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WELCOME

Bob Saintey, Chairman, Pitstone Parish Council

As we ease ourselves into summer with lengthening days and hopefully higher temperatures, we can say goodbye to a very long, cold late spring.

A big well done and congratulations to the organisers and all those involved in the recently held Village/Church fete. The excellent weather undoubtedly made the event. I have never seen so many people on the Lawn for the whole afternoon, thoroughly enjoying themselves. This I am told has led to record takings and an excellent result for the whole community.

The next event which I am sure we are all looking forward to is the **'Party in the Park'** taking place on Saturday 16th July. There is a full

programme with some great live music and all the usual fun. Please support this if you can.

I am sure many of you will have seen, if not been told, about the wonderful display of Bee Orchids and other wild flowers which have occurred quite naturally at the top of Westfield Road. This has been widely accepted and acclaimed as a wonderful asset of conservation and praised by many.

'Play round the Parishes' has been organised for two visits this summer holiday. Check the website for dates. I am sure children will look forward and enjoy this event as usual.

As we approach holiday time, I hope you all enjoy your favoured places of destination.

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COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Avril Davies County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

Home to School Transport Policy review up for on line consultation until Friday 15th July.

Although the proposals in the review may not affect arrangements as they are in Pitstone, this will affect other nearby parishes.

However nothing is certain so if you think you will be affected please go on line and respond to the questionnaire.

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/education/schools/school-transport/proposed-changes/>

This review proposes to remove one section of the current home to school transport policy for secondary school pupils: the one which affects Ivinghoe Division. No changes will take place until September 2017 at the earliest.

The changes proposed are to remove:

Section 2.2

Additional Entitlements Provided in Buckinghamshire

Those living closest to a non-Buckinghamshire school:

In addition to the statutory entitlement to transport to the nearest school, qualifying pupils will also be offered transport to the nearest

Buckinghamshire School unless in a particular locality there is an existing admissions arrangement or significant pattern of parental choice for a non-Buckinghamshire school.

Section 3

Eligibility for free travel

3. Your nearest qualifying school is an out-of-county school

The policy includes four out-of-county secondary schools as 'virtual'

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Buckinghamshire schools for transport purposes.

For 2014/15 they will be: Icknield School in Watlington, Lord Williams School in Thame, Tring Schools and Wheatley Park School, and for the areas in Buckinghamshire where one of these schools is closest and where **there is a 'significant pattern of parental choice' for the out-of-county school** then free transport will be provided to that school.

Where these schools are closest but **there is 'significant pattern of parental choice' for a local Buckinghamshire school** that is further away, then free transport will also be provided to that school as well. This particularly affects Tring School as currently Marsworth and Pitstone have a **'significant pattern of parental choice' for Tring School** and transport would be provided there whereas Cheddington, Dagnall, Ivinghoe Aston and Edlesborough all have a **'significant pattern of parental choice' for Cottesloe School** and are provided with transport there. The schools included at this point will be reviewed annually.

The following section is not proposed to be changed

Free transport will still be provided (subject to conditions) if:

1. You could not be offered your nearest qualifying school even though you applied for it
2. We could not offer you your preference nearest qualifying school then we may assist with transport to the next nearest qualifying school if you expressed this as a lower preference. (more on page 13)

Active Bucks - Keeping active is the key to staying healthy. People of all ages can benefit from being active says Dr Jane O'Grady, Buckinghamshire's Director of Public Health, in her annual report : **"it's not just our health and wellbeing that is improved by physical activity but also the educational attainment for our children and young people, the safety and quality of our environment and the connections we make in our communities.** "At the moment, we're simply not active enough, with only 1 in 5 young people in Buckinghamshire reaching the level of activity needed to see benefits, and the proportion of active children actually falling. With adults, only 6 out of 10 are reaching the recommended

guidelines, and 1 in 5 are completely inactive - with activity levels generally reducing with age.

'Active Bucks', launched in June, has brought together all the opportunities for fresh air and exercise throughout the County on



to a single website, enabling you to search for all activities by distance from where you live, and offering a free taster first class or session.

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In addition, a new scheme of free walks will soon start from Ivinghoe, and you can already participate in an open air adventure scheme in Ashridge.

England's Economic Heartlands The Bucks, Oxfordshire, and Northamptonshire alliance to promote economic infrastructure projects including East-West rail and Silverstone has been joined by five other local authorities to complete an Oxfordshire to Cambridgeshire arc. In a very short space of time this group of councils has gained the

same status with government for investment as the more publicised North West powerhouse and the Midlands powerhouse.

www.englandseconomicheartlands.com

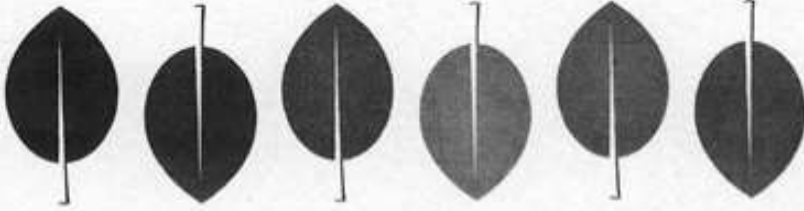
Bucks County Council is also putting together a business case for a single

unitary authority for the whole of **the county, except Milton Keynes'** which already is a unitary authority. This is to counter Aylesbury Vale District's similar plan.

Finally - Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)

This plan is now going through its first round of public consultation, and is certainly testing the robustness of the Neighbourhood plans already subject to referendum and accepted. To have your say go on line at <http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-draft-plan> or attend any of the up coming events, including the Bucks County Show on September 1st.

(More detail on page14)



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DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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

The AVDC Local Plan is now at the Draft stage and the DC are presenting the full document to the residents of the district for review and comments. This consultation will be from 7/7 - 5/9. Hard copies will be available at Aylesbury, Friars Square on Thursday 14/7 and Friday 5/8 supported by council officers to answer any questions.

In addition to the events, you are asked to feedback online using this link:

www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/localplan

You can comment on anything in the plan or tell AVDC about things that you think should be in it. Look for what concerns you, needs clarification or you would like further detail etc.

The Local Plan Document is made up of 221 pages so I have tried to identify some of the contentious points. The main theme of my listings below is housing development :

Para 1.10 P 11 Duty to Cooperate – This is the reason for the additional “12,000 additional houses identified as unmet needs”.

Para 1.14 P 12 Housing – Here the DC

describe the Garden Town aspiration’s

Para 1.26 P 14 Neighbourhood Plans -

The numbers are not the same for the Neighbourhood Plans and the AVDC Local Plan!

Para 2.4 a. P 21 - Green belt will be protected. Not a lot in Aylesbury Vale

District (AVD), see map on page 19.

Para 2.4 i. P 23 - A new settlement, (the first in Buckinghamshire since Milton Keynes in the 1960’s)

Para 3.11 P 29 - *“Following uplifts, the number of new houses required across the housing market area is 50,000, with 21,300 required in Aylesbury Vale. Although other councils have not yet completed their capacity assessments, there is likely to be an element of unmet needs required to be met by Aylesbury Vale. At present we are estimating a figure of 12,000 to meet unmet needs from Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks. Further capacity work within the housing market area may mean that this will change, so a definitive housing number cannot yet be established.”*

Para 3.16 p 30 and 31 Spatial Strategy for growth: identifies the percentage growth for all settlements; 19% for Cheddington and Marsworth as medium villages; 22% for Ivinghoe and Pitstone as larger villages.

P 33 5 Year housing Plan explanation:

Para 3.22 and 3.23

p 34, “Windfall allowance” ie one off builds etc, this is not clear.

P 35 and following tables: Settlement hierarchy and cohesive development.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

Klaus Ginda awarded Pitstone Volunteer of the Year 2016

Klaus has held numerous volunteering roles within Pitstone for many years so we are sure that you will join us in celebrating his devotion to our community.

He is currently the co-ordinator and main driver for the Pitstone

Community Car Scheme; he sits on

the Pitstone Community Cinema

committee and helps at all their events; Klaus is the voluntary

Advertising Manager for Pitstone Parish Post, co-ordinates the volunteers

and also hand-delivers many himself; he carries out monthly day patrol

and night patrols of the village to monitor street lighting; Klaus headed up

the Heritage sub-group for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group; he volunteers at the

Pitstone Youth Café every



Wednesday; for many years Klaus was a trustee for both the Pitstone Town Lands Charity and the Williamson Trust and was also a Parish Councillor (all members are voluntary).

A huge thank you to Klaus from the members of Pitstone Parish Council and all the residents who have had the pleasure of benefitting from the endless hours of time that Klaus has contributed.

at the Annual Parish Assembly and is also entered into the AVDC Volunteer of the Year scheme.

Thank you to the Pitstone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Parish Council was delighted that a number of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members were able to attend the Pitstone Annual Assembly and receive a small token of thanks from the Council on behalf



NDP volunteers, who received thank-you cards from PPC

There are many people in our village who give up lots of their time to help other residents or community groups. If you know someone who deserves a special thank you, please send their details to the Parish Clerk so they can be considered for the 2017 award. The winner is presented with a framed certificate and cheque

of the community for the numerous hours of time they all devoted to researching and implementing the Pitstone Neighbourhood Plan.

A huge thank you to all the members of the team, including those who **couldn't attend the event, and also to** all the residents who interacted with our Neighbourhood Plan events,

consultations and referendum. You can view the Neighbourhood Plan anytime at the library or on the website: <http://pitstone.co.uk/ppcpubs/pitstone-neighbourhood-plan/>

Annual Assembly Summary
Our thanks to all the community groups, charities and members of the **public who attended this year's** Annual Assembly, especially to BBOWT for their fascinating presentation on local orchids. As always, the draft minutes are available on the web site if you were unable to attend in person.

Annual Report and Accounts
This was presented at the annual assembly and is published in PPP for distribution to all homes. The accounts have now passed the Internal Audit with IAC and will shortly be submitted for the second layer of External Audit with Mazars. Bucks County Council Home to School Transport Consultation Open until 15 July
BCC launched a consultation on Home to School Transport and **they're looking for communities,** schools and parents views on proposed changes to Home to School Transport in Buckinghamshire. Details from BCC below. Any

affected parents should consider responding direct to Bucks County Council.

*“What changes are we suggesting
Changing our School Transport Policy*

Bringing our Policy in line with what we're legally required to do should save an estimated £0.5 million.

This means we would only provide free school transport to the nearest secondary school to your home address. The school could be located in Buckinghamshire or in a neighbouring county and could be an Upper, Grammar (for qualified children only) or Comprehensive.

Paying to use our Home to School Transport

*We know that families like to use and pay for our school transport services **when they're not eligible for the free service.***

For the Under 16's who live in

Buckinghamshire, we charge the same whether you are travelling 3 miles or 15 miles. This will be £599 for an annual pass for a 2016/17 academic year. We do not make enough money from providing this service to cover its costs. We are really keen to receive ideas on alternative ways we can provide this service.

To find out more and access the survey visit:

[www.buckscc.gov.uk/
schooltransportconsultation](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/schooltransportconsultation)

We will be promoting this consultation through the media and extensively through social media. It is one survey for any interested resident, family, school or organisation. There is a section at the end to tell us who you are responding on behalf of as well as a 'free text' space to tell us any other comments you may wish to make.

BCC Home to school Transport Team”

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) – consultation by AVDC open until 5 September

Over the course of the summer Aylesbury Vale District Council will be consulting on their latest draft of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP). From 7 July to 5 September,

residents and other interested parties can comment on any aspect of the Draft Plan. A series of drop-in sessions will also be held throughout the summer in this next stage of consultation on the Local Plan, the guide to delivering growth in the District up to 2033. This is an opportunity for local people to find out more about the Draft Plan, which has been developed following public consultation last autumn, before it **goes in front of the Government’s** Planning Inspectorate during Spring 2017.

For those unaware of its history and purpose, the VALP is the district-level Local Plan which, in conjunction with Neighbourhood Plans such as ours, will be used to determine planning

Date	Location	Venue	Time
Monday 11 July	Haddenham	Village Hall Social Centre	11am to 8pm
Wednesday 13 July	Buckingham	Community Centre	11am to 8pm
Thursday 14 July	Aylesbury	Friars Square Shopping Centre	10am to 5pm
Wednesday 27 July	Newton Longville	Village Hall 2 Paradise	10.30am to 7.30pm
Thursday 4 August	Wendover	St Anne's Hall	11am to 8pm
Friday 5 August	Aylesbury	Friars Square Shopping Centre	10am to 5pm
Wednesday 10 August	Winslow	Public Hall Elmfields Gate	10am to 6pm
Thursday 1 September	Weedon	Bucks County Show-ground	8.30am to 4.30pm

applications (and all other planning-related matters) throughout the Vale. The VALP replaces the ill-fated Vale of Aylesbury Plan (VAP) which was withdrawn by AVDC in February 2014 and will, once adopted, formally replace the rather elderly Aylesbury Vale District Local Plan (AVDLP) which dates back to 2004 and only some of which still applies.

AVDC are running a number of consultation drop-in sessions throughout the summer. The Parish Council would encourage all residents to attend one of these events as AVDC officers will be there to answer any questions you may have. The following are planned:

Whether or not you are able to visit one of the drop-in sessions, you can find out more about the draft Local Plan – the background to it; its policies on housing, transport, and environment; and guidance about how to respond – on the AVDC website: <http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-draft-plan>. You can also find the Parish Council's views on the draft Plan, and what it means for Pitstone in particular, on the village's own website

www.pitstone.co.uk, and we would encourage you to read the Draft Plan in conjunction with the Parish Council's own assessment of it. We will be communicating with residents again during August so that you have plenty of time to consider the key issues and respond to the consultation. In the meantime, however, we would encourage you to monitor both the village website, and AVDC's, for further information about the detail of the Plan, and to attend one of the above sessions if you can.

Note: This article was written on 13 June 2016, at which stage the proposed draft VALP had yet to go through AVDC's committee cycle of Scrutiny, Cabinet and Council and was, therefore, still subject to further change. By the time you receive this edition of PPP, however, it is anticipated that the consultation version of the draft VALP will have been finalised and posted on AVDC's website, and that the Parish Council's own views will be available on www.pitstone.co.uk. More detail p. 9

Did you come and see the orchids?

By the time you receive your PPP, the wonderful orchid display may already have finished, if not, do go up to Westfield Road by the

Warwick Road turning to see them. Last winter we counted nearly 300 small plants which we thought were bee orchids over the whole of



Bee Orchid on Westfield Road

Castlemead estate and chose to protect the 3 areas where the fledgling plants were in the greatest numbers. We are delighted to say that over 100 bee orchids and 9 pyramidal orchids flowered in these areas. To see such a large quantity in such a small area is apparently quite rare.

As well as the orchids, there was also an abundance of other wildflowers in these plots which have attracted butterflies and insects to the area including the rare small blue butterfly.

We hope that all our residents have enjoyed the wonderful displays of flora and fauna and would like to

thank the local households for their patience with the lack of grass cutting in these 3 patches.

Disturbed by aircraft noise?

Did you know that if you are disturbed by aircraft noise over your property you can complain to Luton airport on the following email address:

noise@ltn.aero

So if you find aircraft noise an issue at night, or during the day, ping them an email each time you are disturbed and it will keep

up pressure on the airport to monitor and adjust their flight practices.

Please encourage your older children to be considerate when using our parks

There are lots of physical, social and emotional benefits to children playing outside and engaging in sport, and now that the warmer weather and lighter nights have arrived the children can get back out to play in our parks. We would appreciate the assistance of parents of youths between 10-17yrs that are out on their own, without their parents, to reinforce that the youngsters should act considerately of the

neighbourhoods they pass through on their way to/from each venue (use their quiet voices and carry, rather than bounce, footballs), especially if out after 7pm when young children may be in bed, that they are using appropriate language as younger children may be nearby, and that they are clearing away their litter into the bins provided. Noise can often echo between rows of houses, and this then disturbs those inside often without the youngsters realising the frustration this can cause residents that they pass.

Best kept village competition judging 6/6-8/7

The parish council entered the competition again this year, and judging takes place between 6 June and 8 July. This award goes to the communities that take a pride in their village, pick up their litter, look after the open space in front of the shops/restaurants, keep up-to-date information on their boards etc. Keep a watch on the website for any updates.

Community Grants

Remember that the parish council has a small budget each year to provide assistance to local community groups that benefit Pitstone residents. If you think your

community group would benefit from a grant, please see the information on the web site and get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

Local Area Forum support highways proposals

Thank you to all the residents who submitted feedback to the Highways Proposals Consultation.

We are delighted to confirm that the Bucks County Council Local Area Forum has agreed to provide £2,460 during the current financial year towards undertaking a Road Safety Audit to assess all the locations identified in the Ben Hamilton-Baillie report. Pitstone Parish Council will be supplying an equivalent amount of match funding so that the report can be commissioned. The same will be happening in Ivinghoe. Once the report is available, we will share this with the community.

Once the Road Safety Audit has been undertaken, and further discussions have taken place between all the parties, Area Scheme Delivery will be able to prepare a budget estimate for the completion of a feasibility design using both our Ben Hamilton-Baillie report and the Feasibility Stage Safety Audit.

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PITSTONE CHURCH NEWS

Gillian Arney

The Pitstone Church Committee (Friends) would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Festival at the Late May Bank Holiday. The Weekend made £3751 which is a wonderful result. I am sure that everyone who came appreciated the atmosphere of the church full of pictures and flowers. Many of them also enjoyed the tea and cakes in the chancel.

Photo Klaus Ginda





CHURCH OF ST MARY THE

Rev. Adrian Manning

Many of you will have heard that the lead was removed from both Ivinghoe and Marsworth churches during June in two damaging acts of theft. The lead lay on top of the wooden roof to provide a waterproof seal. Both churches are insured but are still liable to pay an excess of £1000 each.

All churches with lead roofs are protected by a system called Smart Water. This is a chemical painted on that gives the lead from each church

a unique indelible code. Any dealer buying the lead could identify where it has come from so it is unlikely to be sold in this country. What was stolen might raise about £500 if taken abroad.

We might not realise that how we use money is spiritual matter. There is a need deeply embedded into human nature to give and share what we have. We discover, as we grow older, that we get more pleasure and joy when we give presents to others

VIRGIN, IVINGHOE

than when we receive. We are made in the image of God who is generous; all we own and all we are is his gift to us. People of faith find that in giving to charity we learn about the nature of God. The same can be said about giving time and using our abilities for the benefit of others. These are all ways of sharing our gifts.

Jesus had plenty to say about money. There are the parables of the talents, the dishonest steward, the rich young ruler, **the widow's mite and others.**

He was more concerned with faith-raising than fund-raising. We need to get on with both but they are closely linked. Many situations of need are much more urgent and bigger than the holes we now have in our church roofs but they present an opportunity for us to become more fully the human beings we have the potential to become. As we learn to give we grow spiritually.



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Leo Keedy, College Lake Warden

College Lake is looking great as we move into summer, and what is wonderful is that things are always changing, so no two visits are ever the same!

Flowers are looking excellent in most parts of the reserve with orchids providing a particular highlight for many visitors. May and **June's spectacular display of White Helleborine** will be drawing to a close but other species to look out for as we head into July include Common Spotted Orchid, Pyramidal Orchid, Common Twayblade and Bee Orchid. Hobbies have already been seen at College Lake and as we move further into summer we will see more of the dragonflies they feed on, which will mean there is even more chance of seeing one of these spectacular falcons hunting dragonflies over the marsh before

devouring them on the wing! It's an amazing sight, not to be missed!

The observant amongst you may have noticed that the Fitter Hide and Castle Hide have benefitted from a new coat of paint. This is part of an on-going project to renovate all of our hides this summer and volunteers have been working hard to get these essential improvements underway.

July also sees the return of our three lovely Dexter cattle. During the summer they will be doing some vital grazing in the area around the Tump Hide. The way they graze the grassland helps to create a diverse structure in the grass and helps encourage the widest range of species including Voles which will in turn provide food for Kestrels and maybe Barn Owls too!



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More of the Church Fete

Photos, Klaus Ginda



2015-16 Annual Report and Accounts for Pitstone Parish Council

	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Actual	Variance to last year	Variance to budget
Income	£112,730	£277,721	£112,972	+0.2%	-59%
Expenditure	£117,497	£359,542	£132,611	+13%	-63%

Financial position

The variance to budget reflects the delay of the play space / skate park project into a subsequent financial year. At the close of the year the council holds £143,117. £70,174 is reserved for specific purposes or with restricted spending ability (like maintenance payments from Taylor Wimpey) leaving £72,944 of retained reserve. The council is financially independent with no loans, lease payments or debts.

Pitstone Neighbourhood Plan (NDP)

Thank you to all those who contributed to the NDP steering group, engaged with the consultation process and came to vote. 97% of those voting, voted in favour of AVDC using the plan to help determine planning applications, which was great news. Our Plan has

since been “made” by AVDC which means that it now has formal effect.



Expenditure of £12,514 was incurred during the production of the plan, with £4,772 of this being funded by two grants from Locality and the remaining £7,742 funded by the parish council.

Taking on devolved services from Bucks County Council During the year, the parish council expanded the services it undertakes on behalf of Bucks County Council to including the cutting of the grass verges within the 30 mph limits and other minor duties such as sign repairs, in addition to our original works on right-of-way maintenance. BCC paid an initial amount of £4,062 (dropping to £3,423 in subsequent years) and costs were incurred of £2,267 (63% on grass cutting, 31% on right of way maintenance, 6% on other matters). Works did not require the whole of the budget due to the timing of the introduction of the scheme and the fact that no significant works such as siding out had been required. The remaining funds will be carried forward for use in 2016/17.

Only 3 comments were submitted to the parish council relating to the work carried out and these have been resolved. It has been agreed to trial a reduction in the cutting of the footpath from the Windmill field to



Vicarage Road to once per year to reduce mud “churn” later in the season.

Whilst the verges within Castlemead remain the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey, they have agreed to leave 3 sections uncut until July to enhance the care of the lovely bee orchids currently growing wild there.

Ongoing Projects

In addition to the projects that were delayed during the course of the last

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12 months and therefore will continue to be development this year, we are also working on a number of initiatives, many with other bodies, which have not yet come to fruition but will continue to be an area of focus during the next 12 months:

- The provision of a footpath to Marsworth (we are working with Marsworth Parish Council and the Local Area Forum)
- The installation of a foot & cycle path along Northfield Road (we are working with BCC and Herts County Council)
- The enhancement and development of the pavilion site (plans currently being investigated following an update from the I&P Junior Football Club and I&P United Cricket Club that they were no longer pursuing plans to obtain extra land from the Pitstone Towns Land Charity to extend the site.
- Updating and replacing the parish maps to reflect all the development off Westfield Road
- Replacement of the lighting equipment on the Marsworth Road roundabout and options to enhance this feature at the entrance to our village
- Castlemead issues including the handover of the highways to BCC and the handover of the open space to AVDC (currently working on Phase III).
- BCC issues including the installation of a dropped curb by the Cheddington Road railway bridge and footpath works to part of Vicarage Road.
- Working with VAHT to develop and install a solution at the junction of Yardley Avenue and Cheddington Road to prevent vehicles parking on the grass verge and obstructing the exit
- Working with Pitstone Memorial Hall Charity to help identify and achieve future ambitions to make the hall the centre of the village.
- Working with AVDC as they produce a new Vale of Aylesbury Plan which will affect the future housing and planning provision for the parish.

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The sessions are held on Mondays (during term time) at Pitstone Memorial Hall from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

If you would like to join us, please register your interest on our website at www.girlguiding.org.uk.

We hope to see you soon!

1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts Group

(Group Scout Leader: Keith Steers)

Contact: Email - Ksteers@aol.com Tel—07899 696 722



Scouting Sections

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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6pm—7pm	6pm—7pm	6.30pm—8pm	6.30pm—8pm	7.30pm-9pm
Leader: Andrew Broad	Leader: Keith Steers	Leader: Rob Haddock	Leader: Rob Mercel	Leader: Andrew Woods



Cheddington Pre-School

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Headteacher: Katherine Douglas

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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.

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FriendsAtBrookmead@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk

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IVINGHOE & PITSTONE W.I.

Sue Jones, President

Our W.I. is flourishing at the moment with new members joining. In May, our meeting was a Resolutions and Plant Sale evening. **All W.I.'s were asked to vote on the two resolutions to go forward to the Annual Meeting in Brighton.** Christine and I went and the two **resolutions: 'Avoid food waste, address food poverty' and 'Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia' were carried forward by a large majority.**

The morning speaker was Rona Fairhead, BBC Trust Chairman and the afternoon speaker was Baroness **D'Souza (the Lord's Speaker)** - a very interesting day.

We held a 'Champagne and Cream Tea' event on the Lawn on Sunday 19th June and thanks to the Ivinghoe Events Committee for allowing us to share the marquee with the Beacon

Choir!

In June the speaker was Christine Morton, who gave a very interesting **talk on 'Digging for History in Norfolk'.**

July saw a mystery outing and meal. A very enjoyable affair and thanks to Lynne and Lesley for organising it. Thanks also to Annette for agreeing to help Lynne with the Programme and Mandy as a spare pair of hands when we need it.

We are having a table sale at the Party in the Park on the 16th July, selling crafts and cakes for our funds **for next year's celebrations** – please come along and visit us. It will great fun!

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ENTRY FORM

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NUMBERED CLASSES AS FOLLOWS**CHILDREN'S SECTION****Age 6 and Under:**

1. Make a small clay model
2. Make a finger puppet
3. A picture of a sunny garden

Age 7 to 12:

4. Make a garden in a seed tray
5. Make a small bouquet
6. Make 5 muffins

VEGETABLES, FRUIT & PRODUCE SECTION

7. 5 white potatoes
8. 5 coloured potatoes
9. 10 culinary shallots – on a plate
10. 5 onions – individually tied
11. 5 cherry tomatoes
12. 5 tomatoes – one variety
13. 3 round beetroot
14. 3 carrots – one variety 3" tops
15. 5 runner beans
16. 5 broad bean pods
17. 1 marrow – max 15" (38cm)
18. 1 cabbage – any variety, 3" (7.5cm) stalk
19. Any other vegetable
20. Collection of vegetables – 3 varieties, min 2 of each type
21. Basket of mixed herbs
22. 4 pears
23. 4 eating apples
24. 5 plums
25. Any other fruit
26. ½ dozen eggs

FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS SECTIONS

27. Vase of mixed flowers
28. 3 annual geraniums
29. 3 dahlias
30. 3 stems of flowering shrub – 1 variety
31. 1 specimen rose
32. 6 fuchsia blooms
33. 1 flowering pot plant
34. A bowl of succulents
35. Memories of a summer holiday
36. A candlestick table arrangement
37. A wine glass arrangement – not larger than 9" (23cm) wide
38. A wildflower posy

PLEASE NOTE:

Classes 35, 36 and 38 to have a maximum width of 18" (46cm). Accessories are allowed for all classes.

COOKERY & CRAFT SECTION

39. A Victoria sponge cake
40. A mixed fruit cake
41. A savoury quiche
42. A gluten free loaf of bread
43. A gluten free cake
44. A chocolate cake
45. 5 scones – any flavour
46. A jar of pickled vegetables (2016)
47. A jar of chutney (2016)
48. A jar of jam (2016)
49. A bottle of homemade flavoured spirit eg. gin/vodka
50. A hand embroidered item
51. An item of lace or crochet
52. A hand knitted article
53. A painting in any medium
54. A homemade greetings card
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Pitstone. The Racing Circuit that could have been

Final instalment of the story provided by Klaus Ginda

The site of the proposed new race circuit included Pitstone Hill, which rose 711 feet above sea level. There would be a maximum uphill gradient among the sharp hairpins, of 1 in 5, while downhill, the steepest place would be a challenging 1 in 10. The hill-climb road would have a maximum gradient of 1 in 2.5.

A concrete surface would vary in width from 60 feet opposite the grandstand, including the pits, to 18 feet on the hill-section. By means of loop roads, five separate circuits were to be built into one. 100 acres of reserved enclosure would be available for spectators, in two of these. Naturally sloping ground would enable crowds to witness the racing from their cars. The grandstand would accommodate 10,000 people. 75 acres of outside parking would be available. In all it was expected that 3000 vehicles per hour would pass through a special entrance.

In February the group floated a share issue to raise £200,000. £142,000 was expected to be used for construction, while the rest was reserved for working capital, contingency and prize money. They also

secured a fixture on the International Calendar for later that year, on August 19th.

On April 13th, a week before Hitler's forty-fourth birthday, Winston Churchill warned in the House of Commons of the **increased danger caused by Germany's** conquest of Poland but despite the uncertainty, construction of The 'Silver Birch' café went ahead.

Unfortunately for all concerned and for obvious reasons, the Pitstone Race Circuit did not spark enough financial interest. Fortunately for the consortium, cement manufacturers, F. L. Smidth stepped in with an offer for the land, and with assurances that they would not build a motor racing circuit on the site, Tunnel Cement Ltd began its production of cement on the 20th September 1937.

This information was uncovered by Klaus in a Motor Sport magazine in Pitstone Heritage Park, during investigations into the history of the area for the Pitstone Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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These tables are interesting in that they do not agree with the neighbourhood plans.

P 41 Green Belt: Describes the changes to the green belt within the AVD.

Para 3.5 page 45 Infrastructure, worth reading.

P 49 Gypsy, Traveller and travelling show people provision: informative but no specific changes to existing arrangements locally.

P 54 Delivering through the neighbourhood planning

P 65 Delivering a new settlement:: interesting because Cheddington was considered (twice it seems! table p. 66) .Would this have meant a 6000 new dwellings somewhere between Cheddington, Ivinghoe, Marworth and Pitstone? Short list currently Haddenham and Winslow. Needs to be watched and questioned.

P 78 Delivering the allocated sites: larger villages, ref to neighbourhood plans etc, table shows requirements, see paras 4.72 and 4.73.

P 83 Delivering the allocated sites: medium villages, ref to neighbourhood plans etc, table shows requirements and the requirements, see paras 4.82

P 107 Aylesbury town centre redevelopment:: aspirations, parking shopping etc

P 113 Affordable housing on open market sites:: to buy or to rent! States the percentages ie 31% on sites of more than 11 or more dwellings.

P 115 Affordable housing on rural exception sites: houses aimed at keeping local

villagers within their home village, e.g. the Partridge Close development., Cheddington

P 123. Self/custom build housing ***“The plan will expect all larger developments to provide a percentage of serviced dwelling plots for sale to self/custom builders”***

Page 124 Housing mix: housing for older people and housing with specific needs, contains percentages and rooms numbers etc.

P 144 Vehicle Parking. Gives the number of parking spaces per rooms. Also see Para 7.4 ***“Research has also shown that most residents use garages for domestic storage rather than for vehicle storage, which subsequently reduces the available off street parking for individual dwellings. It is therefore proposed that these structures will no longer be allocated as parking spaces within new developments.”***

Appendix A Potential sites: Pitstone page 208; Cheddington p 209 (Croft Meadows); Marsworth p 210 (Marsworth Glebe, Lower Icknield Way), Ivinghoe p 207 (no sites identified at this stage)

P 212 – Glossary, Useful. May be worth printing if you want to read the whole document.

NB –The text above in italics are from the local plan. We have noted that there is no reference to any unmet needs from Luton, South West Beds, Dacorum or London, so we are specifically concerned that this requirement can grow.

Conclusion.: It is essential that as many residents review this draft AVDC Local Plan and give feedback .

Michelin Starred

Bowlers certainly enjoy their bowling, but as much talk can be about the quality of the meal provided by a Club after a match.

We could name a few Clubs who are miserly and who leave all the catering to a few ladies. This is not the case at Cheddington Bowls Club, where **the men muck in. Rodney's roast pork and Richard's herbed chicken set a**

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