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WELCOME - for the last time Bob Saintey, outgoing Chairman, Pitstone Parish Council

After almost a decade as Chairman of In stepping aside, I was pleased to Pitstone Parish Council. I have decided to retire as Chairman. I would like to thank progressive councils, and councillors therein for electing me continuously, unopposed for over nine and a half years. It has been an enormous privilege and honour to have held this post. Also I would like to thank for their support, all parishioners, who felt that they could approach and talk to me at any time.

Without a doubt it would have been impossible to accomplish so much without the assistance of the Clerk to the Parish Council. Mrs Laurie Eagling. Many thanks.

propose Councillor David Nicholls to the position of Chair, which he accepted and was then duly elected. I am now Vice-Chair and in this role I can support Dave in the future. I



would like to wish the new Chairman and Council every success in the future. as this will take Pitstone to a higher level of excellence.

Clr Dave Nicholls' article is overleaf.

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WELCOME – for the first time

Dave Nicholls, Chairman, Pitstone Parish Council

Having served as Vice Chair for two years under Bob's Chairmanship, it is an honour to have been elected Chair of the council. I am delighted that Bob was willing to take the Vice Chair position and I look forward to continuing to work closely with him. I also thank Bob for his years of service as Chair. During his tenure he spurred the council on to take a greater role, as legislation allowed us to do so. Among his many achievements two items stand out:

- Leading the council through the process of setting up a neighbourhood development plan steering group and the subsequent successful adoption of the Pitstone Neighbourhood Plan
- Working with all parties to bring the Pitstone Development Area to the stage where a developer had been appointed and a planning application was underway.

I hope I am able to maintain the standards he has set. At a planning meeting on the 29th of June, some 20 years after the possibility of development around the recreation ground was first discussed, the council supported, with some conditions, three planning applications for the Pitstone Development Area. Along with housing, these applications deliver the Pub and Nursery required by the Pitstone Neighbourhood Plan, a multi-use games area as well as direct pedestrian access from Castlemead to the recreation ground and the rest of the village. The applications will be considered by AVDC, who make the final decision. later in the summer. I wish everyone a pleasant summer and look forward to meeting, and chatting with you, around the village. Please do say hello.





PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

Thank you to the Women's Institute:



Pitstone Parish Council would like to thank the Women's Institute for the donation of the picnic bench located in the play area by the Memorial Hall to commemorate their 100th anniversary. We are sure that many families will benefit from this provision over the course of the coming years.

We are sure that you will also join us in congratulating the WI on their recent Yarn Bombing which brightened up the parish.

Our thanks to the Memorial Hall Charity volunteers for the planting

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped the Memorial Hall Charity to plant out hanging baskets, tubs and the raised bed. We are sure that these will brighten the outside area of the hall by the recreation ground throughout the summer.

Orchids along Westfield Road

Orchids appeared on verges along Westfield Road. These included Bee Orchids (pictured below), Pyramidal and Common Orchids. The quantity of fledging orchids at the end of Warwick Road reduced to an insignificant volume, and a number of nearby residents had complained about the temporary suspension to grass cutting. Therefore, it was agreed by all parties that the suspension of grass cutting could be lifted in this one area.

Our thanks to Aylesbury Vale District Council, Bucks County Council, Taylor Wimpey and their





contractors TDS and Dreamview for their support.

The Orchid season has been short this year, possibly because of the unusually dry weather but each year, during the months of June and July, orchids can be seen in the old quarry site (now wildflower meadow) on the left hand side of Westfield Road where there is permissive access in place. Or you can visit Pitstone Fen by booking onto a tour or collecting the keys from College Lake - see their website: <u>http://</u> www.bbowt.org.uk/collegelake



2016-17 Annual Report and Accounts for Pitstone Parish Council

Financial position

| | 2015-16 Actual | 2016-17 Budget | 2016-17 Actual | Variance to last year | Variance to budget |
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| | | | | | |
| Income | £114,122 | £260,439 | £119,283 | +5% | -54% |
| Expenditure | £132,086 | £256,524 | £113,985 | -14% | -56% |

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 £146,689. £77,621 is reserved for specific purposes or with restricted spending ability (like maintenance payments from Taylor Wimpey) leaving £69,068 of retained reserve.

The council is financially independent with no loans, lease payments or debts.

It has been a year of financial change. Following the advice from the internal auditor last year, and in anticipation of the capital expenditure program on sports and leisure development, the council has moved from receipts and payments, to income and expenditure reporting (reflected above). It has also moved from cash to standard VAT accounting, and transferred to Sage One accounting software. Our auto-enrolment pension staging date was reached on 1/2/17 and the council enrolled eligible employees in the NEST pension scheme, and transferred from HMRC Basic PAYE tools to Sage One payroll to

Devolved services from Bucks County Council

The parish council received £3,422.87 from Bucks County Council (BCC) to carry out devolved services during the year such as the cutting of grass verges within the 30 mph limits, siding out footpaths and right-of-way maintenance. £3,595.11 was expended delivering these services (66% on grass cutting, 21% on right of way maintenance, 11% on siding out/clearing alleyways 2% on other matters), the surplus funded from £1,794.75 carried forward from last year.

The remaining balance will be added to the £3,422.87 received for the current financial year to be spent on works during 2017/18. BCC have agreed to fund one further payment in April 2018 but beyond that the parish council may need to meet these costs via the precept.

The council received no complaints relating to work carried out under devolved services during the financial year.

Hope for play space, skate park and ball court

If you will recall, last year we advised that the Charity Commission couldn't permit the redevelopment of the play space and skate park until planning permission had been granted for the new village centre that will surround the recreation ground.

See information on the opposite page for an update on the development of the residential parcel of land, which includes planning permission for the open-access



multi-use ball court, and provides enough distance from the current recreation ground boundary to the residential homes to facilitate the new play area and comply with skate park noise distance requirements.

The parish council hopes that matters will proceed as guickly as possible so that work can commence on the

procurement of the long awaited leisure facilities, and will obviously keep residents advised of any progress.

Redevelopment of the pavilion site

Works continues to scope opportunities for the redevelopment and enhancement of



the sports pavilion site.

Planning permission has been granted for 2 sections of ball stop netting and the football clubs/parish council have applied for grant funding towards this project and an extension to one football pitch. Quotations have also obtained for a length of replacement wooden fence and for the provision of architectural

services, for which the parish council is waiting to hear the result of an S106 grant application.

As with all projects that require grant funding, planning permission and land acquisition the works will not be instantaneous, but we will be progressing as rapidly as possible and will keep residents up-to-date.

Other sport and leisure improvements

- A full sized open-access football goal has been installed on the kicking area by Hever Close, and an associated litter bin.
- Our thanks to PRS for the donation of 4 x black steel benches for location at the sports pavilion.
- 6 floodlights have been purchased for the youth cafe, and the youths (through the café manager) successfully obtained a grant for a set of netball hoops. Our thanks to Brookmead School to allowing them to be located in the playground.
- Unfortunately, the rolling barrel had to be removed from the recreation ground for safety reasons.

New Village Centre

Residents will be aware that during the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, the community imposed certain conditions on the parcels of land that surround the recreation ground. The landowners appointed a developer, who have been working with Aylesbury Vale District Council (as planning authority) and subsequently held a public consultation event to gain feedback on their proposals.

They are obliged, via the Neighbourhood Plan, to include areas for a potential public house and a potential nursery, and show how these facilities would be accessed. The developer will then place these areas of land on the open market to determine if the facilities would be viable and if a purchaser can be secured. If operators are not identified the developer can re-approach AVDC to discuss alternative uses / more residential properties.

The development will also provide foot/cycle links to the Castlemead estate, hopefully enable the long awaited leisure facilities (see previous page), and provide further private and affordable housing. Any development of this size also gives rise to financial contributions towards education, public transport and further sport/leisure in the village.

As with all other applications, once Aylesbury Vale District Council has published the planning application materials, the parish council will advise residents and everyone will be able to provide their feedback at both the parish council planning committee meeting and direct to AVDC.

Other Planning

Croudace have commenced construction of the site off Rushendon Furlong.

The Vicarage Road site was granted outline permission by AVDC and Bellway Homes are working with the district council on detailed plans for the application site and discharge of reserved matters. At the time of writing this report, the latest version of the submission had been published by AVDC in April 2017.

Aylesbury Vale District Council continue to work on their own Local Plan which may/ may not have any impact on Pitstone.

We will continue to keep residents up-to-date with all related issues via the website etc (see details overleaf).

Grants

The parish council has been happy to provide grants to the Pitstone Community Cinema, Pitstone & Ivinghoe Entertainments and Pitstone Recreation Ground Charities during the financial year.

If your local group would benefit from a grant, please contact the clerk or see the grant information available on our website.

A new path to Marsworth and other highway matters

A footpath along the B489 between Pitstone and Marsworth is now looking viable following a successful grant application by Pitstone & Marsworth Parish Councils for up to £200,000 from Aylesbury Vale District Council's New Homes Bonus Scheme and £1,150 from County Councillor Avril Davies's Community Leader Grant fund, to add to the funds ring-fenced by both parish councils.

Both Pitstone Parish Council and Marsworth Parish Council have been working on proposals for this scheme for a number of years in conjunction with Bucks County Council Local Area Forum. The first stage Road Safety Audit has been undertaken, and the subsequent Feasibility Study and Biodiversity Assessments. Now that sufficient funding has been secured, the full Engineering Report has been commissioned and then Transport for Bucks will enter into a tender procurement phase for the works. We hope that actual construction will be completed before the spring of 2018. Our sincere thanks to all those bodies involved with bringing this project to fruition.

If you would like more information about the grants available under Aylesbury Vale District Council's New Homes Bonus Funding Scheme, please call the Grants Officer, Jan Roffe, on 01296 585186 or email jroffe@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk.

The Road Safety Audit has been completed in relation to the proposed highway safety

scheme for Pitstone and Ivinghoe. Both parishes are now working with Bucks County Council and Transport for Bucks to define the requirements of a Feasibility Audit.



Bucks County Council has commenced work to investigate a Freight Strategy for the county.

New parish council member

Councillor Joanne Groom sadly departed the council during the financial year and we were pleased to welcome Councillor Dr Dave Frearson in her place.

Keep up-to-date

Pitstone Parish Post (PPP) is only published 3 or 4 times per annum and a lot can happen in the interim. So to keep up-to-date throughout the year, please:

- 'Like' and 'follow' our Facebook page on @pitstoneparishcouncil and/or like the Pitstone Youth pages for immediate updates to your home page
- Follow us on Twitter @pitstone_pc
- Regularly check www.pitstone.co.uk and watch the notice-boards.

AROUND THE PARISHES PITSTONE Recreation Ground, LU7 9EY Memorial Hall, if wet

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DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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

Council tax scam calls reported

Residents are being urged to be on their guard against bogus officials offering council tax refunds as a number of people in the Vale have already been targeted. People are being telephoned and told they may qualify for a refund and then asked for their bank account details so the payment can be made. In previous cases they have been asked for an administration fee too. Jeff Membery, AVDC Assistant Director for Customer Fulfilment, said: "We have reported these incidents to Bucks Trading Standards but are concerned that other residents could fall for this scam and lose money. We urge everyone to be vigilant and not to give out any sensitive information to unknown callers, either on the phone or in

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person".

Residents who receive any such approach should contact Thames Valley Police -

www.thamesvalley.police.uk/contactus/

Victims First - new website to support victims of crime

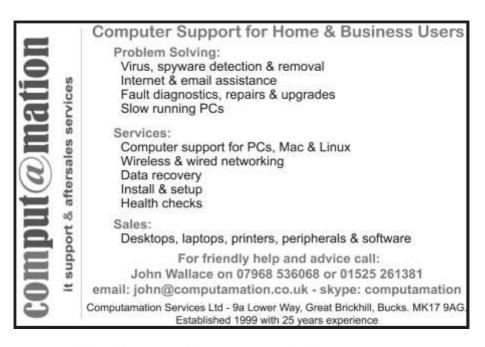
Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld recently launched a new website to support victims of crime. Victims First www.victimsfirst.org.uk is a new online resource for victims of crime which has advice on what to do and how to get help. It includes information and advice for victims including signposting them to services to help them cope and recover from the impact of the crime. It also includes a section on the Victims Code explaining clearly what help victims can expect from the police and other criminal justice agencies if they report the crime. The focal point of the website is a

directory which allows victims to find relevant support in their area. Members of the public are able to use the website to refer themselves directly to the PCCs own support services or find information and contact details for other organisations. This support is available regardless of whether or not the victim has reported the crime to the police.

Aylesbury - Thursdays children's events busting summer holiday boredom Aylesbury's Market Square and Kingsbury will play host to an amazing array of different fun activities for the kids to enjoy over the summer holidays. Try exciting new activities each Thursday - from caving and tunnelling, bouncing to ball pits, laser quest to bungee runs, human football to obstacle courses. arts and crafts and so much more. The events run every Thursday from 27 July until 31 August inclusive, between I I am and 3pm. Enjoy up to 4 hours of fun for just £2.50 (except on 3 August, where the amazing caving experience will test your skills for $\pounds 2.50$ per go). Each event will have a small ball pit for our younger visitors so that they can share in the fun. Town Centre Manager Diana Fawcett said: "We are delighted to have such an amazing array of exciting activities on offer in Aylesbury this year. Whilst in town take the time to enjoy one of our

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many independent cafes and coffee shops and extend your day out with a visit the museum, cinema, theatre or Roald Dahl gallery." Thanks to contributions from town centre organisations and businesses, Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership has fantastic #AylesburyThursdays events planned every Thursday during the 2017 Bucks County Council school holidays. Watch out for details of these and other events and attractions including the Roald Dahl Gallery, Aylesbury Library, Aylesbury markets and Bucks County Museum in the new Aylesbury Live Guide or visit www.visitaylesbury.co.uk **AVDC** crews triumphed at National Refuse Championship

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) competed against waste collection teams from around the country in a competition to find out who is the best in the business! And it turns out they they are. All proceeds from the fun but highly-competitive event went to the Alzheimer's Society. The event took place in Weston -super-Mare on Saturday 10 June.

The National Refuse Championship provides a great opportunity to recognise drivers and loaders for their effort and hard work throughout the year. It also provides a chance for industry professionals to meet and share best practise to ensure residents are receiving a top service.

Participants test their driving skills, including tracking and manoeuvring, whilst the loaders are faced with weight-lifting and health and safety challenges. The loaders work in pairs to fill a wheelie bin with stones, and push it 50m to an awaiting truck to be emptied. This gruelling process is repeated numerous times as the truck moves in 50m stages towards the finish line. The race started with a series of timed heats during the morning, culminating in a final race between the two remaining teams in the afternoon.

Recycling and waste collection in the Vale throws up some unique challenges from the small villages and tight country lanes, to the busy growing urban areas. The crews always rise to the challenge and we should be proud they were able to bring the trophy home!

You can see more on the event at www.nationalrefusechampionships.co.uk

Cheddington Old Airfield – Waste King Retrospective planning Application – BCC planning ref CM/17/17.

Probably by the time you read this the decision will be known as the BCC planning meeting scheduled for Monday 19th June should have reached a determination. All villages impacted by this application have been invited to speak at the planning committee meeting along with our County Councillor. At present all Parish Councils object to the application on the grounds of significant addition HGV traffic and potential pollution and litter/load spillage from lorries and of course the inevitable damage to the unsuitable local roads.

Annual Assemblies and Meeting of Parish Councils

The last month was the 'season' for the local parish councils annual sessions when residents are invited to attend for reviews, presentations and general engagement with their respective representatives. Some of these events are better attended that others. It is whilst attending the four events within the Pitstone and Cheddington ward that we have been able to appreciate the enormous amount of work that the respective councils do to implement the necessary tasks that make our villages viable through the year. These tasks have become ever more difficult due to the withdrawal of district and county services; for example grass cutting and weed killing. These problems and how to finance the replacements has not been easy. So, we would like to thank all current and previous parish councillors for their efforts and achievements, also let us not forget they all give their time voluntarily -THANK YOU.



Margaret came to the village in the 1960s and has held numerous volunteering roles within Pitstone throughout that time so we are sure that you will join us in recognising her devotion to our community.

Margaret currently runs the Over 60's club, helps regularly at the Pitstone Youth Café, volunteers at First Thursday Friends, assists with the Festival of Art & Flowers at St Mary's Church in Pitstone and is a volunteer driver for the Pitstone Community Car Scheme Congratulations and a huge thank you to Margaret from both the members of Pitstone Parish Council and all the residents who

MARGARET COLE Pitstone Volunteer of the Year

have had the pleasure of benefitting from the endless hours of time that Margaret has contributed.

There are many people in our village that give up lots of their time to help other residents or community groups. If you know someone that deserves a special thank you, please send their details to the parish clerk so they can be considered for the 2018 award. The winner is presented with a framed certificate and cheque at the Annual Parish Assembly and is also entered into the AVDC Volunteer of the Year scheme.

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'Victims First' launches website to support victims of crime

Victims First is the new overarching title for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)'s work in providing support, increasing accessibility and improving services for victims of crime across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

The first initiative under 'Victims First' is a new online resource which has advice on what to do and how to get help if you've been a victim of crime, including information on what you should expect from the police and other criminal justice agencies if you report the crime.

The focal point of the website is a directory which allows victims to find relevant support to help them cope and recover from the impact of the crime. Members of the public will be able to use the website to refer themselves directly to the PCCs own support services, using the online form, or find information and contact details for other organisations. This support is available regardless of whether or not the victim has reported the crime to the police. The website has information and advice to help people to recognise hidden crimes such as modern slavery, domestic abuse, including coercive control, and hate crime. Victims First also provides a third party reporting mechanism for hate crime so that those who don't want to report directly to the police can either complete a reporting form on the website or call 0300 1234 148. Anthony Stansfeld, Police and Crime Commissioner said: "I recently launched my new Police and Crime Plan which reaffirmed my commitment to making sure that victims have access to the support they need to cope and recover from the impact of crime. The launch of Victims First and the website is a key milestone in my work in this area and will allow victims to easily find information and support in one place.

"I believe it will be a valuable resource not just for victims but also for people and organisations that come into contact with victims of crime who can now use the website to find and refer people to an appropriate service.

"Victims First will continue to develop over the next year with plans to create a single referral doorway, a specialist counselling service and community signposting points with the aim of simplifying access and improving support for victims." <u>www.victims-first.org.uk</u>



COUNTY NEWS

Anne Wight, County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

I am delighted to have been elected to serve the people of lvinghoe Division and am committed to

By way of a bit of personal background, I was born and raised in America and when I married my

improving all aspects of our community. I feel very privileged to have been given the chance to get to know you all over the coming months



and years, and I will do whatever I can to ensure that your priorities are my priorities.

British husband, Alan, I moved to Britain twenty-six year ago. Although we had the option to make our home in the USA, I preferred to stay in Britain and raise my family here, and I

quickly fell in love with English village life. I commuted to London initially where I worked in

international market research before staying home to raise my children. As time went on. I felt strongly that I wanted to be a British citizen in my own right rather than just a permanent resident, so I took the British citizenship test and am pleased to say that I passed with flying colours! Having recently managed to get both kids into university, it gave me the opportunity to devote some time to all the lovely people locally who had been so kind to me over the years, some of whom had indicated that they could use a hand with getting a few things improved in their local area, and so I decided to run for the county council

From what you have told me so far about what matters most to you, I will be working heavily on improving our local infrastructure and reducing road congestion, with



particular attention to HGV and freight traffic in our villages and residential areas. I have done some site visits around the villages with our local area technician recently to inspect road surfaces which residents have informed me are of high priority to them. As potholes do seem to be top of the priority list for most residents, it is worth reminding everyone that Buckinghamshire County Council have developed a "Report a Pothole" link which is very easy to use. Simply report a pothole by location or add a picture of the pothole and upload it via the link. The pothole will be logged automatically and a ticket number sent out so that progress on its repair can be tracked. http://www.transportforbucks.net/ Report-it-pothole.aspx I also attended a meeting regarding the Freight Strategy initiatives which the county council are putting in place to ensure that HGV traffic on our local village roads is regulated and reduced as much as possible. As this is an issue of concern to many residents throughout our villages, I will do my utmost to provide residents with a voice on this issue at county

hall. The first public consultation has just finished and had very strong public participation, having had 1092 responses. There is another public consultation planned for the autumn, and I will ensure that parish councils are informed of the dates for that as soon as they are announced. As with all public consultations, these can be accessed via the Bucks County Council website, so do please check out the website for details as to how you can register your opinions on various local issues, since your views are very important to BCC when making policy decisions.

As the new Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health, I am already in awe or our wonderful and thriving communities, and never more so than when I witness the kind of community spirit which the young people of Aylesbury Youth Action demonstrate so unfailingly. It was truly a privilege for me to meet them and see what amazing things they have achieved over their 46 years working in Aylesbury Vale. I was really pleased to have been invited in June to attend the Aylesbury Youth Action Group celebration of their 46th birthday. AYA works alongside young people

volunteering across Aylesbury Vale. Their youth action volunteer teams are responsible for regularly delivering services to older people, disadvantaged children, and the wider community through intergenerational activities, after school clubs, larger scale arts projects, sports sessions, conservation work and supporting local events.

As one youth volunteer put it, "AYA is a place of opportunities. It is a place where people can further develop their skills and step into new and different experiences. A place where you make friends and meet new people. AYA offers us an opportunity to volunteer and help the community."

I was also honoured to have been invited to attend the Marsworth Village Sign unveiling and meet some of the residents. The new village sign is beautiful and captures some of the key landmarks with great distinction. It is a wonderful focal point for the village and contributes to a deep sense of community identity. I was equally delighted to have been able to attend some of the fantastic village carnivals and fetes this summer which form the centre of our community life. I loved the amazing

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you are at any of those events do please feel free to come up and say "Hi"!

I also hope to see everyone at the forthcoming Bucks County Show on 31 August. The County Council will be having a marguee at the show, and will be providing plenty of information on

floats at the lvinghoe Summer Fete many aspects of the work BCC and was particularly impressed by does throughout the county. I

all the crochet and knitting on display done by the ladies of the WI of lvinghoe and Pitstone to celebrate their 100th birthday, all the more so as I enjoy crochet myself. I also enjoyed attending the village fetes at Slapton, Cheddington and Edlesborough, and am hoping to



attend the Marsworth Flower Festival on 26th – 28th August, as well as the Barn Dance at Mentmore on 16 September, so if

hope to be there to meet everyone and to support the Bucks County Show in its 150th anniversary year.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Sue Jones, President

After a year of fundraising and or-
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two others. Our W.I. was presented with a certificate celebrating our 100th year and a surprise cake was presented by Jenny Street, our Chairman.

On the evening of 11th May we had a wonderful get together with vil-



lage friends. Past and present presidents from our local W.I.'s and our Chairman Jenny Street also came

our W.I. On the 10th June we had a knitted float for the Church Fete and

along. Louise, our longest serving member, (pictured) unveiled our new plaque to commemorate the occasion. The yarn

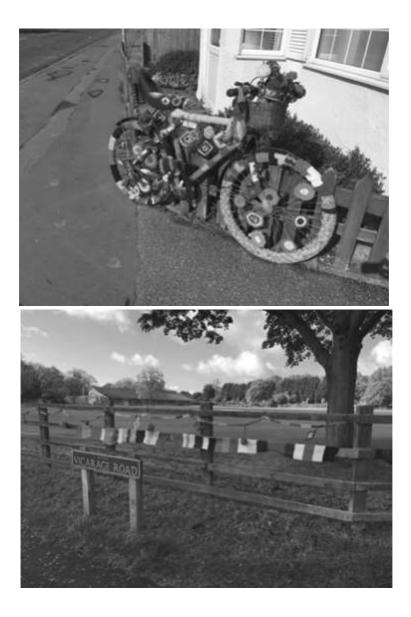


events coming up are: 14th September and 12th October – open evenings for potential members, 7.30pm. 21st October – Quiz evening. A Felt day has been organised for the 11th

bombing was admired and we all enjoyed drinks and canapes served by Ali, Linda, Amelia, Annie, Elaine and Michelle – a big thank you to them! Carol, Bob and Louise did a wonderful job with our knitted dolls and Chris did all of the organising and displays of our archive material. Background music was provided by Eiluned. As Win has been our secretary for over 13 years we asked her to cut the cake. A big special thanks to all our wonderful W.I. members who have worked so hard to make this a great year for

November 10am until 3pm in lvinghoe Town Hall. The cost is £20.00, bring your own lunch. A £10 deposit is required by the 10^{th} August to secure your place. Please contact Sue on 660436 if you would like further information on any of the above items.

We have had some sad news; Stella Healey (our longest serving member) and Margaret Davies have sadly passed away. We will miss their happy faces at our meetings and send our love to their families.





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BRILLIANT BEACONLIT GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Our very own literary festival, BeaconLit, took place on Saturday 8 July in Brookmead School and has been hailed as a great success by audience and participants alike.

The fifth festival included appearances by **Adam Croft**, one of the most successful independently published authors in the world; **Hugh Fraser**, best known for playing Captain Hastings in Agatha Christie's 'Poirot' and the Duke of Wellington in 'Sharpe', but also the author or three thrillers; and **Rowan Coleman**, whose fourteen novels include the bestseller *The Memory Book*. BeaconLit's uniquely friendly and in-

timate 'village' atmosphere, coupled with its ability to attract an eclectic range of writers, broadcasters and publishers, has always made the festival special, and it is now established on the festival scene and going from strength to strength. This year's event kicked off with the popular 'New Voices' panel, with rising stars Steph Broadribb, Harriet Cummings and Clare Swatman, who talked about their debut books, how

they got published and what their immediate future holds. BBC TV

'South Today' presenter Adina Camp-

bell conducted an entertaining inter-

view with multi-talented Hugh Fraser,

and then audience members could choose from an 'a la carte' menu of sessions, including a workshop run by author and blogger Morgen Bailey, local poet Deborah M Hodgetts, and freelance writer Sandra Smith. After a break, Adam Croft was grilled by fellow crime fiction author Dave Sivers about his stunning success since his self-published debut in 2011. He's now sold over a million books. Rowan Coleman led a panel of very different women authors – Jean Fullerton, Christina Jones and Pitstone's own Hywela Lyn - on 'What's in a Genre?' Apparently 80% of book buyers are women, yet some books are classed as 'women's fiction'. 'Why can't fiction just be fiction?' the panel pondered. The day ended with a lively 'in conversation' session with dynamic one -woman publishing house Karen Sullivan of Orenda Books talking to Sandra Smith about the fast-moving publishing landscape and what it takes for a small, agile publisher to succeed

Throughout the day books were available from Chorleywood Bookshop, and there were beverages and snacks available. The day was supported by Bucks County Council, Orenda Books, The Haldi, Pitstone and Tesco, Tring. A prime example of what our community is capable of, the festival is entirely run and staffed by volunteers and raises funds for our own Beacon Villages Community Library. **BeaconLit 2018** will again be held at Brookmead School on **Saturday 14 July 2018**. Save the date now!





How with this rage shall beauty hold a plea, Whose action is no stronger than a flower?

This question is asked by Shakespeare in Sonnet 65:

Since brass, nor stone, nor earth, nor boundless sea, But sad mortality o'ersways their power, How with this rage shall beauty hold a plea, Whose action is no stronger than a flower?

O how shall summer's honey breath hold out Against the wrackful siege of batt'ring days, When rocks impregnable are not so stout, Nor gates of steel so strong but time decays?

O fearful meditation! Where, alack, Shall time's best jewel from time's chest lie hid? Or what strong hand can hold his swift foot back? Or who his spoil or beauty can forbid?

O none, unless this miracle have might,

That in black ink my love may still shine bright.

In modern English the opening lines might read: Since neither brass nor stone nor earth nor the limitless ocean is strong enough to resist the sad force of mortality, how can beauty possibly resist death's rage when beauty is no stronger than a flower?

In recent months we have faced terror and tragedies that have shocked us and reminded us of our human frailty. They bring to the fore in our hearts the love we feel for those we hold dear and our concern for them when they are away from us. We wonder why these things happen.

These summer months and the Marsworth flower festival over the August holiday weekend are a time to enjoy the eternal qualities of beauty, faith, hope and love. These last for ever; time will not overcome them. The poem is full of questions; for the time being we must learn to live between the questions we ask and their answer.

Revd Adrian Manning

PITSTONE AND IVINGHOE FOOTBALL CLUB. WINNERS DOWN TO THE GROUND

David Hawkins

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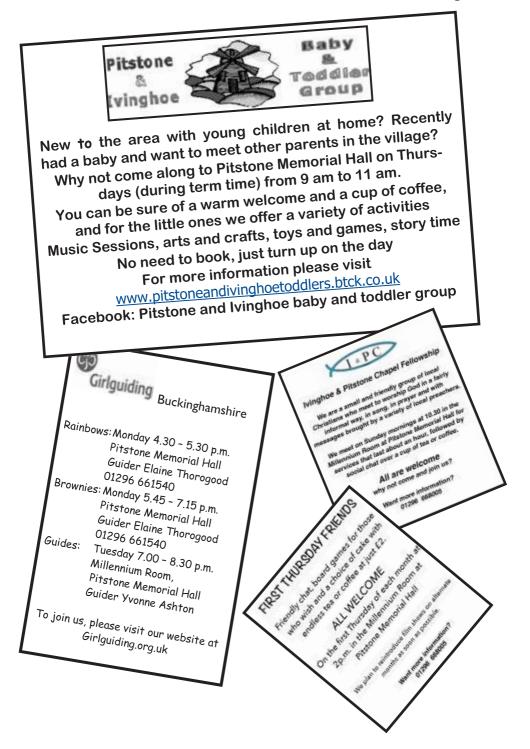
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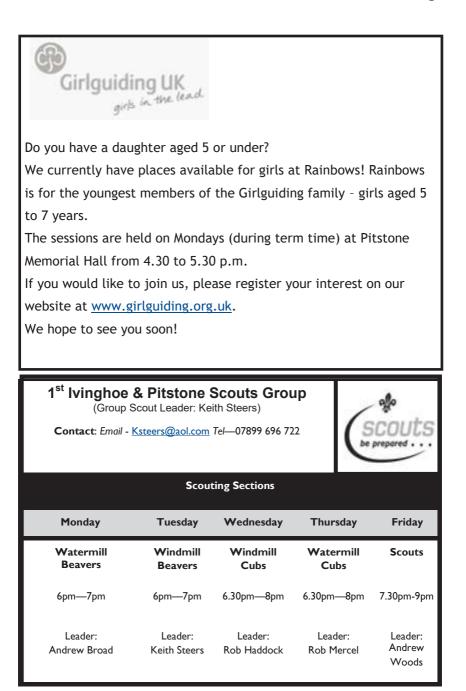
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WHAT'S GOING ON AT COLLEGE LAKE?

Paul Simmons, College Lake Warden

Summer has truly arrived on the reserve with wonderfully warm sunny days and a turquoise hue to the lakes. The cornfield flower plots are now open for visitors to explore, and enjoy the colourful floral display as well as the accompanying butterflies and damselflies. They usually look stunning into July so it is not too late to come and see them. Around the reserve we have common blue and azure damselflies and dragonflies including emperor,

broad bodied and four spotted chasers. The dragonflies are always fascinating to watch as they patrol the ponds and ditches to see off any intruders to their territory, and they quite often return to a favourite perching post. This can be a great way to get some good photographs, as in flight they are so fast moving and change direction incredibly quickly.

A benefit of having so many dragonflies and damselflies on the

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reserve is that they attract hobbys who feed on them. If you are lucky you may see one of these kestrel sized falcons hunting over the marsh. They are amazingly agile as they pursue their prey.

Butterflies can be seen all around the reserve but especially on the areas of chalk grassland and arable flowers. There are common spotted, bee and pyramidal orchids in flower, including at

They also catch swifts and swallows which will give you an idea of how quickly they can fly

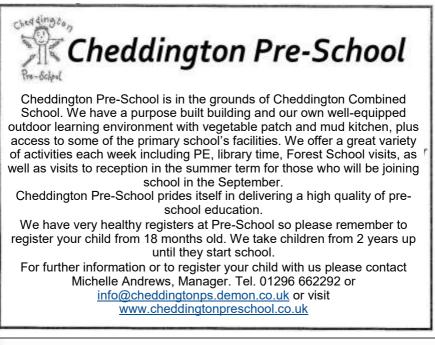


least two flowering bee orchids on the green roof of the Visitor Centre. June saw the exhibition by the

Picture of a Hobby courtesy of the RSPB

and pursue their prey. Once they have caught a dragonfly they will eat it while gliding, bringing it forward in their feet to eat it. You may even be lucky enough to see the shimmering dragonfly wings fluttering down; having been removed prior to the rest of the insect being consumed. Hobbys hunting over the marsh is a true highlight of summer for me. Butterfly numbers seem to be good this year with meadow brown, gatekeeper and marbled whites being seen along with the small tortoiseshell, speckled wood, common and small blues.

College Lake Artists as part of Bucks Open Studios. The artists visit us four times a year and bring a great atmosphere to the Visitor Centre and Grahams Hide, Look out for their next visit in September. With the school holidays fast approaching keep an eye out for our events and why not visit us on our Summer Nights when we will be open until 8pm every Wednesday in July and August. For details see our website at http:// www.bbowt.org.uk/college-lake/ about-college-lake.





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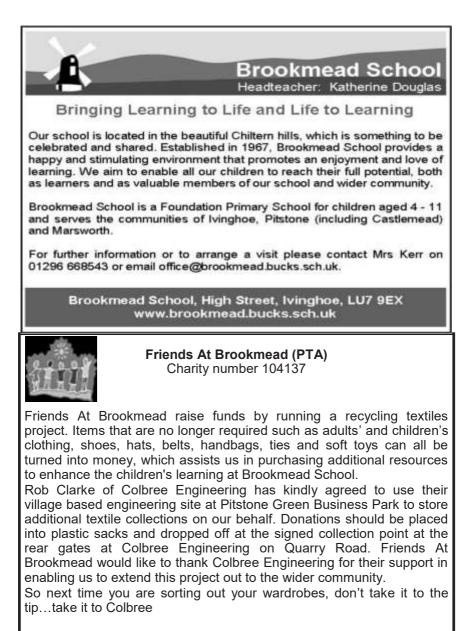
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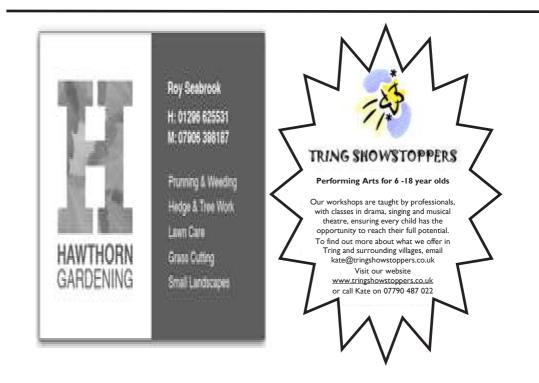
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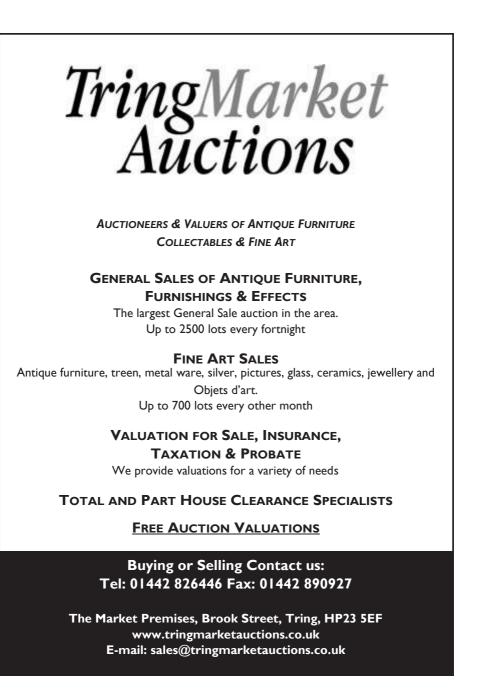
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