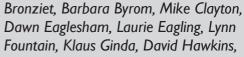
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PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

A Warm Welcome to Louise Stoddart

At the parish council meeting on Thursday 6 September, the council voted to appoint Louise Stoddart to fill the vacancy for a parish councillor. Louise says "I have been living in Pitstone for 7 years on the Castlemead Estate. I decided to join the Parish Council as I wanted to use my spare time to be able to give back to the community and make a difference for the future of Pitstone. My career with the Building Engineering Services Association, means I can use my expertise in planning, building and commercial activities in the Parish. I look forward parish councillor involves, please to meeting more fellow residents and contact the parish clerk. welcoming everyone to future meetings." We warmly welcome Louise to the council. AVDC are anticipating parish elections in early May 2019, at which point all members will decide if they wish to stand for re-election, or step down, and other residents can



decide to stand for election. AVDC is also currently conducting a boundary and Community Governance Review and due to the rising number of

dwellings in the parish we may be entitled to an extra seat on the parish council, bringing the number of members up to eleven. If you would be interested in finding out more information about what being a

Celebrating the installation of the new ball stop netting, boundary fencing, pitch extension and defibrillator Council was pleased to unveil the new ball stop netting, extended pitch and new perimeter fencing at a Charity Football match at Pitstone

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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. We were also delighted to celebrate the installation of the defibrillator with training for everyone from South Central Ambulance Service. The defibrillator has been provided by Pitstone & Ivinghoe Junior Football Club and the Women's Institute.

Local Green Space in front of The Crescent

Now that the parish council has purchased this land from Bucks

County Council, work has commenced to repair damaged fencing, improve access to the site by installing a kissing gate which is also suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs, and providing additional seating for those residents that like to stop and enjoy this pretty space. Almost 2,000 daffodil bulbs will also be planted over the autumn, to enhance the current planting, and should create a beautiful display in the spring.

Play Update

Hever Close play areas and the Rocking Rocket has been repaired on the Recreation Ground.
Unfortunately, one of the swing seats on the Recreation Ground was vandalised and had to be removed, and the concrete for the new gates had to be replaced twice as somebody kept removing the protective fencing and writing in or

New pedestrian gates have been

installed at the Windsor Road and

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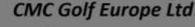
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walking in the new concrete before it had set. Quotations are being sought to replace the swinging plank in the Windsor Road playground. We are aware that the play equipment in the Recreation Ground playground is getting tired. As you know, there are plans to replace all of this equipment with a new play space which has been delayed because of a land issue. The parish council will be progressing with these aspirations as soon as the other landowner is able to negotiate



Advance Notice...
The Scout Christmas Post is back for 2018

This Christmas why not support your local Scouts and save yourself some time posting Christmas cards around the villages by using the Scout Christmas post instead?

You can buy our special Scout stamps at 5t Mary's Church Christmas Market on 17th November and then from our local retailers. Stick them on your cards and post them in one of our many special post boxes dotted around the villages.

We will ensure that all cards posted by the 'last post' (5pm on Friday 14" December) will be delivered across the weekend of 15" and 16" December 2018.

"Look out for our posters, check our facebook page (1" Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout Group) and Village facebook pages and web sites early November for more information and details of retailers."

with us.

As in previous years, the Parish Council paid for two Play Around the Parishes sessions during the summer holidays, which offer games and activities aimed at those < I I years, and these were well attended with up to 100 children at each session. The council has resolved to repeat again next year.

Services Devolved from Bucks County Council

The current four-year contract with Bucks County Council (BCC) comes to a close at the end of 2018. The parish council has resolved to enter

into a new agreement with BCC so that we can continue to offer an enhanced level of service to residents. At the time of writing, we have yet to receive the draft contract from BCC but hope to be going to tender for these works in the next month or so.

Getting Out and About

Pitstone and Ivinghoe Parish Councils are working on a joint initiative with the BCC Local Area Forum to undertake an engineering/feasibility study into the Pitstone & Ivinghoe Safety Scheme which developed from the Ben Hamilton-Baillie study and presentation which many of you attended. Any such major changes are a long, slow, expensive process but we

continue to move through the necessary steps and hope to have the results of this stage later in the financial year.

We continue to work with both Hertfordshire County Council and **Bucks County Council to explore** options for a cycle route along Northfield Road and will come back to you in due course when HCC have any information that they are able to share. There may be a need for a questionnaire or event to try and gauge how many people would use the facilities, as grant providers need to assess how many people would benefit versus the costs involved, so if you have even a passing interest in improving the safety along this route then please take the time to respond/attend.

For those needing to reach their hospital and medical appointments without their own transport, the Pitstone Community Car Scheme provides a vital service. The volunteer drivers fulfilled over 300 bookings last year! There is often no timely public transport service available and knowing they can get to the appointment and back safely and on time, helps to reduce the stress of these appointments. Due to a lack of volunteer support to run the committee & co-ordinate the calls. the scheme potentially looked as though it may close, but the parish council has now resolved to operate

the scheme themselves. However, we do need more volunteer drivers and it doesn't have to be time consuming – so if you have enough time to drive an elderly person to their doctor's/dental appointment in Tring, or can drive someone to the Pitstone surgery, we'd love to hear from you. If you have a more time/ flexibility and would be willing to take someone to their hospital



appointments, that would also be great. Drivers are refunded their petrol costs by the client. We are at the early stage of investigating whether there is any demand or support for a Community

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Bus within our cluster of villages, especially if such a service could help to tackle social isolation. The first step will be to assess the level of interest from all the residents in all the parishes, so look out for a questionnaire or event coming soon. To help those travelling by public bus, October will also see the installation of Real Time Information Panels besides the two existing bus shelters either side of Marsworth Road by the Recreation Ground, at the existing bus shelter opposite Queen Street/

Albion Road and both a Real-Time Panel and a new bus shelter installed at the end of Rushendon Furlong to assist those travelling in the direction of Leighton Buzzard. The buses are fitted with GPS and the information panels will show helpful information such as the time of the bus and the length of any delays.

Lighting

The LED roll-out continues, with lights now converted in the The Green and Chequers Lane, with another batch for Yardley Avenue on

order which will hopefully be installed before Christmas.

We have a team of volunteer residents that help us monitor whether any lights are in need of repair, so if you'd be willing to join our Street Light Champions and check the lights near you once a month, please

At the start of Advent, our Christmas lights will also be back in the tree on the Recreation Ground to bring some festive cheer.

get in touch.

First Time Sewerage for Cheddington Road / Forthcoming Road Closure

You may not have been aware that the properties by the railway bridge at the end of Cheddington Road and those at Wellington Place/Cooks Wharf have not been connected to



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the mains sewer. Starting at the end of October, Anglian Water will be installing the necessary infrastructure to connect these properties including a pumping station by the T junction and piping back as far as Chequers Close to join the existing mains. Works are anticipated to last several months and will include road closures for each section as the work is undertaken and diversion routes Employed. Road closure signs will be erected prior to the works. Please be patient and allow extra time for your journey during the installation of this important infrastructure.

Who will you nominate for Volunteer of the Year? Let us know by 15 January 2019

Our community couldn't function without the small army of volunteers in our midst. Do you know someone that goes the extra mile to improve the life of people in Pitstone? Maybe they give up lots of time to help run one of our many charitable bodies (like the pre-school, memorial hall or scouts) or community groups (like the community car scheme or youth café). Maybe they are someone that regularly checks on their elderly neighbours, does their shopping or takes them to appointments. Every year, the parish council celebrates one local person with the honour of the Pitstone Volunteer of the Year which is awarded at the Pitstone Annual Assembly and comprises of a

cheque for £50, framed certificate and local publicity to spread the word of their good deeds. Help us thank our local heroes and send the name of the person you nominate, along with some information about why you think they deserve to be recognised, to the parish clerk by 15 January 2019 (tel: 01296 767261, email: parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk, post: 9 Warwick Road, LU7 9FE).

Can you help at the youth café on a Wednesday evening?

Our youth café offers a safe place for young people of secondary school age to hang out, meet up with friends, enjoy a snack, play sports/games/ crafts etc. We employ a qualified youth worker to run the café but it is very reliant on sufficient adult voluntary helpers to attend each week in order to be able to operate and meet the necessary child:adult ratios. Many of our volunteers are retired and enjoy the company of the young people as much as they benefit from our helpers being there. We can accommodate couples/friends who want an opportunity where they can volunteer together.

Volunteering can be very rewarding. The council provides full training. If you are able to join us from 6.30pm to 8pm on Wednesday's during term time we would really love to hear from you. Please call 01296 767261 or email parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

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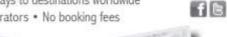
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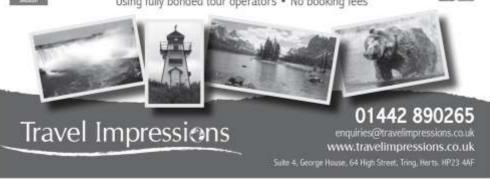
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Remembrance Day. Pitstone Memorial Hall. Midday. Refreshments.

Pitstone Church

Gillian Arney

This year we shall be holding our third **Christmas Memory Tree** event.

As both the previous ones have been dogged by bad weather we are holding it on two Sundays, the 9th and the 16th of December.

Come and visit the church to include someone you like to remember on our tree, enjoy the decorated church and sample our mulled wine and mince pies.

A warm welcome is promised to all.



Remembering the fallen of Pitstone

The parish council is honoured to have procured a silent soldier silhouette to remember the fallen of Pitstone and the Memorial Hall Charity have granted permission for its location in the memorial garden at the hall (the hall obviously was built as the parish's memorial). The council will also be welcoming the donation of another silhouette from the Women's Institute to be located by the decorative Pitstone sign. We have worked with BCC TfB and Taylor Wimpey to ensure that Westfield Road and Marsworth Road, along with the Recreation Ground, can be included within the WI yarn bombing.

There will be lots of local events, including remembrance services at both St Mary's Church in Ivinghoe

and Pitstone
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plus the Beacons
of Light event on
lvinghoe Beacon
which we
encourage you to
attend. Beacons
of Light is an
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border the Ashridge Estate, more information can be found here: https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events/82364215-d442-44cf-a9b3-7e21aefbf214/pages/details

Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 3 November 2018

Pitstone & Ivinghoe Entertainments (PIE) have again chosen to host an annual bonfire and firework event at the Sports Pavilion on Saturday 3 November 2018. This event really seems to bring the community together and sees a lot of public support. Any surplus funds raised by PIE are ploughed back into supporting local community groups, so please do support their events.



DISTRICT NEWS

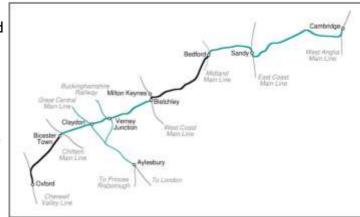
Derek Town and Sandra Jenkins, District Councillors - Pitstone & Cheddington Ward

Cambridge - Milton Keynes Oxford Expressway Corridor B Highways England announced that Corridor B is its preferred route for the proposed Cambridge, Milton Keynes to Oxford Expressway. This is the first of a number of key decisions to be taken in respect of this locally and nationally important project. Aylesbury Vale District Council says the announcement is important in helping us to start to understand more about the Government's plan for the area and to

continue to work with partners to understand the potential implications with its members, local communities and partners.

The exact route, to be confirmed after consultations and planning reviews etc, will roughly follow the old Oxford to Of Cambridge railway.

The section from Oxford to Bicester has recently been reopened with a link at Bicester to the London Marylebone to Birmingham line. The section from Bletchley to Bedford is still in use and never closed. The section from Bicester to Bletchley is 'mothballed' and expected to reopen in the next 3 years as part of the East West Link. Therefore the nearest the Expressway will come to Cheddington will be between Bletchley and Winslow.



Old Oxford—Cambridge railway route courtesy of Wikipedia

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The expressway is just one of the components of the government's strategy for the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford growth corridor and is of great relevance to our residents and businesses as approximately 70% of the new road will pass through Aylesbury Vale.

AVDC support for rough sleepers

Aylesbury Vale District Council has received a further provisional allocation of a quarter of a million

pounds from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for the funding year 2019/20 to continue to provide support for rough sleepers in Aylesbury Vale.

The new 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 is working in partnership with Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, the Buckinghamshire CCG, Oasis and Oxford Health

and working closely with Connection Support's Rough Sleeper Outreach Service Team and other support agencies in the Vale to develop innovative support solutions for those sleeping rough.

They are also working on accommodation solutions in partnership with Advance Housing, the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust and a local bed and breakfast provider. This approach offers a holistic-needs based service to clients



to provide accommodation, assessment and support including dedicated access to mental health and circumstances change. substance misuse professionals to help them sustain tenancies in the longer term.

Further information on the £45 million funding to support rough sleepers can be found here: https:// www.gov.uk/government/news/ funding-allocated-for-councils-to-help -rough-sleepers

Tring Station new access By the time you read this, work

should have been started to replace footbridge access to platforms, with a new bridge and lifts. The new facility will be built to the south of the existing bridge and steps and will include elevators to give access to wheelchairs, prams and less able travellers. The work is expected to take 12 to 18 months. There will be no changes at Cheddington Station. 'Full Universal Credit Service'. Following the gradual national rollout, Aylesbury Vale became a 'Full Universal Credit Service' on 26 September 2018. Universal Credit is the new benefit for working-age people on low income or out of work and claiming benefits. It's replacing a number of benefits, including housing benefits and tax credits, and is administered by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). Residents, in Aylesbury Vale, who are currently claiming housing

benefit, will be gradually moved to Universal Credit as and when their

However, it is important to note that this will not affect everyone who claims housing benefit. AVDC is committed to ensuring that residents, who claim benefits, are fully prepared when they are moved to Universal Credit. Information for residents. landlords and partners has been provided on:

www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/universal -credit, with further support and guidance available across the council's social media channels.

The council will be able to provide some support to people claiming Universal Credit, including offering the use of its Customer Service Centre, located at The Gateway in Aylesbury. The Customer Service Centre is fully equipped with computers and free Wi-Fi and AVDC staff will be able to guide claimants through the online sign-up process. Residents, who are requested by the DWP to claim Universal Credit. should not delay in submitting a claim. The future monthly payments will be calculated on the same day each month based on the day the claim is submitted. For more information on Universal Credit visit: https:// www.gov.uk/universal-credit

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The planned investment into Kingsbury and Market Square will address the operational and aesthetic challenges, while making improvements to the safety, sustainability and accessibility of the areas. The improvements will also look to emphasise Kingsbury as the gateway to the old town, celebrating Aylesbury's rich heritage as a market town.

The vision for Kingsbury and Market Square includes creating a more attractive environment for residents, visitors and businesses, whilst helping the local economy by enhancing it's presence as a key retail, catering and leisure hub - as defined in the Aylesbury Town Centre Plan. The funding will be sourced from specifically earmarked funding and grants, including: existing Section 106 funding allocated to Aylesbury town centre, Heritage Lottery Funding Townscape Grants and the New Homes Bonus. This will enable AVDC to achieve its prospects without withdrawing focus from the council's core services.

It's probable that any work on these public spaces will be phased rather than carried out at the same time to minimise disruption to our local residents and businesses. You can

take a look at the full Aylesbury
Town Centre Plan by visiting:
https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/
aylesbury-town-centre-plan
£50,000 Our Vale fund now
available for community
projects!

AVDC has pledged £50,000 to the Our Vale crowdfunding platform, to help eligible projects transform shared spaces, inspire visitors and enhance the district. AVDC launched Our Vale to connect and empower local communities and help shape the Vale for the better.

This fund is the next step in helping to create exciting, special and interesting community projects. If you've got a project idea which will help transform the Vale for the good of your local community, we want to hear from you! The fund is designed to be as inclusive as possible and help projects which have found it difficult to benefit from traditional grant funding. To qualify, projects must be within Aylesbury Vale, be not for profit, have a civic value and be open and accessible to the community. For details on the fund go to: www.spacehive.com/movement/ourvale

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COUNTY NEWSAnne Wight, County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

I hope you have all had a good summer, and were able to get out and make the most of the fine weather, which we enjoyed for most of the summer months.

We Do Care Celebration Event and Bucks County Show

I was thrilled to attend the We Do Care Celebration Event for children

in care throughout the county, held in High Wycombe in August. More than 70 of our kids in care, as well as recent care leavers, attended with their foster families, and were treated to bouncy castles, an ice cream van, entertainers and a very tasty BBQ. Bucks Fire and Rescue and Thames Valley Police had vehicles on display and teams to answer any questions about the

equipment and their important work.
The children particularly enjoyed
having their achievements celebrated

in a special and very moving awards ceremony, led by Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Warren Whyte. Each child was presented with an individual certificate of achievement and a gift voucher which was kindly donated by The Entertainer toyshop.

The keynote speaker, Ashley John-



Baptiste, was inspiring as he talked about his own experience in the care system and his personal journey

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through to his present work with the BBC.

The Bucks County Show was well attended this year. BCC had a marquee, which included representatives from Transport for Bucks, Communities, Adult Social Care, Childrens' Services, and Recycling and Waste, among other stalls. I was glad to support our fantastic fostering teams, along with Warren Whyte, Cabinet Member for Childrens' Services (Warren is far left in the photo below, and I'm in the middle).



With the number of children in care rising nationally, and within Bucks, there is a greater need than ever for foster carers. if anyone feels that they might be interested in fostering, do please get in touch via my email or check out the links on the BCC website:

https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/care-for-children-and-families/stakehols/costering/foster-with-bucks/becoming-a-foster-carer/continuistakehols/stakehols/scheme.

Luton Airport Expansion

Consultation

It was great to see so many residents from Pitstone attending the London Luton Airport non-statutory consultation event on 31 July at Pitstone Memorial Hall. For anyone who wasn't able to attend, London Luton Airport (LLA) is growing faster than anyone could have predicted, and is now the fifth busiest airport in the UK. At its current rate of growth, LTN is forecast to reach its existing permitted capacity of 18 million passengers per annum (mppa) in 2021, hence, LLA is currently in the process of a lengthy consultation period to explore options for their expansion of the airport from 18 million passengers per annum to 38 million. Their timeline for consultation is:

Mid 2018

Non-Statutory Consultation

Initial round of public consultation on the emerging strategic masterplan options for making best use of the existing runway in the period up to 2050 to achieve up to 36-38 mppa.

Mid 2018 - Mid 2019 Ongoing engagement and feedback review

project team reviews responses to Non-Statutory Consultation while continuing dialogue with local stakeholders, leading to a preferred scheme.

Mid 2019 - Statutory Consultation





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

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Mid - Late 2019 Further engagement and feedback review –

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sign up to receive further

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information via email, from

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also expressed concerns
over scheduled night flights,
just a reminder that the link

to make a noise complaint to the airport is:

https://www.london-luton.co.uk/ corporate/community/noise/making-a -noise-complaint

I would like to encourage all my residents to participate as fully as possible in these consultations and to report any noise issues on the weblink above. While BCC and AVDC have aerospace planning officers working with the airport on behalf of our residents, anecdotal



resident information, opinions and viewpoints are invaluable in helping us to better represent you. Do please take a look at the proposals and if you have any questions or views on them, please let me know and I will be happy to take those forward to the planning officers and the airport representatives on your behalf.

Fix My Street

While I am always happy to report

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resident concerns about potholes, hedges and other highways issues, our roadworks teams have asked all councillors to remind residents that the best way to report these issues is online using the Fix My Street tool which can be found via the Homepage under "Report a Highways Problem" or via the link here:

https://

www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

This allows for a log to be created of the issue and also generates a reference number for follow-up of the issue, plus allows for some details to be logged when the problem is reported to help with prioritising the issue.

Of course, I am very conscious of the number of my residents who do not

have access to the internet, email or broadband for various reasons, and so residents can always ring me in such cases so that I can take things forward for them.

Ivinghoe and Cheddington Flower Shows

This summer I was delighted to have met quite a few of you as I attended the Ivinghoe and Cheddington Flower Shows. I was rather struck by how so many residents have such a flair for growing near-perfect vegetables, and I was suitably humbled when I considered my own attempts at home-grown veggies! There were so many fine baked goods, photos, art and crafts on display at both events and it was a pleasure to see everyone come together as a community and display the fruits of all their hard labour, both literally and figuratively! Well done to all the prizewinners, and a special "Well Done" to Cheddington for having won The DeFraine Cup (for villages with a



population of 1501-3000) for the Best Kept Village in Buckinghamshire competition!

Transport for Bucks Update

Transport for Bucks has had a very busy summer, mainly repairing some of the roads worst affected in our division by the "Beast from the East" and an exceptionally long and hard winter last year. Many of the roads around our division have now been properly resurfaced with high quality plane-and-patch type repairs rather than jetpatching. Lammas Road in Cheddington, Horton Wharf Farm Road, and the areas around Cooks Wharf have all been improved over the summer. TfB will continue to work to improve roads throughout the coming weeks in advance of the adverse winter weather conditions. As part of my work, I am dedicated to the Transport for Bucks Working Group at BCC, which allows me to provide feedback to TfB on the priorities of residents, as well as on areas where residents feel there is room for improvement. I am always happy to pass on resident comments and views to this working group, or alternatively you can contact Bucks County Council directly via the webpage using the Chat link, or via the link below under "All Services" followed by choosing "Contact Us", where there are online forms for comments, compliments and complaints.

TfB are also taking forward their Freight Strategy initiative. To help illustrate the impact of heavy goods vehicle traffic on our villages here in Ivinghoe Division, I organised a walk around some of the freight hotspots in Pitstone, Ivinghoe and Slapton with parish councillors and the interim Freight Strategy officer, Geoff Gardener, at TfB. The group looked at the area by Brookmead School, the newly-repaired Brownlow Bridge and the entrance to Horton on the B488 around the time of the afternoon school run. It was a very informative afternoon, and there were a fair number of HGVs around to provide some good examples of where an enforceable Freight Strategy would benefit residents throughout our division. Geoff will be compiling his ideas as to how best to take things forward, and will be reporting back in the next few weeks on those.

Remembrance Sunday

As the Centenary of the Armistice approaches, I would like to pay tribute to all those who fell in the Great War. I struggle to find the words to thank them for what they did

I am honoured to be attending both Ivinghoe and Pitstone Remembrance Day services this year as we remember the fallen of Buckinghamshire.

The Royal British Legion is leading the nation in saying thank you to all



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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 cheddingtonps@outlook.com or visit www.cheddingtonpreschool.co.uk



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those who served, sacrificed, and changed our world.

All communities are being encouraged to join the movement by expressing their thanks this year, with 45 high profile organisations already supporting the movement. Partners include English National

Ballet, Diwali in the Square. Highclere Castle, GCHO, Cadbury, Sainsbury's, M&S, the Coventry Building Society, the RFU and many others. Over 250 community events have been organised so far to say a mass 'Thank You' to those who put Britain on the path to becoming what it is today. 'Thank You' will honour not only the L.I million British and Commonwealth Armed Forces who lost their lives in the First World War, but also those who played their part

on the home front, and those who returned to build a better life for the benefit of generations to come. To find out more about the vast array of events to mark the Centenary, please do take a look at the Royal British Legion webpage at www.britishlegion.org.uk





IVINGHOE & PITSTONE BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Margaret Johnson, Chairman

One Sunday in September, 60 people gathered in Pitstone Memorial Hall to share a buffet lunch and help raise funds for the Royal British Legion. The hall was alive with chatter and laughter as everyone ate their cold meat salads and fantastic puddings. A wonderful raffle gave people the opportunity to win anything from a garden centre token to a bottle of champagne. The raffle raised £228, and at the end of the afternoon we had raised a total of £965:50. This is a wonderful result and thanks go to all those who: helped with cooking, donated food items, raffle prizes, table coverings and napkins and also the team who helped prepare and clear the hall. We could not manage without your help and we are ever grateful for your time. Of course, THANK YOU TO **EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED US BY** ATTENDING THE EVENT.

As we move into October, we approach Remembrance fortnight. Joe will be outside the village shop in Pitstone as usual, whilst other volunteers will be going door to door and sitting at static points selling poppies. Please show your

support by putting some money into the collection tins thus helping to ensure that servicemen and women and their families continue to be supported in many ways by the RBL. Although it is too late for this year, if you feel that you could help by volunteering to sell poppies in the future, please contact me.

Perhaps you could take a poppy box into your or to your club evening.

Remembrance events are held in both Ivinghoe and Pitstone. The usual service will be held in Ivinghoe Church on the IIth, and at midday a short service will be held in Pitstone Memorial Hall, which of course is where the Pitstone Memorial is sited. The Pitstone event will be followed by a small lunch and we ask that people give a donation towards this.

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Bob Thomson 25th June 1951 - 18th September 2018

It is with great sadness that the community received the news of the sudden death of Bob Thomson, a well respected figure in the villages following his years at Brookmead School, where he served for twenty five years - four as Deputy followed by twenty one as Headteacher. He retired in July 2011.

Members of the community will remember Bob as a quick witted man, who had a passion for nature and the outdoors: sponsored walks around Pitstone Hill and along the Ridgeway, barbecues and visits to Ashridge, especially at bluebell time, featured high on the list of numerous opportunities he provided for so many of our children. Bob, who lived in Milton Keynes, would frequently bring his much loved Springer Spaniels to explore our local countryside at weekends.

Bob will be greatly missed by many, and our thoughts are with his wife, Kathy, his five daughters and eight grandchildren as they come to terms with their unexpected and sad loss.

Jessica Avery



IVINGHOE & PITSTONE Women's Institute

Sue Jones, Chairman

Well another successful but busy year has passed, and all of our 100th celebrations are behind us. During that year we raised enough money to provide two outside tables and seats and also a defibrillator for both villages. In addition to this we donated £500 to Brookmead school. We have had the usual variety of interesting speakers on many topics from WW11 Waging a Secret War to The Beauty of Orchids and the History of Pants – all excellent speakers.

November is our Annual General Meeting and a new President and Committee must be elected, Our Christmas Party. Will round off the year.

Still going strong are: Random Readers, Knit and Natter and our Diners' Clubs.

We have catered for afternoon tea for The Aylesbury Afternoon Club, Champagne Cream Tea refreshments at the Church Fete, a Valentine lunch, our annual quiz and an afternoon tea for Ashenden W.I.

Another visit to Potten End W.I. for a next three years.

Suffragette evening was very successful.

Our charity for this year is Buddy Bags. It supports families that have to leave their homes very quickly due to domestic violence.

Among other activities have been a craft day and a felt making day, both productive and fun. There will be a wreath making day on 15th December 2018 – there are spaces left if you are interested. The cost is £20.

In October and November, we made poppies for displays in both villages. All of the children at Brookmead School also made a poppy. We also purchased two silent soldiers for each village – you have probably seen them!

As this is my last year as President I would like to say a big thank you to all WI members who helped to make it an excellent but very busy three years! Our Committee has worked extremely hard and with membership up to 52 I hope that will continue. I would like to wish our new President and Committee all the best for the next three years.

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

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

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Contact: pmhbooking@gmail.com 01296 661271

LOCAL CLUBS

Beavers (aged $5\frac{1}{4}$ - 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,

lvinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

Cubs (aged 8 - 10½): Held in the Scout hut, Ivinghoe, Wednesday Windmills 6:30 - 8:00pm - leader Dan Lee (Akela), Thursday Watermills, 6:30 - 8pm Leader Rob Mercel (Shere Khan)

Contact: Keith Steers (Group Scout Leader, 07899 696722,

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

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Guides: Tuesday 7 - 8:30pm The Hub, Ivinghoe, Guider Yvonne Ashton.

Contact: 01296 661540

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

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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: Chair, Margaret Johnson 01296 661280 margo.j@btinternet.com

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EDUCATION

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Brookmead School (est. 1967): Head Teacher Katherine Douglas, Foundation Primary School for children aged 4 - 11. Bringing learning to life and life to learning. Contact: Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EX,

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

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RELIGION

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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

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St Mary's Ivinghoe: . Awaiting details Contact: Reverend Adrian Manning

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ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS Rikki Harrington

and numbers targeted are based on the results of the deer impact assessments carried out on the estate. A spin-off is the Ashridge venison, beloved of many, sale of which goes some way to covering the cost of the cull. Better understanding of impacts in recent years has led to larger culls. This has resulted in the deer behaving somewhat more naturally. Large herds (40 plus) are less commonly seen. There have also been fewer collisions with cars. Hearing a rustle in the woods, peering in and seeing a few deer lunching or leaping, remains a delight of a walk in Ashridge – and always will.

Incidentally, on a trip to Japan a few years ago I visited the Odaigahara national park. In parts of this, the deer problem is out of control. The devastation seen in the picture results entirely from deer damage. They are contemplating introducing wolves or feral dogs. Ashridge has no such plans.





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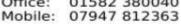
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