

Pitstone Guide 2014/15

What to do in and around the village



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WELCOME TO THE PITSTONE GUIDE

Welcome to the second edition of the Pitstone Guide. The parish council is very proud of our rural parish, set within some of the most beautiful countryside in England and we hope you are too. We have a dynamic and growing community of approximately 3,000 residents, with lots for everyone to get involved in and plenty of opportunities for you to broaden your skills or volunteer some time.

Inside this guide, you will find details of all the local venues, clubs and associations - you will probably be surprised at the extent of activities available within our community, or just a short distance away. There are also local walks and cycle rides that will let you take in some of the breathtaking views. The parish and the surrounding area is steeped in fascinating history and there are plenty of opportunities for you to experience this. More details about our origins can be found overleaf.

We hope that the information will be particularly helpful to those joining our community but also as a handy guide for everyone to keep, full of useful contact information.

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. This is an exciting time for the community, and the parish council, as we strive to ensure the delivery of new leisure facilities and work with landowners about future development. It is important that the village develops in the way that you wish and we thank all of you that have taken the time to complete our surveys and attend our consultations. The future of your village is in the making.

Bob Saintey, 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 track ways 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 shortly due to finish 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 Safran Power UK, Colbree Engineering, White Dalton Motorcycle Solicitors and Grebe Canal Cruises. Pitstone also has excellent education provision for 2-12 year olds, with Windmill Pre-School awarded "outstanding" status by OFSTED and Brookmead Primary School one of the best performing primary school in the local area.

The early census in 1801 recorded just 275 residents. Our last census in 2011 showed that Pitstone has grown to almost 3,000 residents, one third of which are under 18 years, so we have a large young population to cater for. Our population has grown steeply over the last 10 years and although this may slow, we can expect another 120-140 houses over the next 20 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. All your feedback at various consultation events is now helping to shape the development plans for further recreational facilities that will commence with an exciting new play space, skate park and multi-use ball games court on the recreation ground.

So this is a very exciting time for our parish, as our future begins to unfold.

PLACES OF INTEREST TO VISIT - PITSTONE

Pitstone Green Museum, Pitstone (map ref 2)



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 (map ref 5)



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, to Vicarage Road in 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, Pitstone (map ref 16)



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 or take a ride on one of their trips.

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 Tuesday & Sunday of each month during June-Sept	Afternoon Tea Cruise
Other Tuesday and Sundays June-Sept	Cream Tea Cruise
Selected days between May & Sept	Cruise with 2 course fish & chip lunch/supper, roast lunch or 3 course evening dinner
Last weekend in October	Halloween Cruises – lots of fun and activities, come in fancy dress
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 (map ref 6)

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 (map ref 7)



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. 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 (map ref 8)

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 lovely 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/college-lake/about-college-lake

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 way marked 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 Tel: 01442 827601
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 (map ref 9)



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 Neyrnut) 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

CHURCHES AND CHURCH SERVICES

St Mary the Virgin Church, Ivinghoe (map ref 10)



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' and 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.

Bible Study Groups

Evening study on 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 8pm at 1 Queen Street, Pitstone. Daytime study on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 5 Windmill Close, Ivinghoe at 10am.

Not Sunday, Not School (Club for children aged 3-11 years)

Fortnightly from 3.30-5.00pm. Sessions generally include stories, songs, craft activities, games and cooking. Refreshments provided. Contact Rev Tracey on 01296 668260.

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 01296 668260 or mick-doyle.consult@btinternet.com.

The All New Sister Act

Friendly women's group meeting once per month to enjoy a variety of activities and outings. Dates advertised in PPP. Contact Rev Tracey 01296 668260.

Tots' Praise

Meets in the children's corner at St. Mary's Church on alternate Fridays during term time at 9.45am for songs, stories, worship and crafts. Contact: Sandra Green 01296 668648.

Church Choir, Beacon Community Choir and Church Band

Church choir practice every Thursday at 7pm and Beacon Community Choir practice every Thursday at 8.15pm, both at St Mary's Ivinghoe. The church choir sing regularly for services and special occasions such as weddings and welcome singers of all ages. The Community Choir sing at a variety of local community events. If you are interested in either choir, please contact: Judith Sheridan on 07771 570314. If you are interested in joining the church band, please contact Mick at the vicarage on 01296 668260.

CHURCHES AND CHURCH SERVICES

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 01296 668260.

Bell Ringing

Practice is held at 7.30pm 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 01296 661540.

Food Bank

Donations welcome at the church. If you know someone who would benefit from a helping hand with the monthly expenses, please contact Rev Tracey on 01296 668260.

Normal service

Pattern for St Mary's Ivinghoe

1st Sunday of the month 10am Worshipping together (family service with puppets; music group; etc)

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 9.15am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month 9.15am Morning Praise

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

Wednesday morning 9.15am Holy Communion

Regular activities for I&PC 'The Chapel Fellowship'

Friendly, informal atmosphere for worship every Sunday in the Millennium Hall, Pitstone Memorial Hall at 10.30am. Children welcome. Refreshments after service. Please contact Pastor Dave and Sheridan Clifford on 01296 668906 or davidclifford954@sky.com.

ACTIVITY VENUES

Pitstone Memorial Hall, Pitstone (map ref 1)



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 free car parking and good disabled access to the facilities. Wi-fi available throughout. For your safety and security there is a new fire alarm

system throughout the building and CCTV coverage. 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, new down lighting and sound system, new windows and doors & is newly decorated. 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.

Social Room with bar: Recently completely renovated, decorated and updated. Perfect for wakes, christenings etc.

Sports changing rooms and showers: Redecorated and updated this year.

For bookings: please contact Mrs Sue Gregory on 01296 661609 or visit www.pitstone.co.uk to see the Terms and Conditions of hire.

What happens at this venue? See the alphabetical guide.

ACTIVITY VENUES

Pitstone Pavilion and Football Pitches, Pitstone (map ref 3)



These premises on the Marsworth Road (almost opposite the Westfield Road junction) sit on the site of the old Castle Cement workforce 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? See the alphabetical guide for contact details for each club.

Yardley Avenue Sheltered Accommodation Lounge, Pitstone (map ref 12)

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

ACTIVITY VENUES

Ivinghoe Town Hall, Ivinghoe (map ref 14)



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.

What happens at this venue? See the alphabetical guide for contact details for each club.

Old School Community Hub, Ivinghoe (map ref 20)



The new Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub on Ivinghoe Lawn houses the CuriosiTEA Rooms, a popular, welcoming and affordable drop in café which opens 7 days a week. There are also plans to offer a range of activities for all ages ranging from baby yoga & sensory sessions, play & drama for toddlers and upwards, through to a variety of coffee / lunch / after school clubs with an IT suite for small businesses and separately to teach IT to new learners. The

facility hope to offer film shows, artists in residence, on-going exhibitions, arts, crafts & sewing, exercise to music etc. This community space is also available to hire for parties and seasonal celebrations, organically expanding to whatever the community needs for its wellbeing.

For more information: please contact the Hub on 01296 661666, or visit www.ivinghoeoldschool.com or better still, come in and play!

ACTIVITY VENUES

Sure Start Children's Centre, Ivinghoe (map ref 13)

This facility is managed by Barnardo's and is located next to Windmill Pre-School, High Street, Ivinghoe (accessed via the public footpath). It offers an ever changing 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 for the latest timetable.

What happens at this venue? See the alphabetical guide for details of each of the current activities.

Rose and Crown Public House, Ivinghoe (map ref 18)



A public house since 1699, The Rose and Crown is probably Pitstone and Ivinghoe's oldest surviving business. 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.

Please check the website for up to date information:

www.roseandcrownivinghoe.com telephone 01296 668472

What happens at this venue? See the alphabetical guide for contact details for each club.

EATING AND DRINKING—CAFÉ'S

The Waterside Café, Pitstone (map ref 16)



Situated alongside the Grand Union Canal, the waterside café has views of the narrow-boats and surrounding countryside and makes the perfect place to eat, drink and relax.

Co-located with Grebe Canal Cruises at Pitstone Wharf, with seating both inside and outside the café it is an ideal place to visit whatever the weather. Range of homemade fare including full breakfasts, soups, lunches, salads, sandwiches, cream teas and cakes.

Opening hours:

Mid-March to end October: Wednesday - Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-3pm (daily in August)

November to mid-March: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10am-2pm

Other times by special arrangement. Ample free parking.

Contact details:

Telephone: 07791 956152 or 01296 662992. Email: café@pitstonewharf.co.uk. Website: www.pitstonewharf.co.uk.

CuriosiTEA Rooms, Ivinghoe (map ref 20)



CuriosiTEA Rooms is a friendly Cafe based in a beautiful Victorian school building in Ivinghoe. With seating both inside and outside and the children's play area and open lawn just a stones throw away, the café is an ideal place to visit for all ages. Offering a variety of sandwiches, toasties, jacket potatoes soups, salads, hot and cold drinks, cakes and more.

Opening hours:

Mondays 9am-5.30pm; Tuesdays 9am - 4.30pm; Wednesdays 9am - 2.00pm;

Thursdays 9am - 4.30pm; Friday 9am - 4.30pm; Saturday & Sunday 10am - 3.00pm

Catering and parties available. Picnic baskets available to hire.

Contact details:

Telephone: 07775 831153. Website: www.curiositearooms.co.uk

EATING AND DRINKING—PUBS AND CLUBS

Pitstone Social Club, Pitstone (map ref 1)



Pitstone Memorial Hall Social Room & Bar. 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.

Opening hours:

Every Friday from 7.30pm

Every Saturday afternoon

Sundays from 12.00-3.00pm in the winter and all afternoon during the summer if cricket is on

Contact details:

Barry on 01296 661609 or email pitstonesc@gmail.com

Rose and Crown Public House, Ivinghoe (map ref 18)



A traditional English village pub dating from the 1600s. Serving great real ales, quality wines and delicious food. Aylesbury Vales 'Best Community Pub' 2010 Runner Up. A Free House, The Rose and Crown is housed in beautiful old buildings complete with barn and coach yard (now the garden bar). Made cosy in the winter by open fires and in summer, the outdoor area is a sheltered sun-trap. You are guaranteed a warm welcome, a memorable meal and a great pint. Open for tea, coffee and cakes, lunch and dinner. Take away tea and coffee also available.

Opening hours: Open all day from 9.30am Tuesday to Sunday.

Contact details:

Telephone: 01296 668472. Website: www.roseandcrownivinghoe.com
Vicarage Lane, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EQ

EATING AND DRINKING—RESTAURANTS AND TAKE AWAYS

The New May Fu, Pitstone (map ref 15)



Authentic Chinese dishes, freshly made to order. Dining room completely renovated in 2013 and now open for a la carte menu or 'eat as much as you like' from 5-9pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or 12noon-5pm on Sundays. Bookings welcome. Take away service available. Ample free parking.

Opening hours:

Tuesday-Thursday & Sunday: 5pm-10pm
Friday-Saturday: 5pm-11pm
Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays)

Contact details:

Telephone: 01296 661969, 01296 662180 or 01296 668136.

Email: newmayfu@gmail.com Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/newmayfu.pitstone>
17/19 Marsworth Road, Pitstone, LU7 9AT

The Haldi Restaurant, Pitstone (map ref 17)



The Haldi promises to bring a new concept in Asian food to the district. The cuisine spans the boundary between traditional and innovative, offering an interesting selection of dishes including Bangladeshi fish and balti specials. Wednesday night is the chefs special 'taster night'. You are guaranteed a warm welcome and there is ample free parking. Licensed restaurant or take away service available. Bookings welcome.

Opening hours:

Open 7 days a week, including Bank Holidays
Sunday to Thursday: 12noon-2pm & 5.30-10.30pm
Friday to Saturday: 12noon-2pm & 5.30-11.00pm

Contact details:

Telephone: 01296 662204 or 01296 661223. Website: www.thehaldipitstone.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/thehaldirestaurant

80 Marsworth Road, Pitstone, LU7 9AS

EATING AND DRINKING—RESTAURANTS AND TAKE AWAYS

The Kings Head, Ivinghoe (map ref 19)



An appealing mix of oak beams, log fires, antique furniture and fresh flowers sets the scene in the bars, fine dining restaurant, coffee lounge and banqueting suite where the marks of history are firmly stamped. Listed as one of Britain's Finest Restaurants at www.britainsfinest.co.uk. The restaurant offers fantastic food and service and an impressive wine list in its 16th century grade two listed building.

Contact details:

Telephone: 01296 668388. Website: www.kingsheadivinghoe.co.uk.

Email: reservations@kingsheadivinghoe.co.uk

Station Road, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EB

Mobile services

Howe & Co Quality Fish and Chips

(tel: 01296 712226, email: howeandco1@yahoo.co.uk)

Howe & Co have been serving up some of the finest fish and chips for over 80 years and deliver to 90 towns and villages.

Friday: lunchtime between 12.15 and 2.10 pm, approaching from Ivinghoe and stopping by The Haldi before calling into a number of residential roads then continuing to Marsworth. Listen out for the bell!

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.

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 seven trustees appointed by the Parish Council. The trustees are currently the same as those administrating 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.

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.

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
Gill Lowe	21 Rushendon Furlong	668809	Chairperson
Kate Smethers	41 Albion Road	661499	Treasurer
Mark Robinson	77 Crispin Field	660724	Trustee
Sue Gregory	4 The Crescent	661609	Trustee
Rachael Edwards	65 Old Farm	661953	Trustee
Peter Loose	21 Albion Road	668501	Trustee
David Nicholls	64 Marsworth Road	661910	Trustee

HELP WITH 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 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

BIOGRAPHIES OF FAMOUS RESIDENTS

The following biographies first appeared in PPP and are repeated in the guide to continue to inspire us all.

Butch Baker - Musician

Butch Baker born 16th July 1941 moved to Pitstone at the age of 2 weeks. The family lived at 4 The Crescent during his rise to fame. The Knights of the Round Table were formed in 1959 by Barron Anthony (Anthony Osmond) after he bought himself out of the RAF, all the original members came from the Leighton Buzzard area where the Barron had been stationed. This was at a time when Rock had only begun to Roll and the Hit Parade was not yet a teenager. The likes of Billy Fury, Marty Wilde, Adam Faith and Cliff Richard were putting the fizz into pop music, and Tommy Steele was running amok with 'A Little White Bull'.

In 1960, aged 18, Butch, gave up his day job and became a professional guitarist. On the 5th October, that year, The Knights got up from the roundtable and were promoted to Barrons. They spent their early career as a straight pop group touring and playing in English dance halls before making their way to Hamburg in Germany. Butch joined the band in 1962 replacing Jud Hopkins at the invitation of Barron Anthony and Pete Langford..

The first vein of gold was mined in 1963 when asked by Brian Epstein, '**The Barron Knights**', as they were now called, appeared as a support act for '**The Beatles**' Christmas Shows at the Finsbury Park Astoria in London. Chart success, came the following year (1964), with 'Call Up the Groups' a medley of parodies, of the pop music, in and around the charts at the time. "Call Up the Groups" found its way to number 3 in the charts, a feat that demanded their debut appearance on Top of the Pops and saw them flown in specially, by the BBC, from the Channel Islands where they were appearing. A flight which was Butch's first time in the air waves and not on them.

Together with Peter Langford (P'nut) Butch was responsible for writing a lot of material for the group and the style of comedy he brought to the group saw him compared with the great Tommy Cooper. Butch credits his father, Maurice with beginning his musical career. "...He taught me to play the banjo when I was eight or nine and then I got a classical guitar, put steel string on it and played that." (*Huddersfield Daily Examiner Feb. 4th 2005*). Butch's first public performance was at Marsworth Village Hall, in a duet with his dad on banjos, aged around eleven. In 1967 the group released the single "Lazy Fat People", a satirical song penned by Pete Townshend of 'The Who'.

'**The Barron Knights**' climbed the charts with four other hits in the 1960's and 1970's. They went on to great success on the cabaret circuit all round the world and toured for over 47 years before Butch announced his retirement at the Derngate, Northampton on the 27th January 2007. Sharing the bill that night were '**The Fortunes**', '**The Tremeloes**', and '**Marmalade**'.



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Gerry Marshall - Motor Racing Legend



Gerry Marshall, saloon car racing driver (born November 16 1941 died April 21 2005) first lived at Thespians Orchard in Chequers Lane later moving to 3 Morton Close. According to a 2002 magazine poll he was considered, by many, to be amongst the best British saloon car racing drivers of all time. His first win was in 1964 at the wheel of a Mini. His 600th win coming in 2000 at Snetterton driving an Aston Martin DB4.

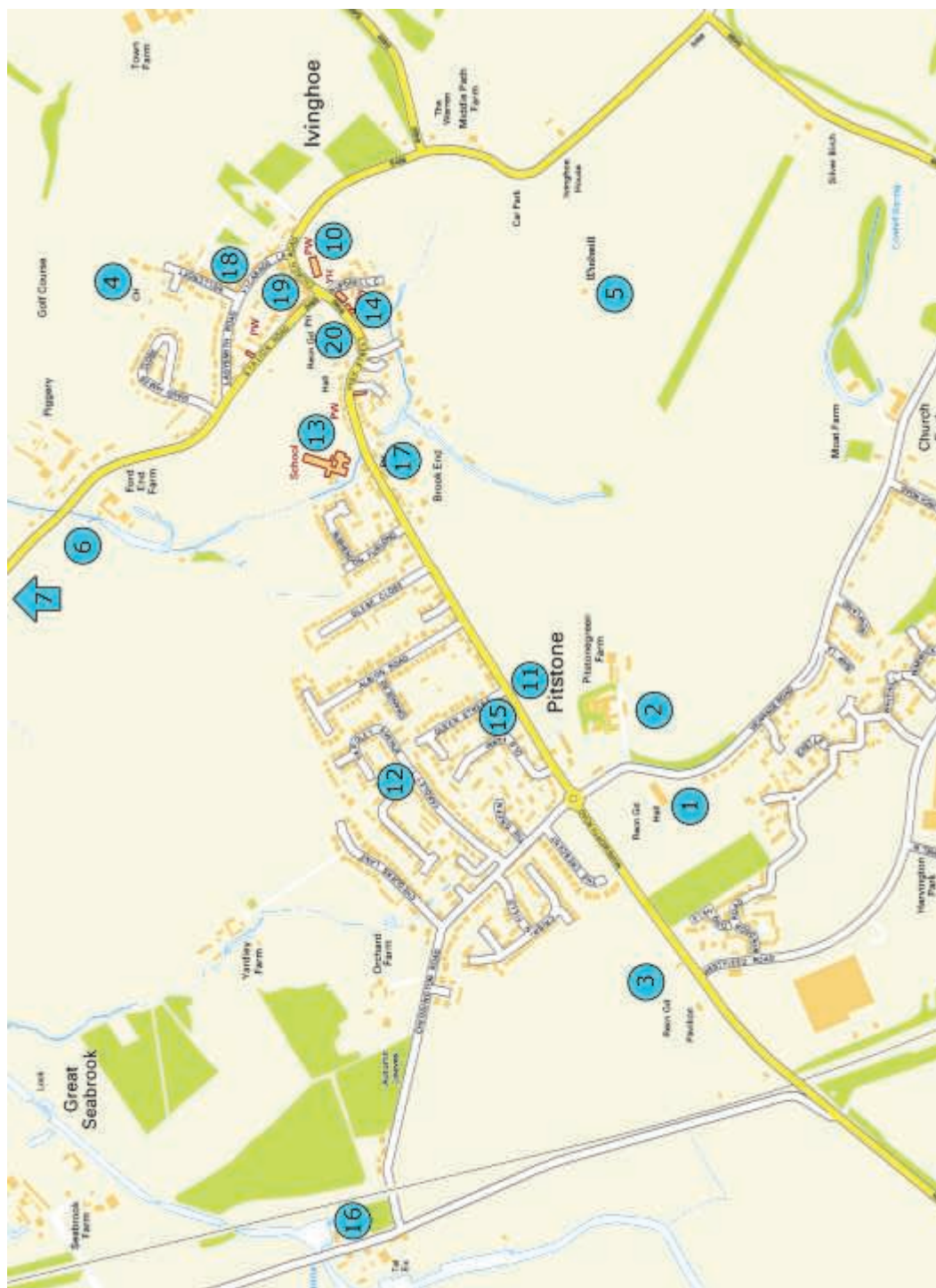
In 1971, he won the Escort Mexico championship, beating future Formula 1 World Champion Jody Scheckter. 1972, saw him win the final race meeting to be held at Crystal Palace, this was an Historic Sports Car race, where he drove a Lister Jaguar. In 1974 driving for the same team as rally driver Roger Clark he finished 2nd in the Avon Tour of Britain. In the 70's Gerry drove for Dealer Team Vauxhall. During this time he was often on BBC TV's Grandstand, at a time when Murray Walker was cutting his teeth on a unique style of commentary. For Vauxhall's he drove what became the legendary Super saloon Vauxhalls, Big Bertha (Ventora), Baby Bertha (Firenza) and Old Nail (the first ever production and race Firenza). The V8 powered Bertha's were prepared by another legend Bill Blydenstein. 'They were the most dramatic things imaginable, especially with Gerry - extrovert, sideways, Mr. Car Control - at the wheel. That's when Marshall really caught the imagination of racegoers.' (**Mark Hughes, Motorsport, May 2005**). The Firenza and Magnum were variants of Vauxhall's HC Viva.

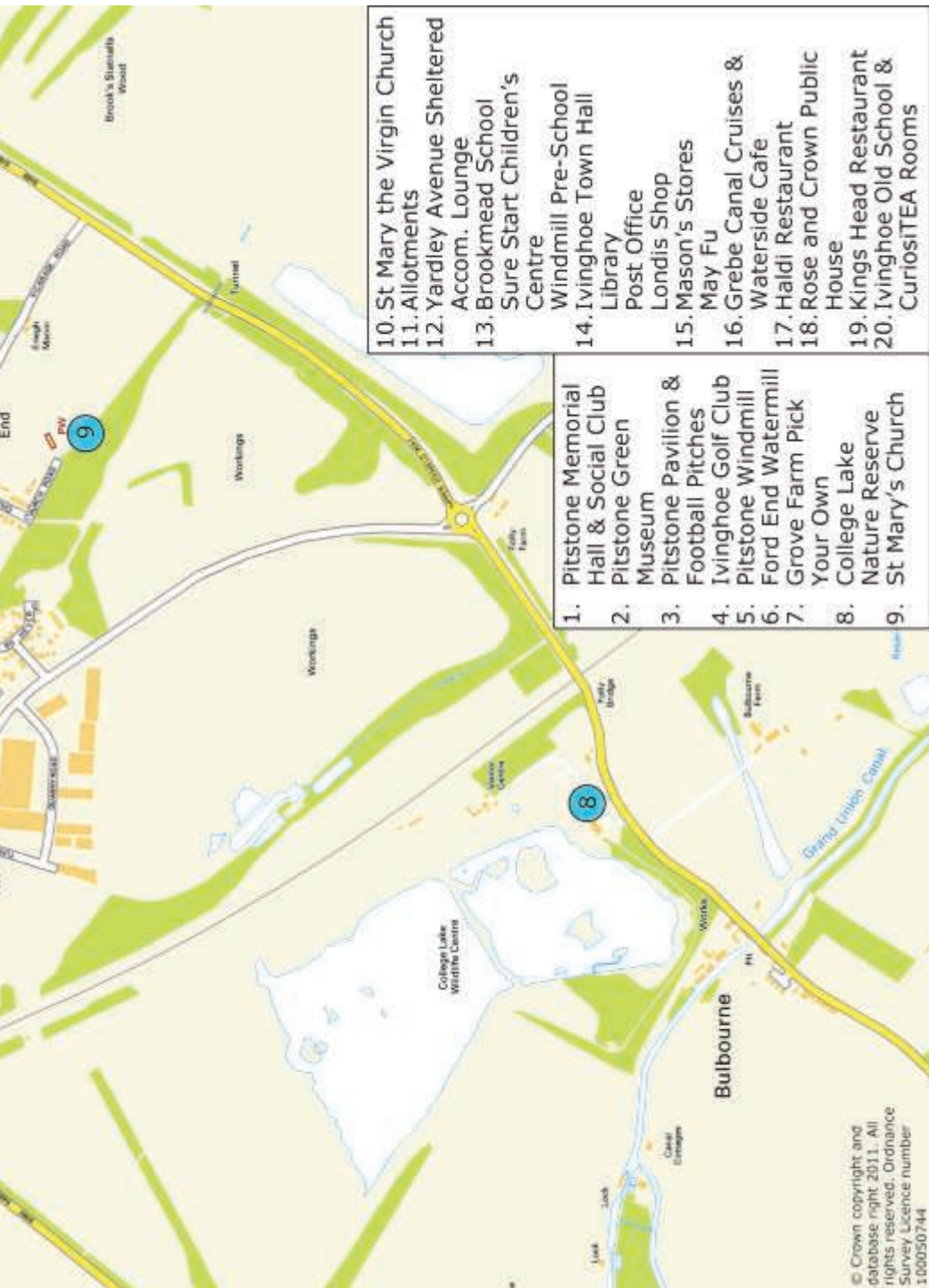
'Marshall's style has been described as "sideways, on-the-edge cornering that was to distinguish his driving in any car, large or small, front or rear drive." This outward appearance belied an extraordinary cool-headed ability and intelligence behind the wheel. His biography, published in 1978, was titled **Only Here for the Beer** and a tribute edition was reissued shortly after his untimely death.' (Wikipedia 13/03/2008)

Among the highs of 1979 was the formation of **Gerry Marshall Racing**, which saw him begin preparing cars for other people. However saloon car racing was not without it's perils. The low point came at a race at Silverstone that saw Gerry crash at over 100 mph. The force of the accident caused his helmet to come off (still intact and fastened) and broke the mountings of his seat which meant that he was thrown around the inside of the vehicle like a rag doll. Despite serious injuries, some of which affected him for the rest of his life he was out of hospital, in ten days, and winning races before the end of the season.

'A supremely popular and larger than life character. Gerry was awarded the British Automobile Racing Club Gold Medal in recognition of his outstanding contribution to sport - one of only 34 people to have been accorded that honour.

He died of a heart related illness...doing what he loved - driving a Chevrolet Camaro (the ex-Richard Petty's car) at Silverstone. He slid into the gravel and stopped in front of the British Racing Driver's Club - of which he had been a leading member for years - with Gerry never losing control of the car' (GM Mirror May 2005). Mark Hughes of Motorsport wrote of Gerry "...he was a big old emotional softie underneath it all, and sometimes generous to a fault.....As legends go, they don't come any bigger." (Photos supplied by Vauxhall Motors Limited)





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Robert Holmes - Script Editor 'Doctor Who'

Robert Colin Holmes (2nd April 1926 - 24 May 1986) lived at 'The White House' 65 Marsworth Road in the swinging sixties and 1970's with his wife, son Nicholas and daughter Lorraine. He distinguished himself early in life by being the youngest ever commissioned officer in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, serving in Burma. Back in 'civvy' street he joined the police and passed out top of his year at Hendon Police College. Later he became a court reporter and journalist. Working as a sports reporter, found him, in the Midlands where he became the final editor of "The John Bull Magazine". It was at this time, during the 1950's, that he began submitting material to Granada television for their series "Knight Errant".

He worked as a Script Editor on **Doctor Who** between 1974 and 1977 and had previously submitted scripts. His tenure saw, come and go, 6 Producers, 5 Doctors, 11 assistants to the doctor (4 of whom he introduced) over a period of 18 seasons. His total of 18 scripts which included 4 based on stories by other writers or co-written, again put him top of his class, with only, Terry Nation contributing a count of more than 9.

After 1979, Robert Holmes moved away from **Doctor Who** to concentrate on other projects mainly within the science fiction genre. Returning in 1984 he wrote the script that saw Peter Davison metamorphose into Colin Baker. After Colin Baker's first season, work on a draft script for the next season and plans to bring him back as Script Editor were undone by his untimely death after a short illness.

Robert Holmes is widely acknowledged as having had the biggest influence, as a Script Editor, on the success of "Doctor Who". A poll, in the 80's, among the reader's of the fanzine "DWB" gave him 74% of the votes as the readers favourite. Second place went to Terrance Dicks, with 4% of votes.

"I am not a fan of Sherlock Holmes but I am a fan of that fictitious Victorian period, with fog, gas lamps, Hansom cabs and music halls. We look back on it and say that's what it was like, although of course it wasn't - people were slaving in dark, satanic mills and starving in London gutters." Robert Holmes. It is possible to say that his career ended as it began top of his class. (Information for this article was taken from Internet sources)

John and Roy Boulting - Film Makers

The Pitstone census of 1939 shows the following entry about the parents of our subjects :
RE122 1939 **Boulting**, Roy Alfred and Marian Angela, The Green

John and Roy Boulting born in that order on the 21 November 1913, at Bray Berkshire, were identical twins, born five minutes apart, whose career in film making started at public school where they formed a film society. As a partnership they established Charter Films in 1937 as their own independent production company. Their first success, which labelled them as "earnest evangelicals", came with the films, Pastor Hall (1940) inspired by the persecution of Pastor Niemoller, the first feature film to expose the horror of the Nazi concentration camps and Thunder Rock (1942), steeped in symbolism, which saw a journalist (Michael Redgrave) so disillusioned by Europe's apathetic response to the rise of fascism in the 1930's that he takes a job as a lighthouse keeper on Lake Michigan where he is confronted by the ghosts

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of immigrants from a boat which sank 100 years before. The doomed ship represented Europe heading for disaster.

During the Spanish Civil War John volunteered as an ambulance driver as part of the International Brigade, on the front line. Later WW2 service saw the brothers separated again with John in the RAF and Roy a captain in the army.

In the 1940's they were a breath of fresh air to the British film industry, spinning it off its axis in the same way that the Beatles affected the music industry twenty years later. Their earlier films made use of locations in the area, where they lived, a trend which continues today, next time you watch the Birthday Girl starring Nicole Kidman watch out for a guest appearance by Pitstone Windmill. Among Roy's credits is the film Inquest (1940) which features scenes of a cricket match at the recreation ground at a time when the site of the Tunnel Cement Works was less than three years old and the cross-roads marked the Lower Icknield Way rather than a modern day roundabout. After the war they concentrated on a series of films that reflected the uniqueness of the British character and illustrated the way of life recovering from the 2nd World War. The 1940's were illuminated by Fame Is The Spur (1946) and Brighton Rock (1947), written by Graham Greene, Berkhamstead's famous son and starring Richard Attenborough (as the gangster Pinkie Brown). In the 1950's Seven Days To Noon shone the light on social paranoia. The 1950's were marked out by a number of films concentrating on a theme of social observation. Peter Sellers, Ian Carmichael and Terry Thomas featured in some of their best remembered satires. The brothers were always political but their voice could only be heard in the form of comedies, where they found it possible to raise the finance.

The army life of Stanley in Privates Progress (1956) followed him in the film I'm All Right Jack (1959) onto the factory floor which was an observation on the workings of trade unionism which so offended the trade unions that the Association of Cine Technicians were moved to start a five year legal battle with the brothers for the non-payment of union dues. Their defence on what was seen as attacks on the establishment was that they were standing up for the individuals rights versus the twin threat of big business and organised labour. By lampooning all forms of established society, the legal system in the film Brothers In Law, the Church in Heavens Above and the civil service in Carlton Brown Of The FO the brothers opinion was that no particular body could take special offence as they had all been touched.

"When we started we made low-budget films with a high mind. They earned us wonderful notices, many letters from earnest film lovers, and the deep suspicion of the film industry"

During their careers they mainly worked together swapping the roles of producer and director on different projects. John's last film, as a director, was 1966's Rotten to the Core. He continued until the early 1970's to work as a producer and as Managing Director of British Lion. His brother Roy directed up until 1985 when he worked on two episodes of the BBC Miss Marple Series. Together they made over sixty films. Sir Richard Attenborough said of them "John and Roy were two of the most original and courageous of British film-makers. They fought passionately for creative freedom and rejected any finance which sought to deny it. They cared deeply about the content of their films which epitomized their own convictions. They gave me my first opportunities as an actor in the cinema in Brighton Rock and The Guinea Pig...". John died on June 17, 1985, in Sunningdale, Berkshire and Roy on November 5, 2001. Sources: (Guardian) film.guardian.co.uk and (British Film Institute) www.bfi.org.uk

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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)

Suitable for adults of all abilities. Millennium Room of Pitstone Memorial Hall 1.35pm-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'S FIRST CAFÉ

Breastfeeding support group at the Sure Start Centre every Tuesday from 11.00am-12.30pm. FREE.

Contact: **01296 662363**

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Stay and Play

Meet at the Sure Start Centre every Monday from 10.00-11.30am. FREE. Fun activities and messy play for all children 0-5 years. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Contact: **01296 662363**

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Baby and Toddlers

meet at Pitstone Memorial Hall every Wednesday during term time from 1.15-3.00pm. 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: www.pitstoneandivinghoetoddlers.btck.co.uk

BABY MASSAGE

Suitable from birth to 1 year. Regular 5 week courses at the Sure Start Centre. FREE.

Contact: **01296 662363** to book a place.

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

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BALLET DANCING—FOR ADULTS

Gives you a total body workout. Promotes better posture, flexibility, strengthens back and abdominals and tones and sculpts your body. Wednesdays 1.00-2.00pm in Ivinghoe Town Hall.

Contact: Kate Everitt on **07985 048880**,
07989 205498 or visit
www.kasostudios.co.uk



BALLET DANCING—FOR CHILDREN

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.

BALLET DANCING—FOR CHILDREN

Fun ballet classes for children. Held on Saturdays from 10.30-11.45am in the Millennium Room at Pitstone Memorial Hall.

Contact: Pippa Newton on **07740 858613**

BEACON VILLAGES SOCIETY

A local amenity society dealing with issues of concern to villagers, liaising with Parish Councils and approaching district & county councils where necessary. Founded 1964. Campaigns included pressing for fume & dust improvements caused by the cement works and campaigning against the proposed rubbish dump in quarry 2 in the 1990s.

The Society's committee looks at planning applications of concern and welcomes suggestions of ways to enable enhancement of our villages environment.

Of current concern is the pressure for increasing housing development in the Vale, the future of the three quarries and traffic patterns/ footpaths and cycle-ways. Guest speaker on local topical issue at AGM.

Membership £1 per person. If funds are needed for any major campaign, special events are undertaken.

Contact: Phil Cummings (Chairman) on **01296 668621** or Jean de Selincourt (Hon Secretary) on **01296 662151**

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 term time.

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

Contact: Andy Broad (Leader), on
01296 662576

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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.

Open sessions every Tuesday at 2pm and Friday at 6pm from May to September—so come along and give it a try.

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. 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.
To join please visit <http://www.girlguiding.org.uk>



BUMPS AND BABIES

A group for families with children 0-2 years old. Activities now include sensory play and health focused activities. Runs alongside the clinic. Expectant parents welcome.

10.15am-11.30am on Fridays at the Sure Start Centre.

Contact: **01296 662363**

CHILDMINDERS GROUP

Fun activities and messy play for childminders and their children at the Sure Start Centre every Tuesday from 09.00-10.30pm. FREE. NCMA coordinator visits on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Contact: **01296 662363**

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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: Judith Sheridan on

07771 570314

COMPUTER HELP FOR OVER 60'S— SILVER SURFERS CLUB

If you would like some help to learn to use a computer or get onto the internet drop in to one of these friendly sessions. Geared to whatever level you are or whatever activity you want to learn about. Want to shop online? Want to keep in touch with your family through Skype or email? Need to pay a bill electronically? Want to write poems or letters on a computer? Perhaps you would like to learn digital photography? Just come along and have a chat.

10.00-11.00am on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room at Pitstone Memorial Hall.

Contact: Dave Clifford on **01296 668906**

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

first_pscouts@yahoo.co.uk.

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CYCLING

The "Vinghoe Velos" arrange regular rides:

1. Saturday Tea Ride, meet at 10am outside Rose & Crown. Goes as fast as slowest rider, Regular 'stop & waits' plus a tea & cake stop half way round. Usually back by 12.20pm. Everyone & all cycles welcome.
2. Sunday ride, meets outside Rose & Crown at 9.50am. Group ride averaging 13mph. Returns around 12.15pm.
3. Pitstone Loonies, meet at the junction of Rushendon Furlong & Marsworth Road at 7.30pm on Tuesdays for a technical and challenging off-road ride. Mountain bikes only. Lights essential during winter months.
4. Pitstone Puddlers meet at 7.30pm on a Thursday at the Marsworth Road/Vicarage Road junction of the roundabout. General trail riding, all abilities welcome. Lights essential in winter months.

Register for weekend ride announcements and midweek ride updates on the web site :

www.ivinghoevelos.org.uk or visit facebook.com/vinghoe.velos or twitter: [@vinghoevelos](https://twitter.com/vinghoevelos) for more information.

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

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 & 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

FOOTBALL – P & 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

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FOOTBALL – P, I & C 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

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. Men's, 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**
Or email info@ivinghoegolfclub.co.uk

GUIDES

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

To join please visit: <http://girlguiding.org.uk/>

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

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

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JAZZERCISE

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

Contact: Keri Donnellan on
07900 987230, 01525 371553

KARATE

6.00pm-7.00pm every Wednesday at Pitstone Memorial Hall

Contact: Trevor John
of Genesis Martial Arts on
07780 668033

KNITTING

"Knit and Natter" meets fortnightly from Sept to June at the Rose & Crown.

Contact: Sally Beezer on
sally.beezer@gmail.com or call The Rose & Crown on **01296 668472**.

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.

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

OVER 50'S FITNESS CLASSES

'Fine Vintage Fitness' classes offer a gentle and effective all over workout for the over 50's. Set to lovely music old and new. Held at Ivinghoe Town Hall on Wednesdays at 3pm.

Contact : Kate Everitt on
07985 048880, 07989 205498 or visit
www.kasostudios.co.uk

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. New members welcome.

Contact: Brenda Grace on
01296 668167 or Margaret on
01296 668005.

Yardley Avenue Over 60's also meet on the other Thursdays in Yardley Avenue Lounge.
Contact: Linda Taylor on **01296 732718**.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

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

Contact:

info@roseandcrownivinghoe.com or call

The Rose & Crown on

01296 668472.

PILATES (BODY ELECTRIC FITNESS)

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

7.00-8.00pm Monday (intermediate),

8.15-9.15pm Monday (Iron Core).

10.45-11.45am on Tuesdays in term time (beginners).

7.15-8.15pm (all levels) or 8.15-9.15pm (intermediate) on Wednesdays.

9.00-10.00am Saturday (all levels)

6.00-7.00pm (all levels) or 7.00-8.00pm (advanced) on Sundays.

Contact: Karen-Anne Fisher on

01296 668904 or visit

www.bodyelectricfitness.co.uk

PUPPY & DOG TRAINING

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

Contact: Jon Peplow on **01442 878109**,

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

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

QUIZ NIGHTS

Run monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at the Rose & Crown.

Contact:

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.

To join please visit <http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

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

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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/

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
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](mailto:firstpscouts@yahoo.co.uk).



SINGALONG

Sing-along 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,

Thursdays at 10.00am and

Fridays at 10am

0-5 year olds £3.75

Siblings 2+ only £2 and siblings under 2
are free.

Contact: Helen Gray on

01296 661791 to reserve a place or ask
about Sing-along parties.

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SOCIAL CLUB

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.

Open:

Every Friday from 7.30pm

Every Saturday afternoon

Sundays from 12.00-3.00pm in the winter and all afternoon during the summer when cricket is on

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



SQUASH

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

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

STEP AEROBICS (BODY ELECTRIC FITNESS)

Held in the Millenium Room at Pitstone Memorial Hall.

9.30-10.30am Tuesdays term time only

Contact: Karen-Anne Fisher on **01296 668904** or visit www.bodyelectricfitness.co.uk

STORYTIME

2.15-2.45pm on Tuesdays at Beacon Villages Community Library, Ivinghoe

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**.

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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 Thursday of every month at the Sure Start Centre from 10.00-11.30am. FREE.

Contact: **01296 662363**.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Run a full and varied programme of events, speakers, theatre trips, evening walks etc and have a supper club that frequents 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: Maggie Halsey (president) on **01296 668644** / maggiewi@tiscali.co.uk or Eilish Rogers (Vice President) on

01296 668122

YOUTH CAFE

If you are in school years 7-13 years come along to Pitstone's Youth Cafe 6.30pm-8.00pm every Wednesday evening at Brookmead school hall. The cafe offers loads of free activities like computer games, games, sports, crafts and music.

£1 per week. Drop in whenever you like.

Contact: Laurie Eagling on

01296 660791 or email

parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

ZUMBA

Classes at 7.00pm every Tuesday at Ivinghoe Town Hall.

Contact: Carolyn Syme via

www.zumba.com

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 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 footpath 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 (now closed). If you chose this route you can leave the canal at Cook's Wharf and turn left down Cheddington Road which will take you back to the Memorial Hall.

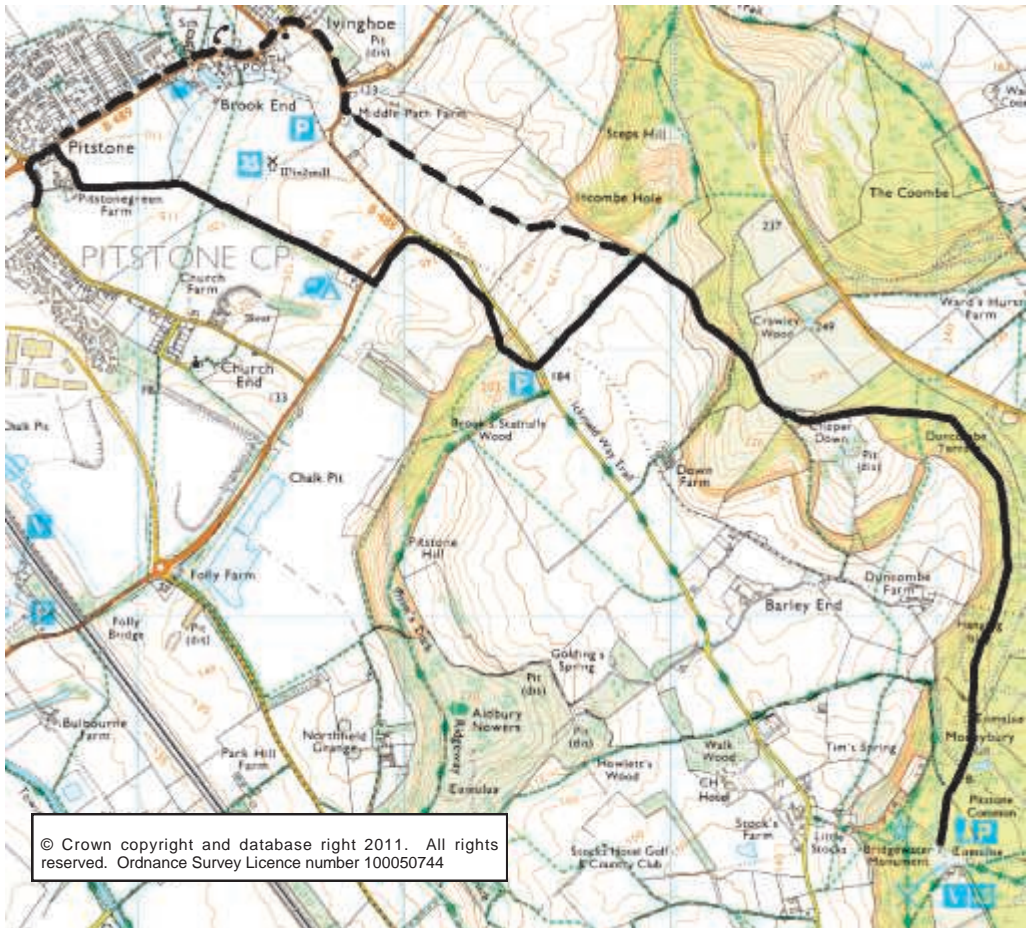
Walk to the monument.

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 up the grass.

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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.

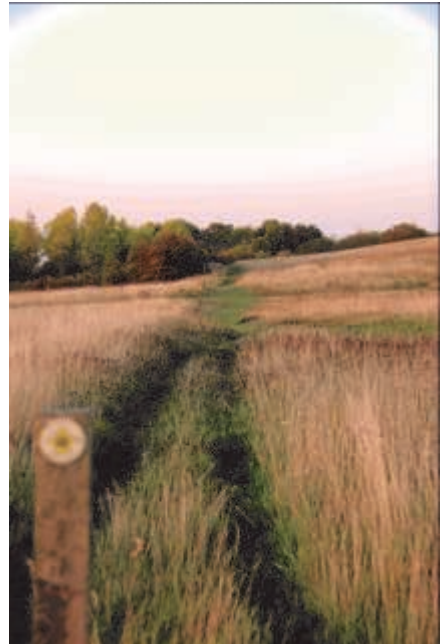
6. Admire the view from the highest point including All Saints, Leighton Buzzard to your right and County Council building in Aylesbury to your left.



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.

EASY CYCLE ROUTES

Three nice and easy cycle routes to tempt you back into the saddle!

Route 1—Lots of places to stop, not too taxing, no hills and not too far!

1. Start at the roundabout at the crossroads.
2. Head along Cheddington Road towards Cheddington and turn right after railway bridge.
3. Go through Cheddington to the double roundabout where you turn left and go along the Long Marston Road, past the airfield.
4. At the Queens Head turn left and go through Gubblecote, taking the left fork at the bend.
5. Continue along this road, past the old Deans egg depot and the old airfield entrance to the Red Lion Bridge at Marsworth.
6. Continue over the bridge and up to the road junction where you turn left by the village hall and head off up the hill to Pitstone.

Route 2—lovely views from Pitstone Hill!

1. Cycle through Castlemead, using the cycle paths, up to the roundabout at Folly Farm.
2. Go straight over the roundabout, along Northfield Road until you get to the junction.
3. Turn Left and head towards Aldbury and then left again by the duck pond.
4. Cycle away from the village, past Stocks and head towards Pitstone Hill Car Park. We'd recommend you stop for a while at the hill to enjoy the view and have a well earned rest.
5. Continue down the hill towards Ivinghoe.
6. There is a nasty junction at the bottom, so take care when you turn right into Ivinghoe and then continue round into Pitstone.

EASY CYCLE ROUTES

Route 3—A slightly longer ride, but no hills!

1. Start at the roundabout at the crossroads.
2. Head along Cheddington Road towards Cheddington and turn right after railway bridge.
3. Go through Cheddington to the double roundabout where you turn left and go along the Long Marston Road, past the airfield.
4. At the Queens Head go straight across (into Astrope Lane), towards Puttenham.
5. Take the next left turn down Watery Lane.
6. At the end turn right, go over the canal bridge (Tea Ride Tip:- stick your hand in the air if you can as go up so cars coming towards you can see you!) and follow the road round into Wilstone village.
7. Go through Wilstone village and turn left at the end, opposite PE Mead Farm Shop - great for a cuppa & a piece of cake!
8. Very carefully, take the next right towards Little Tring - on the tight left hand bend.
9. Take the next left, Wiggles Lane and then right at the end, towards New Mill & Tring, going past Heygates to the Marmalade Cat Nursery roundabout.
10. Go straight over the roundabout and take the next left at the Pheasant pub, into Grove Road.
11. All the way to the end and left, where you can get on the cycle path, all the way to Tring station.
12. Go past the station then turn left up Northfield Road.
13. Go straight over the next roundabout along Westfield Road, towards Pitstone Green & Castlemead.
14. Turn right at the end and you will find yourself back at Pitstone Green roundabout.

These are just a few suggestions. However the Velos T-riders leave the Rose and Crown on a Saturday morning at about 10.00 am, going at the speed of the slowest rider and stopping for tea and cake on the way. Come and join us, we cycle as a group making sure that no one gets left behind and end up at the Rose & Crown for more refreshments at about 12.00 -12.30.

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.

Beacon Villages Community Library

Do you use the library? The library is looking for people to assist at the library to extend and enhance the opening times. Please get in touch with Emma Huxley on thehuxleys@gmail.com.

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.

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 a 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 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. 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.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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. 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.

Youth Café

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. 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

Post Office and Post Boxes

Ivinghoe Post Office	Old Town Hall, High Street Includes car tax bill payments, banking and Euro office 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)	

Shops

Masons	Marsworth Road, Pitstone Convenience store, Snacks, cigarettes, news & magazines, fruit & veg, frozen foods, off licence & lotto Weekdays: 06.30-08.00pm Saturday: 07.30-08.00pm Sunday: 08.00-5.00pm	01296 660052
Ivinghoe Village Shop	Old Town Hall, Ivinghoe Convenience store, fresh bread, hot tea/coffee, fruit & veg, off licence Monday & Thursday: 08.00-6.00pm Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat: 08.30-7.30pm Sunday: 08.00am-1.00pm	01296 660325
Grooms Farm Shop	Willowdene Farm, Station Road, Ivinghoe Fresh meat, poultry, eggs, vegetables and dairy products Open 9.00-12.00 Thursdays 8.30-05.00pm Fridays 8.00-1.00pm Saturdays	01296 666826 or 0788 2356241 Orders can be taken outside of opening hours

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Library

Beacon Villages Community Library	Old Town Hall, High Street 2-5pm on Tuesday & Thursday 2-7pm on Friday and 10-1pm on Saturday Story time 2.15pm-2.45pm Tuesdays, term time only	0845 2303232
Mobile Library	Monthly on a Tuesday at the Village Health Centre, Yardley Avenue 2.45-3.15pm	

Utilities

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

Refuse and Recycling

Food waste (small green bin) is collected every Friday.

Recycling (blue lid bin) is collected every second Friday.

General waste (green lid bin) is collected every second Friday.

Garden refuse (brown bin), where you have subscribed to the service, is collected every second Monday.

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 to check the schedule or sign up to text alerts.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Advice (Citizens Advice Bureau)

Nearest CAB Office	10 High Street, Tring, Herts	0844 873 1303
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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	101
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
Chiropodist	Betafeet Podiatry, 110 High Street, Tring	01442 822990

Cinemas and Theatres

Empire Cinema	Leisure World, Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead	08714714714
Odeon Cinema	Exchange Street, Aylesbury	0871 2244007
Rex Cinema	High Street (Three Close Lane), Berkhamsted, HP4 2FG	01442 877759
Waterside Theatre	Exchange Street, Aylesbury	0844 8717627
Court Theatre	Station Road, Tring	07543 560478
Leighton Buzzard Theatre	Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard	0300 3008130

PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL SERVICES AND KEY PROJECTS

The Parish Council

The council's work falls into three main categories:

- * Representing the local community
- * Delivering services to meet local needs and
- * Striving to improve the quality of life in the parish

We provide and maintain services such as: Allotments, Children's Play Areas, Youth Café, Pitstone pavilion and football pitches, Street lighting, Bus shelters, Seating, Litter and dog fouling collection and Grants to local community groups.

Major Projects



The creation of the latest phase of the Castlemead estate released some funds towards leisure provision. The first phase will see a new, challenging and exciting play space on the recreation ground.

Phase II will see a spray concrete skate park installed adjacent to the new play space.

A multi-use ball games court adjacent to the skate park, is dependant upon the sale of Comprehensive plan.



The council continues to work with the private landowner and Aylesbury Vale District Council regarding the creation of a new heart for Pitstone around the recreation ground. This land was identified for development in the Pitstone Comprehensive Development Plan of 2005, produced following extensive public consultation by AVDC.

At present, the land is likely to be developed for housing as well as more community facilities such as the multi-use ball games court, picnic areas, community orchard and sensory planting.

is planned for installation but the timing of this facility the land within the Pitstone



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