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Apologies if your contribution has been shortened. Space was tight this quarter - there is so much going on in this vibrant family village!  
*Editor*

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# Pitstone Parish Post

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## WELCOME

Bob Saintey, Chairman, Pitstone Parish Council

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the last month has been the overwhelming success of the Neighbourhood Plan. My sincere thanks to the steering team, who completed this difficult and arduous task in record time, and of course to the voting community, who supported it so favourably. We are just waiting now for A.V.D.C. to complete the procedure of accepting it and delivering to us, the Parish Made Plan. This would stand this village in good stead against prospective developers for the next 15 years.

We have all received, on our doormats, notification of our local taxes. You will have seen a 10% increase in the Pitstone Parish precept. The village has been protected from a rise over the last 4 or 5 years by careful financial planning. Central Government has cut its financial support to local government i.e. County and District

Councils, which has affected services in the village. The Parish Council has decided to take on some newly devolved services, particularly grass cutting and other associated maintenance.

The financial sum that was ring-fenced for upkeep and maintenance of the Pavilion site on Marsworth Road has expired. This money was originally S106 money from the phase one Castlemead development some 15 years ago. This now places the onus on the Parish Precept but a new Sports and Leisure Committee is working extremely hard to balance income with expenditure.

Now that the weather is improving, and the days are lengthening please can we hope that dog owners will take their pets further a field rather than letting them make deposits along Marsworth Road.

**Finally, aren't the daffodils around the village lovely?** A real herald of Spring.

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## COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Avril Davies County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

May 5th and June 23rd. Are you registered to vote?

The March referendum on Pitstone Neighbourhood Plan was a tremendous success with 1127 votes in favour of the plan and 39 against. A 49% turnout is high for any local election but it could have been higher. Nearly as many people as voted against the plan came to the polling station and found they weren't registered to vote.

For several years now registration has to be done individually, not by household. But you can register to vote at any time.

Although you don't have to take your polling card to the polling station in order to vote, if you don't get one, or if only one person in your household gets one, it's a good indication you are not on the register.

To check your registration and register call 01296 585807. To register on line [www.gov.uk/register](http://www.gov.uk/register) to vote. For more information

[www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

Slippage on our local road maintenance program.

It's been disappointing to see work scheduled for 2015 slipping to mid 2016. I've been sent a provisional timetable for work on the B488 Ivinghoe to Horton in stages from April to June, June to August and July to October 2016. Work is also due on the Beacon Road and Main Road, South Dagnall. Cheddington railway bridge closure.

I have been unofficially informed but that repairs currently being undertaken are only a temporary fix

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and more work is scheduled for later in the year. I have been meeting with the decision-makers at Bucks County Council to impress upon them the fragility of the network in this division in an attempt to force some joined up thinking for the future.

The A4146 through Dagnall, Edlesborough and Northall is to become the B440 shortly after the

completion of the A5/M1 link but no progress has yet been made on putting weight limits on the B488 at enforceable points to prevent the displacement of HGVs to the west rather than the M1.

Bucks county council chief executive retires.

Chris Williams retired at the end of March after 15 years in the post. I am one of the small interview panel recruiting a new chief executive in mid April.

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# DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

Sandra Jenkins & Derek Town, District Councillors,  
Pitstone & Cheddington Ward

## **Cooks Wharf**

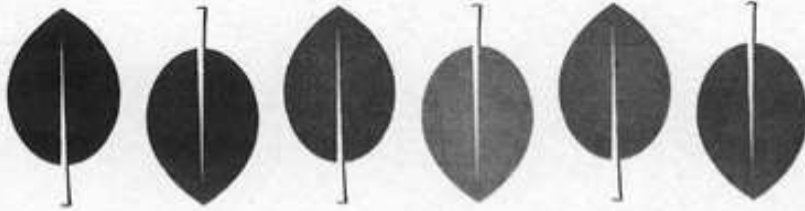
After almost two years and many emails, Bucks County Council have agreed to repair the railings at Cooks Wharf bridge, although it is disputed as to who is actually responsible for future maintenance. The lead time for the repair is June.

## **AVDC have launched an anti - littering campaign :**

In March Aylesbury Vale District Council set up a display in Market Square, Aylesbury, to showcase the amount of litter dropped in the town centre throughout the day. The displays highlighted the problems litter creates and helped promote AVDC's anti-littering message: 'Bin it or take it home.'

The council has to spend £350,000 each year picking up litter from streets, main roads, parks and open spaces. AVDC's Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste said: "A substantial part of our budget has to be set aside each year to clean up litter as it's not only an eyesore but can also become a real health hazard. We'd much prefer to spend this money improving services and facilities for residents, rather than having to pay for expensive and preventable clean-up operations. The problem is made yet more acute as our budget is under ever increasing pressure with our funding from central government soon due

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to disappear altogether.”

As well as AVDC clean-ups various voluntary groups around the Vale support these initiatives.

### **Update on AVDC becoming a unitary authority**

AVDC Cabinet Member for Business Transformation, Cllr Janet Blake, has called for the county's local authorities to get round the table and discuss a unitary future for Buckinghamshire.

Recent comments from Buckinghamshire County Council's former Chief Executive have reignited the debate on unitary authorities, something AVDC was keen to progress at the end of 2014 - when a Bucks Business First report gave four options, concluding that doing nothing was not an option.

“There's no doubt that our residents and communities are not getting the best deal under the current two tier system, where county and district councils deliver different services. It's not cost effective and lends itself to duplication and confusion,” said Cllr Blake, leader of AVDC.

Last year AVDC commissioned an LG Futures Report, which concluded that two unitary authorities: Bucks, North

and South, was a viable option. The model would see both authorities providing a complete package of district and county services for residents of the Vale. “We shared this report with other district leaders in the county but found there was no appetite to progress discussions. As a councillor for both the county and the Vale, I truly believe that having two unitaries in Bucks is the way forward. Whatever the outcome, I'd urge leaders to start talking.”

Cllr Blake went on to state that our population will grow to around 250,000 over the next 20 years. “We need councillors who are democratically accountable for providing all services for this area. It's not just about value for money it's also very much about localism.”

### **Potholes**

We have had complaints regarding the potholes in the roads. Please report on the Transport for Bucks website. We know the roads maintenance budget is stretched but we have many cyclists on our rural roads and potholes can be a danger.

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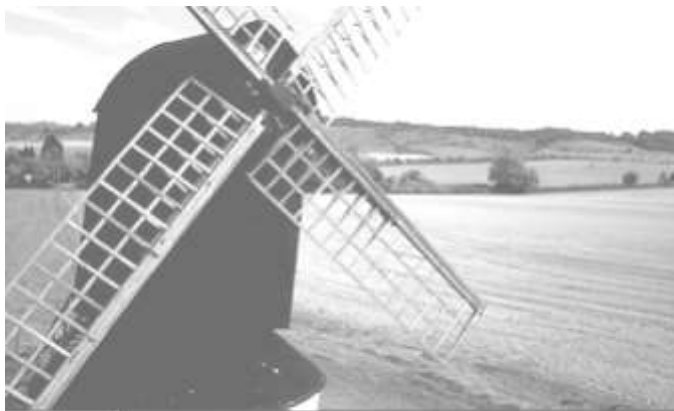
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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

## **Pitstone Voted “Yes”**

Pitstone Parish Council would like to thank everyone on the NDP Steering Group who worked so hard to produce the plan on behalf of the community, and also to those residents who participated in the ‘yes’ campaign.

The Pitstone Neighbourhood Plan is now in place and full details may be found on the AVDC website at <http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/news/pitstone%E2%80%99s-neighbourhood-plan-now-place>

Another year of frozen prices for the allotments

The Parish Council and Pitstone Allotment Association were

delighted to announce that once again there will be no price increase for allotment plot rental for the 2016/17 season. This means that the annual subscription to PAA will remain at £6.50 per quarter plot. Annual rental to the Parish Council remains at £8.50 per quarter plot, bringing the total charge to £15 per quarter plot per annum. Residents are permitted to rent up to 4 quarter plots, subject to availability. The next allotment year commences at the end of March.

If you are interested in finding out more about our allotments or adding your name to the list for a plot, please visit:

<http://pitstoneallotmentassociation.org.uk/>  
or email

[secretary@pitstoneallotmentassociation.org.uk](mailto:secretary@pitstoneallotmentassociation.org.uk).

**Who will this year's Volunteer of the Year be?**

All will be revealed at the Pitstone Annual Assembly 7.45pm on 17 May 2016. Please come along and join us in congratulating them for their contribution to our community. Like to know more about our orchids?

Come and listen to Chris Trew, Assistant Reserves Officer for Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust, who manage College Lake and Pitstone Fen, tell us all about the wonderful orchids that grow in Pitstone. Learn how to spot them as you walk around the Local Wildlife Site off Westfield Road, or consider joining one of their guided tours at Pitstone Fen.

The presentation will take place at the annual assembly 7.45pm on 17 May in the main hall at Pitstone Memorial Hall.

Why should you come to this **year's Annual Assembly on 17 May 2016?**

As well as celebrating with the Volunteer of the Year and hearing from BBOWT about our amazing orchids, you will be able to hear

updates from the Parish, County and District Councils plus Thames Valley Police. Our councillors will be available to talk to you about many exciting plans including:

- A potential scheme to help improve safety and access for pedestrians/cyclists whilst reducing vehicle speeds and limiting lorry movements through the village
- Sports and leisure developments at the sports pavilion and recreation ground
- Development plans for the village centre by the recreation ground and much more.

You will also be able to speak to local community groups such as **BBOWT, St Mary's Church in Pitstone**, Pitstone Community Cinema, the Town Lands Charity, the Williamson Trust and Pitstone Memorial Hall Charity, or familiarise yourself with the council and related charity end of year financial reports. Doors open 7.15pm for you to browse the stands and speak to community groups. The assembly itself commences at 7.45pm. Main hall at Pitstone Memorial Hall. We look forward to seeing you. Delighted to support Party in the Park 2016

Pitstone Parish Council is providing the stage hire for the event (£1,400). (See full page advert inside back cover)

### **Twelve into ten doesn't go: The Tring Station conundrum**

Thank you to those who completed the Tring Station questionnaire in the previous edition of PPP.

Your responses demonstrated a healthy interest in alternative ways to get to and from Tring Station, particularly amongst commuters, and those travelling for leisure by train, at weekends.

### **Sadly, "a healthy interest" is different from "sufficient evidence to justify the introduction of public transport" e.g.**

the bus service that runs from Tring/Aldbury to the station, is one of the most heavily subsidised in the south-east. But there is a growing recognition at various levels, that the situation at Tring is unsustainable, and before too long, something must be done.

The Parish Council is working with our neighbours at Aldbury, and other local councils, to instigate an integrated transport strategy for West Dacorum /Southern Vale. We will be encouraging a co-ordinated approach to address issues such as the cycleway from Pitstone, increased

car parking and better station facilities, so that Herts and Bucks can support the best interests of local residents.

A number of local parishes have inputted into the re-tendering exercise for the London Midland rail franchise. The operator chosen will take over from October next year. Hopefully the Department for Transport will stipulate an **improvement to "overall rail journey experience" in the Watford-MK 'corridor', when awarding the franchise.**

All of which, takes time. But momentum is starting to gather, and a number of interested parties do want to make change happen - so perhaps the stars might be aligning **themselves...**

### **Sports and Leisure**

Work continues to specify and develop proposals for enhancing the site at the pavilion to provide better facilities for football and an increased range of sports. More news as and when we have things confirmed. If you have a child with a disability and utilise any of our playgrounds we would love to hear from you. We strive to ensure that all our playgrounds have easy access, a range of equipment that can be utilised by a

wide range of children and plenty of contrasting colours and textures. We have sought to include an increased range of features for disabled children within the proposed new playground for Vicarage Road (once the land issues have been resolved and we are able to install it). If your child has any specific needs or you believe we can improve our playgrounds, please do let us know. You will have noticed that the Parish Council has re-applied for planning **permission for the children's** playground by the recreation ground. AVDC no longer offer an option to extend the time period on an existing granted application, so we have had to re-apply for the same playground. Once the land becomes available, the Parish Council will remain in a position to act swiftly to install the play space (See picture on page 17 of the proposed plan).

Improving our paths, highways and sense of place

We hope to see you all at the presentation arranged for 10 May 2016 (6.30pm main hall at Pitstone Memorial Hall) to hear directly from Ben Hamilton-Baillie who has specialist knowledge and experience of innovative solutions for reconciling

traffic movement with quality public spaces, about a potential scheme that would improve safety and access for pedestrians/cyclists, whilst reducing traffic speeds and HGV volumes through the village. We are working on this project with Ivinghoe Parish Council as the scheme would affect **both communities. We'd encourage** you all to come along, listen to Ben, view the literature available and have your say on the proposals being put forward.

For those of you that are unable to attend in person, the literature will be available on the council website and hard copies will be displayed at the surgeries, Brookmead school and Beacon Villages Community Library. Please take some time to review the proposals and provide your feedback to the council.

The completed feasibility study by Transport for Bucks into a footpath between Pitstone and Marsworth is anticipated soon. The two parish councils are working to submit a bid for funding from the New Homes Bonus scheme in July 2016, the results of which will be known in October. We will keep you updated with progress.

### New post box now operational in Windsor Road

After two years of negotiations and effort, Royal Mail has installed a post box on the green by the Windsor Road play area. Our thanks to Gary Plummer at Royal Mail for all his assistance and support with this project over the last 24 months. Collection times 4.45pm Monday to



Friday and 9am Saturday.

### Volunteers urgently needed 6.30-8pm Wednesdays – Pitstone Youth Café

Volunteers are urgently needed to help at Pitstone Youth Café, 6.30-8pm Wednesdays



during term time at Brookmead School. If you can spare just 90 minutes once a week, or once a



fortnight, to play card/board games, serve refreshments, chat to our young people and/or join in with activities, sports or crafts we would be delighted to hear from you. Aged 18yrs+ with no upper limit! No qualifications necessary. Our café is an amazing resource,

with over 70 young people attending each week, mainly aged 11-15yrs. It helps the youths to keep in touch with village friends once they all disperse to the various different senior schools, provides opportunities to get to know people in other year groups, learn new skills, chat to qualified youth workers or our PCSO, join in with sports and crafts or just hang out in a safe, warm place to natter to friends.

Since its inception, the levels of anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the village have also significantly reduced. Our existing volunteers range from 18yrs up to their 80yrs, and they gain as much benefit from helping at the café as the youngsters do. Most **don't have children that attend.**

These are our young adults of tomorrow, please spare them a little of your time today.

Arriva announce changes to bus services from 1 May 2016

Service 61: Aylesbury – Dunstable  
A new timetable will be introduced with off-peak buses running every 90-120 minutes.

On Monday to Saturday evenings the 1900 and 2020 journeys from Aylesbury to Ivinghoe will be replaced by a journey at 1945 and the 1940 and 2100 journeys from

Ivinghoe to Aylesbury will be replaced by a journey at 2025. In addition, one early morning journey on schooldays will be diverted between Aylesbury and Tring to serve Wendover and RAF Halton instead of Aston Clinton - Service 500 provides alternative buses every 20-30 minutes between Aylesbury, Aston Clinton and Tring. A copy of the new timetable will be made available on our website <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Buses-andtrains/Bus-timetables.aspx> in advance of the service change dates. Arriva are currently producing new timetable leaflets and will also be providing information on their buses. There will also be changes to Aylesbury Town Services 8 and 9, Service 50 (Aylesbury – RAF Halton) and Service 60/X60 (Aylesbury – Buckingham/Milton Keynes) from the same date and changes to Service 500 (Aylesbury – Watford) from the following week.

The decision to make changes to these services, which operate commercially, has been made by the bus operator to reflect current and anticipated patronage.

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Izzy Robinson

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walkers and horse riders all over the country will be visiting as many beautiful churches and chapels as they can between 10am and 6pm to raise money for the repair and restoration of these lovely buildings. The money raised helps repair and modernise historic churches, chapels and meeting houses for future generations. In our area alone there

are fantastic churches, chapels and meeting places, from Halton Church **with its War Graves, St Mary's Northchurch with the grave of Peter the Wild Boy to the tiny St Martha's** in Tring with its floral altar kneelers.

Half the money raised will go to a chosen church or chapel and the other half, into a fund that the Bucks Historic Churches Trust (an

organisation run largely by volunteers) can distribute to churches and chapels of any Christian denomination that need help.

Last September, walkers and riders raised an amazing £679.26 for Ivinghoe Church.

We are now on the lookout for people to take part in the sponsored event this year. As this is a country-wide event, churches in neighbouring Herts and Beds will be open and information on these churches can be found on-line at

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

Many of the manned churches offer refreshments, toilet facilities and information about their church.

If you would like to ride, walk or volunteer your time to help in a church, please contact the relevant person below:

*Ivinghoe Church: Izzy Robinson 01296 660724,*

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*01296 662530.*

*Slapton Church: Bridget Lewis, 01525 220790.*



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## St. Mary's Church Pitstone Annual

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Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> 2-6 pm

Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> 11am-5pm followed by sung evensong at 6pm

Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> 11am-6pm

The popular home-made refreshments will be available every day and the event will definitely be one to attend .

## From Carpet to the Green

Having enjoyed Indoor and Short Mat bowls through the winter, and been inspired by the World Bowls on BBC2 in January, our bowlers eagerly await a **return to bowling in the sunshine on their beautiful green at Cheddington's** Recreation Ground on the High Street.

The outdoor season starts on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Green is open for new bowlers to Give Bowls A Go each Tuesday (2pm) and Friday (6pm) from May to September.

Wayne Rooney may be on £350,000 a week, but it cost a new bowler less than a £1 a week to become a member of Cheddington Bowls Club.

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The Historic 13<sup>th</sup> Century church in Church Road, Pitstone is open every Sunday afternoon and on bank holidays in the summer months, 2.30 - 5.30pm, May 1<sup>st</sup> - October 30<sup>th</sup>. The key is held at No. 9, Church Road, Pitstone. Please ring Jean on 01296 662151 if you would like to visit at another time.

# PITSTONE CHURCH NEWS

Alex Wynne

The historic Church at Pitstone will be Spring cleaned at the end of April ready for the summer Sunday visitors. Helpers are welcome!

There is a colourful and informative leaflet in the church, which will enrich your visit so why not take a walk to this beautiful little Church and explore the heritage on our doorstep during the summer?

The Churches Conservation Trust is keen for Pitstone Church to be the focus of interest in the locality and we are being encouraged to make the church a starting point for more events during the year as well as the Festival which takes place at the end of May ( and for which cakes will be needed!)

We have the annual concert on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

These inspiring concerts began 17 years ago and raise money for both Ivinghoe and Pitstone Church buildings.

We hope to arrange another event from the Church later this year to raise funds for the newly installed water pipe to the Church yard, which we hope will be a useful facility in the future.

The group, Friends of Pitstone Church, welcome new members. If you would like help in any way or need to know more, please ring Gill Arney on 01296 668 123



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In March I began emptying my garage of items long past their use by date. Items identifying me as a hoarder. DIY materials bought in anticipation of work never begun or excess to requirements. Items that once had a value were worthless, destroyed by the passage of time, and all that could be salvaged were cardboard, glass,

plastic and electrical items, taken to the recycling and waste centre off the Aston Clinton bypass. I sorted the waste by type into black plastic sacks, which could be easily carried to the appropriate skip and

emptied out, retaining the sack for future use. I like having rules to follow, and adhering to them like a stick insect to a branch.

All staff, at the waste site, are happy to offer advice on which skip to use. They will even take your waste from **you if you're struggling. Sadly, as with everything, a minority of users do not pre-sort their waste preferring**

to load all their waste into a single, convenient skip.

Car drivers face being asked to leave the facility with their rubbish, if they are seen to be dumping material in the wrong skip.

I was told by a member of staff, that when a skip is weighed to determine the value of material it contained, its

worth can be reduced, depending on the perceived amount of material that does not belong in it. If a skip contains *too* much that 'spoils' it, the whole load, including material that could be recycled, is reassigned to landfill, fuelling the urban myth

that recycling is a sham and that all roads eventually lead to landfill.

Unless waste management sites are correctly used, enabling them to operate at a profit, common sense tells us that the community at large will be charged for their use, and stick insects like me will become an endangered species.



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# A letter to the community

Dear All,

On 17<sup>th</sup> March over 1,100 of you came out to vote in the Referendum to decide whether our Neighbourhood Plan should be adopted by AVDC. 97% of you voted in favour.

This means you want, and we will get, a Settlement Boundary to stop our village expanding into open countryside, green spaces and village schooling, a 'heart' for Pitstone, with improved community facilities, and a limit on large-scale housing developments.

Thank you to everyone who voted, and for all those who supported us in getting the Plan carried.

This has, and will, make a real difference to Our Village moving forward. Its policies have already been used to manage development in and around Pitstone, in the way that Pitstone has said it wants development managed, and will for many years to come.

I would like to thank every member of the NDP Steering Group who, over the last 18 months, have contributed towards the development and creation of Our Plan. It has been a lot of hard work, a lot of frank and honest debate and probably a far bigger challenge than any of us realised when we started! You should all be really proud of what you achieved.

Finally from me, as Chair of the NDP Steering Group, a simple observation: Just over 30 people volunteered to help develop this Plan to benefit Our Community. 1,100 of you came out to vote to support the Plan because you thought it was important to you and Your Village. Imagine the difference we all could make if everyone got involved in some small way to **help Our Community grow and develop. Wouldn't that be a fabulous place to live?**

Regards,

*Tony Clare*, Recently Retired Chair of Pitstone NDP Steering Group

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## End of an Era

Rev Adrian Manning, Vicar, Ivinghoe, Pitstone, Slapton Marsworth. On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April the funeral of Miss Rosemary Elliott was held in St Mary the Virgin Church. Rosemary was known by all as Jane, and lived in the old shop opposite the church. She lived alone and after she closed the shop in about the year 2000, rarely came out. She inherited the business from her mother. The shop had been run by the family for at least 150 years and probably 200. This is the end of an era for Ivinghoe.

Although her neighbours, a nephew and a few friends looked out for her and delivered food parcels, she lived an isolated life for her final years. It is astonishing and very sad that in this age she had to manage without hot water or heating, living without a kitchen, bathroom or inside toilet.

Although Jane lived and sadly died alone, many came to the parish church to mourn her passing. For many years she was part of our lives and we were part of hers. Are there other solitary or lonely figures in our community who perhaps lack even the friends who cared for Jane?



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# WINDMILL BOOK LAUNCH AT BROOKMEAD SCHOOL

Roger Hillier and Sue Nicholls

As well as its support of BeaconLit, Brookmead School is to host the launch of a newly published book, *Pitstone Windmill, the Rescue of an Ancient Landmark*. Children from the school, along with anyone interested in joining in, will walk from the windmill to the school, where they can enjoy refreshments and meet some of the volunteers featured in the book.

The children will learn that Pitstone Windmill has stood in its field for at least 400 years. It is the oldest post mill in England and its survival into the 21<sup>st</sup> century can be attributed to a group of enthusiastic volunteers, most of them from Pitstone, Ivinghoe and the surrounding area, who took on the mammoth task of restoring the mill and saving it from destruction. The new book describes the history, restoration and mechanical workings of the mill and, for the first time, gives

recognition to the members of the restoration committee who worked so hard. Over seventy illustrations, most of them colour, include photographs (historic and modern) and 3-D drawings made by the draughtsman John Brandrick. These stunning drawings show the construction and workings of Pistone Windmill more clearly than ever before.

*Pitstone Windmill, the Rescue of an Ancient Landmark* is published by the National Trust in association with the Choir Press and is priced at £8. The official book launch is on Saturday 14 May 2016 (National Mills Weekend) and walkers should meet at the windmill at 2.30pm. If you can't wait until then you can pick up a copy from Ashridge Visitor Centre or from [Amazon.co.uk](http://Amazon.co.uk).

*Further info: Katherine Douglas, 01296 668543,  
Bob Saintey, 01296 668633*



## WHAT A CREATIVE VILLAGE

College Lake Artists, an exciting group of Artists and Makers, are delighted to be exhibiting again at College Lake Nature Reserve near Tring, during Bucks Open Studios from 11-26 June.

Jewellery creator, Cathy Timbrell, photographer, Lisa Stobbs, and potter, Nigel Thompson (left to right), three eclectic and disparate members of College Lake Artists, are all residents of Ivinghoe and Pitstone.

For more information contact Louisa on 01296 668637/07843276816 [www.collegelakeartists.weebly.com](http://www.collegelakeartists.weebly.com),  
College Lake Artists on Facebook, or [www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk](http://www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk)

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*A group of pupils from Brookmead School, Ivinghoe, will be joining the College Lake Artists. It is the first time a primary school has been part of BOS. Artists and College Lake Staff are proud and delighted to have the Brookmead school community participate.*

*Working with experienced artist and teacher, Catherine Smith, the children will be creating an outdoor installation outside, overlooking the lake. Pupils will*

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*be guided through a creative process drawing on their interests and imagination that will include brainstorming, researching, documenting through images and recordings, experimenting, developing and critiquing.*

*As installations depend on audience participation, the pupils are inviting parents, friends and members of the community to an art-making workshop*

*at College Lake during the event, on Sunday the 12th of June.*

*Details to be posted on the college lake artists website:*

*[www.collegelakeartists.weebly.com](http://www.collegelakeartists.weebly.com) and  
 Face book page: College Lake Artists.*

*For more information see  
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 at [collegelakeartists@gmail.com](mailto:collegelakeartists@gmail.com)*

*For information about school involvement in  
 BOS please contact Cathy at  
[info@artistcatherine.co.uk](mailto:info@artistcatherine.co.uk)*



Andrew Dicker



Dave Sivers



Sue Nicholls



Hywela Lynn

## PITSTONE AND IIVINGHOE

### A little literary capital?

The first release of tickets for BeaconLit on 2<sup>nd</sup> July – **Ivinghoe's answer to the Hay-on-Wye literary festival**, – recently went on sale. The festival ([www.beaconlit.co.uk](http://www.beaconlit.co.uk)) is in its fourth year and has another amazing and eclectic line up of literary talent in store.

But our community also has its own rich seam of gifted writers, with no fewer than four of them having had new books out in the past year.

Andrew Dicker turned his talents to writing two years ago after retiring from a 30 year career in the NHS. His first collection of short stories - *The Seduction of Celia* - was published on Leap Day, Monday 29th February by Austin Macauley.

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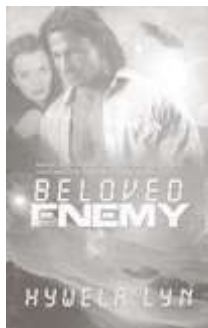


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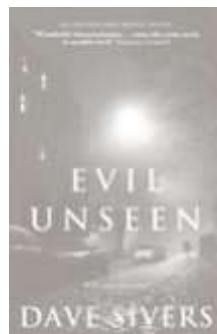
Monday 9th February by Austin Macauley. The tales focus on the emotional psychology of the characters involved. What hope for Billy when his mother is a drug addict? Is Mabel really mad or just old? Will Vicky, a recent mother of twins, try prostitution as a career? Why does Celia, very alluring, intelligent and successful, find a relationship so hard to achieve?



Hywela Lyn is the pen name of Lyn Evans, who enjoys weaving romantic tales of the future, set on distant, mysterious worlds. Her debut novel, *Starquest*, a futuristic romance, is published by The Wild Rose Press, who also published *Children of the Mist*, the second book in the **'Destiny' Trilogy**. *Beloved Enemy* which continues the trilogy, was released on March 11 by the same publisher. Although all three books feature some of the same characters, each is a standalone story.

Dave Sivers is best known locally as our village correspondent for the Bucks Herald and the LBO and as a BeaconLit founder.

Since taking early retirement from the civil service, he has published six books, including the popular Archer and Baines crime novels set in Aylesbury Vale. In the most recent, *Evil Unseen* (28 January 2016), a reformed teenage gang leader is gunned down in cold blood, and angry DS Dan Baines, thinks he knows who is responsible.



Sue Nicholls was born in Surrey and lives in Pitstone with her husband, Dave and her younger daughter, and writes in her kitchen amid comings and goings of guests at her bed and breakfast, hungry teenagers, husband, and dog. She specializes in speech and language at Brookmead school. Her tense Literary Crime novel, *Be Careful What You Wish For*, was published by Mardibooks in 2015 and is available as an ebook from Amazon.

FOR MORE INFO ON BEACONLIT CHECK  
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If you would like to join us, please register your interest on our website at [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk).

We hope to see you soon!

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**Friends At Brookmead (PTA)**  
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# IVINGHOE & PITSTONE W.I.

Sue Jones, President

The beginning of 2016 has been very busy. Our January Table Top Sale was disappointing, as only a few people turned up.

February saw a very interesting talk **by Jean Yates on “Dunstable’s Augustinian Priory across seven Counties”, about the Priory in years gone by.** The amount of land and property they own and maintain was an eye opener. Tours can be organised - an interesting day out. Sixty villagers were served with wonderful food, cooked by W.I. **members, at a convivial Valentine’s Day Lunch.** Thanks to all who helped..

Our new Book Review Club meets on a Wednesday once a month. For the W.I. Centenary celebrations next year we are planning something in Ivinghoe and Pitstone, for everyone to enjoy. Members are taking part in a challenge to at least double £5 before the end of August. Ventures include selling cards, jam, elderflower cordial, scarves, cakes, crafts of all kinds, services such as ironing or give massages, and there is a lap quilt to raffle. Please support us if you can.

Our March meeting was open to anyone in the village, and we were treated to a very interesting look **“Behind the Scenes” of the T.V.**

News by Helen Armitage. We organised a special celebratory **Tea Party for the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in April called “Crowns, Coronets and Posh Hats”.** Luckily Her Majesty managed to find time in her busy schedule to pop in for half an hour or so. Thanks to Ali, Christobel, Michelle and Annie, who helped on the evening.

Towards the end of April our Wine and Cheese evening was also open to **all.** Thanks to **Mason’s Store** and **Windmill Pharmacy** for selling tickets. Look out for us serving Cream Teas in the marquee on Ivinghoe Lawn on the afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> June, and on a cakes etc. stall at the Party in the Park on Pitstone Green on 16<sup>th</sup> July. We have welcomed several new members this year and are always pleased to see new faces. If you would like to attend one of our meetings, we meet on the second Thursday each month in Ivinghoe Town Hall at 7.45pm. Please ring Sue on 01296 660436

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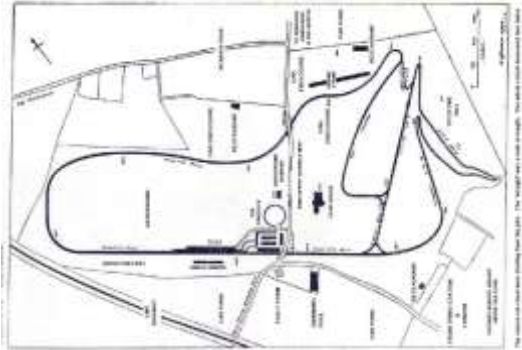
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# Pitstone. The Racing Circuit that could have been

Continuation from issue 107 of the story provided by Klaus Ginda

The year 1933 was welcomed with customary optimism by revellers on the streets and in the nightspots of London. It was among the liveliest New Year's Eve celebrations the capital had ever seen.

The note of optimism did not ring for long, though. In January 1933 Hitler was elected **Chancellor of Germany while in Pitstone, journalists from the world's press were visiting the site for the proposed motor race course, and the consensus was that they were 'deeply impressed with its potentialities'**.

Enthusiasts of the proposed race circuit formed a consortium. Among them were Captain George A. E. Oyston, land speed recorder holder, awarded the Seagrove Trophy in 1935, C. R. Whitecroft, and H. N. Edwards, Secretary of the British Racing Drivers Club.

The consortium called upon the skills of the current luminaries of the sport. British and foreign drivers were invited to view the proposed plans and the site, and contribute to the design of a circuit that was challenging for participants, with rewarding vantage points for spectators. At four miles long, to facilitate timekeeping, the Pitstone circuit was shorter than its main international rivals but offered the spectator freedom of movement.

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## **‘Together, we can tackle child abuse’**

### new national campaign

The County Council is supporting a national campaign launched on 3 March by the Department for Education to encourage members of the public to report child abuse.

**The campaign’s main message is that if you’re worried about a child or think their safety might be at risk, then it is important to tell someone. You don’t have to be absolutely certain about whether a child is being abused; if you have a feeling that something’s not right, talk to your local children’s social care team who can look into it.**

It is not just up to social services, doctors and the police to spot the signs of abuse and neglect. It is important that we all look out for children and young people within our community. Members of the public, and particularly other parents, are in a unique position to spot concerns among children with whom they have contact, which may not be apparent to professionals.

Some of the signs of abuse or neglect include changes in:

Appearance – such as frequent unexplained injuries, consistently poor hygiene, matted hair, unexplained gifts, or a parent regularly collecting children from school when drunk

Behaviour - such as demanding or aggressive behavior, frequent lateness or absence from school, avoiding their own family, misusing drugs or alcohol, or being constantly tired

Communication – such as sexual or aggressive language, self-harming, becoming secretive and reluctant to share information or being overly obedient

**A third of people who suspect child abuse, do nothing. Some don’t act because they’re worried about being wrong. It is better to help children as early as possible so that action can be taken to help the child and support the family concerned.**

In 2014/15 more than 400,000 children in England were supported because someone noticed they needed help.

If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call the First Response Team on 0845 460 0001 or email: [secure-cypfirstresponse@buckscc.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:secure-cypfirstresponse@buckscc.gcsx.gov.uk)

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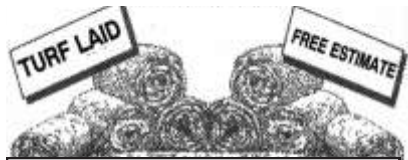
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