

Editor**Sue Nicholls**

Tel: 01296 661910

pppeditor@pitstone.co.uk

Advertising**Klaus Ginda**

Tel: 01296 668911

Klausginda@btinternet.com

Distribution**Rachel Weber**

Tel/txt: 07717 471584

The next edition will be distributed around the end of October

Deadline is 4th October, 2018**Current PPP advertising rates (inc. VAT at 20%)**

Quarter Page £15, Half Page £27.00, Full page £54.00, Inside cover, colour, half £32.50, full £65, Back page, colour, £65.

Other useful numbers see page 59.

Pitstone Parish Post

PPP is produced on behalf of Pitstone Parish Council and distributed quarterly, free to every household, PPP aims to keep members of the local community informed about events and news that may affect them.

We are very grateful to the following distributors, who deliver the magazine to your door every quarter: *Gill Arney, Kathy Brassington, Martyn Bronziet, Barbara Byrom, Mike Clayton, Dawn Eaglesham, Laurie Eagling, Lynn Fountain, Klaus Ginda, David Hawkins, Lesley Horlock, Barbara Jacob, Sally Kapadia, Maria Lashley, Norma Leighton, Linda Martin, Nikki Matthey, Julie Mead, Sue Nicholls, Janet Nielsen, Vanita Patel, Louise Pope, Isobel Robinson, Sarah Smith, Annie Stack, Tracey Stone, Fiona Thompson, Linda Thompson, Louise Weatherill, Connie Wesley, Linda Willimont.* If you would like to help with the distribution then please contact the distribution manager (see left).

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

We are looking for a very helpful volunteer to deliver PPP, four times per year, to the companies on the business park.

If you can help, would you be kind enough to contact pppeditor@pitstone.co.uk?

BeaconView

Windows, Doors & Conservatories



Supplied and installed by a family-run business, based in Ivinghoe

For a free, no obligation quotation, please call William on:

01296 662744

We also offer repair and maintenance services:

- Replacement fascia, soffits and guttering
- Conservatory Roof Leaks
- Condensation Problems

www.beaconviewwindows.co.uk



WE PROVIDE
INSURANCE
BACKED
GUARANTEES



certass
Self Assessment and Auditing

CMC GOLF EUROPE LTD

Embroidered Clothing Workwear and Gifts

For schools, clubs, businesses and individuals

Please call or email to discuss your requirements

Phone: 01296 662984

Email: sue@cmcdesign.com

Local company - free delivery within 5 mile radius

CMC Golf Europe Ltd

Unit 8, Williams Court, Tunnel Way
Pitstone, LU7 9GJ



Ridgeways

Chartered Financial Planners

**Impartial advice on
Pensions & Investments**

67 Buckingham Street
Aylesbury HP20 2NF
Telephone: 01296 482423
www.ridgewaysfp.co.uk

Ridgeways (FP) Limited

is authorised and regulated by the
Financial Conduct Authority

Footworks
"Bring the clinic to your home"

*Corns - Ingrowing Toenails - Verrucae
Nail Cutting - Athlete's Foot etc.*

Caroline Royce MCFHP MAFHP

Tel: 01296 485575 or

Mob: 07904 377262

Evening appointments available



PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

Our annual report can be seen at the end of this article

Welcome to our two new councilors – Anil Mitra and Jack Hawkins – would you like to join us too?

The council is delighted to introduce you to Anil Mitra and Jack Hawkins who were both appointed as co-opted councillors on 24/5/18 to fill the vacancies that exist until the May 2019 elections.

Anil Mitra



Having moved to Pitstone in 2015, Anil Mitra is a retired Principal Civil Engineer with nearly 50 years of senior engineering management experience. Anil has spent most of his

retired life engaged in voluntary work working with councils, NHS and charities, working with people from all generations and backgrounds. Having lived in Beaconsfield for over 30 years,

Anil and his wife made the decision to move to our village of Pitstone to be closer to their daughter, son in law and grandchildren. With a passion for working in the community and voluntary activities, Anil is keen to work with the Parish Council to play an active role in the development of our beautiful village. As a sociable gentleman with incredible knowledge and experience, Anil brings opinions, advice and plenty of enthusiasm to our team and to our village.

Jack Hawkins



Born in 1992 I've lived in Pitstone all my life. I'm the 7th generation of both sides of my family to live and work in the village. I spent the first 6 years of my education

in Brookmead. From here I went on to Tring School and finished off my education with a national diploma in agriculture at Moulton college. Since then I've progressed through the ranks

of Young Farmers. I was club chairman for 2 years and then county chairman and national council representative for a further 2 years. Since finishing college, I have worked alongside my father in the family business based in Pitstone. At 25 years old I'm the youngest current council member. I hope my youth and knowledge of the village and its surroundings will be a great asset to council.

We are sure that you will join us in making them very welcome.

Vacancy

Sadly, Councillor Steve Matthey resigned from the parish council on 28 June 2018 following many years of service. We wish Steve every success with his ventures and thank him for all the time he has devoted to the parish. As with the previous vacancy, residents will have the usual opportunity to call for a by-election and if none is called, the parish council will be able to co-opt a new member to serve out the remaining period of office i.e. until the next full election in May 2019. If you have a passion for the village and plenty of time to devote to volunteering for the council, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please get in touch with the parish clerk in the first instance on: parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk, 01296 767261, or at 9 Warwick Road.

Purchase of Local Green Space between Marsworth Road and The Crescent

The parish council is delighted to announce that on 23 May 2018 the purchase of the parcel of land previously owned by Bucks County Council (BCC)

was completed.

The triangle of land resides between Marsworth Road and The Crescent and has been utilised as open green space for many years. Due to financial pressures, BCC was exploring the possibility of



View over the Crescent green space

erecting residential housing on this land and as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process, the community indicated that this was against their wishes. The parish council's application to have this area designated as Local Green Space was accepted by Aylesbury Vale District Council, based on the strength of local support, prohibiting development on the land. Subsequently the parish council entered negotiations with Bucks County Council to purchase the parcel and protect it for perpetuity. Aylesbury Vale District Council has

(Continued on page 6)

supported this purchase with the provision of a release of Section 106 leisure funds they were holding from the Castlemead and Lower End Garage residential developments, and the parish council has contributed £3k.

We hope you continue to enjoy this peaceful green space for years to come.

Third defibrillator now active in Pitstone

The parish council is delighted to confirm that a third emergency defibrillator is now active in the parish. This unit is located on the outside front wall of the

Pitstone Sports Pavilion on Marsworth Road

(opposite the junction with Westfield Road) and can be accessed via the pedestrian gate.

Why do we need emergency defibrillators?

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) does not give warning symptoms like a traditional heart attack. The heart goes into an unstable rhythm called ventricular fibrillation, the heart stops beating effectively, and the person becomes unconscious. Less than 30% of the time someone will do CPR on a victim, which does help buy time. However, CPR alone cannot put the heart back in normal rhythm, only a defibrillator can. You lose 7-10% chance of surviving each minute you are in SCA and an emergency ambulance from Stoke



Mandeville can take up to 20 minutes to arrive. Only 8.3% of victims survive neurologically intact because emergency medical services simply cannot get to the victim and shock them in the four to six minutes before brain damage occurs.

Do you need to be trained to use the defibrillator?

No. Dial 999 as soon as the patient is taken poorly. The emergency services will dispatch an ambulance and if

appropriate, provide you with details of the nearest defibrillator. The operator will stay on the line and talk you using the equipment. The defibrillator itself also gives you voice commands to talk you through the process. The defibrillator will only shock the patient if it first detects abnormal rhythms that can be treated via shocking, so you don't need to be worried about

hurting the patient or causing any damage.

We have offered community training events on the use of the defibrillators before and will be arranging a further session again soon. We hope that all residents will take the time to attend an event and familiarise themselves with the equipment so that it does not seem as daunting in the event of an emergency.

How has this defibrillator been funded?

Our grateful thanks to Pitstone &

(Continued on page 7)

Ivinghoe Junior Football Club for purchasing the defibrillator and donating it to the parish council for use at the sports pavilion site and granting permission for this to be utilised by the wider community. Our grateful thanks to the Women's Institute for their grant to enable the purchase and installation of the external lock box (which makes the defibrillator available to all) and associated signage (currently being manufactured and will be erected shortly). The parish council is meeting the additional costs associated with daily/weekly/monthly maintenance regimes, utility costs, consumable costs, insurance and regular status reporting to the ambulance service etc.

Come along to free training session

Our grateful thanks to the South-Central Ambulance Service who have agreed to come along to the Charity Football Match and Opening Celebration at the pavilion site on Sunday 29 July from noon til 3pm to provide free training on the use of the defibrillator to all the attendees. The charity event and the training are both free to attend. Do come along as see how easy the equipment is to use, and so that you are familiar with the equipment in case you should ever need it.

Charity Football Match Sunday 29 July noon-3pm at Pitstone Pavilion

We are excited to be unveiling the new ball stop netting, extended pitch and new perimeter fencing at a Charity Football match at Pitstone Pavilion on Sunday 29 July from noon to 3pm. The Phase I improvements at the site were made possible thanks to a grant from the Premier League through the Football

Stadia Improvement Fund, a release of Section 106 funding from Aylesbury Vale District Council, and contributions from Pitstone Parish Council, Pitstone & Ivinghoe United Football Club and Pitstone & Ivinghoe Junior Football Club. There will be two football matches for you to enjoy, between the seniors & juniors, and between the coaches & players. You'll be able to see the enhancements to the site and hear about the plans for the next phase of development which will concentrate on improving and extending the pavilion building. There will also be refreshments, bouncy castle, raffle and training on the use of the new defibrillator. *Continued page 8*
Everyone welcome. Please do come along and support the event

James B Chadburn FBHI **Fine Antique Clocks &** **Barometers**

Specialist in repairs & restoration

Valuations & clock finding service.

Advice & assistance on formation & disposal of private clock collections.

Quality clocks / barometers Bought & Sold.

Tel: 01525 221165
Mobile 07790 000629

Email: info@jameschadburn.com



Planning the next phase of improvements at the pavilion site

One of the main objectives identified by the community in the Pitstone Neighbourhood Plan was to improve the pavilion site to deliver a wider range of sporting and leisure opportunities that could be enjoyed by more people in the community.

Whilst the phase I projects described above have been being installed, the council has been working hard with the community to formulate plans for the next phase which focuses

on redeveloping the existing changing block to provide a community room, kitchen, parish office/store, better changing facilities and storage.

We will shortly be meeting with AVDC planning officers for a pre-application discussion and then hope to submit a planning application within the next month. It should be stressed that any redevelopment at the site is at present aspirational and will need a significant

amount of grant funding to be obtained before it can be turned into a reality. We will keep you advised of progress on all fronts via the website, Facebook page, noticeboards etc.

If there is anyone in the community with grant fund raising experience who would like to volunteer to help with this, or the

other ventures in the parish at present that require funding, then please contact the parish clerk.

New Footpath to Marsworth

The path has been completed and the well-attended

official commemorative walk took place on 12/5/18. Bucks County Council's (BCC) contractors will maintain the footpath for a period of 12 months at which point the path will be officially adopted and maintained by BCC. It has been wonderful to see so many residents making use of this new safe walking route to Marsworth, College Lake and beyond.

(Continued on page 11)





your own home care

putting the nursing back into care

Outstanding care provided for you in the comfort and privacy of your own home by caring, kind and compassionate staff who are handpicked for their commitment and passion for excellent care. Safety, kindness and gentleness are our core values.

With a fast-growing reputation for excellence in service delivery, we are your trusted local provider of home care. We are independent, family owned and managed.

To talk to us about your care requirements, or if you would like to work for us, please call:
Helen Yates RGN on 01442 843064
or email admin@yourownhomecare.co.uk

www.yourownhomecare.co.uk



comput@mation

it support & aftersales services

Computer Support for Home & Business Users**Problem Solving:**

Virus, spyware detection & removal
 Internet & email assistance
 Fault diagnostics, repairs & upgrades
 Slow running PCs

Services:

Computer support for PCs, Mac & Linux
 Wireless & wired networking
 Data recovery
 Install & setup
 Health checks

Sales:

Desktops, laptops, printers, peripherals & software

For friendly help and advice call:

John Wallace on 07968 536068 or 01525 261381

email: john@computamation.co.uk - skype: computamation

Computamation Services Ltd - 9a Lower Way, Great Brickhill, Bucks. MK17 9AG.
 Established 1999 with 25 years experience

Explore... Dream... Discover...

Travel Impressions are specialists in tailor-making holidays to destinations worldwide. If you are thinking of travelling to Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Southern Africa, South America, Asia, India, Sri Lanka, China, Japan or within Europe, please call or email us.

We can help you create the best itinerary, as we offer:

Personalised planning - we take the time to get to know you • Friendly, honest advice from an independent travel agency
 Extensive experience to arrange every detail • Using fully bonded tour operators • No booking fees



Travel Impressions

A World of Experience

01442 890265



enquiries@travelimpressions.co.uk
www.travelimpressions.co.uk

Suite 4, George House, 64 High Street, Tring, Herts. HP23 4AF

Don't put yourself at risk swimming in a quarry or lake

Repeat of a previous message from Thames Valley Police. Please also be aware that the quarry at the end of Westfield Road is within private ownership and is not open to the public. Anyone accessing the quarry lake (which is not suitable for swimming) without the express permission of the landowner is committing trespass.

Thames Valley Police is appealing for people to be sensible and stay safe near open water, especially during the summer holidays when warmer weather might make it tempting to take a dip in a lake, quarry, river or canal. Aylesbury Vale has plenty of excellent swimming pools and leisure centres; these provide the cleanest and safest environment for swimming.

We are reminding members of the public to be aware of the following:

- 60% of all drownings occur in canals, lakes and rivers.
- You can drown in just a few centimetres of water.
- If you fall or jump into the water, the cold will shock your body, making your muscles seize up so you can't move.
- You could easily cut yourself on rubbish or rocks and you may become ill due to bacteria in the

water.

Summer is a fantastic time and we want everyone to enjoy the weather, but more importantly, please take this safety advice seriously. If you want to go swimming please go to a swimming pool or your local leisure centre – don't put yourself or your friends in danger by swimming in a lake, quarry, pond or canal.

Congratulations to Volunteer of the Year - Rob Spiller



At the Pitstone Annual Assembly in May, the Parish Council was delighted to award Rob Spiller the Pitstone Volunteer of the Year Award. Rob has been volunteering at the youth cafe just about every week since it launched very many years ago, he also plays a significant part on the Pitstone Allotment Association Committee and acts as their voluntary Site Manager. He is always cheerful and ready to help out whenever asked. Rob was presented with a framed certificate and cheque for £50 by Dave Nicholls, Chair of Pitstone Parish Council.



2017-18 Annual Report and Accounts for Pitstone Parish Council

Financial position

	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Actual	Variance to last year	Variance to budget
Receipts	£127,165	£104,366	£325,688	+256%	+312%
Payments	£123,593	£188,876	£381,463	+308%	+202%

Two capital projects were able to be delivered during the financial year, both of which were supported by major grant funding, which is reflected in both the receipts and payments figures above.

- £195,339 was incurred on the footpath between Pitstone & Marsworth (see below for further details). £188,848 was funded from an AVDC New Homes Bonus grant and £1,150 from a Community Leaders grant.
- £21,702 was expended on the first phase of improvement to the sports pavilion site with the installation of two sections of ball stop netting and the replacement/relocation of the western boundary wooden fence. £8,616 was funded via a release of Section 106 sports & leisure funding from AVDC, £11,373 funded via a grant from the Football Foundation Stadia Improvement Fund plus contributions from the senior and junior football clubs.

Council closed the year with a bank balance of £90,914 of which £69,104 is earmarked funds/grant holdings for specific projects, leaving a retained balance of just £21,810. However, the financial position will improve in April following the reimbursement of £44k VAT from HMRC.

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

New path between Pitstone & Marsworth



The path was installed during March and was available for use in April, with a celebration walk held on 12 May 2018. As well as providing a safe walking route to Marsworth and the facilities available there, the route can also be used to safely access College Lake and beyond.

The footpath is the result of many years of work in a joint project between both parish councils and Bucks County Council. It has been made possible via a large grant from the Aylesbury Vale District Council New Homes Bonus, a grant from the County Councillor Community Leader Fund, grants from the Bucks County Council Local Area Forum and funding from

both parish councils. It is a delight to see so many residents making use of this new footway.

Redevelopment of the sports pavilion site

Works continues to scope opportunities for the redevelopment and enhancement of the sports pavilion site.



During the financial year planning permission and funding was obtained to install two sections of ball stop netting to improve safety at the site, and to replace & relocate the western boundary fence to provide much needed extra internal site space. During April, the senior pitch will be extended to the required length stipulated by the league (for which grant funding has been secured).

The council is also currently working with architects to consider ways that the existing building can be redeveloped to meet both the needs of the user groups and offer facilities to the wider community. We will keep you updated on progress.

Hope for play space and skate park

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



Grant of the planning permission for the new village centre is still outstanding with AVDC. Please see the box 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 which will sit next to the play area/skate park, and provides enough distance from the current recreation ground boundary to the residential homes to

facilitate the new play area and skate park noise distance requirements.

The parish council hopes that matters will proceed as quickly as possible so that work can commence on the procurement of the long awaited leisure facilities, and will keep residents advised of any progress.

Other sport and leisure improvements

- The council would like to thank the Women's Institute for the donation of the wooden picnic table in the recreation ground play area.
- An additional section of wooden boundary fence was replaced following storm damage.
- A playground gate was replaced at the Windsor Road park.
- New parish maps have been erected to assist walkers and tourists.

Multi-use ball court and other facilities in the new village centre



You will recall that last year Nicholas King held a public information event and subsequently submitted planning applications to AVDC in April 2017. The parish council worked with the developer during this financial year on the provision of community facilities which will include a multi-use ball court, additional open space, a replacement car park and extra parking by the memorial hall plus a foot/cycle path link to the Castlemead estate.

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan, the community imposed certain conditions on these parcels of land including areas for a potential public house and a potential day nursery. AVDC granted outline planning for these two commercial elements and it is anticipated that, once the residential application is approved, the developer will market these commercial areas to try and identify potential operators.

The development will also provide further private and affordable housing, financial contributions towards education, public transport and further sport/leisure in the village.

We understand that AVDC are minded to grant planning permission for the residential/ community elements and are working with the developer on the associated agreements. The council will keep you updated as the year progresses.

Other facilities arising from planning

Croudace have almost completed construction of the site off Rushendon Furlong. Bellway Homes have commenced construction of their residential site off Vicarage Road. The parish council will eventually be passed responsibility for street lighting and play equipment within these developments. Both developments also provide some additional open space and footpath improvements, along with the required education, public transport and sport & leisure financial contributions defined by AVDC.

Aylesbury Vale District Council continue to work on their own Local Plan, the last version of which did not have significant impact on Pitstone.

Grant support to the local community



The parish council has been happy to provide grants to Pitstone & Ivinghoe Entertainments, 1st I&P Brownies, 1st I&P Rainbows, our Community First Responder, the defibrillator at Pitstone Memorial Hall and the Royal British Legion 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.

Devolved services from Bucks County Council

At the end of the previous financial year, the parish council received £3,423 from Bucks County Council (BCC) to carry out devolved services such as the cutting of grass verges within the 30 mph limits, siding out footpaths and right-of-way maintenance. £5,227 was expended delivering these services utilising some funding carried forward from the previous year and additional funding from the parish council (73% on grass cutting, 5% on right of way maintenance and 22% on siding out and shrubbery clearance).

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. We anticipate further information from BCC as the year progresses.

As part of the obligations devolved to us from BCC, the council issues advertising permits for local charitable events (9 granted during the year), removes non-compliant signs plus issues hedge cutting notices (5 issued during the year) where overgrowth from private homes impedes use of a footpath or highway.

Two minor complaints were received regarding cutting of flowers that residents had planted within the county council verge and new procedures have been put in place.

Ongoing Major Projects

- The purchase of the Local Green Space between Marsworth Road and The Crescent from BCC (due to complete in April 2018, funded by S106 grant).
- The installation of a foot & cycle path along Northfield Road (Herts County Council continues to consider options)
- Castlemead issues including the handover the highways to BCC and the handover of the open space to AVDC.
- Working with Pitstone Memorial Hall Charity to help identify and achieve future ambitions to make the hall the centre of the village.
- Exploring the viability of a Community Transport Scheme and helping to relaunch the Community Car Scheme.
- The Pitstone & Ivinghoe Safety Scheme (BCC investigating options)
- Delivering public transport infrastructure improvements including bus shelters and real-time information panels, funded from Bellway and Croudace.

Time to join the council? Or want to keep up-to-date?

In March 2018, Councillors Annie Stack and Colin Starling sadly departed the council. No election was called and the parish council co-opted two new members in May 2018. If you have the time and drive to volunteer as a member, please contact the parish clerk.

Pitstone Parish Post (PPP) is only published 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 page for immediate updates to your Facebook feed
- Follow us on Twitter @pitstone_pc
- Regularly check www.pitstone.co.uk and watch the notice-boards.

F R JEFFERY & SON**Coal & Smokeless Fuel****Kiln Dry Logs****Compost****Spare Parts for****Solid Fuel Appliances**

Delivered to



your door

at low

prices

Phone:

01296 661258**T&S
TREECARE**

Trees lopped, pruned or felled

Hedges shaped, pruned or removed

We also do stump grinding, turfing, grass cutting & fencing

All garden rubbish removed

Free advice & Estimate

Mini digger for hire

LOGS FOR SALE**01296 662167****Ashbys**

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

The local accountants providing a personal service.

Accounts & audits
 Business start ups
 Company formations
 Charities

Personal tax advice and planning
 Tax returns
 Payroll
 Book-keeping

Call for your free initial discussion on 01296 668217

Visit our website and register for your free monthly newsletter

www.ashbys-accountants.co.uk

*Ashby's
 Morton House
 9 Beacon Court
 Pitstone Green Business Park
 Pitstone
 LU7 9GY*



NM Counselling

Sometimes it can be difficult to cope with the challenges that life throws at us so talking to a counsellor may be helpful.

From my counselling practice near Wendover, I offer a warm, friendly and confidential space for you to talk through any problems you may be facing such as anxiety, stress, sadness, low self-esteem, anger and relationship difficulties.

For further information on how I may be able to help or to book an initial appointment, please contact me:

Natalie McGourty MBACP, BA (Hons) Psychology

Tel: 07976 968166

Email: natalie@nmcounselling.co.uk

Website: www.nmcounselling.co.uk

The Dog Runner

Dog Walking & Pet Services
Pitstone & Villages

07794 078821 or 01296 660742

celinethedogrunner@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/celinethedogrunner



Nails by Helen

Home based nail studio in Pitstone

Bio Sculpture Gel Nails

O.P.I. Manicures

&

Pedicures

07834 530160

www.nailsbyhelen.co.uk

GROOMS FARM SHOP



FRESH MEAT & POULTRY
EGGS, VEGETABLES & DAIRY

PRODUCTS

FREE DELIVERY

Open: Thurs 10am—1.45pm,
Fri 8am—5.30pm, Sat 8am—1pm

WILLOWDENE FARM

IVINGHOE

TEL: 01296 668326



COUNTY NEWS

Anne Wight, County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather, which has had the fortunate effect of allowing Transport for Bucks (TfB) to use the additional £1.234m which the county council voted in the spring to use towards high quality road surfacing to repair many of the roads around our division in the past few weeks. These include Lammas Road and the High Street near Cooks Wharf in Cheddington, Crafton in Mentmore, Horton Road in Slapton, and Lower End in Marsworth to name a few. In most cases, these are being repaired using the 'plane and patch' method, which provides a high quality repair over a considerable road surface.

As I am sure everyone will have noticed by now, the Brownlow Bridge sustained damage from a driver who unfortunately drove into the side of the bridge in the middle of the night in May. While the Canal and River Trust are responsible for the repair, Transport for Bucks (TfB) will be upgrading the traffic lights while the bridge is being repaired and hopefully all work will be completed by the end of the school holidays if not before.

New Role as Deputy of Education

I am also pleased to accept my new role

as the Deputy Cabinet Member for Education, which makes something of a change from my role in Communities and Public Health. While I very much enjoyed my time working on Communities, I am now looking forward to working with Cabinet Member for Education, Mike Appleyard, and his team.

Cabinet Meeting with the French Ambassador

It was a privilege for me to be able to meet the French Ambassador, M Jean-Pierre Jouyet, on his trip out to Buckinghamshire. M Jouyet is making a tour of the UK outside of London with a view to better understanding our local economies and, as part of this, he recently visited us at BCC. We had a lively and interesting discussion with him and highlighted some of the key areas in which Bucks is continuing to innovate and grow, such as the space and film industries, as well as our more traditional industries such as farming and agriculture, and our wide-ranging entrepreneurial activities.

One thing many of our residents might not realise is that more businesses are started in Buckinghamshire than in any other county in the country. Businesses

in Buckinghamshire don't just survive; they actually thrive at a higher success rate than anywhere else in the country! This success has created the fastest jobs growth of any county in Britain. Hence, we managed to convey the message that post-Brexit, Buckinghamshire is very much looking to develop and expand upon trade opportunities with our European neighbours.

Healthwatch Bucks

The recent Healthwatch Bucks meeting was held in Pitstone and I am glad to say it was fairly well-attended! For those who might not know, Healthwatch Bucks works closely with BCC and the NHS in order to improve patient care and experience. See adjacent advert.

Dementia Friends

I recently attended a briefing session on becoming a Dementia Friend which I found especially informative and I am proud to say that I am now officially a Dementia Friend. The Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends programme is the biggest ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way the nation thinks, acts and talks about the condition. Dementia is caused by a number of diseases that affect

(Continued on page 21)



This is a call to all Bucks residents. Please let us know what you think about the health and social services you use. We at Healthwatch Bucks want your ideas, your experiences and your concerns so we can suggest improvements.

Everyone wants high quality health and social care for themselves and their loved ones. Healthwatch Bucks is an independent not for profit organisation that listens to what you say about health and social care in Bucks and feeds back to the responsible organisations. And, by law, these organisations not only have to consider what we say but must also reply to what we recommend.

So we want you to tell us about your experience with your GP, your dentist, local care homes, hospitals, pharmacies, the County Council's telecare service, and any other health and social care service you deal with in Bucks.

In the last year, for example, the midwife teams in the county have made real changes after we fed back the experience of one new father at the birth of his first baby. This included making sure that no partner is left alone in an emergency for more than 20 minutes. Our reports on care homes have led to lots of changes that make life easier for residents, for example using pictures on menus instead of words. We also looked at ways to make it easier for volunteer drivers to take people to hospital and the NHS trust is now looking at our proposals. We have also worked with GPs to improve people's experience in waiting rooms.

You can give us feedback on our website www.healthwatchbucks.co.uk.

Tell us what you think by ringing 0845 260 6216 or emailing info@healthwatchbucks.co.uk. Talk to us on social media. Get in touch for information and advice about local health and social care services, such as how to find a care home or get a dentist through the NHS.

Ivinghoe Flower and Vegetable Show

Saturday 8th September 2018

Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub

Full schedule, entry forms and recipes will very soon be available online on the Parish and Hub websites and paper copies will be available in village shops, library, hub, etc. when printed.

To whet your appetite here are the Classes to keep children busy over those long summer holidays.

Children's Section

Age 8 and under 12 years Old and under

Decorate a paper plate as a sunflower head Draw or paint a picture of a vase of flowers

Paint a pebble 3 Jam tarts with 3 different flavoured Jam

4 short bread biscuits Create a miniature garden in an ice cream tub

The other sections are open to **ALL** ages so children may like to enter the **Craft, Cookery, Vegetable, Fruit and Produce** or **Plants and Flowers Sections** as well. Here are a very few examples of these classes from the full schedule

Collection of up to 5 kinds of vegetable, maximum 3 of each kind. Displayed in a box, basket or trug (maximum size 20inches in any dimension)

A shortbread round cut into 6 pieces, any recipe

Design, make and decorate a cup and saucer in white air-drying clay – suitable for Alice in Wonderland's tea party

A sunflower display, any method of display – pot, vase, hand-tied

Prizes

Cash prizes will be awarded for the Children's Section only; as in 1st - £1, 2nd - 75p, 3rd - 50p. Certificates will be awarded in all adult classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and Winner Cups awarded for highest points gained in each section. Cups engraved with winner's name and award for one year. Onion Cup is only for Class No. 10.

Rules

All entrants to take note of MAXIMUM measurements for relevant classes

- Cookery classes to follow recipes where specified
- All craft items to have been produced in the 12 months preceding the date of the show
- All vegetable, fruit and produce classes to have been grown by the entrant and presented on approximately 25cm plates where applicable
- Eggs from own poultry.
- Plants and flower entries to have been grown by the entrant
- Jars of preserves can be any size.

The Judge's decision is Final!

For an entry form go to: <http://pitstone.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Amended-HUB-SCHEDULE-of-FLOWER-SHOW-Feb-for-Sept-8th-Show-2018-1.pdf>

the brain. The most common is Alzheimer's, but diseases also include vascular dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies, and Pick's disease. The word 'dementia' describes a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving or language. These changes are often small to start with, but for someone with dementia they have become severe enough to affect daily life.

Whether you attend a face-to-face Information Session or watch the online video, Dementia Friends is about learning more about dementia and the small ways you can help. From telling friends about the Dementia Friends programme to visiting someone you know living with dementia, every action counts. A Dementia Friend learns a little bit more about what it's like to live with dementia and then turns that understanding into action - anyone of any age can be a Dementia Friend. I have to admit that having had only limited experience of how dementia affects individuals and their families, the information session and workshop I attended was really an eye-opener. There are so many types of dementia, and everyone is affected differently. Dementia Friends are helping to change perspectives on dementia and it doesn't require an enormous time commitment either - anything you can do to help from simply checking in on a someone with dementia to helping in many of the other small ways would be much appreciated! For more information, please check out their website: <https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk>

Registrars Conference

I was invited to give the welcome speech at the recent Registrars Conference last month.

While Pitstone residents might know that the Registration Service provides a range of services which you would expect such as registering births, deaths and marriages, they might not know that there are over 80 venues licensed for marriages across the County, and the service marries around 1,700 couples every year. They have a new website for couples to use and a variety of wedding packages to suit what people would like <http://weddings.buckscc.gov.uk/>

They also offer naming ceremonies for people who would like to welcome new children into the family, these are for new babies as well as adoptions or families coming together. Renewal of Vows ceremonies are also available and these can be for couples at any time during their marriage, whether returning from a marriage abroad and wanting to have a ceremony for family and friends, or of course for special anniversaries such as 10, 25 or 50 years.

The Service also understands marriage isn't for everyone, so people wishing to be together but without legalities can have a Commitment Ceremony which allows people to show their love and intent to each other. None of these ceremonies have any legal standing, but are a great way to celebrate key life events.

For more information, get in touch via the website:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/births-deaths-marriages-and-civil->

*partnerships/***80 years of Archives**

In my final days in my role as Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health, it was my great pleasure to have been invited to the celebration of 80 years of Buckinghamshire's



L-R Cllr Anne Wight, Laura Cotton Roger Bettridge

Archives at the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies. Laura Cotton, our current Archivist, is pictured below, with me and previous Archivist, Roger Bettridge (right) as we were about to cut the first slice of the magnificent cake, cleverly designed in the shape of an archives record book.

According to the "History of the Bucks County Record Office, Aylesbury", Colonel Guy R. Crouch, Clerk of the Peace for the county, presented the case for the appointment of an Archivist, to the Standing Joint Committee of Bucks County Council. This is the event that triggered the establishment of a Record Office in Buckinghamshire, which has, evolved over the past eighty years to become part of the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies.

It seems that the first storage spaces for records were four cells in the basement of the Council building that fronted on to Market Square in Aylesbury. The cells had to be damp-proofed and fitted with steel shelving.

Once they had space to store records, the Council needed an Archivist to manage them. Mr Paul Dare was appointed as County Archivist on 16th May 1938. With a background in historical research, manorial archives and archaeology, Dare was judged fit for the role. He was found an office above the Archive cells. One of his first tasks was to arrange for the cleaning and storage of a large number of statutory plans that had been damaged by damp. Dare also had to ensure

that the conditions in the cells were optimal for the preservation of the documents, as we do in our strong rooms today.

Do please drop in and visit the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies if you have some time and would like to learn a bit more about our cultural heritage and local history.

STOP PRESS

We have just been advised that London Luton Airport have added an extra consultation event at Pitstone Memorial Hall on 31/7/18 from 4-8pm. If you have a view on air traffic do please attend.



DISTRICT NEWS

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

Unitary Update

Following a recent meeting between the four District Leaders and Bucks County Council leader. Regardless of the final decision by the Secretary of State on unitary it's obvious there'll need to be some close working between all authorities so that when it happens they can hit the ground running when that decision is made. The timescale could be tight and any work they can do beforehand will put the new organisation in a much stronger position to align services. There was a consensus that, whichever proposal is adopted, this new local authority must endeavour to provide value for money to our residents.

The New Homes Bonus (NHB)

The NHB scheme has continued to allow AVDC to pass on some of the funds received from **Government to local communities**. *AVDC is one of only a handful of LAs who pass on NHB to communities – the rest use these funds to*

shore up their revenue budgets.

Local benefits of the NHB are the Marsworth - Pitstone pathway and Ivinghoe Lawn replacement 'iron railings'. There is a small group of local residents currently working on an application to the NHB panel to secure funds to refurbish and extend the Cheddington Recreation ground pavilion. To those who are aware the pavilion has been deteriorating internally and externally for a number of years and is in need of updating and renovation.

As clarification, following a number of comments about the Pitstone – Marsworth pathway, the majority of which have been very positive, a few have asked why this funding could not have been spent on fixing potholes and road improvements. The answer is that this money is strictly controlled and targeted at improving communities where new houses have or will be built (please note, not just the immediate settlement) to improve amenities and in some cases

compensate and accommodate for an increase in resident numbers.

Help shape the future of Aylesbury Garden Town through new website

A new website has been launched giving people the chance to have their say, as Aylesbury evolves into a Garden Town. The site, which can be found at www.aylesburygardentown.co.uk also has a detailed overview of the project, information about the organisations overseeing it and responds to frequently asked questions.

Aylesbury received Garden Town status from the government last year. It recognised it as one of the key places for growth in the UK and brings the opportunity to receive extra funding to put in place the right infrastructure, facilities and leisure spaces, alongside new developments.

This summer, work will begin on the Masterplan that will provide the framework for the future of Aylesbury Garden Town, through to 2050 and beyond. Liaising with the local community, to hear their views, is at the heart of the programme and in the last couple of months, a series of forums have been held with residents, developers, community representatives, local stakeholders and partners. The feedback from these workshops will help inform the Masterplan. Visitors to the new website can also now get involved and comment on what they'd like to see, by clicking on the 'Have your say' section.

The Aylesbury Garden Town project is a partnership between Aylesbury Vale District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council and the two Local

Enterprise Partnerships (Buckinghamshire Thames Valley and South East Midlands). Find out more about Aylesbury Garden Town and sign up for updates at www.aylesburygardentown.co.uk

AVDC support for rough sleepers boosted by government funding

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) has been successful in securing almost a quarter of a million pounds of funding from central government to provide immediate support for rough sleepers in Aylesbury Vale.

The funding will boost the support available to people living on the streets and help them into accommodation. It will also increase the amount of assistance that can be offered to those at risk and sleeping rough during the winter months. AVDC will be working closely with homelessness support agencies and charities in the Vale to develop innovative support solutions and provide sustainable accommodation for those sleeping rough. This will include providing emergency accommodation and assessment as well as support for people with mental health and substance misuse issues to help them sustain tenancies in the longer term.

The Housing Secretary's full statement on funding to support rough sleepers can be read here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/james-brokenshire-announces-30-million-immediate-support-for-rough-sleepers>

Bin collection days in Aylesbury Vale are changing for many customers

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) is already gearing up for major changes to its recycling and waste collection

service which will start this September. AVDC is making some vital improvements to all its collection rounds; recycling, general waste, food and garden waste.

As a result, most customers are likely to have a change of bin collection day. Last year AVDC introduced a new state-of-the-art vehicle fleet to increase round capacity and fuel efficiency. The next stage of ongoing improvements is the redesigning of customer collection rounds in order to future-proof the service as the number of new homes in the district grows.

A social media campaign and radio campaign, together with direct mail, will get the message out to customers across the Vale about the changes starting on Monday 3 September.

A letter explaining the day changes will be sent to all households across the Vale during midAugust, along with a new bin collection day calendar. The frequency of household collections will not change; with recycling and general waste collected on alternate weeks, garden waste collected fortnightly and food recycling collected every week.

An average of 40,000 bins are collected every single day in the Vale – it’s a massive operation which affects every household in the district. This is why AVDC is giving everybody

plenty of notice and using as many ways as we can to let people know about the possible change to their day. The changes will help ensure that the council continues to deliver the most cost efficient and cost effective waste service as possible.

For all the latest news and updates on your recycling and waste collection service, visit www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/recycle.

(Continued on page 28)

Monday	9.30am	Wilstone Village Hall
	7.00pm	Cheddington Village Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Cheddington Village Hall
	6.00pm	Wilstone Village Hall (Low Impact)
	7.30pm	Goldfield Infants School, Tring
Wednesday	9.30am	Wilstone Village Hall (Strength)
	11.30am	Nora Grace Hall, Tring (Low Impact)
	7.30pm	Pitstone Memorial Hall
Thursday	9.45am	Wilstone Village Hall (Low Impact)
	7.30pm	Goldfield Infants School, Tring
Friday	9.45am	Wilstone Village Hall
Saturday	9.30am	Wilstone Village Hall



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, woodland area 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 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 cheddingtonpreschool@btconnect.com or visit www.cheddingtonpreschool.co.uk



WHERE LEARNING & GROWING ARE FUN!

Marsworth Preschool, held at Marsworth Millennium Hall, is a wonderfully caring, fun & nurturing environment for children aged 2 to 5.

Our dedicated and experienced team provide a warm, educational & stimulating place for children to develop & learn through play. Ofsted rated 'Good' at our last inspection (December 2014).

Opening hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Morning 9.00 to 11.30am / Lunch Club 11.30 to 12.30pm / Afternoon 12.30 to 3pm

For more information, session availability or to arrange a visit,
please call **07506 179658** during pre-school hours

or see our website

www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk



TRING SHOWSTOPPERS

Performing Arts for 6 -18 year olds

Our workshops are taught by professionals, with classes in drama, singing and musical theatre, ensuring every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

To find out more about what we offer in Tring and surrounding villages, email kate@tringshowstoppers.co.uk

Visit our website
www.tringshowstoppers.co.uk
or call Kate on 07790 487 022.

ADM ADMIN & BOOK-KEEPING

Spend time doing the jobs you want to do and leave the paperwork to me.

Locally based book-keeper

- Offering:
- Invoicing
- Estimates
- Personal Tax Returns
- CIS
- VAT returns
- And more

Contact Andrea for further details

Tel: 07789262183

Email: adm_books@outlook.com



Quality fresh vegetables.
 Extensive freezer range.
 Home produced beef and lamb.
 Stockists of Heygates animal feeds.

Heygates flour.
 Speciality foods.

TEA ROOM

We serve tea,
fresh coffee,

Cakes, toasted sandwiches,
Soup and filled rolls

The Moors, Wilstone, Tring

HP23 4NT

01442 828478



THE TYRE CHANGERS

07746 903095

**HAVE YOUR NEW TYRES FITTED AT
HOME OR YOUR PLACE OF WORK.**

Local and convenient low cost tyres fitted
at a time and place that suits you.

Budget, mid-range and premium tyres
supplied at the best prices.

Email: info@thetyrechangers.co.uk

thetyrechangers.co.uk

The newest addition to your calendar - Aylesbury's Waterside Festival!

See Waterside burst into life with an abundance of colour and entertainment with the introduction of Aylesbury's Waterside Festival.

Waterside Festival will be a celebration of Aylesbury's canal heritage coming together with its new and exciting developments. The event will be packed with a boatload of new features and activities, and will be yet another enjoyable occasion to bring communities together in Aylesbury town centre. It will be taking place on Saturday 8 September between 11am and 6.30pm in Waterside, the canalside public space surrounded by Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, University Campus Aylesbury

Vale, Waitrose, Travelodge and of course, Aylesbury's town centre canal basin. For its first year, the event will include an extensive continental market of over 30 stalls, a floating market, canal trips with 'The Little Trip Boat', water-based activity taster sessions, historical heritage walks through the town centre, arts and crafts, face painting, a pieces-of-eight treasure hunt, food tasters, refreshments and so much more!

Waterside Festival is a new initiative led by Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership. For all the latest information, news and updates please visit:

www.watersidefestival.org

Derek Town: 01296 661637

dtown@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Sandra Jenkins: 01296 668587

sjenkins@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

SPONSORED "RIDE & STRIDE"

BICYCLE RIDE, HORSE RIDE and WALK

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2018
10.00 am – 6.00 pm

HALF MONEY RAISED GOES TO THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE AND HALF TO THE TRUST, FOR REPAIR OF CHURCHES





Biggest, Brightest and Best BeaconLit Wows Book Fans

Dave Sivers

BeaconLit 2018, Ivinghoe's sixth literary festival, drew praise from audience and participants alike. The event, held at Brookmead School for the fifth year running, continues to go from strength to strength, both in the quality of its programme and in its slick organisation. Part of the charm and appeal of BeaconLit has always been its intimate, small village atmosphere, and this year was no exception, with the backdrop to the stage – a colourful collage of Brookmead pupils' artwork – brightening and enhancing the set.

Onstage, crime writing legends Mark Billingham and Martyn Waites stole the show with their comic but insightful double act, serial bestseller Carole Matthews gave an engaging and entertaining interview with the BBC's Adina Campbell, and film maker and author Tony Klinger fascinated the audience with anecdotes from a life that has seen him work with seemingly everyone in the

entertainment world, from Roger Moore to Roger Daltry.

There were panels consisting of some of the hottest crop of new authors, and crime writers discussing how they practice to deceive readers (*Trust Me: I'm a Crime Writer*), as well as a workshop, a session with the Just Write Team on crafting prizewinning short story anthologies, and an insight into ghostwriting by Sue Benwell.

Light refreshments were available throughout the day, lunches by Curiosity-Tea Rooms could be ordered, and Chorleywood Books were on hand to sell additions to the already groaning goodie bags received by every attendee. BeaconLit 2018 trended on Twitter during the day, and the buzz will last for some time.

BeaconLit returns to Brookmead School on Saturday 13 July 2019. Make a date in your diary now!



SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2018

Visit unique historic buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise and have fun with the family!

Ride+Stride is a sponsored bike ride, horse ride or walk in which people from all over the country walk, ride or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Cornwall to Northumberland. The money they raise helps to preserve some of Britain's 47,000 churches, chapels and meeting houses which are at risk of falling into serious disrepair.

To help raise money for these wonderful buildings you will need to be sponsored by your friends and family (or just make a donation if you want), you can get sponsorship forms and details of churches open in Beds, Bucks and Herts from the table by the door in Church, or for

more information,
<http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/>
www.bucks-historic-churches.org

If you feel you don't want to walk or ride but would like to volunteer your time to welcome people to Ivinghoe Church, please fill out the form by the door in Church (available in August) or contact

Izzy Robinson
01296 660724



The Blindman
Curtain and Blind Specialists

Curtains . Poles . Tie Backs . Cushions
Roller . Pleated . Woodslat
Woven . Vertical . Venetian

**Huge choice of fabric
or supply your own**

Free friendly advice and quotation in the comfort
of your own home

01442 822 055 & 07767 783 955
www.theblindman.uk.com

TringMarket Auctions

*AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS OF ANTIQUE FURNITURE
COLLECTABLES & FINE ART*

**GENERAL SALES OF ANTIQUE FURNITURE,
FURNISHINGS & EFFECTS**

The largest General Sale auction in the area.
Up to 2500 lots every fortnight

FINE ART SALES

Antique furniture, treen, metal ware, silver, pictures, glass, ceramics, jewellery and Objets d'art.
Up to 700 lots every other month

**VALUATION FOR SALE, INSURANCE,
TAXATION & PROBATE**

We provide valuations for a variety of needs

TOTAL AND PART HOUSE CLEARANCE SPECIALISTS

FREE AUCTION VALUATIONS

**Buying or Selling Contact us:
Tel: 01442 826446 Fax: 01442 890927**

**The Market Premises, Brook Street, Tring, HP23 5EF
www.tringmarketauctions.co.uk
E-mail: sales@tringmarketauctions.co.uk**

Roo's

 | **Building & Property
Maintenance Services**

All your building and DIY requirements catered for, including:

- Bathroom Floor & Wall Tiles
- Brickwork
- Decking
- Driveways
- Extensions/Conversions
- Electrics
- Fencing
- Kitchen Floor & Wall Tiles
- Kitchen Installations
- Laminate & Wooden Flooring
- Painting & Decorating
- Office Partitioning/Stud Walls
- All Plumbing
- Suspended Ceilings
- Garage Conversions
- Landscape Gardening
- All Roofing Work Including Repairs
- Plastering
- Soffits, Fascias & Guttering
- UPVC Windows, Doors & Conservatories
FENSA registered



Contact Richard:

07772 531 576 / 01296 662 026

richard@roorecue.co.uk

www.roorecue.co.uk

Recommended by **myBuilder.com**



ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS

Rikki Harrington

VOLUNTEERING

Sorry to keep banging on about it, but Ashridge is very special for biological, geological, historical, and recreational reasons. It's bigger than Monaco and Vatican City put together and is home to the largest tranche of chalk downland in the Chilterns as well as the largest area of woodland looked after by the National Trust.

Taking care of all of that is more than the Trust's staff can manage on their own, but Ashridge has an army of volunteers involved in conservation, biological surveys, maintenance, helping at events, welcoming visitors – even opening the Bridgewater Monument and Pitstone Windmill to the public.

Anybody with a love of the great outdoors could find a role to enjoy and some roles are even suited to those with a love of the great indoors!

Volunteering is a wonderful way to keep body and soul in good shape. I've retired, hence am in the fortunate position of having time to put into the things I enjoy, but there are plenty of

valuable and fun roles for those who want to make the most of more limited freedom, some involving teamwork and some solo efforts.

On Sunday 2nd September Ashridge is holding an open day to welcome potential new volunteers and explain more about the roles and how to get involved. Just turn up at the Visitor Centre at the top of Monument Drive anytime between 11am and 3pm to chat to members of the team, both staff and volunteers, about the different roles. There's something to suit everyone and it's a great way to learn new skills, share the knowledge and experience you have and meet new people.

As with most things in life, the more you put in, the more you get out so, if Ashridge is special to you, come along to the open day and find out how you can help keep it that way.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sue Jones, President

Well a year has now passed since all our celebrations for our 100th year and we still seem to be just as busy.

We ran the refreshment table at the Church Fete and seven of our members entered into the spirit of the day by doing another float. We were the Suffragettes, very appropriate at the moment.

We welcomed 30 members of an over 60's group from Bishops Stortford and served them a cream tea and will again be running a champagne type fizz and cream teas on the 1st July in Pitstone.

Our diner's club, knit and natter group and book club are all still going strong.

Don't forget our very popular Quiz Night on the 13th October 2018.

Tickets are available from Sue Tables of eight or we can put you on a table.

Please contact Sue Jones for any further information or if you are interested in joining the W.I. on 01296 660436.

LOCAL INFORMATION

LOCAL VENUES

Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub: two former classrooms for hire either separately or as one large room. Separate IT for hire suite fully equipped with PCs and other office technology Book per PC or the whole suite.

Contact: www.ivinghoeoldschool.com, ivinghoeoldschool@btconnect.com, 01296 661666 Facebook Ivinghoe Old School Hub

Ivinghoe Town Hall: Historic and user friendly hall in the village centre, with awards for best managed small hall in the country. Modern facilities for local events. Equipped kitchen, stage, chair lift.

Contact: Stephen Swinbank 01296 660680, spswinbank@gmail.com

Pitstone Memorial Hall: 3 various sized event rooms including large hall with integrated cinema screen and raised stage. 2 kitchens, modern refurbished bar, WIFI, disabled access throughout, ample car parking.

Contact: pmhbooking@gmail.com 01296 661271

LOCAL CLUBS

Beavers (aged 5¼ - 8): Held in the Scout hut, Ivinghoe, Monday Watermills 6 - 7pm - Leader Tom, Tuesday Windmills 6 - 7pm leader Jakki

Contact: Keith Steers (Group Scout Leader,) 07899 696722, Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

Cubs (aged 8 - 10½): Held in the Scout hut, Ivinghoe, Wednesday Windmills 7 - 8:30pm - leader Dan Lee (Akela), Thursday Watermills, 6:30 - 8pm Leader Rob Mercel (Shere Khan)

Contact: Keith Steers (Group Scout Leader, 07899 696722, Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

Scouts: Held in the Scout hut, Ivinghoe Friday, 7.30 - 9pm Leader Andrew Woods

Contact: Keith Steers (Group Scout Leader, 07899 696722, Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

Guides: Tuesday 7 - 8:30pm Millennium Room, Pitstone Memorial Hall, Guider Yvonne Ashton.

Contact: 01296 661540

Brownies: Monday 5:45 - 7:15pm, Pitstone Memorial Hall, Guider Elaine Thorogood

Contact: 01296 661540

Rainbows: Monday 4:30 - 5:30pm, Pitstone Memorial Hall, Guider Elaine Thorogood

Contact: 01296 661540

Pitstone Youth Café

Ages 11-18yrs/school years 7-13 Wednesday 6:30pm to 8pm (term time) Brookmead School hall <http://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/youth-cafe/>

Women's Institute: Monthly meetings held in Ivinghoe Town Hall. Other entertaining activities.

Contact: Sue Jones on 01296 660436

Beacon Villages Community Library: Run by the community, for the community

www.bvcl.org.uk

General enquiries: info@bvcl.org.uk 01296 387890

Committee enquiries: secretary@bvcl.org.uk

Opening times:: Tues 2pm - 5pm Wed 10am - 12noon Thur 2pm - 5pm Fri 2pm - 7pm Sat 10am - 1pm

Ivinghoe and Pitstone Royal British Legion: To be advised

EDUCATION

Pitstone and Ivinghoe Baby and Toddler Group: Thursdays (during term time) 9 - 11am. Warm welcome and a cup of coffee, and for the little ones. Variety of activities: Music Sessions, arts and crafts, toys and games, story time. No need to book, just turn up.

Contact: www.pitstoneandivinghoetoddlers.btck.co.uk Facebook: Pitstone and Ivinghoe baby and toddler group

Brookmead School (est. 1967): Head Teacher Katherine Douglas, Foundation Primary School for children aged 4 - 11. Bringing learning to life and life to learning.



There are a few gaps in the LOCAL INFORMATION pages. If you notice your organisation is missing or has the entry 'To be advised' then do send us your wording to make sure that residents are informed about the services available to them.

Premier

MASON'S

Store

A great deal more from your local store

Snacks Frozen Foods Off Licence News & Mags
Lotto Pay Point Fruit & Veg E Top-Up Confectionary

Opening Hours

Weekday 06.30 - 20.00

Saturday 07.30 - 20.00

Sunday 08.00 - 17.00

Phone: 01296 660052

Marsworth Road, Pitstone, LU7 9AP

Contact: Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EX,
www.brookmead.bucks.sch.uk, 01296 668543, office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk

Friends of Brookmead textile recycling: Please put your unwanted textiles i.e. adults' and children's clothing, shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys into the bins at Colbree Engineering, Pitstone Green Business Park to help raise funds for the school

Windmill Pre-school (children aged 2 - 5 from Pitstone, Ivinghoe and surrounding areas): One of the top pre-schools nationally and highest rated locally. Purpose built premises behind Brookmead School, open 5 full days per week. Mornings 9am - 12pm, Afternoons 12pm - 3 pm (Includes Lunch Club), Lunch Club 12 - 1pm (subject to availability).

Contact: admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk, 01296 661031 (during sessions)

SPORT

Pitstone and Ivinghoe Junior Girls Football Under 12s and Under 14s (school years 6, 7, 8 & 9) If you are interested in playing football, having fun and making new friends, get in touch, no experience needed. All our coaches are FA Level 1 qualified.

Email: chairman@pandifootball.net www.pandifootball.net.

Cheddington Bowls Club The Recreation Ground, High St. LU7 9AA one of the best bowling greens in the area. Tuesdays at 2pm or Friday at 6 pm, May to Sept. www.cheddingtonbowls.org.uk Contact: Jo Tchertoff 01296 668624

RELIGION

Ivinghoe and Pitstone Chapel Fellowship: Small friendly group of local Christians. Meet for informal worship. One hour service then tea/coffee. Variety of local preachers. Sunday mornings, 10:30am, Millenium Room, Pitstone Memorial Hall. Also **First Thursday Friends:** Family film on 1st Thursday of each month, 2 - approx. 4:15pm Millennium Room Pitstone Memorial Hall

Contact: 01296 668005

St Mary's Redundant Church Conservation: Awaiting details

Contact:

St Mary's Ivinghoe: . Awaiting details

Contact: Reverend Adrian Manning

Tring and Berkhamsted SGI Buddhists. A lay humanist organisation. The SGI is a global movement of people connected by Buddhism and the shared commitment to realise a future where life's inherent dignity blooms.

Contact Sue Nicholls 07788 662349 or check out <https://sgi-uk.org/>

HEALTH

Village Health Centre: Yardley Avenue, Pitstone. LU7 9BE Opening hours 9am - 12pm and 2pm - 6pm except Wednesdays 8 - 12pm and closed pm and Fridays, 9am - 12pm and 2 - 5pm

Contact: www.pitstonesurgery.co.uk and 01525 223211

Little Rothschild Surgery: 71 Marsworth Road, Pitstone LU7 9AX Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 8am - 1pm and 2 - 4:30pm Friday 8am - 1pm closed in the afternoon

Contact: www.rothschildhousesurgery.co.uk 01296 662800

Nifty Fifties: Keep fit for older folk followed by optional gentle sport. Not for profit. Cheddington Village Hall. Thursdays 10 - midday.

Contact: Sue Povey, 01296 668321 Chris Hall, 01442 824350

PLACES TO VISIT

Ford End Watermill

The only working watermill to survive intact, in the county. Restored and run by Ford End Watermill Society. Open Easter and bank holidays. Adults £3, children £1. For further details go to www.fordendwatermill.co.uk

Contact millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk or tel. 01442 825421

ASHRIDGE HOUSE

Set in 190 acres of gardens, Ashridge House is majestically nestled in National Trust woodland in the rolling Chiltern Hills in Hertfordshire. Tours available. Find out more at <http://www.ashridgehouse.org.uk/about-ashridge-house/>

USEFUL NUMBERS

Street light problems

Castlemead lights – email: CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com

Marsworth Road lights – Bucks County Council online:

<http://www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-street-lighting.aspx>

Other Pitstone lights - email: parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

Found a pot hole, blocked drain or other highway problem

Bucks County Council online:

<http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-it-pothole.aspx>

Castlemead highway issue? Email: CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com

Missed bin collection or to find out about recycling

Aylesbury Vale District Council online:

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/recycling-and-waste>

Dispute with your neighbours about their high hedge

Aylesbury Vale District Council offer more information and a complaint service. For

more information go to: <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/high-hedges>

Other nuisances causing problems e.g. smoke, air pollution etc

Visit Aylesbury Vale District Council website:

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/nuisance> or

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/environmental-problems>

Bothered by aircraft noise

Email Luton Airport noise@ltn.aero

Need details of a planning application

Details of all local applications are published online by Aylesbury Vale District Council:

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications>

Want to know if you need planning permission? Visit:

<https://www.planningportal.co.uk/>

Illegally parked?

Report problem vehicles to Thames Valley Police on telephone: 101

UPCOMING WEA COURSES AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Literature course - Autumn term 2018

Course starts: 28/09/18 for 7 weeks.

Location: Pitstone Memorial Hall on Fridays from 10.00 am 12.00 noon.

Cost £60.20

Course tutor: Peter Leyland

Course principally based on Canadian novels and reviews 4 novels and their authors: Margaret Lawrence - The Stone Angel (1964), Robertson Davies - What's Bred in The Bone (1985), Carol Shields - The Stone Diaries (1993;) Mary Lawson - The Other Side of the Bridge (2006)

Literature course - Spring term 2019

Course starts: 18/01/2019 for 7 weeks.

Location: Pitstone Memorial Hall on Fridays from 10.00 am 12.00 noon.

Cost £60.20

Course tutor: Peter Geiler

European Literature - A study of 4 novels including works by Robert Seethaler and Albert Camus.



Pitstone Community Car Scheme

Servicing Healthcare Appointments

<i>Destination</i>	<i>Price £.p</i>
Amersham	16.00
Churchill (Oxford)	27.50
High Wycombe	17.50
Luton & Dunstable	9.00
Stoke Mandeville	9.00
Tring	4.00

(Further destinations available on request)

Volunteer drivers always needed

Phone: Klaus Ginda 01296 668911



**PITSTONE TOWN
LANDS CHARITY**

*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

Superior standard
painting & decorating

MARTIN J KEABLE

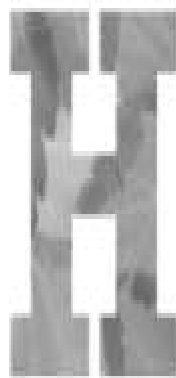
Established & trusted locally
for over 20 years

P: 01296 660354

M: 07855 154717

Email:

martinjkeable@gmail.com



HAWTHORN
GARDENING

Roy Seabrook

H: 01296 625531

M: 07806 388187

Pruning & Weeding

Hedge & Tree Work

Lawn Care

Grass Cutting

Small Landscapes

INJURY AND PAIN CLINIC

*Amanda Livesey BSc (Hons) MSST BASEM Senior Associate of the Royal Society of Medicine
Clinical Specialist in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine*

- ⇒ Assessment, treatment and rehabilitation
- ⇒ Treating the non - sports person and sports person
- ⇒ Pre and post-op rehabilitation
- ⇒ Complex chronic pain states, pain management, treatment and rehabilitation

Our clinic is highly recommended by GPs and Consultants due to our clinical expertise and patient outcomes! Come and see us.

Clinics at:

Aston Clinton GP surgery and Pitstone GP surgery (The Village Health Centre)

Call: 07712 896 095

[Find us on Facebook](#)

www.injuryandpainclinic.co.uk



Enjoy Home cooked food at the

Waterside Café

Pitstone Wharf, Cheddington Road, Pitstone, Bucks
LU7 9AD

Breakfasts, Lunches, Soup, Sandwiches, Toasties
Homemade Cakes, Cream Teas plus a selection of
Hot & Cold Drinks

OPENING TIMES

FRIDAY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY -10am to 3pm.

BANK HOLIDAYS 10am to 3pm

On request for group bookings we can offer seating for 36people.

Email: cafe@pitstonewharf.co.uk www.pitstonewharf.co.uk

Little Cravings



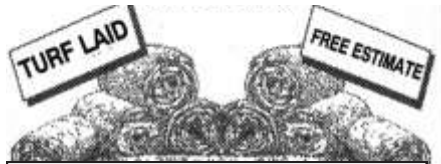
Catering

From dinner parties to
weddings we specialize in
bespoke menus
for your individual
consultation
please call
07980 615 798

Buy Direct, Quality Turf Grown at our own Farm

Family Firm, Farming since 1949

- 3 Grades of Turf
- Weed Treated and Fertilised
- Discounts on large Loads
- Small Orders Welcome
- General Public and Trade Enquiries Welcome
- Palletised Delivery



IVINGHOE TURF

(01296 661939)

www.ivinghoeturf.co.uk



The Bungalow, Vicarage Farm, Ivinghoe, Leighton Buzzard

Miramar Design

Building Surveying Services

Design & Drawings for Domestic Extensions, Alterations
and Loft Conversions
Planning and Building Regulations Advice and Submissions
Party Wall Matters
Building Insurance Claims

Professional service provided by experienced Chartered Building Surveyor
For free initial consultation, contact Jo or Andrea Mitchell,
Miramar Design, 8 Short Hale, Pitstone, Bedfordshire LU7 9FF
Tel: 01296 663888 / 07852 278756 email: miramardesign@btinternet.com



Handyman Dave

Work undertaken from 2-3 hours
or as long as needed
Anything from repairing
kitchen doors or drawers,
dripping taps, hanging doors,
shelves, flat packs,
play equipment, small shed
etc, etc....
Please phone 01296 668025

BARRY CATO MOTOR REPAIRS

Established 1981

Serviceing MOT's
Repairs Arranged



24 Hour Breakdown & Recovery
Workshop at rear of:
Norfolk House Farm

Harling Road, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, Beds

Workshops: 01525 221681

Phone Evenings: 01525 220870

Mobiles: 07836 650 015

PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman, Cllr Dave Nicholls

64 Marsworth Road, LU7 9AS
T: 661910
E: dave.nicholls@pitstonepc.org
Chair of Parish Council, Chair of Pitstone Parish Charity Committee, Staffing, Planning, Youth Café, GDPR and Village Web Site.



Vice Chairman, Cllr Bob Saintey

2 Albion Road, LU7 9AY
T: 668633
E: bob.saintey@pitstonepc.org
Chair of Sports & Leisure, Staffing, PDA, Highways & Footpaths, Youth Café, AVALC, Local Area Forum, Pitstone Hill & Trees and Local Council Planning Liaison Group.



Cllr Margaret Crutchfield

12 Yardley Avenue, LU7 9AL
T: 291389
E: margaret.crutchfield@pitstonepc.org
Chair of Planning Committee, Allment Officer, Sports & Leisure, Youth Café, Pitstone Memorial Hall Charity, Community Self Help Plan, Pitstone Parish Charity and Local Area Forum.



Cllr Ben Blunt

The Laurels, Old Farm, LU7 9RD
T: 660702
E: ben.blunt@pitstonepc.org
Chair of Staffing Committee, Planning, PDA, Minerals & Waste and Local Area Forum.



Vacancy

Cllr Gillian Arney

63 Cheddington Road, LU7 9AQ
T: 668123
E: gill.arney@pitstonepc.org
Pitstone Parish Charity, Planning, Pitstone Hill & Trees, Ecology/Chiltern Conservation Board, Footpaths, Highways & paths, Public Transport, Pitstone Church and Notice-Board Manager.



Cllr Dr Dave Frearson

93 Yardley Avenue, LU7 9BD
T: 07946 067808
E: dave.frearson@pitstonepc.org
Sports & Leisure, Street Lighting, Ecology/Chiltern Conservation Board, Community Transport and Local Area Forum.



Cllr Kris Weber

The Willows,
61 Cheddington Road
LU7 9AQ
T: 07710088624
E: kris.weber@pitstonepc.org
Sports & Leisure, PDA, GDPR, Local Council Planning Liaison Group and Highways & Footpaths.



Cllr Anil Mitra

40 Campbell Lane
LU7 9FT
T: 01296 295827
E: anil.mitra@pitstonepc.org
Highways & Paths, Youth Cafe



Cllr Jack Hawkins

4 The Green, LU7 9QS
T: 07713590490
E: jack.hawkins@pitstonepc.org
Planning



County Councillor: Anne Wight

E: awight@buckscc.gov.uk



Correspondence/Enquiries, the Clerk: Laurie Eagling

9 Warwick Road, LU7 9FE
T: 767261 Twitter: @pitstone_pc
E: parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk
Website: www.pitstone.co.uk
Facebook: Pitstone Parish Council and Pitstone Youth



District Councillor: Sandra Jenkins

38 Mentmore Road, Cheddington,
LU7 0SD
T: 668587
E: sjenkins@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk



District Councillor: Derek Town

4 The Slipe, Cheddington, LU7 0RH
T: 661637
E: dtown@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

