue notices to all vehicles that were detected above the speed limit. At present, there aren't enough volunteers to run the scheme in Pitstone, so we would welcome your interest. For further information, please contact Mrs Laurie Eagling, Clerk to Pitstone Parish Council on 01296 660791 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

Friends of Ivinghoe Library

Do you use Ivinghoe library? Are you keen to see this vital village service remain open? The newly formed Friends of Ivinghoe Library are looking to take on the role of managing the library, with core funding from Bucks County Council, to keep the library open and possibly extend the services and opening hours. Please get in touch with Emma Huxley on thehuxleys@gmail.com.

Knitters needed

Jumpers are still urgently needed for flood and famine victims around the world, for teenagers, particularly boys, ready for next winter. If anyone would like to join our band of knitters and would like a pattern for teddies or jumpers then please call Alex Wynne on 01296 668336.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Memorial Hall Management Committee

Did you know that Pitstone Memorial Hall is run by a voluntary committee? It is also a registered charity. Without this team of dedicated people there would be nowhere for you to hold your parties or attend keep-fit sessions. They meet just once every 2-3 months on a Monday evening. It is also a very exciting time to get involved, as the committee take-on-board the results of leisure survey to see how the hall should be extended or change to provide the services you've asked for. The committee would love to hear from you! Please contact Mrs Laurie Eagling, Secretary to the Hall Committee on 01296 660791 or memorialhall@pitstone.co.uk.

Pitstone 2020 – The Vision for Pitstone

Are you passionate about the future of our village? Are there facilities that you would like to see developed? If you have a wide interest in Pitstone then this is the project for you. Volunteers are needed for a number of different roles - from delivering surveys, to joining specific working parties, to talking to community groups or researching specific projects. This is a very exciting project that will affect the lives of everyone in the village for the next 10 years. Phil Cummings would love to hear from you on philcumings@btinternet.com or 01296 668621.

Pitstone Church

The church is looking for volunteers to man the church from 2.30-5.30pm on Sunday afternoons and Bank Holidays from May to September. It is a very pleasant afternoon in lovely surroundings and support is provided. Please pop along to one of the open afternoons and speak to the volunteers on site or call Joan Bolton King on 01296 668806 or joanbk@greenb.net

The church committee would also love to hear from you if you could help organise and volunteer at the Annual Festival of Art and Flowers. This treasured tradition is in danger of coming to a close if more support cannot be found to help with the event in future years. Please do call Jean Bolton King on the above telephone number.

Pitstone Green Museum

The village is very fortunate to have such a fascinating museum on its doorstep. The museum is housed in the farm buildings which date back to 1831 and provide a window on rural life with many interesting displays and artefacts. The museum is completely run by volunteers. It is open on every Bank Holiday Monday, plus the second Sundays in June, July, August and September. They would particularly love to hear from anyone with DIY or restoration skills; anyone that would be willing to help serve refreshments at the open days or anyone with a passion to preserve our history that would like to lend a hand setting up displays etc. Norman Groom is waiting for your call on 01582 605464.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Pitstone Parish Post (PPP)

Hopefully everyone is very familiar with the quarterly village magazine published by Pitstone Parish Council and delivered to every home in the parish free-of-charge. PPP would not reach your door without the sterling efforts of a band of distributors, each of whom posts between 16 and 70 magazines four times per year. "Many hands make light work" as the saying goes, and we always welcome more distributors into the team. If you could deliver a few magazines down your road please contact Klaus Ginda on 01296 668911 or

Klausginda@btinternet.com.

If you fancy yourself as a roving reporter, the next David Bailey or would like to turn your hand to a spot of editing, then the PPP Editor is always looking for extra hands to help write articles, prepare and write PPP. Please call Sue Nicholls on 01296 661910/

pppeditor@pitstone.co.uk.

Pitstone Windmill

Are you interested in local history? Pitstone Windmill is one of the earliest surviving post mills in the UK and it has been looked after by the National Trust since 1937. They are looking for volunteers to sell admission tickets and welcome visitors to the windmill on Sundays and Bank Holidays from June to August, 2.30 - 6pm. If this is something you might be interested in we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Visitor Centre at

ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk or 01442 851227.

Sports and Leisure Project

You will hopefully have seen the sports and leisure survey delivered to every home in Pitstone. This exciting project will hopefully bring a wide range of sports and leisure opportunities to the village, for everyone to enjoy. So you if you are keen sports person or have a specialised knowledge of netball, tennis, basketball, football or skateboarding we would love to hear from you, so that you can help us to identify the most appropriate facilities to install. If you can provide advice and would like to get involved, please contact Mrs Laurie Eagling, Clerk to Pitstone Parish Council on 01296 660791 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

Youth Cafe

Would you be willing to help the 11-16 year olds at the Youth Cafe? Could you offer them guidance, serve refreshments, join in the Wii challenge, teach a skill or help with community related projects? Whatever your age or your skills, this may be the opportunity for you. The cafe will be up and running in November, initially for just a couple of hours a week, although this may expand if successful. As you will be in close contact with children, we will need to conduct a CRB check on all volunteers. If you would like to know more, please contact Mrs Laurie Eagling, Clerk to Pitstone Parish Council on 01296 660791 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

GENERAL INFORMATION

Advice (Citizens Advice Bureau)

Nearest CAB Office	10 High Street, Tring, Herts	0844 873 1303
Mobile CAB and VAHT van	Will park in The Crescent	Call 01296 732600 for details of the next visit date

Banks

NatWest	20 High Street, Tring	0845 600 2803
HSBC	21 High Street, Tring	0845 740 4404
Barclays	65 High Street, Tring	0845 755 5555
Lloyds TSB	North Street, Leighton Buzzard	0845 300 0000
Nationwide	35 High Street, Leighton Buzzard	0845 266 0641
Santander	1 Hockliffe Street, Leighton Buzzard	0845 765 4321

Education

Pre School	Windmill Pre School, Brookmead School Site, High Street, Ivinghoe	01296 661031
Primary	Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe	01296 668543
Secondary	Cottesloe, Wing	0845 755 5555
	Tring School, Tring	01442 822303
	Aylesbury Grammar for Boys	01296 484545
	Aylesbury High School for Girls	01296 388222
	Sir Henry Floyd Co-educational Grammar	01296 424781
Further Education	Aylesbury College	01296 588588
	West Herts College, Hemel Hempstead	01923 812000

Emergency Services

Thames Valley Police	Non emergency contact number	0845 8 505 505
Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue	Non emergency contact number	01296 744400

GENERAL INFORMATION

Medical

Doctors	Little Rothschild Surgery, Marsworth Road	01296 662800
	Village Health Centre, Yardley Avenue	01525 223211
Chemists	Both surgeries can dispense	
	Lloyds Pharmacy 66 High Street and 20 Chapel Street, Tring	01442 822258 01442 823101
	Rooney Chemists, 4 Dolphin Square, Tring	01442 822604
Dentists	Tring Dental Surgery, 6 Dolphin Square, Tring	01442 823081
	Bow Street Surgery 75 Western Road, Tring	01442 890384
	Edlesborough Dental Practice, 11 Cow Lane, Edlesborough	01525 233175
Hospitals	Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury	01296 315000
	Luton & Dunstable	0845 127 0 127
	Hemel Hempstead General	01442 213141
Opticians	Specsavers, 8 Dolphin Square, Tring	01442 828778
	Brian Clark Opticians, 110 High Street, Tring	01442 823034

Utilities

Gas	Emergency Number	0800 111 999
Anglian Water	General enquiries	0845 7919155
	Water Leaks	0800 771881

Cinemas and Theatres

Empire Cinema	Leisure World, Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead	08714 714 714
Odeon Cinema	Exchange Street, Aylesbury	0871 22 44 007
Rex Cinema	High Street (Three Close Lane), Berkhamsted, HP4 2FG	01442 877759
Waterside Theatre	Exchange Street, Aylesbury	0844 871 7627
Court Theatre	Station Road, Tring	07543 560478
Leighton Buzzard Theatre	Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard	0300 300 8130

GENERAL INFORMATION

Library

Ivinghoe Library	Old Town Hall, High Street 2-5pm on Tuesday & Thursday 2-7pm on Friday and 10-1pm on Saturday	0845 2303232
Mobile Library	Alternate Tuesdays at the Village Health Centre, Yardley Avenue 2.40-3.15pm	

Post Office and Post Boxes

Ivinghoe Post Office	Old Town Hall, High Street 9-1 then 2-5.30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-1 only on Wednesday 9-12.30 Saturday	0845 722 3344
Post Boxes	Cheddington Road (near the Crescent) Marsworth Road (near Glebe Close) Vicarage Road (near Church Road)	

Restaurants, Public Houses and Cafes

Public Houses	The Bell Marsworth Road, Pitstone	01296 668078
	Rose and Crown Vicarage Lane, Ivinghoe	01296 668472
Restaurants	Kings Head Station Road, Ivinghoe	01296 668388
	New May Fu Marsworth Road, Pitstone	01296 661969
Mobile	Figgy's Mobile Fish and Chip Van Thursdays 7pm Glebe Close, 8pm Cheddington Road	01582 507424
Cafe	Grebe Waterside Café, Grebe Canal Cruises Pitstone Wharf, Cheddington Road, Pitstone	01296 661920

Refuse and Recycling

Household rubbish is collected every Friday. Plastic and paper recycling collected every second Friday and glass is collected every fourth Friday. All bins and baskets to be left at the edge of the property before 6am. Contact Aylesbury Vale District Council with any queries on 01296 585858 or visit www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

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