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# Pitstone Parish Post

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# WELCOME

Bob Saintey, Chairman, Pitstone Parish Council

I hope that all of us have been able to enjoy a summer break from the many responsibilities that we undertake within the community.

It seems an age ago now, but I must comment on the total success of our Party in the Park. Thanks to good weather, an estimated 1,000 people descended upon the Recreation ground to enjoy good music, good food and a good time.

Congratulations to the Charities who gained enormously from the event. May I thank the organising committee for their unstinting hard work.

**Here's to many more events based** on a very successful footing.

Many of you will have seen the graffiti on the Windmill and deplored **it's appearance. The situation is now under curatorial and expert advice for it's removal. Anther unfortunate event beset the Windmill when the 250 year old chestnut tree by the entrance to the car park suffered wind damage. This forced the**

Windmill to close for the last three summer opening sessions, for health and safety reasons. This meant the loss of much valued income and enjoyment.

Immediate tree surgery was carried out, and to try and save what is left of this iconic symbol the remaining tree was reduced by 30%.

After many, many years of frustrating developments, the land around the Rec. and Memorial Hall, which is known as The Pitstone Development Area, is in the process of going to the market for future development. Hopefully this procedure will release the Charity land for development, and inclusion of a skate park and new play area.

And finally, as we approach winter, with the clocks going back, plunging us into earlier darkness, I would ask you to check doors, windows, locks etc. and of course, keep an eye on your elderly neighbours.

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# COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Avril Davies County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

Many people have asked if I am finding more time since standing down from the District Council in May. There seemed to be no respite until August, when everything is quiet, but maybe now, this September, I won't miss the planning meetings that had become so frustrating and futile, trying to control development with every local policy shot away by government and their planning inspectorate. Apart from planning, **the bulk of my Councillor's work** load had always been on County, even before I was a County Councillor!

As well as Pitstone, this county division includes Ivinghoe, Ivinghoe Aston, Edlesborough, Northall Dagnall, Slapton, Cheddington, Mentmore and Marsworth. The County Council budget is 10 times that of the District, and apart from planning is responsible for all the

difficult services of: child protection, elderly social care, public health, education, roads, flood protection, waste and quarrying, with libraries, museums and archaeology added on for good measure!

I wrote most of this report in July to catch the deadline for the Ivinghoe Beacon. Since then very little has happened in the summer school holiday period, although work has continued on the child sexual exploitation enquiry, and on the flooding enquiry that I am part of. The highway maintenance teams have been hyperactive across the county, and progress has been made on the A4146 project.

### Roads

On Wednesday, July 8th I gave the new cabinet member for transportation at Bucks County Council, a guided tour of the Ivinghoe Division. I pleaded with him

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at Council, half in jest, for the whole of the £3M released from council reserves for highway maintenance, to be spent in Ivinghoe Division. As a new broom, his interest had been sparked by his meeting with Edlesborough, Northall and Dagnall campaign group, who wanted to downgrade the A4146 to a B road, and raised all the HGV routing issues that beset this corner of the County. The downgrade is being pursued by Hertfordshire county council, but the officers at Bucks, although sympathetic, are adamant that such a step must not divert traffic onto other roads, particularly the B488. There would be an opportunity, with the opening of the A505 link from Leighton Buzzard to the M1 - the Dunstable North bypass - but it would need co-ordinated signage and changing the designation of the Stoke Hammond Bypass from the A4146 to the A505. The three counties involved are working on this to see how it could be implemented.

### Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation

I am participating, by special invitation from the chair of the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee, in a review of this hot **topic. 'R U Safe?' and 'RUWise2it?'**, are not services or campaign slogans operating in a vacuum. The police say that two out of three children, from pre-school age onwards, are

vulnerable to this, through social media and on-line games. The job of the select committee is to see if the Council is exploiting every possible course of action to protect children and young people. There are many opportunities on offer to learn about internet safety, so take them if you can. The recent Old Bailey trial of several men from the Aylesbury Area shows how hard it is to bring perpetrators to justice. The County Council and Thames Valley Police have been taking preventative action and working to get robust enough evidence to bring people to court, since at least 2005 when I requested a meeting about this because of some information I had been given.

Ivinghoe Conservation Area I am elated and extremely relieved that the revised Ivinghoe conservation area policy has passed all the hurdles, and been agreed at Aylesbury Vale District Council. This is an excellent piece of work, and if you are interested in the history of the village it is well worth investing in a copy. Ivinghoe was one of the first villages in Aylesbury Vale to be designated a conservation area because of its outstanding merits, but being an early prototype, did not benefit from the scholarship, architectural expertise and planning policies that informed later conservation areas. The revision was long overdue, and thanks are due to

Karen Groom, chairman of Ivinghoe Parish Council, who left nothing to chance, and attended the final decision making cabinet meeting to leave the Councillors in no doubt of the importance and value of the conservation area to residents.

### Dagnall School

With the endorsement of parents and the community, Dagnall School has taken the innovative step to become a Church of England maintained school, in the diocese of

St Albans. I have been able to support this unusual step from the beginning, as the head teacher has been good enough to engage me from the early days, and reassure me that not only will the school continue to serve the whole community, but that its presence will be strengthened by being able to draw upon the resource of the diocese, and partner with other nearby schools such as Little Gaddesden.



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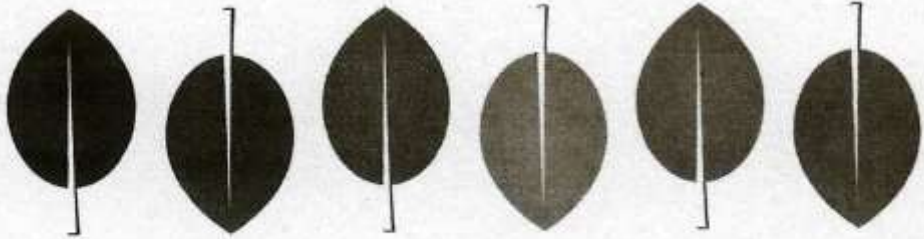


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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

Congratulations! Pitstone is Runner Up in the Best Kept Village 2015 Competition DeFraigne Cup

The Parish Council was delighted to announce in July that we had been judged runner-up in the Best Kept Village Competition DeFraigne Cup. Our sincere thanks and congratulations to our litter-picking and ground-keeping teams, and all the residents who take a pride in the appearance of our village and helped to keep it clean and tidy.

Would you need assistance if there was an emergency in the village?

The Parish Council maintains a Community Self Help Plan, produced in conjunction with the Resilience Team at AVDC, to provide help during any emergency affecting the community, when the normal emergency response provided by the emergency services and local authorities has been delayed or overwhelmed due to the scope and nature of the emergency. If you believe that you may require essential transport

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New hall website: [pitstone.co.uk/localinfo/pitstone-memorial-hall](http://pitstone.co.uk/localinfo/pitstone-memorial-hall)

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or medical supplies etc in the event of a major emergency in the village (for example, if you are house-bound and the village needs to be evacuated) and would wish your name and contact details to be held by the parish council for use in such an event, please provide your name, address and telephone number to the parish clerk along with a brief summary of the type of assistance that may be required. If your details are already held by the Williamson Trust, Town Lands Charity or Yardley Avenue warden then you need not reply as you will already be reached via these channels.

All information held is treated with the utmost confidence.

Which local person will you

### **nominate as Pitstone's**

Volunteer of the Year?

You are now able to submit your nominations for the Pitstone Volunteer of the Year, so if you know of someone who is giving up their time and making a difference to the lives of the people in Pitstone, then please let us know. As well as being an opportunity for you and the parish council to thank them in public, they may win a £50.00 award, framed certificate and entry into the AVDC Volunteer of the Year award. Please email or write to the parish clerk on:

[parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk) or at 9 Warwick Road, Pitstone, Beds, LU7 9FE providing the full name of the person you wish to nominate and the reasons why you think they deserve to win. All submissions

must be received by the end of January 2016.

Please keep your dogs under control, even when off the lead

We have received a number of notifications relating to dogs whilst off their leads. Issues raised include dogs:



- **getting into people's gardens,** particularly around the windmill field
- **fouling outside other people's homes**
- attacking each other, especially within the quarry field off Westfield Road
- approaching other pedestrians when these people are not comfortable being approached
- fouling the footpaths or recreation ground by the Memorial Hall

Please clear up after your dog, and ensure that it is under control at all times, even whilst off the lead, so that all residents can enjoy our open spaces.

Thank you.

Two pieces of legislation come into force in October:

5p charge for single-use plastic carrier bags comes into effect in October

British shoppers took 8.5m single-use carrier bags from major supermarkets in 2014, an increase for the 5th year in a row.

Plastic bags can take years to fully decompose and even though household recycling rates have improved significantly in recent years, 16,000 tonnes of waste still goes to landfill every year. Around 8m tonnes of plastic also ends up in our oceans each year, polluting the marine environment and harming precious sea life.

Rory Stewart, the Resource Minister, **said “simple changes to our shopping routines, such as taking our own bags with us or using more bags for life, can make a huge difference in reducing the amount of plastic in circulation meaning we can all enjoy a cleaner, healthier country.”**

The introduction of a 5p charge for single-use carrier bags comes into effect in England in October following the success of similar schemes in Scotland and Wales. In Wales the charge led to a 79% decrease in plastic bags taken in the first three years, and in second, the **number of ‘bags for life’ used, quadrupled.**

**Rory Stewart added “The charge will also boost our growing economy by delivering savings of £60m in litter clean-up costs and £13m in carbon savings. Good causes will also benefit from the charge and as much as £730m could be donated to charities and not-for-profit organisations over 10 years”.**

We can all play our part, so next time you to pop into Masons or along to a supermarket, please remember to take your own bags. Smoking ban in cars carrying children comes into force in October

From October it will be illegal to smoke in a car, or other vehicle, with anyone under 18 present. The law is changing to protect children and young people from the dangers of

second hand smoke.

Both the driver and the smoker could be fined £50. The law applies to every driver in England and Wales, including those aged 17 and those with a provisional license. The law does not apply if the driver is 17 years old and is alone in the car.

Every time a child breathes in second hand smoke, they breathe in thousands of chemicals. This puts them at risk of serious conditions including meningitis, cancer, bronchitis and pneumonia. It can also make asthma worse.

The law applies to any private vehicle that is enclosed wholly or partly by a roof. It still applies if people have the

**law won't apply to a convertible car**

with the roof completely down.

Please slow down during school travel times

September has been and gone and the children are back at school. Soon the twilight hours will be upon us. Please remember that more children and young adults will be on the streets, trying to get to their school bus stops and the local school/pre-school, both in the mornings and the afternoons. It would be greatly appreciated if all drivers could moderate their speeds around the village, especially at these key times. Even the most capable youngster can be prone to momentary lapses of attention when

engaged in conversation with friends, and last year two young people suffered traffic accidents on their **way to school. Let's** make sure that this school year is accident free  
Highway Feasibility Study  
The Parish Council is commissioning a feasibility study to review the flow of traffic through the village, look at ways



windows or sunroof open, have the air conditioning on, or if they sit in the open doorway of the vehicle. The

of improving foot and cycle access, and provide recommendations.

More news will follow in the next

edition of Pitstone Parish Post.

New street furniture and playground equipment

The triple balance beam in the Windsor Road playground has now been replaced and several minor repairs to the wet pour surface carried out. The council is seeking



quotations for a replacement rolling log for the Hever Close playground.

We are also pleased to announce that a replacement bench is on order for the end of Glebe Close, and we look forward to seeing it installed in this popular spot.

**Pitstone Development Area**

As you will all be aware, the L shaped land around the Recreation Ground was identified for development within the Pitstone Development Area Comprehensive Plan of 2005. This land is now being marketed by Bidwells. We hope that the development will include the provision of a multi-use ball court and replacement car parking for Pitstone Memorial Hall. The council also hopes that the grant of planning permission for the Development Area will also then enable the purchase of

the leisure land and procurement of the skate park and play space. We will keep you up-to-date via the web site, Facebook page and notice boards etc.

**Assets of Community Value**

In June the Parish Council nominated the allotment site and open parkland between The Crescent and

**Marsworth Road as potential 'Assets of Community Value'. We are**

pleased to advise that Aylesbury Vale District Council has recently confirmed that the allotment site does meet the relevant criteria and that it has been placed on the register. If there is any proposed sale of the site (owned by AVDC), the Parish Council must be given an opportunity to bid for the land. Disappointingly AVDC have not accepted the application for the area of open parkland owned by Bucks County Council and managed by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council still intends to designate both sites as Local Green Space within our Neighbourhood Plan. Your support of the plan, to protect these parcels from development, would be much appreciated.

Would you use a bus service to Tring station? Or car share scheme?

Many of you have told the parish council of difficulties getting to or parking at Tring station. We plan therefore to conduct a household survey to try and establish the exact

requirements to see whether there is enough demand for the bus service provider to offer a service, or whether a local community bus, or car share scheme, could be created

By holding the festival in Pitstone, where the majority of residents live, we hope that more of you will be able to walk to the entertainment. Please come along and support this new event for Pitstone.



to

help fulfil your requirements. In the next issue of PPP we will be asking you to complete an online survey or fill a form and return it to the parish council. Bonfire and Fireworks Festival Ivinghoe Entertainments bonfire and firework festival will be held at the Pitstone pavillion for the first year [see report on page 26]. We hope that this will become a regular fixture.

During the last two months we have also been pleased to offer support to two local charity fundraising events at the pavillion – the Dance for Dylan ball in aid of the brain tumour charity, and a charity football match in aid of Niemann-Pick Type C, a **childhood alzheimer’s disease**.

*parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk*



# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Tony Clare, Chair, Pitstone NDP

I would like to thank all the people, who attended our launch events at the start of the summer. It was really good to see so many of you there, actively engaged in the process and challenging with your questions!

Consultation on our Pre-Submission Plan is now complete and amendments and revisions made as a result. Again thank you to all who wrote to us, we welcome all your thoughts and observations and believe that our Plan is much stronger for this as it is imperative that it reflects as many of your views as possible.

We have now moved to the next stage and our Plan has been formally submitted to AVDC. A copy of the revised Plan has been posted on our website, along with a report

explaining the outcome of the first consultation, and how we took your comments into account. A second consultation period now commences but from this point forward our NDP carries some legal weight in the planning process. Its importance grows as we reach various stages over the next few months.

Work continues apace. So much so, that between this edition of PPP and the next, we will be delivering leaflets to keep you up to speed with developments. In the meantime, as work continues on the Plan, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, or any member of the Steering Group.

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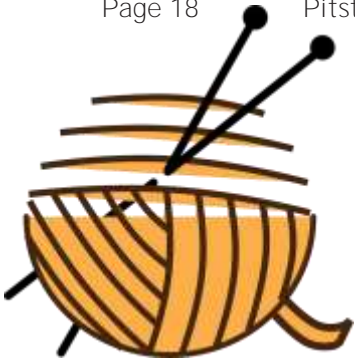
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## **IS PPP GETTING IT RIGHT?**

As you see, PPP has a new-old (getting older) Editor, Sue Nicholls. She is keen to make the magazine appeal to all village residents from young to old.

In the past PPP has had a Youth Section, a Letters Page and articles about local businesses, and Sue would be happy to re-introduce these if you think she should.

Email [pppeditor@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:pppeditor@pitstone.co.uk) with your ideas, and if you can supply editorial, offer reporting services or design advice, she would love to hear from you.



# SMILE END OF KNITTING

Rev. Clive Doubleday, JP BA, Chief Executive, Smile

After fifteen years of sending aid overseas and in consultation with our staff overseas, we have made the decision to channel our resources into training, equipping and empowering those we work with in Africa, Asia and Europe, and invest more time and energy in our core programmes of Feeding Educating, Empowering and Developing. If you give a person a fish, you feed them for a day. If you teach them how to fish, you feed them for life.

Over the years our skills training programme has seen hundreds of disadvantaged men and women empowered as they have learned skills such as sewing and tailoring, cooking, jewellery making, agriculture, English and administration. Having these skills enables them to earn their living and so provide for a whole family. It also encourages dignity and self-worth and promotes confidence.

Our aid programmes, including our Christmas shoebox programme, has now ceased, but I am pleased to let you know that the charity Link to Hope, based in Worthing West Sussex, is willing to take knitted articles such as hats, scarves, gloves and blankets for their aid and shoebox campaigns. It normally operates a shoebox campaign for families and the elderly, but is prepared, for **this year, to accept children's shoe-boxes**, originally designated for Smile. There is no

need for a donation of £2 per box. If you have already collected knitting originally intended for Smile, then we are more than happy to accept it this time and forward it on to Link to Hope, however all future donations should be sent direct. Whilst we have ceased our Christmas shoebox programme, we are continuing with our Sponsor a Shoebox, where you can donate £5 - £20 for children overseas. Your donations will enable us to buy gifts for children in Africa and Asia, so that we can make sure they are more culturally relevant, and boost the local economy. Please ask for a leaflet or visit our website.

Huge thanks go to all the people who have donated and helped with the campaign over the 15 years it has been running. You have helped thousands of individuals throughout the world and changed tears to smiles.

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The beautiful Medieval Church in Pitstone will be open on Sunday and Bank Holiday afternoons from May 3<sup>rd</sup> until the end of October, 2.30-5pm. A key is held at No. 9 Church Road, Pitstone. Please ring 01296 662151 if you would like to visit at another time.

# PITSTONE CHURCH NEWS

Alex Wynne

The Pitstone church festival on the May bank holiday weekend was a great success and raised over £1000 for the upkeep of the church, from the sale of pictures and refreshments and from donations.

The weekend was a feast for the senses, beautiful works of art and crafts, amazing flower arrangements, a variety of music throughout, and a constant supply of tasty refreshments.

None of this happens without a lot of hard work, and over 80 people were involved in making the event so popular and enjoyable as well as the many people who visited and supported this very special event.

The Ivinghoe Church Choir came to lead the evensong at 6pm on the Sunday, always a popular service in this beautiful building.

If you missed it this year make a note to come next year, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May Bank holiday weekend when the Medieval Church will come alive again for your enjoyment.

The Church is managed by the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) with the help of a group of local Friends of Pitstone Church, who welcome new Friends.

*To find out more please contact  
Gill Arney on 01296 668123*

# IVINGHOE COMMUNITY HUB

Carol Tarrant, Chair, IOSCH



**With apologies to W. Shakespeare, '2P or not to PEE'**, fast became a contentious experiment when we installed a two pence slot machine for the most used family lavatory at the busy Hub. This was done hoping to entice adults to accompany the as yet not toilet trained children, who use our facilities and provide them with a chance to finish the training with less messy toileting manners!

It is not yet a popular move! The need for public facilities is there, but needs some stewarding if we are to cope, and for this we need the support of all parents. We continue to search for a daily cleaner for the Hub, as after two years, our chair is getting **tired of being the voluntary 'toilet fairie'**.

November 20<sup>th</sup> pre-Christmas market at the Hub will happen for the third time this year, being an occasion of outside and inside pre-Christmas wintery sparkle, Christmassy carols and bell ringing, Christmassy smells and tastes, with roasted Chestnuts, hot chocolate and mulled wine, and home crafted Christmas presents for sale inside and outside the cosy Community Hub. Please come along to enjoy the experience together, buy some presents from the makers and support our Community.

Life continues busily within your Hub, where our AGM elected the trustees **who volunteered. Chair's annual report is on the website. We are working on** plans for a new surround surface for the building, and are planning some weekly social time for the senior community during the coming winter. Bookings for all ages and styles of events are booming, from celebrations to art exhibitions and sales, and many classes are on offer to while away those wintry months e.g. Bridge, My first Ballet, Singing with Helen, Natural Pilates, for young and not so young, Arts Therapy for wellbeing, Crochet and Yoga.

Our **Old Scholar's Reunion** this summer, went down very well, and the stories are making the writing of a Heritage Book easier and easier, photos are due to hit our Facebook site ASAP! Look out for more reunions, come along to our **Old School Community Hub, take a seat in our Hayley's CuriosiTEA Rooms, open** seven days a week, and then add your name to our database near the Cloakroom door, so that we can invite to you some of the many activities, which are now happening to make our happiness in lovely old Ivinghoe boundless!



*Details of everything are on our Hub noticeboards, our Facebook page: 'Ivinghoe Old School Hub' and our website [www.ivinghoeoldschool.com](http://www.ivinghoeoldschool.com)*

**STOP PRESS****WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FROM YOUR VILLAGE HALL?**

Pitstone Memorial Hall needs YOUR help! We know we need to continue to upgrade the hall to make sure we provide the facilities the village needs but we only have limited funds, so we need to focus our efforts.

Please spare 5 minutes to fill in this survey and let us know what YOU want provided at the hall.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JJW7P3R>

This online survey will close at the end of November but do send suggestions at any time by email at

[memorialhall@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:memorialhall@pitstone.co.uk)

ALSO COMING SOON - check out the hall's new website at [www.pitstonememorialhall.co.uk](http://www.pitstonememorialhall.co.uk).



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*Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these., Matthew 6:28*

# HARVEST AND FLOWER FESTIVALS

Rev. Adrian Manning, Vicar of Ivinghoe, Pitstone and Marsworth churches provided.

The Marsworth Flower Festival was a wonderful celebration of our heritage. This theme was chosen to mark the completion of the All Saints restoration project.

The scale of the displays was breathtaking and the intricacy and detail of the arrangements was fascinating. No photograph that I could include here would do justice to the size and colour of the amazing works of art that were constructed.

The success of the event was due to both the creative talent of the flower arrangers and the hard work of the organising committee.

In one of his sayings Jesus draws our attention to the beauty of a flower, which is achieved without any apparent toil. What a contrast to the hard work we all put in. We labour to be creative using the raw materials God has

provided. At harvest festival time we remember **the wonder of God's creation. We see** it in both the intricate detail of a flower and vast expanse of stars above us. But we also celebrate the fruitfulness of our efforts and being creative by working with God using all He has provided. Events like the Flower Festival and Harvest Thanksgiving really make a difference to us all. Our gratitude towards the God who is the giver of the gift of life and our appreciation of the wonder of His creation around us, changes our outlook on the world. Being appreciative and thankful for all that we enjoy turns us outward towards other people and opens us to be touched by the concerns of the world around us. We pray that we will enrich the life of others.



Everyone involved in the library was very sorry but quite understanding, that Emma Huxley decided to stand down as chair after more years than she had bargained for.

Emma set the library on a successful course for the future and she did it with competence and charm, but

with a two year old and a full time job in London, there are limits! Avril Davies has taken over the reins as chair, and new members have joined the management committee. Her next challenge, she told PPP, is to remember to put all the news and activity on the Facebook and Twitter

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accounts - or better still find someone else to do it.

The library plays a central role in our villages. As well as books, don't forget you can use expensive software free of charge, such as [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) for family history, the driving test theory practice, and Which?

The VE fun day garden party was a lovely addition to our events calendar, the Library Lunches (in Cheddington) are a regular feature, and BeaconLit literary festival day had an amazing third year at Brookmead school, with participants still tweeting and blogging about it.



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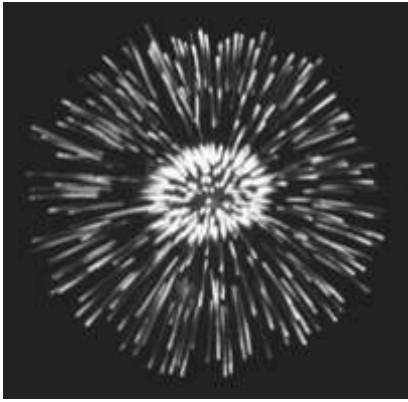


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# BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Graham Hollands, Chair, Pitstone and Ivinghoe Entertainments

The annual Bonfire & Fireworks moves to Pitstone Pavilion (Marsworth Road, opposite Westfield Road, Pitstone) 07-November-2015 commencing at 18:00.

We will be providing musical accompaniment to the fireworks together with a bonfire. Tickets will be on sale from Masons, Grooms, Rose & Crown, and Ivinghoe Post Office from mid-October and on the door on the night.

As with previous years, we hope that many people will choose to walk to the event. We would remind those who do choose to drive to park responsibly, ensuring that the entry/exit of the Pavilion site, Marsworth Road & Westfield Road its junctions and access are not obstructed.

We are offering the ability for visitors to advance purchase parking at the Pavilion site (please note

spaces are limited).

We are using a new supplier of fireworks this year and have high expectations of their performance, and for the first time in a number of years we will be including rockets in the display.

Timing:

18:00 Gates Open

18:45 Bonfire Lighting

19:15 Fireworks & Music

Tickets:

Family (2 Adults & up to 4 accompanied

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Stephen Swinbank, booking secretary, Ivinghoe Town Hall

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The Shop and Post Office have benefited from Mr Sangera's retail experience, and the much improved use of the previous space.

The Town Hall regular and ad hoc bookings have been holding up well through the Summer and holidays, and the Community Library is going from strength to strength, getting busier and busier, so why not pop in **when you're using the Post Office**

and Shop?

If you are already making your plans **for your family or children's events** over the Xmas & New Year period then now is the time to book and **reserve the date for your children's and Family's Parties.**

[www.ivinghoetownhall.org.uk](http://www.ivinghoetownhall.org.uk)

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Headteacher: Katherine Douglas

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For further information or to arrange a visit please contact Mrs Kerr on 01296 668543 or email [office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk).

Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EX  
[www.brookmead.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.brookmead.bucks.sch.uk)



### Friends At Brookmead (PTA)

Charity number 104137

Friends At Brookmead raise funds by running a recycling textiles project. Items that are no longer required such as adults' and children's clothing, shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys can all be turned into money, which assists us in purchasing additional resources to enhance the children's learning at Brookmead School.

Rob Clarke of Colbree Engineering has kindly agreed to use their village based engineering site at Pitstone Green Business Park to store additional textile collections on our behalf. Donations should be placed into plastic sacks and dropped off at the signed collection point at the rear gates at Colbree Engineering on Quarry Road. Friends At Brookmead would like to thank Colbree Engineering for their support in enabling us to extend this project out to the wider community.

So next time you are sorting out your wardrobes, don't take it to the tip...take it to Colbree

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# DECK THE HALLS

Join the Beacon Community Choir for a musical celebration of the yuletide season. The choir will sing both familiar and less well-known music by Rutter, Handel, Berlioz, Goodall and many others. The choir will be joined by the Brass Ensemble from Aylesbury Grammar and High Schools, and the concert will be accompanied by Craig Nathan on the organ and piano. The music will reflect a wide range of tastes from classical to pop and the audience will also be invited to participate in a selection of carols. This is a concert for the whole family guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the interval.

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When: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Time: 18.00

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### Scouting Sections

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# **Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

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To reserve a place please telephone either:

Norma Leighton - (01296) 661093

Wendy Mann - (01525) 221202

Richard Cooper - (01296) 661725

Closing date for bookings - Friday 27th November 2015.

Phone early to avoid disappointment.

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**'I work part time but have spare time on Fridays and wanted to do something**

fulfilling. The whole experience has been so positive. I really enjoy seeing Carol and how much she looks forward to it. I would definitely consider her to be a **real friend.'**

So, if your social network is in need of some real-life connection and you would like to volunteer to help someone in your community as a friend like Linda or taking your neighbour shopping; why not give us a call to find you a match?

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In addition, 21 of the 25 Nation's Favourite Wildflowers grow on road verges. From cowslips and bluebells in spring to swathes of cow parsley and ox-eye daisies in early summer, our verges are home to most of the 25 favourite wild flowers as voted for by the public. And **with 30 million drivers in the UK, they're the most frequently viewed habitat too, providing many people with their only regular daily contact with nature.**

But in much of Britain road verges are still being needlessly cut down in full flower threatening the wildflowers and the wildlife that depend on them. Many councils have already started cutting verges - much too early in the year for flowers to be able to set seed, and greatly reducing one of the most important food banks for our ailing bees and other pollinators.

**Dr Trevor Dines, Plantlife's Botanical Specialist, explains, "Over 97% of meadows have been destroyed in England since the 1930s. In many areas, rural road verges are the last remaining stretches of natural habitat for our wildlife. Road safety is the absolute priority, but we know that verges can be remaining safe for some simple changes to cutting to allow seed to thrive".**

Plantlife has produced urging the public to sign a adopt them. Some in Dorset, for example, the over-vigorous growth

both detrimental to wildflowers and obscures driver sight-lines), by stripping turf, using semi-parasitic yellow rattle to stunt grass growth and even grazing verges with sheep. Plantlife is helping to showcase the work of councils like Dorset to show others that it can be done. Our guidelines are being currently being applied to 11,700 km of verge covering 2,300 hectares of verges – **that's equivalent to 2.5 times the area of remaining upland hay meadow in the UK - and with the public's support we can do even more.**

**Dr Dines adds, "If we just give them a chance, wildflowers can return. Meadow crane's-bill was once widespread in meadows – hence its name – but is now more commonly found on road verges. It spreads readily when cutting is delayed and it's allowed to set seed. Maybe it's time to change its name to "verge crane's-bill".**



new management guidelines and is petition asking local councils to councils are leading the way. Trials are investigating how to combat of grass on fertile verges (which is

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*For more information and for stunning images, please contact:*

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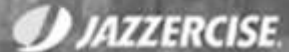
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Izzy Robinson

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**All cards should be posted by the 'last post' (5pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December) and will be delivered across the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

\*Look out for posters, check the Facebook page and Village web sites in early November for more information.\*



# AMBULANCE SERVICE SEEKS VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Derek Flint

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust has long subscribed to the fact that the quicker we can have a suitably trained person, with the appropriate equipment; to a member of the public during a life threatening emergency, the better the chance of survival and making a good recovery.

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We are currently looking for volunteers to be a part of this lifesaving scheme to help within your community. Do you have a few hours a week to spare? No prior medical knowledge required as full training is given.

<http://www.southcentralambulance.nhs.uk/get-involved/howdoivolunteer.ashx>

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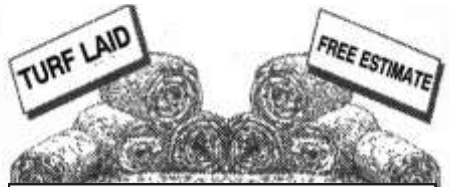
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