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WELCOME Dave Nicholls Chairman, Pitstone Parish Council

Welcome to this final edition of the Pitstone Parish Post for 2017. As noted elsewhere in the PPP Thames Valley Police have restructured their local arrangements leaving Pitstone and many other villages, with very limited coverage. This is a sign that crime is relatively low here, but the Parish Council will continue to highlight concerns to try to ensure that we do not become seen as an easy target. As a strong community we can also help by keeping an eye out for ourselves and our neighbours, and by following TVP's advice on securing cars and property.

If you're looking for something to do now the evenings are drawing in there are many volunteering opportunities in the village. We are lucky to have a large group of volunteers, who make possible many of the local activities we enjoy but extra help is always welcome. Don't be concerned if you have limited time, whatever you can offer will be gratefully received. If you can't make a regular commitment you could also consider whether you have skills that could be put to occasional use. Volunteering is very rewarding and it's good feeling that you're helping make Pitstone a great place to live and work. If you're unsure of how to proceed, get in touch with me, or the Clerk, and we'll be glad to help (details on page 56). I will take this somewhat early opportunity, to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.











PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

Support provided for a second defibrillator at Pitstone Memorial Hall, and for banners for Rainbows & Brownies

The parish council was delighted to provide donations to help both these projects:

As you will probably remember, the time taken for an ambulance to reach the village from Stoke Mandeville is too long to provide the necessary immediate health care required in the event of a cardiac emergency. There is currently a defibrillator mounted outside the



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Village Health Centre in Yardley Avenue and there will soon be a second defibrillator outside Pitstone Memorial Hall which will enable even faster assistance to be given to anyone unfortunately suffering heart problems whilst at the hall or on the recreation ground. In the event of a cardiac emergency, the 999 operator will provide the release code and the defibrillator will talk you through the process of giving life saving treatment to the patient whilst the ambulance is on its way. Please make sure that you familiarise yourself with the location of both units, as you never know when you might need them. The council was pleased to provide the requested 50% contribution towards the cost of £813.75. The remaining funds are being raised via a Zone Cycle Studio sponsored spinathon on 11 November, and other fundraising events at the Memorial Hall. We wish them every success with this event and thank them for their support of our community with the installation of this life saving equipment.

Ist Ivinghoe & Pitstone Rainbows and

Brownies advised the parish council that the Rainbow unit had been running for 6 years but had never had an official banner to represent their unit at events such as the Remembrance Day service, furthermore the Brownie banner was now old and out-of-date. The council was pleased to be able to provide the requested 50% contribution towards two new banners, of £120.00. We'd like to thank all the Rainbows. Brownies. their parents and their Leaders for showing their support of the fallen of the parish and attending important events such as the Remembrance Service. We look forward to seeing the new banners in due course. If you think your local community group could benefit from a donation, please read the parish council Grant & Donations Policy available on our website: <u>http://pitstone.co.uk/</u> ppcinfo/grant-policy/ or speak to the parish clerk.

Highly Commended in Best Kept Village Competition

Pitstone has received a Certificate of Merit for achieving a Highly Commended grade in the De Fraine



Cup of the Best Kept Village Competition 2017. Our thanks to all our litter pickers, ground keeper, church & memorial hall volunteers and everyone else who contributed to this award.

Remember to submit your Pitstone volunteer of the year nominations

You are now able to submit your nominations for the Pitstone Volunteer of the Year 2018, so if you know of someone that is giving up their time and making a difference to the lives of the people in Pitstone, then please let us know. As well as being an opportunity for you and the parish council to thank them in public, they may win a £50.00 award, framed certificate and entry into the AVDC Volunteer of the Year award. Please email or write to the parish Clerk on:

parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk or at 9 Warwick Road, Pitstone, Beds, LU7 9FE providing the full name of the person you wish to nominate and the reasons why you think they deserve to win. All submissions must be received by the end of January 2018. **Could you help our teenagers?** The youth café meets each Wednesday from 6.30-8.00pm at Brookmead school during term time. Children can join at the end of Year 6

just before they move up to Secondary School, and are eligible to attend until they leave school. Most attendees are between 11 and 16yrs. Children from our village can attend 6 different senior schools and the youth café provides them with a safe, warm environment to meet up in once per week. Unlike a 'club' the café is a less structured drop in facility where the young people can join in with activities such as skate boarding, basketball, dodgeball, console games, crafts, board games, pool or table tennis etc, or they can just chill out and enjoy a snack and

drink whilst chatting to their friends. We need at least 8 adults on site each week and would love to hear from you if you are able to join our team of volunteers. You do not need to be a parent of a teen to join us. Many of our existing volunteers are retired, and enjoy coming to café each week as much as the youngsters do. You can find more information about our youth café on: http://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/ youth-cafe/ Please do get in touch with the parish clerk on 01296 660791 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk and we'll arrange for you to come along and experience what youth

Bark stripping can kill trees With the last edition of Pitstone Parish Post every home received the leaflet asking for your help to stop the vandalism on Pitstone Recreation Ground where numerous trees were having their bark deliberately stripped. Put quite simply bark stripping causes trees to die – water and nutrients can no longer be transported and the tree 'starves'. Whilst the pace of stripping seems to have declined, we are sad to report that we are

café is about.

still seeing some instances of further stripping. We are also aware of vandalism to other trees in the parish, especially along the woodland walk which lies between Castlemead and Vicarage Road where some trees have had several whole branches removed, and to the trees in the open space between Marsworth Road & The Crescent. Some of the identified individuals have been between 10-16yrs and therefore may not be aware of the importance of the trees or the potential damage to their health, so if your children are out-and-about with their friends, please make sure that you explain to them so they can act appropriately. If you witness any damage please report the individual(s) to Thames Valley Police on Tel: 101.

Please help us put on a "Party in the Park" event next summer

We need your help.

We are sure that you will all agree that previous 'Party in the Park' events held on Pitstone Recreation Ground have been great events for the whole community. There are a range of bands playing throughout the day, food, drink, activities for

in order to make it happen again next year. If we don't get that help, we simply won't be able to put it on again next Summer.

the children, a range of stalls to browse etc. And it is completely free - so you are able to bring along a picnic and enjoy a day of free

entertainment. However, putting on such an event requires an awful lot of planning and preparation (organising the stage & sound engineers, sourcing and booking bands, creating running orders, sourcing and booking stalls & activities, arranging site layouts, obtaining the necessary licences and insurances, organising food & drink vendors, arranging first aiders, preparing publicity/banners etc.) and a lot of extra people to help on the day directing traffic, showing stall/ event holders where to set up, helping with the BBQ/bar/stands, organising the bands & all their equipment etc. We need volunteers

So, if you'd like there to be a Party in the Park next summer and are willing to help with the organisation/on the day please contact the parish clerk in the first instance on 01296 660791 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk. Affected by aircraft noise? The Civil Aviation Authority is looking at how they can influence the aviation industry's noise performance, and would like to hear from people impacted by aviation noise to get a better understanding of what you would like them to do about noise. To find out more and complete the survey, please visit: https://consultations.caa.co.uk/policydevelopment/aviation-noise-impacts/



before 5 January 2018. Are you ready for emergencies?

The chances of you being caught up in a major incident or emergency are low. Nevertheless they do and have happened.

Have you ever thought what you would do if you found yourself in a situation that was out of the ordinary? For example, if you were flooded by a burst water main, if you were evacuated from your home following a gas leak in your road or your home is cut off due to heavy snowfall. It is often the loss of sentimental items that affect people the most - are your photographs stored high up within your property and do you have back ups stored at a different location? If you run a business from your home, what would you do if all the internet in the village goes down for a week or more due to adverse weather? Being prepared in advance means that you will deal with the issue more effectively at the time. If you know what to do you are more likely to make the right choices and it can be very easy to prepare a plan for your home and family. To help you plan for emergencies the Thames Valley Local Resilience

Forum have prepared a booklet that informs you of how you and your family can be better prepared. You can read the guide, and find further information, online at <u>http://</u> <u>thamesvalleylrf.org.uk/homefamily.ashx</u>

The parish council also needs your help to ensure its own emergency plan for the village is comprehensive and robust. This considers wider issues, such as what might need to happen if a train derails by Cheddington Road bridge, or we have numerous homes affected by a gas explosion. So please contact the parish clerk (on 01296 6607691 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk) with any of the following information: Please let us know if you store hazardous materials at your property eg for a hobby or if you work from home, that may cause an incident (for instance gases, diesel or chemicals) Please let us know if you have a supply of any equipment or products that may benefit the community in the event of an emegency (for example sand bags, 4x4s, welding equipment or saws/

power tools)

Please let us know if you have any

skills that would be of assistance in an emergency (eg doctors, nurses, engineers, plumbers, tree surgeons etc).

Got a pothole in your road? Please report it

Bucks County Council Transport for Bucks are responsible for the maintenance of the highways. They conduct periodic inspections of A & B roads and less frequent inspections of residential roads. In between, they rely on residents reporting defects to them. Therefore, if a pothole appears in your road, or a road you drive down, don't assume that someone else has notice and reported it.

They have an easy online reporting tool so either (1) go to



buckscc.gov.uk and click on "tell us about a highways problem" or (2)

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Could you be a street light champion for your road?

There is no-one better placed to promptly know when a street light has gone out than the residents of that road. Would you be willing to look at the lamp posts along your street and drop us an email/phone call at the start of each month to let us know of any problems? This task was previously undertaken by a single volunteer, who has had to step down from the role, but it would be a much less onerous task if we can establish a 'champion' for each road. It would just involve walking along the street once a month during the dark to identify any lamps not working correctly, and once during the daytime to identify any lamps stuck on 24hrs. The parish council can then arrange with our contractor for any issues to be swiftly resolved, or notify BCC/Taylor Wimpey of any problems affecting their stock. lf you can help, please make contact with the parish clerk on 01296 660791 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

If you wish to view the plans for any planning application currently under consultation by AVDC, please visit www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk



DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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

AVDC urges residents to respond to voter registration forms

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) will be sending out annual voter registration reminder forms and is asking residents to respond as quickly as possible in order to help save money.

All properties in Aylesbury Vale received a 'Household Enquiry Form' in early August, but so far over 27,000 households have yet to respond. Residents are required by law to confirm or update the details of anyone at their address who is eligible to vote in the UK. The forms are pre-printed with the names of the occupants currently registered to vote at each address. A response is required, either to update their details if there are any changes, or to confirm that the

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information is still the same. Even residents who voted in the General Election will need to respond. Although the canvass response rate to date has been encouraging, over 30 per cent of homes in the Vale have yet to respond. Those households who do not respond to the reminder have to be personally visited, which is an expensive exercise. AVDC are urging residents to help us save money wherever possible by responding to their reminder form promptly." Residents can respond online using a unique 14 digit reference number which is printed on the form. The online process also allows people to add the names of any new occupants as well as remove names of those who no longer live at the address, or request a postal application. For further information, visit www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/canvass or call 01296 585701.

Unitary update

The proposed rationalisation of our local government/councils from a 3 tier to a 2 tier organisation has apparently not made any progress since early summer. The current arrangements is 3 tier, i.e. The Parish/Town Councils, The District Councils and The County Council (Bucks CC). It is proposed as a result of consultancy study, to merge the three southern districts ie Chilton, South Buckinghamshire and High Wycombe to form the southern unitary and the fourth district council AVDC to become the northern unitary. This would result in a 2 tier arrangement with the existing Parish/ Town Councils and the new northern unitary (name to be decided!). We can only conclude that the Brexit priorities are all consuming and not allowing central government time to deliberate on local government issues. For your information, Dorset may well get the go ahead soon but only because its member authorities are in agreement with the way forward. Unfortunately, Buckinghamshire isn't in that position so will probably have to wait until sometime in the future for a decision. Currently the four districts agree with the result of the consultation but BCC does not. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan -VALP

The VALP (the VALP is the district equivalent to our Neighbourhood Plans) is progressing well and went to

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scrutiny on the 26th September and is targeted for completion and submittion to the Secretary of State in January 2018.

AVDC can now demonstrate it is meeting the governments housing number requirements which gives the planners a stronger position to negotiate conditions with developers for future building projects.

The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan latest -

- It needs to plan for about 27,000 new homes by 2033 – though around half of these are either already built or have planning permission.
- Almost two-thirds will be built in and around Aylesbury as part of the Garden Town vision
- Other growth areas are Buckingham, Haddenham and Winslow as the next most sustainable settlements

- We are exploring the potential of housing at RAF Halton once it has closed in 2022
- There is also a large housing development site going ahead at Salden Chase on the edge of Milton Keynes
- Smaller levels of growth are planned at villages, a lot of which have neighbourhood plans in place or in progress. Neighbourhood plans have allowed the community to have a say in how their area develops and where growth should go
- At present a new settlement is not being proposed. This may change in a future Local Plan review, once we have a clearer understanding of the government's intention for the east-west expressway between Oxford and Cambridge
 This is an incredibly complex plan, which will affect the Vale for generations to come, and getting it right is the priority

Housing Developments in the Vale

During early September the planning committees were invited to view the new development in Kingwood, Aylesbury, this is the massive building sites in and around Broughton Crossing. This will make available in excess of 2000 homes. What is interesting is the approach by the building company to engage with local environmentalist and the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds). Usually they are in conflict !. The outcome is the design of the 'estates' where the geography is being utilised to create water features including a nature reserve to benefit wild life. Also, the houses are built with bat boxes, swift 'holes' and house martin nests in addition to hedgehog and badger passage ways. This is not only good news for the wild life but it appears this is a positive selling point. If you are passing this location you may be interested enough to call into the sales office and collect some of their leaflets that describe the venture. could be useful for the more local

developments to illustrate what is possible.

HS2 Information & HS2 Act FAQs

HS2 have recently published their Community Engagement Strategy, which is now live on the GOV.UK website.

It sets out HS2's approach to community engagement and what it means for those who either live or work within the communities along the line of the new railway. The strategy will help support the thinking, actions and decision making of both their people and their supply chain. HS advise that this is very much the starting point and the next level is to finalise HS2's Local Area Engagement Plans that are specific to each local area. These will be published in the coming months. A Frequently Asked Questions document has been written relating to Schedule 17 in the HS2 Act 2017. Schedule 17 in the Act puts in place a process for the approval of certain matters relating to the design and construction of the railway.

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Anne Wight at Slapton Village Fete

COUNTY NEWS

Anne Wight, County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

HGV Freight Strategy update -- a full understanding of freight issues -Ivinghoe Sentinel

I was fortunate to have been able to spend a morning recently with Sarah I am very pleased to say that our Gibson, from BCC's Freight Strategy division has had many roads team, along with lyinghoe parish council members to see how effective the sentinel traffic monitor is as we watched the rush hour traffic into lvinghoe. We noted the number of HGVs into the village and afterwards we both went to Horton via the Brownlow Bridge to examine diversions during recent weeks. traffic conditions there. As one of the key officers who will be helping to formulate the Freight Strategy, Sarah is keen to ensure that she has

throughout lyinghoe Division.

Road Repairs

repaired. Although I appreciate that the diversions were difficult, the B488 through Horton was resurfaced in the first half of October, and the Marsworth Bridge area is had repairs carried This meant that there were some

Aircraft Noise

After the one report from a Pitstone resident and his wife of excessive aircraft noise last month, I broached the topic at my other



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parish council meetings and two other residents from Dagnall and Marsworth came forward to say that they had also had a similar experience which resulted in some distress to them and their families. As a result, I took it forward and contacted the officer at BCC who deals with airspace consultation and have now got officer support for the London Luton Airport Consultative Committee on the BCC side. I am delighted with his proactive approach and councillor support, particularly as this is a time of change as Luton passenger numbers grow and we have challenges from the changes at Heathrow airport as well. He will be supporting the local members at LLACC meetings, the next of which is later this month. If anyone has any further experience of distress or concerns from aircraft noise. do please get in touch via my email (awight@buckscc.gov.uk) so that I can pass any information from residents on to him.

Glebe Close

I am happy to report that I have commissioned Glebe Close to be jetpatched out of my additional TfB councillor funding which has only just been made available to me. It is currently being surveyed by the LAT, Rob Anderson, and he has confirmed that it will be jet-patched within the next few months. As several residents had complained about the condition of the road, I put it on the list for immediate repair. I will be passing on a schedule for the repair once I know it, as it would be helpful if residents could be informed so that they are able to move their vehicles off the roads for the repair date, since otherwise the repairs may end up incomplete. Apparently, this has been something of a problem in the past during jetpatching repairs.

The lvinghoe-Pitstone Safety Scheme

The first lvinghoe-Pitstone Safety Scheme workshop went ahead on 13th September at Pitstone Memorial Hall and was well-represented by both villages. I was very happy to have been able to attend and BCC was further represented by Peter Smyth of Transport for Bucks and Simon Garwood from BCC. The scheme aims to look at road improvements across both villages and to try to introduce further traffic calming measures and possible speed or weight restrictions where possible. This meeting marked the beginning of the process, and Pitstone village priorities included Marsworth Road junctions, the approach to Brookmead School, and Westfield

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Road as areas which could be considered for further road safety improvements.

All of these will be investigated further by Transport for Bucks, and feasibility studies and costings will be produced for further discussion.

Remembrance Day Services I am deeply honoured to have been invited to lay the county wreath at the first Pitstone Remembrance Day Service at noon on 12 November, 2017 at Pitstone Memorial Hall by the war memorials. It is wonderful that Pitstone will have its own Remembrance Day service this year and I am very touched to have been asked to lay the wreath at the service. I look forward to seeing as many Pitstone residents there as are able to attend.

One of the upsides of being a newly elected county councillor is that I am able to show support for the wonderful variety of village events throughout our local area. I am amazed by the commitment and support of so many volunteers throughout all our villages.

Marsworth Flower Festival

Although I had heard of the Marsworth Flower Festival, this was the first year I was able to attend. I was very much impressed by the stunning flower displays which decorated the church for the Flower Festival. The excellent quality of all the displays was clear, and I was especially taken with the Red Arrows display, complete with ribbon trails! There were some very unusual and beautiful displays in the church, and the homemade cakes and jams were a definite treat as well. I've included a photo (above) of some of the ladies hard at work making some flower displays and at the jam stall---well done to everyone for all their efforts!



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If you do not have your national insurance number, you can call **0300 790 6073** to arrange to provide other proof of your date of birth.

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Are there any other concessions available?

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There is also a payment card which allows you to spread the cost of the TV Licence into weekly, fortnightly or monthly cash payments. When you start paying, weekly instalments will be around £5.50 a week, and this will reduce after six months. To find your nearest PayPoint, visit www.paypoint.co.uk/locator or call 0300 790 6137.

For more information about TV Licensing please visit <u>www.tvlicensing.co.uk</u> or call 0300 790 6115.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sue Jones, President

By the time you read this edition of the magazine the year will be almost over! But, what a year it has been for our W.I. Busy, busy, busy! We have had some wonderful speakers throughout 2017 including: Origins of the First Grand National, Shoplifters, Tears of the Dragon and a very interesting talk on First Aid and Defibrillators. We now know that anyone can use one in an emergency.

Our American Shindig evening was well attended and everyone brought food for the evening. Our Boat Trip on the Thames was one of our highlights – four hours on the river and a wonderful lunch.

September and October meetings were open for anyone to visit with a view to joining our W.I.

The Quiz was once again sold out within two weeks of the tickets being issued. Good food and a wonderful raffle finished the evening perfectly. Our thanks go to Karen and Peter Baldwin for arranging the questions.

A number of our members attended the Beacon Group meeting in Marsworth where we had a most interesting talk from one of the Oueens' Yeoman of the Guards. who keeps her Majesty safe. The Yeoman's go back about 400 years and the uniform is the same as it was then with only a few small additions. It is great to see the picnic tables we donated to both lyinghoe and Pitsone Villages being used so much. Our annual meeting will be in November and hopefully we will have some new members on our Committee. We finish this year with a Christmas meal at the Kings Head, lvinghoe – a fitting end to our 100th year!

Please contact me on 01296 660436 if you would like any more information about our W.I.

Remembering in Silence

Revd Adrian Manning, Vicar of Ivinghoe and Pitstone

On Sunday 12th November a group will meet at noon to observe one minute of silence in an act of remembrance in the **Pitstone Memorial Hall.** The tradition began in this country in 1919 when King George V asked that, "in perfect stillness, the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated in reverent remembrance". Many of us will know how the cries of grief at the news of the death of a loved one give way to an extraordinary stillness. We have seen how as the feelings of loss take hold, sobbing subsides into deep silence. One hundred years ago, in 1919, at the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month the silence must have been unimaginably deep after the deaths of so many in the First World War.

People of faith will know the silence

of God, a disconcerting stillness that confirms atheists in their disbelief and which can dent the faith of believers. It was silence that descended like darkness around lesus when in the throes of his own violent death he pleaded with God, "Why have you forsaken me?" Then heaven was silent. But what sound would God make? And if he did cry out who would be able to stand the sound of his wailing? Would anyone who experienced his grief have words to describe it? Yet in our common silence we will, if just for a moment, be mindful of all who, either dead or alive, bear the scars of battle. We will remember them and you are invited to join us and make our stillness all the louder at this or any other act of remembrance.



Thursday 30th November to Sunday 3rd December 10am - 4pm

College Lake Nature Reserve Tring HP23 5QG RT, NATURE AND MINGE PIES hat more could you want?

ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN ONCE PLACE

College Lake Artist are a group of 15 plus artists all specialising in different artistic media, their work is all handmade and of an exceptionally high standard and quality. They are a very warm and friendly group who are more than happy to chat and share their tips with everyone. They also as a group are delighted to donate 10% of all sales to College Lake Nature Reserve in thanks for the dedication the staff and volunteers give to the Nature Reserve and for all the support they give College Lake Artists.

What a wonderful way to spend time by combining beautiful handmade artwork with a lovely wintery walk around College Lake Nature Reserve, then why not treat yourself to a cup of tea and some mince pies in the cafe and you'll be able to go home from a wonderful outing laden with presents, and your Christmas shopping complete!!





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When: Sunday 26th November Where: St. Mary's Church, Ivinghoe Time: 2.30-4pm Contact: Sandra Green 01296 668648

NIFTY FIFTIES PLUS

How you can stay healthy in your 'Nifty Fifties'!

- Who are we? A group of people aged 50 80+, who want to stay fit and meet others.
- Where and when? Cheddington Village Hall. Thursdays 10am to 12 noon during term time.
- What do we do first? We do exercises for 40 minutes which can be modified for those seated.
- . What do we do next? Have a cup of tea or coffee, chat and pay £5.
- And then? Choose from a selection of games including soft ball tennis, table tennis and indoor bowls *
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- · If you are over 50 years old you will be very welcome and the first time will be free.
- For more information please contact Sue Povey 01296 668321 or Chris Hall 01442 824350
- *some bowlers do it from a chair!
- We are grateful to local village sources, Buckinghamshire County Council and Aylesbury Vale Community Trust (AVCT) for financial support.







ST MARY'S PITSTONE MEMORY TREE



Following last year's success St Marys Pitstone are holding their Christmas Memory Tree weekend on the 9th and 10th December from 12 to 4. This year the Beacon Community Choir are coming to sing carols and songs on Sunday at 3. At other times there will be music and Christmas readings.

Come and write your memories of people, places and Christmas and hang them on our tree.

Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend. For more information ring Jean Booth 661745



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Ivinghoe & Pitstone Branch Owen Wynne, Chairman

On Sunday 17th September we held our annual Buffet Lunch. With 80+ people in attendance we could not help but have a good time. The food was amazing as usual and the raffle an abundance of wonderful and varied prizes. The total raised was $\pounds 1,154$ and the committee want to thank everyone who attended, everyone who helped (the Brooks family in particular) and those who donated raffle prizes.

At the end of October, we moved into the 2017 Poppy Appeal and as usual, we will be selling poppies door to door as well as having static boxes in local shops and other premises. Joe Marling will be in his place outside Pitstone Stores. We raised just over \pounds 7k last year, and with your help and generosity we hope to equal or better that total this year. If you would like to help with this year's Poppy Appeal please contact Owen Wynne 01296 668336. Wear your poppy with pride.



Supporting People in Need in Pitstone

The Pitstone Town Lands Charity aims to support people living in the parish of Pitstone who are in need, hardship or distress.

The Charity makes discretionary payments to Pitstone residents, especially those of pensionable age and to organisations supporting the people of the parish. The charity also owns 4 flats and provides local, affordable accommodation.

If you or someone you know is in need of help. Please contact Gill Lowe, Chair of PTLC Trustees tel: 01296 668809, email: Gill.lowe@pitstone.email

Mondays	4pm-8pm	Ballet	Lisa Sabitini	07834-281434
Tuesdays	9.45am- 12pm	Beacon Art Group	Marion	01296-668429
	7pm - 8pm	Zumba	Carolyn Syme	07941-092673
	8.15pm- 10.15pm	Morris 'New Moon' Dancers	Charles Thorogood	01296-661540
Wednesdays	8.30am- 11am	Natural Pilates	Andrea	07855-138005
		YOGA	Sally Craig	07753-985155
Thursdays 2 nd Thursday each month	7pm-10pm	Pitstone & Ivinghoe WI Mtg's	Sue Jones	01296-660436

Ivinghoe Town Hall Regular Schedule 2017

Stephen Swinbank, Secretary/Booking Clerk: 01296-660680

Pitstone Memorial Hall	Hire Availability Notice
Weekday and regular bookings	now available
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Hire fees vary depending on venue the booking clerk for more informa	
Booking Clerk; Mrs. S Gregory 0129	96 661609
New hall website: <u>pitstone.co.uk/loc</u>	
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# Christmas Lunch

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Pitstone Memorial Hall- 12,00 noon

Free event includes:

Drinks on arrival

**3 Course Christmas Lunch** 

## Raffle

## Visits by Santa &

## **Brookmead School Choir**

To reserve a place please telephone: Richard Cooper - (01296) 661725 Norma Leighton - (01296) 661093 Wendy Mann - (01525) 221202

Closing date for bookings - Friday 1st December 2017. Phone early to avoid disappointment.

Transport available if required - just let us know.



# THE BEACON ART GROUP Invite you to a CHARITY COFFEE MORNING Supporting Rennie Grove Hospice Care IVINGHOE TOWN HALL TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2017 IO a.m. till mid-day Please come. Chat about the selected pictures on show.



# Do you know what this is?

It's a Robin's Pincushion (also known as the 'Bedeguar Gall') It is a gall caused by the larvae of a tiny gall wasp, Dipoloepis rosae. It is widespread and common, and can be found developing on the stems of wild roses during late summer, acquiring its reddish colour as it matures in autumn. The grubs inside the gall feed on the host plant throughout the winter and emerge in spring as adults. The adults reproduce asexually and only a tiny number are male.

Spotted at the quarry











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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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Nora Grace Hall, Tring Wed 11.30am Lite class

Keri Donnel Lei - 07930 982230 Emol jazzentovel chatmal zocak www.facetook.com/jazzensellacksB-onHeits



Pitstone Community Car Scheme

Servicing Healthcare Appointments

| Destination        | Price £ p |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Amersham           | 16.00     |
| Churchill (Oxford) | 27.50     |
| High Wycombe       | 17.50     |
| Luton & Dunstable  | 9.00      |
| Stoke Mandeville   | 9.00      |
| Tring              | 4.00      |
|                    | 5 A.F.    |

(Further destinations available on request)

## Volunteer drivers always needed Phone: Klaus Ginda 01296 668911



All patients over Gi years of age All children aged 2, 3 & Ayears (incl reception) Oxidren in school years 1, 2 & 3 will be vaccinated at school



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### FORD END WATERMILL IVINGHOE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The only working watermill to survive intact in the county. The mill, recorded in 1616 but probably much older, was in use until 1963.

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**NEXT OPENING TIME 2017** 2pm and 5pm on 15th October as part of Tring's Apple Fayre

MILLING DEMONSTRATIONS (water level permitting) between 2.30pm-4.30pm approx

Last admission 4.30pm. Admission: Adults: £3 children (5–15) £1 Ample car parking – no toilet facilities. Restricted disability access School and other parties welcome by arrangement.

Contact: Mill Manager - Chris Tugby, millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk or Telephone: 01442 825421. www.fordendwatermill.co.uk



LOCATION Station Rd, Ivinghor, Bucks LU7 9EA 600 metres from the church along Station Road. The B488 to Leighton Buzzard.



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