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Pitstone Parish Post

This magazine is produced on behalf of Pitstone Parish Council and distributed quarterly, free to every household.

The Autumn 2014 edition is the first of a new slimmer format, which now contains news and updates from the Parish Council, and a small number of other items of local interest subject to reduced space availability.

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5 September 2014

Development Control
Aylesbury Vale District Council
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This is a copy of the parish council's application to Aylesbury Vale District Council to define our neighbourhood as the whole of the parish of Pitstone. This will enable us to produce a Neighbourhood Plan to give our community a voice in the future development of their village. Look out for more details coming soon.

Dear Development Control

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Pitstone Parish Council has resolved to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Pitstone and accordingly we are writing to apply for the designation of the parish as a neighbourhood area under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Regulation 5 requires a relevant body submitting an area application to the local planning authority to include:

- (a) A map which identifies the area to which the application relates
- (b) A statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated
- (c) A statement that the body making the application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Attached is a map of the current parish boundary and this will be the area to which this application relates. The area covered by this application will be the whole of the parish and will not intrude into any of the adjoining parishes.

The Localism Act 2011 makes it clear in section 61F that a parish council is authorised to act in relation to a neighbourhood area if that area consists of or includes the whole or part of any area of the council. Pitstone Parish Council is a constituted parish council and is an integral part of the local government of the area. The Parish Council wishes to implement a neighbourhood plan for the parish as has been agreed and minuted at a meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 August 2014 and this application for the designation of the parish as a neighbourhood area is the first stage of that process. As a parish it is completely appropriate to be so designated.

Section 61G of the 1990 Act, as amended by the Localism Act of 2011, states in paragraph (2) that a relevant body means a parish or town council. Thus Pitstone Parish Council is a relevant body under section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Please acknowledge receipt of this application and indicate a timescale for the publicising of this application and the decision to accept or reject.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Laurie Eagling
Clerk to Pitstone Parish Council

Boundary map can be
accessed at
www.pitstone.co.uk



Bob Saintey
Chairman
Pitstone Parish Council

We have all enjoyed a better than average summer and by the time you read this we will have put the clocks back one hour and settling into the long, cold, dark nights of winter.

The main topic of importance over the last couple of months has been the proposed development in Station Road Ivinghoe, by speculative developers, Gladman. This has been a wake up call for both villages and as a result Pitstone Parish Council is going to develop its own neighbourhood plan (see opposite). This involves setting up a steering committee outside of, but answerable to, the Parish Council. In so doing taking control of where we should like development to take place and not have it thrown at us from a speculative developer.

This steering committee will possibly have the ability to work in separate groups associated with the needs of the village and this may include close co-operation and communication with Ivinghoe Parish Council, in areas that concern both villages e.g. transport, church, school, surgeries etc. In doing this we feel that it is the best possible way for us to have a say in what happens, in terms of development, to our village. It is going to happen and we want to be in control.

The whole Parish has had a leaflet drop and we have had a dozen or more volunteers come forward to assist with this task. We wish them well. You will all be kept informed of progress. Winter well.

Bob Saintey.



Avril Davies
District and
County Councillor

Planning decisions

AVDC aimed to reach a decision on the proposed 70 houses at Station Road Ivinghoe by October 8, but as I understand it no decision is likely before the end of the month. When the decision has been made I and my fellow councillor for Cheddington ward Corry Cashman, will let people know through a short newsletter on planning.

The District Council elections May 2015 will be held on new

boundaries, decided by the Boundary Commission, despite representation and alternative suggestions from the Council and local people.

The current separate Pitstone and Cheddington wards will be combined into a single 'Pitstone and Cheddington' ward with two District Councillors. The new ward will include Pitstone, Cheddington, Ivinghoe, and Marsworth, but not Ivinghoe Aston or Slapton.

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The General Election May 2015. If our MP John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons, stands again for election, as anticipated, it is highly likely that he will once again not be opposed by the three main political parties. (As speaker, he is not a member of any political party). Last time many voters were disappointed when they only discovered this on polling day. It is a longstanding convention that in respect for the office, the main parties do not oppose the speaker. Local Lib Dems have been lobbying the national party ever since our MP became the speaker, to ignore the convention and give voters a choice, so far without success.

County Council Children's Services were judged inadequate by Ofsted this summer, particularly around social work practices. However processes for children who go missing or who are at risk from sexual exploitation were identified as strong, thankfully. In recent weeks a robust improvement plan has been drawn up and the council committed to additional funding, so far £4M overspend this year, £1M from contingency, plus another £4M still needed. The Ofsted report opened with the statement that Children's Social care is not in the two top priorities for the Council, limiting the effectiveness of those with lead responsibility for the service. I hope this hard hitting report is an opportunity to change that.

At last - £263M capital investment in Bucks roads for a four year 'preventative asset maintenance' programme. This is a stunning U turn from a council leader who has consistently rubbished my annual budget speech for the last three years which has emphasised the absolute necessity for investment. The new cabinet member for Transportation, Ruth Vigor-Hedderley has successfully reorganised the delivery of highway repairs and gained additional revenue funding, the

results of which can be seen in the spate of local roadworks.

National Heritage - Risky Business

The AVDC Heritage Team will soon be embarking upon a comprehensive Grade II Listed Building Survey across the District, as part of the National Heritage at Risk Grade II Project.

The aim of the project is to train local volunteers to survey important historic buildings in their area, and to monitor those buildings to make sure that they are not falling into disrepair.

AVDC would like to invite all interested local residents, Parish and Town representatives and amenity societies to help with the project, which will be taking place between now and April 2015. To take part email buildingsatrisk@aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk

Avril Davies
@avrilpitstone

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Grant awards

The Parish Council is Delighted to Support the 1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Scouts with a Grant for £640

The parish council were pleased to be able to support the 1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Scout Group by supplying a grant of £640 towards their target of £2,500 to purchase much needed camping equipment for the different troops of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. If you can assist them in any way, please get in touch with Keith Steers on 01296 662781 or 07899 696722.

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Path to Marsworth

Yardley Avenue Bollards

Many residents have enquired about these bollards. They were installed by the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust (VAHT) who own the land, following a request for assistance from Thames Valley Police to prevent parking on the grass apron which had continued to cause difficulties for those exiting the junction. Bucks County Council Transport for Bucks (TfB) had approved bollards to be installed in this location. Unfortunately, the type of bollard chosen by VAHT did not comply with the Highway Regulations laid down by TfB who then insisted that they be removed immediately. VAHT has now sourced additional funding and re-installed approved bollard w/c 29 September 2014 and our thanks go to them for doing so.

Highway Works

Both Cheddington Road and Glebe Close are due to receive extensive patching and repair as part of Transport for Bucks Severe Weather program of works. The former should be complete in October (road closure will be in place) and then the white lines will be renewed. Glebe Close should follow before Christmas.

Cycle Path along Northfield Road

Herts County Council has now received the funding contribution from Taylor Wimpey via Bucks County Council and are now making good progress on plans for the cycle path down to Tring station. There are still some hurdles to overcome, but they hope that it may be installed within the next 18 months – 2 years.

Unfortunately this has suffered a further delay. The majority of this initiative falls within the control of Marsworth Parish Council who had hoped to submit a bid for New Homes Bonus funding in September 2014, but this did not occur. They now hope to prepare a bid for the next round of funding in September 2015. In the meantime, Pitstone Parish Council is looking to see if there are alternative ways to get the Pitstone stretch of this footpath installed, which will run from Westfield Road up to the railway bridge.

Beautification of the Marsworth Road roundabout and the village – would you like to get involved?

Following feedback from residents as part of the Love It, Loath It survey and the Leisure Survey carried out over the last few years, the parish council has been working with Bucks County Council Transport for Bucks (TfB) to gain agreement to visually improve the roundabout. This process has been frustratingly slow.

Once again, TfB has declined permission for their roundabout to be converted to enable shrubs/trees to be planted, however they are prepared to now discuss a horticultural licence which would permit us to manage a number of flowering planters on the roundabout and at other locations throughout the village, such as by the village gates and around the village sign.

This would be the second project as part of the plan to brighten up and enhance the village, the first having been the hundreds of daffodil bulbs planted along Marsworth Road which provide such a glorious display in the

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spring-time.

If there was sufficient local interest, the parish could enter the *In Bloom* competition in the future. Alternatively, the Parish Council may run a more local competition with each container sponsored by a local community group or individual and prizes awarded for the winners; or even seek local commercial sponsorship from interested local firms. If you have any thoughts, or can spare a little time to get involved in the beautification scheme, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

Finally, whilst discussing the roundabout, TfB think that the central light and all the surrounding fixtures should be replaced before **Christmas. The main light didn't work at all** for 2 years and then for the last 2 years they have been unable to turn it off so it has been lit 24 hours a day! It has taken much effort over many years to get agreement for the works but we are told that the equipment is now at least in the warehouse and they are just waiting for available time to install it.

Castlemead

Taylor Wimpey (TW) has started to work with Bucks County Council to define and carry out all the remedial works required before BCC will consider adopting the highway along Westfield Road, the industrial estate and the residential areas. The highways then need to be maintained at adoptable standard by TW for 12 months before BCC will accept the transfer.

The areas of open space will transfer to Aylesbury Vale District Council (apart from the two play areas which are already owned by the parish council). Phases I and II have already transferred and Phase III is in the

process. The other phases will follow.

The parish council has been working with Royal Mail to hopefully obtain a letter box along Windsor Road. Historically, Royal Mail has declined to consider an additional box, however they are now reviewing the position for Castlemead and we hope to be able to secure one before Christmas.

Defibrillator at Yardley Avenue Surgery

It takes an ambulance between 15 and 20 minutes to reach Pitstone when you make an emergency call. If you have suffered a sudden cardiac arrest, you have only 5 minutes to receive life-saving treatment. If you are lucky, one of our volunteer Community First Responders will be on duty & will rush to your aid. However, if they are not on duty, you will soon be able to access a life-saving defibrillator.

The parish council is extremely grateful to the Village Health Centre in Yardley Avenue who have agreed to purchase and externally mount a defibrillator at their site; and also to the Pitstone & Ivinghoe Junior Football Club, Envirologistics Football Club, Tring Town Football Club and Pitstone & Ivinghoe United Football Club who between them have funded the purchase of the necessary external lock-box.

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- secure any fouling at home into bags and then dispose of in your green lid refuse bin.
- remember never to leave your dog in your vehicle, even for a short while, when it is hot.
- ensure your dog is micro-chipped – this is shortly to become compulsory, so please get in touch with your vet if **you haven't already chipped your dog** and this will also help you to be reunited should your pet become lost.

Dacorum Borough Council's Plans for Tring

Dacorum Borough Council has launched a consultation into the development plans for Tring which include a site for approximately 200 houses plus 5 traveller pitches in West Tring, 2 x sites with an estimated capacity of approximately 25 homes and one site with 10 homes. The plans also include the foot/cycle path between Pitstone and Tring station. The report does not reveal how the impact on Tring secondary school capacity has been taken into consideration.

Your views are being sought and can be submitted at:

Visit: www.dacorum.gov.uk/planning to view the report and find out more information.

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LETTERS

Village Congestion outside Brookmead School

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of course parents' evenings, assemblies and shows, causes, at worst traffic gridlock, and at least, frustration and delay.

Much of this can be managed with a bit of consideration on the part of people parking and driving, but I am not writing to lecture anyone. As someone relatively unaffected by the problem, even though I live close to the school, I have listened to others complaining, **and I think it's time to do something** about it.

You could help me. I need people to collect data outside school, connect with anyone useful, distribute leaflets, or have ideas or experience that might help, so please contact me. I Hope to set up a small group to: a. liaise with the school, b. investigate and analyse and c. educate and inspire.

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This is the second time that the Jazz Quartet have performed here to raise money for **the Hall in memory of Ben's Grandfather**, Ron Treacher, former Chairman of Pitstone Parish Council, making a running total of very nearly £1000 donated so far to the Hall Committee.

Thanks need to go to Sue and Barry Gregory for all their hard work in helping to transform the Hall into our very own **'Ronnie Scott's' for the evening and for running the bar.** Thanks go also to those who made donations to the kitty!

The Quartet will be back next year in early July to perform once again, so if you missed it this year, do try to support these young musicians and this great village facility next time.

Thank you.
Ben Treacher.

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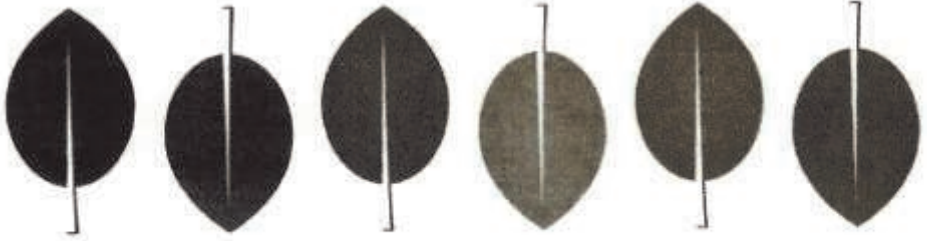
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By the time of publication and delivery of this magazine, our Old School Hub will have begun packing away our well used outside café furniture, gathering in the last of our home grown summer salad vegetables from our kitchen garden, and started to hunker down for our more cosy inside autumnal activities. Hayley Wesley who runs her community café CuriosiTea Rooms as our Community Hub tenant, employing four local part time helpers, won the 'Best Loved Community Café in the Chilterns' award - well deserved! – this followed by the Leighton Buzzard Observer's 'Café of the Year' award, which shows how lucky we are to have such a facility in our village - rewarding Hayley's hard work for us all! Another Pop-up restaurant will have been enjoyed by over seventy diners - Hayley will be planning her next one for the 5th December, do come in and book a table for you and your friends. Also retrospectively, a Half Term ActiviTEA Day On 28th October making arts and crafts related to Autumn and Christmas presents; Poppy Sales up until November 9th, and MP John Bercow's visit on 24th October; 31st October - Face paint and fun; and our 1st November Indoor Car Boot Sale. We are planning many inside activities such as the WW1 exhibition of ephemera from our community, and Concerts over the Remembrance weekend – also our upcoming Christmas market is also filling our minds with detail planning.

Gladman Developer's plans to build 70 unrequested houses on our rural village central green space have taken much community time and skill by 'Ivinghoe Together' to refute and the result of this struggle may be out there by now. The Old School Hub community continues to support this endeavour - printing out leaflets where needed - this support continuing for that team, whilst also welcoming the so-necessary community making together of our own 'Neighbourhood Development Plan' initiative. Time is of the essence, and we will do everything we can to support the engagement of each and every member of the community in communicating their views into this initiative, so that all the coming hard work on this NDP will truly enhance and protect our community's future village life.

WW1 Exhibition and Concerts. Firstly we invite you to take part in contributing to and viewing a WW1 Exhibition in the Old School Hub from the beginning of November, purchase poppies and come to a concert on Friday 7th November, by the Ridgeway Ensemble featuring the works of WW1 composers – with wine and nibbles at 7.30 for 8pm. Secondly we welcome you all to a singing event with readings from the performance first experienced in March 2014 of 'Oh what a lovely War' - this time refreshed with tea and cakes on Sunday 9th November at 4 pm. Do let us know if you can come, and do bring your friends along - email ivinghoeoldschool@btinternet.com or telephone 01296-661666 – leave a message!

Christmas Market Friday 21st November, will be bringing a sparkling set of seasonal stalls to the inside and outside of the Hub from 6pm till 10pm. Local Choirs, Bell Ringers and roasting chestnuts in amongst the sparkly stalls will be lit by a multitude of solar lights, and both mulled wine and warming refreshments will be brimming out of the café. Please put this date in your diary and come as a family to join in this launch into winter seasonal Sparkle. We are gathering prizes for our tombola and special raffle treats of the extra special kind as with last year. It hardly seems like a year since we were watching Rev Tracey Doyle cut our ribbon and welcome us in to the very first Ivinghoe Hub Christmas Gathering. There will be an Elf Hunt for our younger visitors, the receiving of entries to a 'Build us a Snowman' competition, and the launch of our Santa's letter box, on this night. Details of the last two activities will be explained to all on any visit to the café nearer the time, and also posted on our Ivinghoe Old School Hub Facebook page.

We have added an outside tap, a second hand water butt (thank you James and Kate Mackie!), and a garden hose to our kitchen garden. We are now saving for solar lights, new signage for the front gate, repair and maintenance of our roof, and the enhancement eventually of our surrounding playground with beautifying paver's.

Look out over the next months for invitations to wintry pursuits, such as small film shows, arts and crafts activities both between and after school. Drop in for breakfast, elevenses', lunch or after school high tea, and check out what is coming up in the whole Hub. Book in for celebrations, or clubs, start your own one or meet people here and plan one together. The Hub is for this Community so please support and use it.

We are also planning a REUNION Party at Ivinghoe Old School Hub in Spring 2015 of all 'Ivinghoe – and Pitstone - Old Schoolers'. So if you know anyone who was a pupil here in the past, please tell them our plans and give us their contact address to invite them along with their family.

To mark the climax of the exhibition on the weekend of Remembrance Sunday, Judith Sheridan will lead the Ridgeway Ensemble on Friday night at 7.30 with their 'Unsung Heroes' one hour performance from 8pm. *Unsung heroes* tells the stories and presents music by familiar composers such as Vaughan Williams and Frank Bridge, but also that of those composers whose music died with them in the trenches. Wine and nibbles will welcome you and suggested donation on the night is £5 – to Human Rights work by Amnesty International. Do let us know if you can come, and do bring your friends along - email ivinghoeoldschool@btinternet.com or telephone 01296-661666 – leave a message!

On the afternoon after the Sunday Remembrance Service in Ivinghoe Church, the Old School Hub will again host another one hour event at 4pm, wherein a selection of songs and readings performed from the Beacon Concert performed last March - this time inviting the community to join in the singing, refreshed by tea and buns. RSVP the above contact for this again please, so that we can estimate numbers to welcome.



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