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# WELCOME

**Bob Saintey, Chairman, Pitstone Parish Council**

Spring is here!

The long dark winter days are over although luckily we've had a mild one, saving us all money on the possibility of higher fuel bills.

With the days lengthening and warmer climate it's been an absolute pleasure to see a wonderful show of spring flowers, especially daffodils, around the village.

Parish Council has elected again to enter the best kept village competition. We have had moderate success in the past, in our population sector. In order to improve on this, if we could all make a little more effort to beautify our immediate surroundings, that might just make the difference.

Please could we all try and support the Pitstone Church Festival which is

held on the last weekend in May. This is a chance to see and look round our beautiful church and its church yard and also support local artists, potters, musicians etc. which raises valuable funds not only for the church but also for the Church Conservation Trust.

We should also wish the new Management Committee of Pitstone and Ivinghoe Entertainments every success with its new venture being held on the weekend of June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. 'Sharp Suits and Posh frocks' seem to be the order of the day, followed by Classic Disco on the Saturday night. All of this will be on the Recreation ground. See posters and read the PPP for more information.

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## COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

**Avril Davies County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division**

It was great to see the replica fossil display restored at the College Lake centre in time for the Fantastic Fossils weekend at the beginning of April. Fossils from the Jurassic beds excavated at College Lake, which is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest, are normally in storage at the Bucks County Museum Resource Centre at Halton. I have visited the Resource Centre twice recently as a member of the Select Committee for Transport, Environment and Communities, which maintains an overview of the Museum Trust.

The centre is open to the public by appointment. College Lake is also a

new venue for Active Bucks 'Simply Walk' on Wednesdays at 10.15 and I have enjoyed a walk with the group on a couple of occasions.

Since the new year, I have been a member of Health and Social Care, looking to understand the NHS strategic and transformation plans for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire, to be implemented in the next few years.

The Transport Environment and Communities Select Committee of which I am also a member, has been looking at school travel planning across the County to see how the council can build on its record of

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reducing pupil journeys to school from 56% fifteen years ago to 26% now, and how this can be maintained with fewer resources than ever.

Work continues on school place planning in the Ivinghoe Division. Dagnall Church of England school is currently consulting on becoming a combined school taking pupils up to the age of 11, which is one of many measures in discussion to provide more places. Residents will be receiving a small increase in their council tax bills this year. Unwelcome and inequitable as it is, there is no other way

to pay for public services. By 2020 there will be no top up grant from government and we don't know how the additional funds announced in the budget for adult social care will be distributed, although I don't expect good news for Bucks and other counties.

About two thirds of the county council's £350 million budget is spent on social care. Half of this

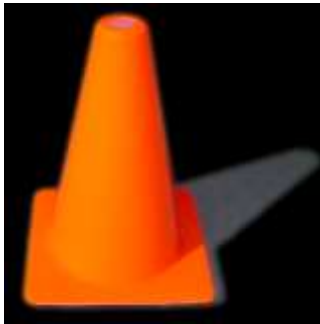
year's council tax increase will go into services for adults which supports increasing numbers of older people and adults with learning disabilities.

By 2020 all County Council funding will be from council tax and possibly a small amount from business rates and none from government. Since 2010 the council has cut its budget by £100 million and is required to make further savings of about £30 million.

This leaves very little spare for roads and all other services such as public health, planning, environment and education.

In the Ivinghoe division last year 12 local road repair schemes from

Ledburn to Dagnall were completed. Work done ranged from patching to complete resurfacing, but there is still a list of urgent work, while other roads deteriorate as fast as repairs catch up. This is replicated across the county perceived in a recent survey as having the worst roads in Britain, not to mention some of the heaviest traffic.



The Dunstable North bypass is due to open in two phases in February and March, and the A4146 through Water End to Leighton Buzzard downgraded to B road status.

This corner of the County is particularly affected by HGVs finding alternatives to the A5 and M1 to reach the A41 and M25. Without comprehensive signage keeping heavy goods and other through traffic on the motorway and bypasses this could get

worse. The three counties of Beds, Bucks and Herts met recently to agree the new signage, but I am still waiting to get sight of it to pass on to the parish councils concerned.

The B488 is the only north-south road not to have a proposed weight limit, although a traffic count has already taken place to measure the number of HGVs using the route, and another is planned after the new bypass is open. If HGV numbers increase our case for a weight limit will be strengthened.



After many years of inaction, a launch meeting was set up in February to revive the county wide freight strategy. The Beacon Freight Quality Partnership set up by the Great Brickhill, Wing and Ivinghoe Local Area Forum a few years ago was unable to progress further without a county wide strategy for HGV routes being further developed and promoted to improve routes through and within the county and minimise

the impact on communities.

In February a workshop for parish, district and county councillors, highways and planning staff, and representatives of the freight

industry, met to define the key issues that affect local communities, to be taken into account in the County Council freight strategy. Discussions included matters such as noise, road safety, damage to roads, lorry routing and congestion. The new strategy is expected to be finalised in 2018.



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## **DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS**

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

It's all about waste this month, some good news and some not so!

### **Good news on recycling in AVDC**

Recycling remains between 50% and 55%. Service quality is excellent with missed bins now around 180 a month compared with 900 a month last year; with 75,000 residents in the Vale, that means a total of 300,000 bins collected each month (not including garden or food waste bins), so the percentage on 180 is minute. The improvement partly arises from the crews now being more familiar with their routes, following the re-organisation of routes after the

opening of the Greatmoor EfW (Energy from Waste facility near Grendon Underwood near the existing Calvert landfill which is almost full up).

Food recycling in the district has now reached 58% which is extremely satisfactory compared with the national average of 30%.

Bulky waste remains very popular, especially in the rural areas, and is at full capacity on two days a week operations.

Garden Waste is increasing year on year and is now collected from 21,500 properties.

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### **Waste Processing at Cheddington/Marsworth old airfield site**

AVDC Planning Application Consultation 17/01064/ACC

The item in italics below is an extract from AVDC Planning Enforcement bulletin for November 2016.

This was the subject of a significant appeal 10 years ago for a similar installation that was beyond the existing planning conditions for the Cheddington/Marsworth airfield site. The subsequent outcome was against the waste operator (not Waste King but the now defunct Cairns).

This application makes no reference to lorry movements per day or any local employment prospects. The previous application was refused and the subsequent appeal dismissed. Cheddington PC investigations to support the respective objections to this development identified significant possible

traffic movements made up of skip lorries and very large mineral trucks delivering waste from north London and beyond for processing.

*16/00427/CON3 PITSTONE And CHEDDINGTON WARD*

*Alleged unauthorised:*

*1) Installation of a Picking station/ trommel/screener*

*2) Storage of large amounts of waste*

*3) Skip lorries/cage vehicles entering site during 0630hrs-1900hrs 6 days a week including bank holidays*

*4) Waste equipment used everyday including Saturdays*

*Waste King Limited Unit 25 Marsworth Airfield North Site Cheddington Lane Marsworth Buckinghamshire*

At present information is minimal but it does appear Waste King intend to establish a facility/hub to concentrate, process and re-distribute construction and demolition materials. The consequences of this could be experienced by local villages as an increase in

lorry movements across all roads and lanes; possibly airborne pollution as dust from the 'trommel' plant; potential water pollution to the brook that flows along the eastern site boundary (is this another problem for Thames Water?) The fact is, as we all are aware, the roads in this district were never built for such HGV traffic, the condition re potholes is confirmation already, to what is expected to become worse.

Parish Councils are responding to Bucks County Council (BCC Ref CM/17/17 for Consultation) notification that came out in March. Additionally all residents need to monitor and if possible take note of lorries in and out of the site and using routes through villages where they ought not to be.

## **Barbara Higgins**

### **13/10/1941 - 26/02/2017**

Tracey, Steve, Natalia & Tamsin Moren would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, kindness and sympathy received after Barbara's death. Barbara had many friends in the area and joined in with several groups and clubs and the attendance at her funeral was overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the celebration of Barbara's life. It has been a comfort to know that she made so many friendships in her 9½

years in Yardley Avenue, Pitstone. Thank you also to pastor Halbo Chou for leading the service and Kenny and Mason's coaches for the mini bus to transport residents to Barbara's funeral. The donations received in lieu of flowers and for some of her furniture etc. have amounted to about £1000 which has been split between Keech Hospice and Rennie Grove who provided care and support to Barbara.

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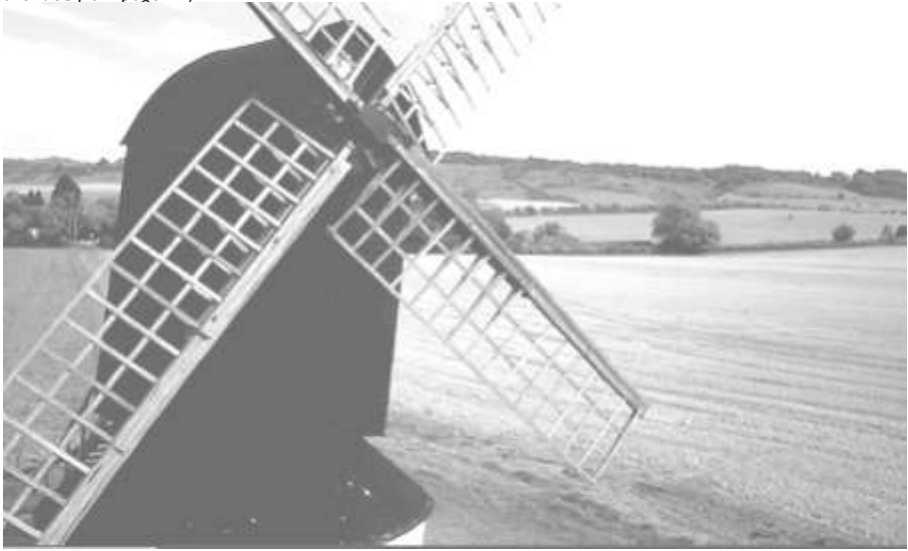
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# **PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk**

## **Welcome to Rachel Weber your new PPP Distribution Co- ordinator**

The parish council would like to introduce you all to Rachel Weber, who is taking over as the Distribution Co-ordinator for PPP from



Klaus Ginda.

Our sincere thanks to Rachel for volunteering to take on this role, we are sure that you will make her very welcome. We would also like to thank Klaus for previously undertaking this role for a number of years on behalf of the council.

Rachel has lived in the village for 6 years and has a keen interest in nature and the outdoors. Originally a midwife, she now runs a massage and healing business from home. She is also Treasurer of the Ivinghoe & Pitstone branch of the WI.

Rachel is looking forward to getting further involved in the local community via her involvement with PPP. She can be contacted on 07717 471 584, and welcomes any suggestions on how to improve the experience for distributors.

### **Housing**

We would like to thank everyone who responded to the housing survey. The response rate was very low, but if you are in need of some housing advice, please see the recommendations below:

#### **Shared Ownership**

A number of the responses asked for more shared ownership properties to become available in the village. These properties are designed for people who can't afford to buy a home outright on the open market. The schemes are run by housing associations and you buy a % share in the house and rent the remainder of the property at a subsidised rate so

as to be affordable, you can then increase the percentage of the property that you 'buy' over time. We can confirm that a number of shared ownership homes will be included within the housing developments off Rushendon Furlong, Vicarage Road and around the Memorial Hall/village green and the parish council will be working with the developers and AVDC housing. They will predominantly be 2 and 3 bedroom houses (as 1 bedroom properties/flats are not affordable options under this model). All interested residents should register with [HelpToBuyESE.org.uk](http://HelpToBuyESE.org.uk) as all shared ownership properties that become available have to be listed on this website, and you will then receive notification when properties that meet your criteria become available.

Residents interested in the properties that will become available in the Rushendon Furlong development should also register their interest with Hightown Housing Association ([www.hightownha.org.uk](http://www.hightownha.org.uk)) as they have been appointed to run this particular scheme.



## **Rental via AVDC**

The housing officer at AVDC confirms that anyone interested in renting a council property should complete the application form on the [BucksHomeChoice.gov.uk](http://BucksHomeChoice.gov.uk) website to determine if you are eligible. Even if you are over 18yrs and living in the parental home with your own bedroom, you may still be eligible under the 'shared accommodation' regulations, so AVDC encourage you to check. AVDC give priority to applicants from the 'East of Aylesbury' sub-group within which, Pitstone falls, but they are not able to grant a higher priority to existing Pitstone residents and the parish council has no ability to influence this. We can confirm that a number of rental properties will be included within the developments in Rushendon Furlong, Vicarage Road and around the Memorial Hall/village green, ranging from 1 & 2 bedroom flats up to 3 bedroom houses, and the parish council will work with the developers and AVDC housing for these schemes. We would therefore encourage you to register with Bucks Home Choice so that you are able to apply for these properties once they come on the market.

## **Charitable Flats**

Pitstone Town Lands Charity currently operates 4 one bedroom flats in the village, which they offer for rental. All flats are currently occupied but you can register your interest by contacting the Town Lands Charity (Gill Lowe (Chair) 01296 668809).

The parish council will provide further updates as and when they are available.

## **Open Space by The Crescent**

You will recall that Bucks County Council expressed a desire to build residential properties on the public open space between Marsworth Road and The Crescent. This was strongly opposed by both residents and the parish council. As part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan process, we were able to designate the land as Local Green Space, prohibiting its use for residential development. We are now pleased to advise you that Bucks County Council has agreed to sell the land to the parish council so that it can be preserved for community benefit in perpetuity, and that Aylesbury Vale District Council has agreed to support this project with a grant of Section 106 funds which they hold for Pitstone arising

from the development of the Castlemead estate. Once the transaction has been completed, we will let you all know.

### **Best Kept Village Competition – everyone can help**

The parish council will again be entering the above competition. The prize is awarded for the village that is best maintained and shows evidence of community involvement, it isn't an 'in bloom' competition. The frontages of properties, restaurants, shops, village halls etc all play their part, along with grass cutting, noticeboard information, church yards, open spaces, playgrounds etc. Judging takes place in June or July (we aren't notified of the date), so it would be wonderful if all residents could keep their frontages well maintained, pick up any litter you see (our litter pickers will also be out regularly, but can't be in every road every day) and generally help to keep our village clean, tidy and up-to-date.

### **Play areas**

The equipment within our play areas is continuously under review and you will be aware that we still aspire to replace the recreation ground playground as soon as we can secure the necessary land. We try to provide a wide range of activities

across the three playgrounds, to suit a variety of age groups and abilities. Should you have a child with a particular disability or play need, please let us know so that we can take your requests into consideration within our long term play space planning. You can find our play space policy on our website.

### **Please remember that Fly Posting is a Criminal Offence**

There has been a marked increase in the amount of posters and adverts fly-posted around the village. As a reminder, fly-posting is defined as "displaying adverts and other promotional materials without permission, on buildings, posts, poles, litter bins and elsewhere in public". Fly-posting is mainly done by businesses and community groups that want free advertising. However, before putting your local group or business at risk (especially as your contact details are likely to be on your poster!), you should also remember that fly-posting is illegal and measures to prevent fly-posting include:

- On-the-spot fines of up to £80
- Use of fixed penalty notices
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Therefore, please refrain from littering our village in such a manner. You should also be aware that advertising your event via temporary signs in the grass verges, or by the highway (eg on the recreation ground fence or by the sports pavilion) is also subject to strict highways regulations. Anyone considering this should apply to the parish council for a permit (under powers devolved to the parish by Bucks County Council). Any signage that appears where a permit hasn't been sought will be removed.

### **Re-development of the sports pavilion**

The parish council currently has a planning application submitted for the installation of two sections of ball-stop netting at the sports pavilion off Marsworth Road. The project to install the netting is also dependent upon external funding being secured, and grant applications to the relevant bodies are also in the course of being prepared. This will form part of the initial works to improve health & safety and cost efficiency at the site, expand the internal capacity to match our boundary and thus enable other development at the site, and extend the football pitch to meet league

requirements. Work is just beginning to look at options for re-designing/ expanding the building to enable a greater range of activities to take place and improving the parking, access and security etc. We will keep you updated as the projects progress.

### **Wild Orchids along Westfield Road**

AVDC and BCC, along with TDS, have agreed to suspend grass cutting along 3 sections of Westfield Road this year to protect over 400 fledgling wild Bee Orchid plants. We are obviously privileged that such flora can thrive in the wild along our highways, as this is not common. By the time you receive this magazine, you will be able to see signs highlighting the areas (>200 plants on the bank in front of Safran, >100 plants on a strip of curbside verge between Tunnel Way and the 30mph sign and >100 plants on part of the central bank to the left of Warwick Road). We would anticipate that the orchids (last year saw Bee, Pyramidal and Spotted orchids) will flower in May/June and cutting will resume in July. This work supports the aspirations of the residents stated in the Neighbourhood Plan and complies with our duties to enhance biodiversity.

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Our social life does not revolve solely around fund raising, but of course it is a vital part of our membership. The annual Poppy appeal is a busy time for the people who go door to door with poppy boxes or who man static points.

**Thanks to all in Pitstone, Ivinghoe and surrounding villages**, our total for the Poppy Appeal last year was just over £7k. Your generosity each year is overwhelming and we thank all members and friends of the Legion

who give up their time to sell poppies.

The RBL is committed to helping everyone understand the importance of Remembrance so that the sacrifices of our Armed Forces past and present are never forgotten -

**'To the memory of the fallen'**

The RBL jointly funds Battle Back Centres and Personnel Recovery Centres, which support wounded, injured and sick personnel. We also run Care Homes (some with dementia wings) and help with housing and many other things that make life easier for the injured. They also help bereaved families – **'the future of the living'**.

*If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to join us at one of our meetings please contact:*

*Membership secretary Mrs Maggie Halsey-01296 668644*

*Chairman Mr Owen Wynne-01296 668336  
Sec. Miss Margaret Johnson -01296 661280*



## **FACELIFT FOR OUR HALL**

**Tony Clare, Chair PMH Charity**

Pitstone Memorial Hall has undergone some refurbishment over the last few weeks with a view to providing facilities accessible to all local residents, for all local residents. Change in its operation now means the Charity can operate in accord with legal and financial governance.

The most obvious refurbishment is the opening of the new “Memorial Bar” servicing hall hirers and local sporting clubs. The bar will open for all Pitstone & Ivinghoe Cricket Club home matches for both midweek and weekends, for all Hall hirers requiring a bar facility and on other adhoc occasions as required by the community. Please check the

Pitstone Memorial Hall website and Facebook page for opening hours. Both the foyer and main hall have undergone some refurbishment with feedback being overwhelmingly positive. A new contemporary colour scheme with new blinds and stage curtaining installed provides an adaptable backdrop to hirers to build upon for events such as weddings, christenings and parties. A design element yet to be completed is the visible link back to our community for which we need your help. We are looking for photographs, which capture the essence of our community and our countryside. A selection of these will be enlarged onto canvass and



displayed in the foyer and bar area with credit to the photographer. Please, in the first instance send your photograph/s with a few words describing why you feel it is representative of our community to

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

Our hope is that they showcase the best of Pitstone village life so please don't all send pictures of the windmill - as lovely as it is! Finally, a new cinema screen has been installed in the main hall enabling the Pitstone Community Film Club to extend its services

from the bar and a reasonable entry ticket price we hope more of our community will enjoy this facility. A list of film screenings is



providing not only more regular showings at a weekend but also screenings in the day, during school holidays, geared around a younger audience. With a new popcorn maker, drinks available

at the end of this article but we invite all residents to come along and try it. Follow Pitstone Community Film Club on Facebook for regular updates. All of this is only the start of a journey that Pitstone Memorial Hall Charity is undertaking. No further building works are planned for this year but plans are in place for further refurbishment in 2018 in other parts of the building. New events and

services are currently under consideration including bringing a Christmas Panto to Pitstone, and a Christmas Carol Service. We are looking for inspirational ideas and your involvement to make our

local village hall the centre of our community to provide not just sport and leisure facilities but also community entertainment. All ideas

are up for debate so please do get in touch. We will do everything we can to support your ideas.

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## Pitstone Community Film Club Schedule

### Opening times



Main films Doors open 7:30pm Film starts 8:00pm

Children's films Doors open 10:00am Film starts: 10:30am

<b>Sully: Miracle on the Hudson</b>	<b>12A</b>	<b>Saturday, 6th May</b>
<b>Rogue One: A Star Wars Story</b>	<b>12A</b>	<b>Friday, 19th May</b>
<b>Trolls</b>	 <b>U</b>	<b>Tuesday, 30th May</b>
<b>Lego Batman Movie</b>	 <b>U</b>	<b>Friday, 2nd June</b>
<b>LaLa Land</b>	<b>12A</b>	<b>Friday, 2nd June</b>
<b>Mama Mia</b>	<b>PG</b>	<b>Friday, 16th June</b>
<b>Four Weddings &amp; a Funeral</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Friday, 1st July</b>
<b>Moonlight</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Friday, 8th July</b>

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# A Writer's Life For Me!

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# ART AT COLLEGE LAKE

ANOTHER JUNE OF ART, NATURE AND CAKE - WHAT MORE COULD YOU WANT?!

Louisa Stobbs, College Lake Artists

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 10-25 June.

This year College Lake Artists have even more wonderful artists and makers, including newcomers: Lucie Smith - Glass Bead Jeweller, Lauren Walter - Free Motion Embroidery, Amy Saunders - Fine Art Student, and Damian Smith - Acrylics Artist.

The Artists and Makers are some of the area's leading specialists in their fields. **Niki Bell** produces strong paintings and prints of British wildlife and farm animals with an element of wildness about them. **Kerry Newth** is an award-winning Contemporary Jeweller whose work is influenced by the natural world, growth patterns, seed formations but especially the sea.

**Linda Cavill's** paintings and ceramics are inspired by her native Scotland and her travels further afield, whilst **Damian Smith's** acrylics specialises in dramatic, bold colour landscape and still life. **Nigel Thompson's** beautiful stoneware tableware has great depth of colour in blues and bronzes, and **Shirley Jones** is mad about textiles, working with fine fabrics such as silk and lace, including lots of embellishment with embroidery or beading by hand. **Louisa Stobbs's** passion for outdoor photography is in the art she sees all around, her year-round love of colour, light and texture show in every picture. **Hazel Godfrey** is a contemporary willow weaver, inspired by the beauty and versatility of natural materials. **Lucie Smith** likes working with her home-land's Czech crystals and beads, Swarovski crystals, Murano glass and silver. Her work is mainly inspired by the natural world. **Jenny Hoole** makes beautiful individual fused glass dishes, jewellery, coasters, studio glass and wall art, her inspiration coming from her fashion industry background. **Paul Elliott's** sculpture uses traditional skills to hand

forge hot metal to produce pieces with powerful structure, perspective, richness of character and surface texture. **Amy Saunders** is our first student and is studying Fine Art. She takes inspiration from books, films, music and places. **Lauren Walter** creates stitched pictures, which combine her love of drawing with sewing. College Lake Artists are also delighted to include another outdoor installation from the pupils of **Brookmead School**.

Bucks Open Studios is the largest visual arts event in the country; over 500 artists and makers open their studios and run free exhibitions and events for the public to visit, in over 200 different venues across Buckinghamshire. BOS are offering the opportunity for one visitor to win a £100 prize to spend at a venue of their choice. College Lake Artists are open from Saturday 10 to Sunday 25 June, 10am to 4pm.

Don't miss this opportunity to visit College Lake, soak up the wonderful atmosphere of the nature reserve, enjoy first class artists and makers, and round off your visit with some delicious home made cake at the excellent Badger Cafe!

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Louisa at [collegelakeartists@gmail.com](mailto:collegelakeartists@gmail.com)*

# BEACON LIT



Saturday 8 July at Brookmead School



**Dave Sivers**

Self-publishing phenomenon *Adam Croft*, actor *Hugh Fraser* and Sunday Times bestseller *Rowan Coleman* lead a strong programme at our very own BeaconLit literary festival – now in its fifth year.

With more than a million books sold to date,

**Adam Croft:** One of the most successful independently published authors in the world.

His latest book, *Only The Truth*, is a worldwide bestseller and his books are now being adapted for TV.



**Hugh Fraser:** Best known for playing Captain Hastings in Agatha Christie's 'Poirot' and the Duke of

Wellington in 'Sharpe'. He



published his first book *Harm* in 2015 at the age of 65 and his third novel, *Malice*, is due out in June 2017.

Despite being dyslexic, **Rowan Coleman** has written fourteen novels including

the bestseller *The Memory Book*. An active supporter of domestic abuse charity *Refuge* she is donating 100% of royalties from *The Woman Walks Into a*



*Bar* eBook to the charity. Her latest novel *We Are All Made of*

*Stars* is out now.

They will be joined by a host of established authors including *Jean Fullerton* and *Christina Jones* and rising stars *Steph Broadribb*, *Harriet Cummings* and *Clare Swatman*.

The festival also has a strong local contingent. Crime writer **Dave Sivers** and Sci-fi romance author **Hywela Lyn** both live in Pitstone, as do **Harriet Cummings's** parents. **Clare Swatman** edits *Tring Living* magazine, which is delivered in *Ivinghoe* and *Pitstone*.

BeaconLit is unique in attracting international calibre authors while maintaining the inclusive 'village' feel that makes the festival such a success. The schedule allows plenty of opportunity to chat with the

speakers and other participants outside of formal panels and interviews.

For full programme details or to buy tickets, visit the festival website at [www.beaconlit.co.uk](http://www.beaconlit.co.uk).

*Early bird full day passes are on sale now at the bargain price of £19.50 for this great day out. But you need to be quick - the price rises to £25 at midnight on 31 May 2017. Half day tickets will be released nearer the festival.*

*The festival is entirely run and staffed by volunteers and raises funds for our own Beacon Villages Community Library.*





## **SUMMER FESTIVAL 2017**

### **Pitstone and Ivinghoe Entertainments – Entertainment By The Community For The Community**

The big marquee has a new home this year on Pitstone Rec, and the events have had a reboot too!

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7pm-1am Posh Frocks and Sharp Suits cocktail party**

Put on your finery - which doesn't need to be *black tie* - and enjoy a delicious three course dinner followed by music from local band *Isabelle*. Pre - dinner cocktails will be available and there will of course, be the usual full bar. Dinner will be served around 8pm then dance to the band until 1am.

#### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm -1am Do You Remember House? hosted by Housemouse (ad inside back cover)**

A club night, the likes of which is only usually seen on the White Isle. PIE talked to DJ Mark Scott about the event:

#### ***Who are Housemouse?***

We are a group of local friends who have been DJ-ing, partying and promoting in Ibiza for 25 years. We LOVE dance music and we are on a

mission to share that love!

**Would people of any age enjoy the night?**

Of course! If you like to party and you're over 18 you'll love it! There's no upper age limit to partying is there? Life's too short.

**What can people expect from the night?**

Well, it's a night club in a tent, on a lawn in a village in June....with some really really funky, upbeat house music and an awesome sound system that will deliver crystal clear melodies and punchy bass. We all love to party, right? Hopefully the weather will be lovely and we'll kick things off @7.30pm under a warm evening sun. The cocktails will be flowing, people will be in the mood for dancing and we'll tease them onto the dance floor with some happy tunes. As the sun goes down, the lights will go up and we'll take you on a lovely musical journey with cool electronic riffs and great basslines!

**What is house music?**

The name 'house' music has its origins in the ware'house' parties held in Chicago in the 1980s. The music from these parties came over to Europe in the early 1990's and became fused with more mainstream pop and dance music culture here. No more so than on the beautiful party island of Ibiza where the 'Balearic' sound emerged. Today that sound is everywhere. We all just know it as 'cool' dance music. You hear it every day on your car radio or on your Spotify playlists. We're going to bring you the best of the last 25 years of Balearic house/dance music. Some tracks everyone will know, some tracks none of you will know, some tracks you'll have heard before but never remixed in that way. We're going to fuse them into one lovely big funky night and you'll dance your socks off!

**What is ideal attire for the night?**

There's absolutely no dress code.

**Any tips for releasing your inner Ibiza?**

Sure. Visit our website <https://housemouse.tech> to get in the Ibiza mood and see our video to catch a flavour of the great dance night we have in store.

Tickets £15.00 18+ only

Tickets for both nights are available from local outlets and online. Saturday night tickets also available on the door.

<http://livinghoeentertainments.org.uk/>

For further information find us on Facebook @PandIEEvents or call 07733 263223

# Pitstone & Ivinghoe Entertainment Presents...



***'Posh Frocks and Sharp Suits'***  
**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**Three Course Dinner**  
**Cocktail / Prosecco / Vodka Bar**  
**Band**  
**7pm until 1am**

**Tickets £50**  
**On sale from 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10-12 @ Pitstone Memorial Hall**  
**First 50 tickets sold at £45**

***'Groovestone'***  
**Remixed Club Classics**  
**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Ibiza Club DJ**  
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New to the area with young children at home? Recently had a baby and want to meet other parents in the village? Why not come along to Pitstone Memorial Hall on Thursdays (during term time) from 9 am to 11 am. You can be sure of a warm welcome and a cup of coffee, and for the little ones we offer a variety of activities Music Sessions, arts and crafts, toys and games, story time

No need to book, just turn up on the day

For more information please visit [www.pitstoneandivinghoetoddlers.btck.co.uk](http://www.pitstoneandivinghoetoddlers.btck.co.uk)

Facebook: Pitstone and Ivinghoe baby and toddler group



**Rainbows:** Monday 4.30 - 5.30 p.m.  
Pitstone Memorial Hall  
Glider Elaine Thorogood  
01296 661540

**Brownies:** Monday 5.45 - 7.15 p.m.  
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Glider Elaine Thorogood  
01296 661540

**Guides:** Tuesday 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.  
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Glider Yvonne Ashton

To join us, please visit our website at [Girlguiding.org.uk](http://Girlguiding.org.uk)



**Ivinghoe & Pitstone Chapel Fellowship**

We are a small and friendly group of local Christians who meet to worship God in a fairly informal way, in song, in prayer and with messages brought by a variety of local preachers.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 10.30 in the Millennium Room at Pitstone Memorial Hall for services that last about an hour, followed by social chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

**All are welcome**  
Why not come and join us?  
Want more information?  
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**ALL WELCOME**

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We plan to introduce film shows on alternate months as soon as possible.

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Do you have a daughter aged 5 or under?

We currently have places available for girls at Rainbows! Rainbows is for the youngest members of the Girlguiding family - girls aged 5 to 7 years.

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](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk).

We hope to see you soon!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts Group

(Group Scout Leader: Keith Steers)

Contact: Email - [Ksteers@aol.com](mailto:Ksteers@aol.com) Tel—07899 696 722



#### Scouting Sections

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Watermill Beavers</b>	<b>Windmill Beavers</b>	<b>Windmill Cubs</b>	<b>Watermill Cubs</b>	<b>Scouts</b>
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



# TEA AND CAKES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, IVINGHOE

**Margaret Collier**

Winter finally seems to be behind us! Spring flowers are blooming and warmer days beckon. So do Church Teas and Cakes.

May 1st is set to be our first, with another on May 14. Others to follow in June, July and September.

Please make every effort to come. You cannot beat the taste of home-made cakes or freshly baked scones, oozing with fresh cream and fruit jam – all washed down with steaming hot cups of tea or coffee, with soft drinks for the children.

St Mary's Church is a charming, peaceful environment in which to

spend a pleasant hour or so in the company of friends and family. This is such a pleasurable way in which to support the Church and also to show your appreciation for the hard work of the volunteers who have worked so industriously to provide the refreshments.

A huge 'Thank you' in advance to all of you volunteers who bake and help to run the event.

SO - we look forward to seeing lots of you on May Day! Spread the word – every last penny spent helps to maintain our beautiful Church.

# ALL CHANGE

Rev. Adrian Manning

'The pound won't be round much longer' is just one catchy headline about the arrival of the new twenty sided pound coin. The pound matters because money is so central to our lives and is a symbol of national identity and wealth.

I will miss those words inscribed into the bevelled edge. 'DECUS ET TUTAMEN', which first appeared on coins in the seventeenth century to prevent precious metal from being clipped away. Today the inscription makes the coin more difficult to forge. Until recent centuries however, the value of the metal in the coin corresponded to the value of the coin so you didn't want any shaved away by unscrupulous dealers.

Paper money was (and is) little more than an IOU from a trusted source. Our notes and coins work because we trust that they have a value other than the value of the metal used to make the token.

The intricate design of the new pound coin is intended to promote confidence that each is genuine. However there is a deeper level of

confidence needed in our money. We need to trust the source, the Bank of England. There are many examples of governments printing money, genuine money, but worthless money because so much of it has been issued.

This underlying belief in the source is actually faith. Religion is what we see and experience. How, where and when we worship are important and we are uneasy about change. However at a deeper level, underneath our religious activity is faith, faith in God. If we get below the surface, instead of seeming strange or archaic we will discover that faith is life changing. It is an opening, to be as bright and shiny as one of those twenty-sided coins.







## Cheddington Pre-School

Cheddington Pre-School is in the grounds of Cheddington Combined School. We have a purpose built building and our own well-equipped outdoor learning environment with vegetable patch and mud kitchen, plus access to some of the primary school's facilities. We offer a great variety of activities each week including PE, library time, Forest School visits, as well as visits to reception in the summer term for those who will be joining school in the September.

Cheddington Pre-School prides itself in delivering a high quality of pre-school education.

We have very healthy registers at Pre-School so please remember to register your child from 18 months old. We take children from 2 years up until they start school.

For further information or to register your child with us please contact Michelle Andrews, Manager. Tel. 01296 662292 or [info@cheddingtonps.demon.co.uk](mailto:info@cheddingtonps.demon.co.uk) or visit [www.cheddingtonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.cheddingtonpreschool.co.uk)



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**[www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk](http://www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk)**



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Headteacher: Katherine Douglas

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Brookmead School is a Foundation Primary School for children aged 4 - 11 and serves the communities of Ivinghoe, Pitstone (including Castlemead) and Marsworth.

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**  
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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.

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

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# IVINGHOE & PITSTONE W.I. 100 YEARS OLD

## Maggie Halsey, President

Our main Centenary celebration will be on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

Our Valentine Lunch was again well attended.

At our February meeting Rachel Gough gave an interesting talk on Pole Dancing Fitness. It is not as easy as it looks! A few members had a go, but getting your feet off the floor was impossible for most of us although a couple of very fit members did manage it!

The March meeting 'Origins of the Grand National' was an interesting talk by Stephen Williams. The first was across country fields from one church steeple to another and was held in Harlington in Bedfordshire. Lots of members have been knitting for the past 18 months under the guidance of Louise and by the time you read this you will have seen our Yarn Bombing throughout Ivinghoe and Pitstone. We hope to recycle the knitting into blankets and possibly sell some items to raise money. We also hope to have the benches and seats installed in both

villages by May.

Our Knit and Natter group raised £150.00 for Rennie Grove Hospice at Home by making knitted stockings filled with chocolates – thanks to Hayley for selling them for us.

Another successful evening was organised by Lynn. Entitled 'Tears of the Dragon', Frances Benton (a well-known speaker) described the myths, science and legends of the pearl.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 24 of our members will attend the Annual Council Meeting at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury.

We will enter a float again at the Ivinghoe Church Fete. Thanks to Nigel and his tractor!

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, the W.I. will once again run a Champagne Cream tea in the Marquee in Pitstone from 2pm-ish.

Our W.I. is currently full but you can put your name on the waiting list by contacting Sue on 01296 660436.

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- Jeffrey Hanks Glass
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# VILLAGE HUB



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We celebrated Valentine's Day, and raced our flipping pancakes on a wet Shrove Tuesday!

At Easter, Easter Bunny provided an egg per egg hunter, Bouncy Castle, Candy Floss, Easter Bakery, our 'egg-stremely' Chokolaty Raffle, Arts and Crafts and Tombola were eggzactly what was required! CuriosiTEA Rooms Café was rammed and left its users eggstatic!

On the Saturday we cut the ribbon on **our Rosemary 'Jane' Elliott inscribed new bench** - Phil Elliott's wife Karen made a speech about sadly missed ex-shop



keeper Jane. The Bench sits amongst the flowery tubs against our east facing wall.

**We plan 'open-house' for Village Fete day on Saturday 10th June! Also, the WI will**

**be celebrating its 100th year all summer** so the Hub will open all its doors for free for those who want to use the inside should it rain or if you just need some shade!!



Our **Heritage book of Ivinghoe Old School memories and historical, sometimes**

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## Beacon Villages Community Library

If you would like to use the library for small group meetings when we are closed, please talk to Shelle about hiring the space. Cost is just £10 per hour.

**Our AGM is on Saturday 1st July at 11am at the Town Hall, Ivinghoe, with refreshments beforehand. Please come along to hear about our achievements over the past year.**

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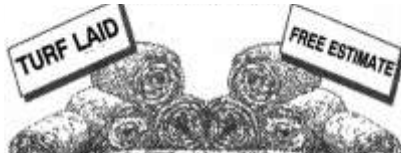
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**Saturday 9 September  
The Hub, Ivinghoe Lawn**

This is the second year that the W.I. are organising the Ivinghoe Flower & Vegetable Show and this year we are building on the success of the show in 2016. We have new classes, recipes, crafts and children's classes – the trophies are up for grabs - so please pick up one of our programmes and see if you have got what it takes to be top of the class!

Entry forms with details of classes and rules can be found in The Hub, the Beacon Villages Library, Ivinghoe Pharmacy, Grooms Farm Shop, The Village Swan and the Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe or email [christabelboersma@Hotmail.com](mailto:christabelboersma@Hotmail.com)

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