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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dave Nicholls, Chairman

For many years the Parish Council has had plans in place to revamp the play equipment on the recreation ground. These plans have been delayed by a land ownership issue, but we believe that these should be resolved fairly soon. As a result, in the next few weeks you will see some initial preparation work taking place. We will be starting with a new path that will run alongside the existing play area, but will be aligned with the planned new fence line. This means that the Kicking Wall will need to be removed; having a path right in front of it is dangerous to other users. We will also be removing the Youth Shelter so that the ground under it, which is also affected by the new play area, can be made good. Both the Youth Shelter and the

Kicking Wall will be stored so that they can be brought back into use at a later date. Further work will need to be delayed until the final issues are resolved, we will keep everyone informed of progress.

On Tuesday 14th May, the Parish Council will be hosting the Annual Assembly at the Memorial Hall. While members of the public are welcome at all Parish Council meetings, the Annual Assembly is focussed on the overall work of the council, rather than the day to day business, and is an opportunity to raise questions with the County, District and Parish Councils, as well as the Police. If you have questions or concerns please come along.

THE PITSTONE FILM CLUB IS BACK!

Friday 12th April saw the opening night of the newly revamped club, which screened the 2018 version of 'A Star is Born'. The Memorial Hall welcomed around 40 people on the night who enjoyed the goosebump-inducing soundtrack (and coped very well with the teary bits at the end).



Dave and Bex who have recently taken over the running of the club have already received some fantastic feedback and encourage everyone to join their Facebook page [[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/PitstoneFilmClub/)

[PitstoneFilmClub/](https://www.facebook.com/PitstoneFilmClub/)] to keep up to date!

The next screening will be on Friday 31st May with the club showing 'The Favourite' starring Oscar Winning actress Olivia Coleman.

We'll see you there!

Bex Pawley





PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

Thank you to all our volunteers and staff

A large number of volunteers supplement the work of our staff and regularly help the parish council to turn our village from a beautiful place to live into a thriving, wonderful community to live within. The council is most grateful to all the support provided by the staff and volunteers who help at the youth cafe, deliver/edit/manage Pitstone Parish Post, check street lights, sit on Pitstone Allotment Association committee, drive and co-ordinate the Pitstone Community Car Scheme, carry out litter picking, conduct asset checks, clean the pavilion, assist with the management of our trees and grounds, sit on our Sports & Leisure Committee and help with village planning. We held the very successful annual volunteer thank you event on Thursday 17 January, which gave the council an opportunity to say thank you in person. A good evening was had by all those that attended, with people enjoying the opportunity to catch up with other volunteers/staff that they may otherwise only see infrequently. So a huge thank you once again to everyone who plays a part in shaping this vibrant community we reside within.

£2,000 Grant Awarded to Pitstone & Ivinghoe Entertainments

As you may know, Pitstone & Ivinghoe Entertainments (PIE) is run by volunteers from our community and they have been providing high quality entertainment to our

villages for over 20 years. They arrange the Summer Festival held on Pitstone Recreation Ground and the Bonfire/Fireworks held at the Pitstone Pavilion each year. Any profits generated by these events, organised by the community for the community, are often given as grants to other community groups to further benefit our residents – in fact since 1999 over £13,000 has been donated to over 20 local clubs and organisations. For a number of reasons, PIE required a helping hand towards the cost of the 2019 bonfire/fireworks and the parish council was pleased to award a grant of £2,000 in support of this event which is regularly enjoyed by 1,200-1,300 local residents.

Please do support Pitstone & Ivinghoe Entertainments and attend their events, so **that these functions can continue. This year's** summer festival will be held 14-16 June 2019 (events to be confirmed) and the bonfire/fireworks is normally held on the nearest Saturday to 5 November.

For more information about Pitstone & Ivinghoe Entertainments, or to volunteer your help, please visit: <http://www.events-pi.com/>

Supporting 1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts

You may be aware that the existing scout hut in Ivinghoe is reaching the end of its useful life and the group are raising funds to build a new hut. 1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Scouts approached the parish council to see if space might be available for this at the pavilion site

on Marsworth Road. We understand that the Scouts are currently exploring possibilities for both locations. The parish council has agreed to discuss this further with the Scouts and we look forward to working with them as this project develops. We will keep residents informed of any progress.

Can you help us review dog bin provision around Windsor Road?

The dog bin located at the top end of Windsor Road, near the cycle path, and before the junction with Westfield Road is regularly over utilised. There are already additional dog bins located by the Hever Close playground, by the entrance to the Local Wildlife Site and by the Windsor Road playground.

We are trying to establish if there is a need for additional bins in this area and/or if there is a more appropriate location for this bin. To do this, we need to hear from dog walkers in the area so that we can understand:

- which route you take (do you walk up Windsor Road itself, do you come along the cycle/footpath up the centre of the estate, or do you walk up Westfield Road itself?)
- why this bin is particularly over-used
- if you think there may be a need for a bin in another location
- if there is a more appropriate location for this bin
- etc

All our dog bins are emptied weekly during the winter and twice a week during the summer via a service contract with AVDC. The bins are the maximum size permitted. Bins must be located within 25m of the highway so that the collection truck can gain access.

Please email any information to parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk. Thank you.

Bus Information Panels

To help users of the bus information panels,

Bucks County Council confirm that if a normal time is being shown, then for some reason the GPS tracking of that particular bus is not available in which case the display will disappear at the scheduled time. If however, the GPS is working and the bus is being tracked, the minutes until arrival should be shown and will count down, and this tracking information should remain on display until the bus arrives.

Welcome to our new Parish Assistant The parish council is in the process of appointing a new Parish Assistant who will act as the co-ordinator for the Pitstone Community Car Scheme (which is moving to come under the management of the parish council), will keep our notice-boards up-to-date and will help the council with a variety of other tasks.

We look forward to introducing them to you in more detail shortly.

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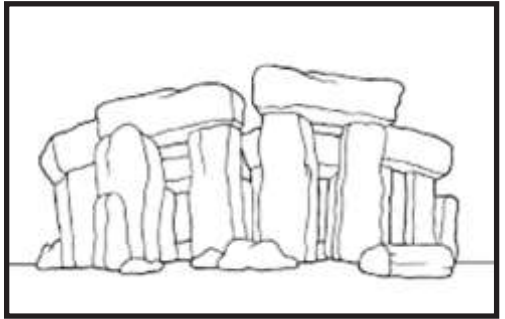
WHO MOVED THE STONE?

Rev Adrian Manning

We approach a project to repair the stone **work around the windows of St Mary's** church you will hear more about this over the coming months.

A large stone was placed in front of the cave **where Jesus' body was laid after his death** but this was found to have been removed by some women who came to visit his grave. These disciples were the first witnesses to the resurrection and the message of his resurrection spread throughout the world. **'Who Moved the Stone?'** is the name of a famous book by Albert Ross who wrote under the name Frank Morrison. He sought to piece together the story of what happened to Jesus at the first Easter. He tried to look at the apparent discrepancies in the various accounts in the Bible in order to dismiss the records as unreliable and untrustworthy. He actually came to the reverse conclusion.

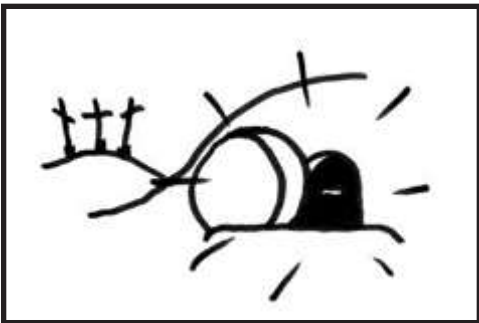
speaks of the Christian faith in which we



worship God within it.

When I have visited the stone circles at Stonehenge, Avebury and Castlerigg, near Keswick, I am left with questions about who moved the stones. There is no consensus about how and why the circles were built. They were assembled at great effort by large numbers of people many thousands of years ago over an extended period. There must have been a reason and they must have held a significant place in the lives of the Neolithic people of our land.

But sadly, stones don't speak. Is it possible to imagine a day when the significance of our church has been lost in the mists of time? They may be more permanent but stones **don't speak; people speak. It was not a** rolled stone but a couple of women who told their friends of the resurrection of Christ. This message continues today on human lips. Whatever our beliefs, in any context, the knowledge, ideas and stories that matter to us need to be told or they too will, in due course, be forgotten and lost.



A church building speaks to us in different ways. It is a centre for our community to gather to celebrate life at baptisms, weddings and funerals. It reminds us of our history and the names of those who have passed away and those we lost in war. It is a symbol of history and continuity. Its cruciform shape

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Pitstone & Ivinghoe Entertainments presents: Summer Festival 2019!

Friday 14th June - Mamma Mia Party Night

Watch the movie on a huge LED Screen in super hi definition! Sing along with all your favourite songs, with **on-screen lyrics! 70's Disco** after the movie until late!
Some seating provided - Bar open all night.
Doors open 7pm, Mamma Mia 2 Here We Go Again Singalong - 8pm.

70's Disco 10pm until late

£8.00 per PERSON £25.00 for a family ticket (2+2)

(children over 12 only)

With thanks to Pitstone Film Club

Saturday 15th June - Houseouse

Houseouse is back to bring the vibe of the Balearic dance music scene to Pitstone and **party like you would on the famous 'White Isle' of Ibiza. They create the best club atmosphere in the most unlikely of places...** playing glorious House, Tech-house and Techno classics, fresh remixes and dreamy Trance breakdowns from an awesome Funktion-**One sound system...all fused with beautiful visual arts, incredible lighting and a good splash of dry ice!!**

Houseouse will be bringing Ibiza to those **who haven't been before, or for a while; or who have been loads but wished they'd not come back so soon!**

Hear anthems that defined an era, that you can all sing and jump along to and new cuts that you will be hearing for the first time and be desperate to hear again and again.

As ever it will be an upbeat, funky, bassy, **bouncy night... leave your inhibitions at the bar, put on your dancing shoes and prepare to #releaseYOUR inneribiza.**

See you on the dance floor!

7pm-1am

Main Bar & Shots Bar open all night

Tickets £20.00

Strictly 18+ only

Tickets for both events can only be purchased from events-pi.com

Dress code for both nights – anything goes!

Music on the Green - Sunday 16th June from 1pm

Come and join the Beacon Community Choir and friends with a mini-music festival on Pitstone Green. Bring your picnic baskets, gazebos and friends, and relax while the choir and featured local artists entertain you.

With something for everyone, this is the best way to while away a sunny afternoon with family and friends. Cream teas will be provided by the WI, and a licensed bar will be available all afternoon. So, whether you are into jazz, pop or anything in-between, open a bottle of fizz, tuck into a cream tea, **and chill in the summer sunshine...**

Tickets: £5 (children free) – available on the gate

Come and enjoy a great night (or two!) out in your village. All events are held in and around The Big Top, Pitstone Recreation Ground, LU7 9EY

Pitstone and Ivinghoe Entertainments -

Entertainment By The Community For The Community

For further information find us on Facebook @PandIEEvents



The festival is made possible with the kind sponsorship of Colbree - Precision Engineering since 1985 and Project Group – Print, Signs and Display



CHANGES TO LOCAL HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES

By law, Buckinghamshire County Council must accept day-to-day household waste free of charge, for example garden waste, electricals, and paper. These types of waste make up around 75% of waste brought to household recycling centres and will remain free of charge.

Other waste, such as landscaping, construction, or demolition waste is classed as 'non-household waste' and is expensive to dispose of. The Council is allowed by law to charge for these items to offset the cost of disposal. We recognise that many householders carry out small projects from time to time. By applying a small charge this allows us to continue accepting these types of non-household waste.

Traders and businesses should still use the existing commercial waste service. A full price list is available on site and online, however the table on page number 20 shows the categories of waste that can be charged for.

Aylesbury (Rabans lane), Burnham and Chesham household recycling centres will close 2 days a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The other six sites remain open seven days a week, and opening times will be unaffected. Residents are encouraged to visit on other days, or use a nearby alternative. The three sites affected are all relatively close to other sites. The nearest alternative sites are also better equipped to deal with extra visitors on those weekdays.

Bledlow household recycling centre will permanently close.

Bledlow Household Recycling centre will permanently close at 4pm on Sunday 31 March 2019. Our analysis of the whole

network shows that closure of Bledlow HRC will cause the least disruption for residents of the county taken as a whole.

WILL THESE CHANGES INCREASE FLY TIPPING?

Buckinghamshire County Council is not the first Council to introduce charges for non-household waste. Other local authorities who have introduced similar changes have not seen an increase in fly tipping. Most people act responsibly when disposing of their waste, and the County Council expect this to continue.

Despite this, the Council understands **residents' concerns and will be actively** monitoring the levels of fly tipping. The County Council has also given additional resources to the enforcement team to help prosecute those who fly tip and for the successful SCRAP Fly tipping campaign which helps residents ensure their waste is disposed of responsibly. See the link at the end of the document for more information.

WILL THERE BE MORE QUEUES AT OTHER SITES?

No. Many visitors will come back at a different time and these visits, spread across the week, should not cause queues. A number of residents will use other sites as well, such as people in Aylesbury using Aston Clinton, this will also help to avoid queues.

WHAT IS THE COUNCIL DOING TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE CHANGES?

The Council is working hard to ensure as many people as possible know about the changes. All sites have new signage and site staff are handing out cards to all visitors. The Council is also advertising changes in local magazines and newspapers, on social media,

on local radio stations, on the County's

website and many other places. It is important as many people know about the changes, so the Council would ask that organisations and residents spread the word wherever possible.

WHAT ELSE CAN RESIDENTS DO WITH THEIR WASTE?

Despite the changes, residents can still bring the same types of waste to a recycling centre as they could before, but some waste will now incur a charge. Many people only bring materials that do not have charges, so they should be able to use the sites unaffected. Alternatives to visiting a Household Recycling Centre could include selling or donating your items for free. They could be sold via online sites like Ebay, Facebook Marketplace or Freegle where the items can be posted for free.

If residents have small amounts of non-household waste, the local household recycling centre will likely be the best option. Lots of non-household waste is often created when carrying out home improvement projects, so residents may wish to look into alternatives. Residents can hire a skip, or ask the contractor working on their home to take away the waste with them. This may incur a charge, but may be less expensive than visiting the Household Recycling Centre. Residents should always use the SCRAP code to make sure waste is dealt with properly.

WHAT HAS NOT CHANGED?

Opening hours are unaffected – 9am-6pm Summer (Apr - Sep) & 9am-4pm Winter (Oct - Mar)

The majority of the waste brought to site will stay free of charge to dispose of, so many residents will not need to pay any charges. E-Permits will still need to be used for those bringing waste in commercial vehicles and this process will be simplified. You will still need a permit if you are using a commercial vehicle, using any vehicle with a trailer larger than 1.2m x 0.9m, disposing of asbestos or

arriving on foot.

Viewing site webcams will still be available to allow residents to visit at quieter times.

DID YOU KNOW?

Less than 2% of waste brought to

Buckinghamshire's household recycling

centres is sent to landfill. The rest is recycled, composted, or used for landscaping. Despite this, the costs of managing the sites and waste are increasing. Around $\frac{3}{4}$ of the waste brought by visitors to site will remain free of charge. Waste like compostable garden waste, electricals, general household waste, furniture, paper is still free to dispose of.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

BCC waste webpages – www.buckscc.gov.uk/HRC

SCRAP Fly tipping advice -

www.buckscc.gov.uk/fly-tipping

Fix my street, reporting fly tipping -

www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

Apply for a waste permit –

www.buckscc.gov.uk/wastepermit



COME AND SEE: SPEND SPEND SPEND

We are thrilled to be hosting the first musical in many years in the village. Equus Productions present **“Spend, Spend, Spend”** which will be performed in three venues between 5th – 16th June and the company are committed to taking productions into the villages.

In these times of boom and bust here is a story for our times. The musical is based on the true story of Viv Nicholson, a Yorkshire housewife, who in 1961 had the biggest ever pools win of £152,319. When asked what she was going to do with the money she replied **“I’m going to spend, spend, spend “** and that is precisely what she did. So a rags to riches and back again story looking at money and fame and what it brings? Or perhaps a look at how people cope with life – what makes some people successful while others lurch from disaster to disaster?

Viv and her husband, Keith, become estranged from their old community and are not at home in the posher part of town that they move to. Bad choices and worse luck are regularly visited on them as they rapidly burn through their winnings. It is a **cautionary tale, of course, but there’s** a captivating warmth and humanity to its beautiful telling.

The prevailing feeling of this musical is that it is really a lesson on how to find someone to love you and how circumstances can hinder this. Musical numbers vary from upbeat and sexy through a beautiful stirring chorus of coal miners to the moving duet of Viv and Young Viv as they ask heartbreakingly **“Who’s Gonna Love Me”**.

Director, Fiona Quilter-Wood, says **“this is a** show that really spoke to me when I saw it in

the early 1990s, Viv’s life although well documented, is far more than just a pools’ win, it is a story of love, despair, loss and rejection and it stands the test of time. I am thrilled to be working with two highly skilled and professional MDs, Sam Wilson and Dan Cowtan and we have a dedicated and talented cast and crew ready to bring this story to life.

Tickets for all performances are available at www.seaty.co.uk/equus and the show will be in Pitstone on Saturday 8th June at 7:30 pm.

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16 June 2019 2:30 pm	Leedswood, Wendenford Road, Woodstock, W17 0JG

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GREATMOOR ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY

Louise Stoddart, Parish Councillor

On Monday 18th February, Pitstone Parish Council took the opportunity to take a guided tour around the Greatmoor Energy from Waste Facility based in Aylesbury. The facility covers the whole of Buckinghamshire and some surrounding areas such as North London. Operated by FCC, Greatmoor sustainably manages the disposal of **Buckinghamshire's household waste** by diverting it from landfill to turn into electricity. More than 25 megawatts of energy is recovered from the process of burning waste which is enough to power 40,000 homes in Bucks.

How does it work?

The facility processes 110,000 tonnes of household (non-recyclable) waste and 235,000 tonnes of trade/commercial waste from bodies such as local authorities. The waste is collected in articulated lorries – using the most efficient vehicles with low emissions and they take the shortest distances from A to B to save fuel.

The waste processing site is enormous! The waste is dropped into a 23 metre deep bunker, a huge grab crane picks up the waste, dropping it into a grate where it burns at approx. 1000 degrees Celsius for 2 hours. The grate moves mechanically turning the waste to ensure full combustion. The grate is 10m x 12m making it the largest single-line facility.

The thermal energy from the combustion process is used to heat a boiler to produce high-pressure steam (400C and 50 bar

pressure) that is fed to a turbine for the production and export of 25 megawatts of electricity. Sufficient to power 18% of all Bucks homes.



Emissions Treatment and Monitoring Gases and fly ash generated from burning the waste passes through a chemical neutralising system using ammonia, lime and activated carbon, cleaning the emissions. After chemical treatment the flue gases pass into the bag house filter, containing nearly 3,000 filter tubes, before leaving the 95m stack and entering the atmosphere. The emissions are monitored to ensure compliance with legislation and the requirements of the Environmental Permit are maintained. The emissions from the stack are 99% water vapour!

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IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE WI

Sue Eyre, WI President of Pitstone and Ivinghoe

My name is Sue Eyre and I took over from Sue Jones as President of Ivinghoe and Pitstone WI in January of this year.

I moved into Ivinghoe just over three years ago after a lifetime in north Derbyshire; our parents had passed away and our remaining family lived in New Zealand, Australia and Berkhamsted. And we're loving it!

It was on our fifth day here that I met a member of the WI whilst out walking my baby granddaughter. We had a little chat and by the same afternoon the President was on my doorstep to welcome me into the fold - she even picked me up for the first meeting and I only live in Wellcroft!

I was made so very welcome and three years later, here I am as President!

Our first three meetings have been lively affairs! We shook off the January cobwebs with a mini Ceilidh with live music by Ivinghoe's own Puddingstone Lane and it was great! February saw us learning about the life of a custom's officer with a talk from Geoff Travis; he told us about the characters he'd met and the loot he had uncovered which

definitely should have been declared!

In March we welcomed Phil Madley from Wilstone who is an encaustic painter - no we didn't know what one of those was either, but we do now! He creates original pictures using wax and an iron - as someone remarked, it was so lovely to see a man with an iron in his hand.

We've got a full programme planned for the rest of the year and as well as monthly meetings, we also have a dining club, a walking group, a book club and a craft club. So there's lots going on! Why don't you give us a try? Give me a call and I'll give you the details.

We've also got an Open Meeting on 13th June where we welcome all members of the community, not just the ladies; the theme for that one is 'From plot to pot'.

Also coming up....

Sunday 16th June, Prosecco Cream Teas on the Cricket Green at Pitstone, in support of the music event organised by the Beacon Choir.

Sue Eyre, President, 07742138955

Richard Cato emailed Gill Lowe chair of the Pitstone Town Lands Charity on 01 January 2019, stating that the Party in the Park committee made a unanimous decision to donate unspent funds no longer required, to Pitstone Town lands Charity, as the best place for the good of the community.

Due to the cessation of The Party in the Park's further activities, the monies held in abeyance for 2017 & 2018 events which regrettably never came to fruition, have been kindly donated to Pitstone Town Lands Charity.

At the Pitstone Town Lands Charity meeting of the 21 January, treasurer, Kate Smethers, confirmed the donation of £4011.00 was received into the Pitstone Town Lands Charity bank account on 18 January 2019.

A letter of thanks to the party in the Park Committee, which also stated confirmation of receipt of monies, has been issued to the chair, Richard Cato.

The Trustees felt this kind gesture should be recognised, published and announced to the wider community of Pitstone.

HOUSEMOUSE

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DISTRICT NEWS

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

Aqua Vale given new lease of life

The Aqua Vale Swimming & Fitness Centre in Aylesbury is undergoing a boost to ensure it continues to cater for local residents long into the future. An investment in excess of £500,000 has been made to modernise and refresh the centre, and the refurbishment project will see customers enjoy a number of enhancements including improved changing facilities and aesthetic updates.

There have also been upgrades made to **improve the centre's energy efficiency and customer experience**. The project has been carried out in phases to minimise disruption to customers. Phase one has been completed and the entire project is due to be finished by the end of May 2019.

Customers are already able to enjoy the new private showers and access the new disability **changing areas**. **While Aqua Vale's unique tropical theme** has also now been updated.

The next phase will see new toilet and shower facilities and new lighting to further improve the customer experience. Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) are working alongside Everyone Active to ensure the provision of top quality fitness facilities for local people.

From swimming to gym workouts to five-a-side football, Aqua Vale is the place to go for sports and leisure activities in Aylesbury and the surrounding areas. For more information and to book classes and activities please visit

<https://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/aqua-vale-swimming-and-fitness-centre>

Buckinghamshire Unitary Authority
The new unitary Buckinghamshire Council has gone live last week and the first meeting of the Shadow Authority could be called in May 2019

VALP (Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan) update

The independent Planning Inspector has **agreed AVDC's proposal to reduce by 1400** the number of new homes to be built up to 2033 in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP). VALP is the blueprint that will shape the size and locations of housing and other developments over the next 14 years and beyond in the Aylesbury Vale. This latest development brings the end of a thorough and complicated process in sight, with modifications to the plan being considered by the Inspector and, it is hoped, a public consultation to follow this spring.

The full text of the Inspector's response can be seen at www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/inspectors-interim-findings

Tickets on sale now for this year's

WhizzFizzFest!

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) is delighted to be welcoming three incredible family-favourite authors to join them at **WhizzFizzFest 2019, Aylesbury's annual family-friendly literary and arts festival**. The eagerly anticipated festival will be returning

to Aylesbury town centre on Saturday 22 June where there will be even more whizzfizzing fun in store. Alongside a whole host of free activities, this year will also see the debut of The Wonder of WhizzFizz show, taking place at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre.

WhizzFizzFest's exciting literary line up will include Cressida Cowell, author of the incredible How to Train Your Dragon series, national treasure Judith Kerr, whose The Tiger Who Came to Tea and Mog series are **amongst the country's best loved children's** titles, and Nick Butterworth, the award-winning author and illustrator of the adored Percy the Park Keeper series.

This year, WhizzFizzFest is also proud to **present 'The Wonder of WhizzFizz'**, featuring the return of the much-loved Dame Darcey Bussell, to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre. The fantastic family friendly show will offer the perfect opportunity for festival goers to round off the big day. Find out who **will triumph in Aylesbury's final within the exciting national schools' dance competition**, DDMix Dance Fitness, choreographed and judged by Dame Darcey, be left spellbound **by Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist, Maddox**, and enjoy some fantastic live music by the Aylesbury Rock Choir.

Tickets for the mouth-watering **Teddy Bear's Picnic**, hosted in the beautiful Bucks County Museum gardens, are also on sale. Offering a scrumptious, traditional picnic for children and a delicious fusion of exciting street food **for adults, the Teddy Bear's Picnic is sure to** be another family favourite not to be missed! **Tickets are now available for WhizzFizzFest's** headlining events: Cressida Cowell, Judith Kerr, Nick Butterworth and **'The Wonder of WhizzFizz'**; featuring Dame Darcey Bussell, Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist magician, Maddox and the Aylesbury Rock Choir, as well as for the delicious **Teddy Bear's Picnic** at Bucks County Museum gardens and the Fancy Dress competition (£1 entry fee).

Ticket prices for events start from only £3 for children and £5 for adults. For more information on each event, and to buy tickets, visit: www.whizzfizzfest.org.uk

New Homes Bonus micro grants to double to a maximum of £2,000
At its meeting on 12 March, Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) Cabinet recommended an increase in the maximum New Homes Bonus (NHB) micro grant from £1,000 to £2,000, effective from 1 April 2019.

Since the scheme launched in September 2017, 60 town and parish councils and community groups have benefitted from these micro grants, using the funds for a variety of purposes such as, village hall refurbishments or the purchase of sports equipment.

Micro grants are funded from the existing 20% NHB allocation set aside for town and parish councils, and in the last two financial years, this represented £80,000 per annum. The total amount available in 2019/20 will remain at £80,000.

Micro grants are open to applications from across the district, unlike larger project grants – which are only open to town and parish councils in areas affected by growth. **All awarded grants are listed on AVDC's** website.

Speaking after the Cabinet decision, Cllr Angela Macpherson, Leader of AVDC, said: **"New Homes Bonus micro grants are clearly** appreciated, especially by smaller parishes and voluntary organisations, and provide valuable benefits to local communities. We have kept the application process as simple as possible and by making awards on a monthly basis, groups can approach us throughout the year, as and when the need **arises."**

Kaya Mallinder, Fundraising and Communications Officer at Buckinghamshire Mind, commented: "We were awarded a £1,000 micro grant from AVDC in May 2018,

which we used to purchase suitable chairs for our counselling rooms in Aylesbury. Given our experience with the scheme, I'd have no hesitation in recommending it to other local community groups - especially now that the amount been raised to a maximum of £2,000."

To find out more about the scheme, town and parish councils or representatives of community organisations should go to: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/newhomesbonus or contact the Grants Officer, Jan Roffe, at jroffe@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk. Applications from community organisations must be endorsed by their local town or parish council, and the closing date for applications is the 15th of each month.

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The lead charity for 2018 was The National Autistic Society they received £5,500, Lindengate Wendover who received £2,000, and See Ability who received £2,000. Mentmore Church received £2,500. The charities for the 2019 will be Keech Hospice Care, Riding for the Disabled, and Home Start. The weekend is an opportunity to have a family day out with our refreshment tent offering light lunches, teas, coffee and a fantastic bar selling

Pimms and local beer. We also have a raffle with some great prizes. Many thanks to all those who make this such a popular event, including our exhibitors, all our visitors (some from as far afield as Wales!) and everyone who supports the Committee over the weekend.

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COUNTY NEWS

Anne Wight, County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

Welcome to the spring update for Ivinghoe Division!

There is quite a lot going on at the moment, and I have tried to provide a summary of some of the key issues and changes around our division.

Local Government Reorganisation Update

As I am sure many of you know by now, on 1 November 2018 the Secretary of State announced that a brand new, single council for Buckinghamshire will be established on 1 April 2020. This is a great opportunity to improve services for residents, local communities and businesses. A single council will be simpler for residents to access the services they need, make better use of public money, and be more local to communities.

It is vital through the transition period to the new council that services continue as normal. The business critical transformational programmes and Medium Term Financial Planning savings must be delivered as planned and any decisions on new areas of work must be made with the new council in mind. All service areas will be involved in the change programme although some will be much more directly affected than others. Services will need to be flexible in responding to the programme as it develops. Key for all of the five councils will be retention and engagement of employees who will be critical

in ensuring that high quality services to residents and communities continue. Over the next year all five councils will work together to support the effective and seamless transition to the new council.

Key Dates

- New Council 1 April 2020
- To minimise the impact on critical **'business as usual' activity.**
- Election for members to the new council 7 May 2020
- To ensure there is continuity of service delivery to residents, communities, businesses and service users.

There will be an overarching programme of work to deliver this change and establish the new council. The programme will be overseen by county and district members. The priority is to establish a new council and deliver on the key commitments in the business case.

Early Help and Pitstone-Ivinghoe Children's Centre Update

On 4th March, Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet agreed changes to Children's Services which will mean a new Family Support Service and Early Help strategy for the county. The recommendations for change were prepared following a recent public consultation, conducted by independent consultation

agency BMG Research. This asked residents and organisations for views on how to deliver early help services to support children and families. The changes will take effect from September 2019. The new integrated Family Support Service will consist of three area-based family support teams working in partnership with other organisations, particularly schools and health, to improve access to services and provide more joined-up services. The service will include a network of 16 family centres across the county, which were previously used as **children's centres. It will also ensure that a further 19 buildings, which will no longer be used as children's centres, will continue to be used for early years services and community benefit.** The cabinet also agreed an Early Help Strategy, setting out the ambition of the service and how the Council and its partner organisations will work together.

Other key elements of the changes include:

- A named key worker for each family who will create a team around that family to help them tackle the issues they face. This will help ensure they only need to tell their story once, to their key worker.
- Investment in the Buckinghamshire Family Information Service website to ensure there is effective promotion of community activities together with information and guidance for families.
- Open access to stay and play sessions for babies and toddlers at family centres.
- Each school will have a named link family support worker to co-ordinate family support.

Hopefully, the new approach will allow for even greater focus on helping vulnerable children and families and on avoiding the escalation of their problems.

Thanks to resident input during the consultation period, the views of our residents

were taken into account and so now BCC will be opening 16 family centres – two more than previously proposed. This is so ensure that we get the right professional support to children and families when they need it the most. The changes should enable BCC to support the most vulnerable children and families. I will be providing more details of this and to the repurposing of the Ivinghoe-
Pitstone Children's Centre within the community, as these become available.

Brexit Update

For the latest government updates as to how residents and businesses can prepare for Brexit, the government has issued detailed information on their website below - <https://www.gov.uk/world/brexit>. Pet passports, driving abroad on holiday, and preparing your business for Brexit is all covered in detail and updated regularly.

For local businesses wishing for more information as to how they may explore the opportunities Brexit presents, there is also the Buckinghamshire Business First website. Bucks Business First is a business-led, business-focused community for new, established and growing businesses across Buckinghamshire. They provide support and guidance to grow businesses through a service which can provide tailored support from their team of experienced business advisers.

Through the following services, a dedicated adviser can assist with planning and implementation for business growth strategies:

- Face to face meetings, telephone and email backup
- Growth-focused workshops
- Investment readiness support
- Referrals to other specialist advice and services

In addition, business can benefit from their **team's expert knowledge of local and national support and funding opportunities,** which will help Bucks businesses to access

the existing support networks and programmes relevant to their business.

There is also a BBF webpage dedicated solely to Brexit and how business can best prepare for the various negotiation outcomes, as well as get support and advice on these issues. This can be accessed on this link - <https://bbf.uk.com/brexit>

EU Settlement Scheme

To make people aware, if you are an EU citizen, you and your family members will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 31 December 2020. Further details of the process are available using the following link <https://apply-for-eu-settled-status.homeoffice.gov.uk/start/eu-settlement>

Transport for Bucks Update

Our Division's new Local Area Technician, Matt Whincup, has definitely hit the ground running! I was very pleased to welcome him at the Local Area Forum meeting on 28th February, which was held in Ivinghoe Town Hall. Matt has a lot of ideas as to how we can improve road surfaces, gullies, and

Transport for Buckinghamshire's response times on some of these issues through better internal networking and an innovative and proactive approach. I know that our parishes will join me in welcoming him to Ivinghoe Division and I am sure that residents will be seeing quite a bit of him around the area as he undertakes his new supervisory role as our key TfB liaison. I am pleased to say that this quarter in our division, TfB have improved road surfaces on the following roads, to name just a few! Thanks to the milder winter and consequently fewer gritting runs, they were able to get an early seasonal start on filling in potholes and repairing road surfaces.

In terms of the longer term plan, Cheddington High Street is my next designated large scale resurfacing project for the Capital Maintenance Programme. I hope that this work can be done over the coming

months, and I will provide more details of that once the schedule has been finalised.

The Brownlow Bridge

As I am sure most of you know by now, the Brownlow Bridge is likely to be subject to a Temporary Traffic Restriction Order (TTRO) weight limit of 18 tonnes from 23 April, 2019 for several months. This is due to the bridge having been damaged last spring and is the result of a Canal and River Trust recommendation as CART own the bridge and subsequently repaired it.

A diversion route for HGVs will be put in place in the short term, but in the longer term, it is uncertain as to whether the TTRO would become permanent or whether the bridge would be reinstated, among other possible options. For residents and businesses wishing to express a view on this, please get in touch via the email address: freight@buckscc.gov.uk

I will be keeping residents and parish councils informed as this issue develops.

Home to School Transport Update
Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet recently agreed a series of changes to the way the county's home to school transport service operates.

The recommendations for change were prepared following a recent public consultation which asked residents and organisations for views on how home to school transport services are delivered in Buckinghamshire. They were agreed by Cabinet on 4th March. The changes aim to modernise services, making sure they remain high quality and are sustainable for the future. They will also address the unsustainable budget pressures which increasing demand on services has caused. Between April 2018 and November 2018, demand has increased budget pressure on this service from £1.4m to £1.9m. Some of these changes will take effect at the start of the next academic year, in September 2019, while others are expected to be phased in

over the next few years. There will be no change to arrangements for more than 5,000 pupils who are eligible for free travel. The revisions only apply to children and young people who are not eligible for free statutory home to school transport. The main changes are as follows:

- How we provide school transport
 - Many school and public bus services currently duplicate routes. Starting from September 2019 we will aim to reduce this. We will work with service providers to make routes more efficient and offer children and young people more flexibility in their travel options. We will be working to ensure that routes are reliable; that **children's safety is prioritised in any arrangements**; and that children will be assured of places on any public routes.
- Phasing out two historic local transport arrangements in Ivinghoe [relating to Cottesloe School and Tring School] and Evreham [relating to Chalfont Community College]. This means that parents in these two areas who choose a school which is not the nearest appropriate one for their child will be required to pay for transport. This brings these arrangements in line with the rest of the County meaning fair and consistent transport charges are applied to families. This will take effect from September 2020.
- Charging for transport for pupils with SEND aged over 16
 - A contribution to the cost of home to school transport for children with SEND (who are older than 16) will be introduced from September 2019. This will replace the free transport offer currently in place. Costs for SEND transport have increased by over £3m in the last five years (from around £6m to £9m). Students with

SEND who attend college can apply for a bursary to assist with costs. Eligible children with SEND aged between 14 and 19 years old will be offered an increase in provision of independent travel training, which we expect will enable us to reduce transport costs.

While many families will be unaffected by the changes, BCC wants to ensure anyone who is will be managed in as fair and considerate a way as possible.

Fostering and Adopting with BCC
For anyone who is thinking about fostering or adopting, Buckinghamshire County Council is very happy to assist you throughout the assessment process and throughout the journey. While a lot of people wonder if they might qualify for fostering or adopting---and worry unnecessarily that they might not---there are a lot of myths around this that BCC is **committed to clearing up. BCC's teams have** a great record of finding foster carers and adoptors from many different backgrounds and no one will be discriminated against on the basis of ethnic origin, gender, gender orientation, sexual orientation, age or disability. If you would be interested in learning more about how you might help to transform the life of a vulnerable child through the provision of a safe and secure environment, why not come along to one of our information events or get in touch with us? Our fostering events are informal. You can come along and speak to our fostering recruitment team and current foster carers. We know that deciding to become a foster carer is not a quick decision. You are likely to have many questions about what it involves, what you need to do, and how it all works. Our fostering information events are the place to help you start your fostering experience! We give a presentation explaining:

- what's involved in the assessment

process

- the training and support offered to approved foster carers

You can ask questions and take away all the information you need. There's no pressure to make any decisions straightaway. We simply want to make sure you have the opportunity to find out everything you want to know. If you are interested in fostering, please get in touch. Email: fosterwithbucks@buckscc.gov.uk or telephone: 0800 160 1900.

The National Paralympic Heritage Trust Heritage Centre Opening

I was very privileged to have attended the recent opening of the NPHT Heritage Centre on the 29th March at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, the birthplace of the Paralympic Movement. Over 180 guests were welcomed to the launch on Friday where Sir Philip Craven, Paralympian, spoke of his wheelchair basketball experiences in the 1960s and Eva Loeffler shared fond memories of her father, Professor Sir Ludwig Guttman, the founder of the Paralympic Movement.



Photo 1: Cutting of the ribbon by Sir Philip Craven, Eva Loeffler and Professor Sir Ludwig Guttman's great grandchildren.



Photo 2: Guests watching the cutting of the ribbon at Friday's official launch

On Saturday the 30th March the centre was opened to the public. Diane Hands won the competition to cut the ribbon with guest Paralympian, John Harris. Visitors had guided tours around the centre; participated in 'have a go' Paralympic sport sessions; watched drama performances from 'I Have a Voice Too' theatre group; and listened to John Harris's story of his gold medal win at the 1984 Paralympic Games.



Photo 3: The Dr Guttman display at the National Paralympic Heritage Centre.

The Paralympic Heritage Centre is open daily, admission is free and all are welcome. For more information about opening times, group tours and upcoming activities visit the website: www.paralymphicheritage.org.uk or contact the NPHT at admin@paralymphicheritage.org.uk.

The Greatest: Muhammad Ali?

Muhammad Ali was, for me, the greatest boxer ever, and top sportsman of the 20th C. For Brits, WG Grace, the phenomenal cricketer, could well have been the 19th C's greatest sports man. WGG tried all sports, but you may not be aware that he was a fanatical lawn green bowler. However, the greatest bowler ever has to be the Somerset lad, like me, David J Bryant CBE.

You may be aware of DJB and his Falcon pipe (as used by Harold Wilson, Fred Trueman & Stephen Fry). DJB won the first ever outdoor (1966) and first ever indoor world singles (1979) championships. He also won 5 Commonwealth gold medals, 26 national titles and much more. DJB took bowls to a new level. His contribution to the game of bowls is immeasurable. DJB is still alive and deserves to be a 'Sir'. I understand



DJB is still bowling at aged 87. DJB describes bowls as 'a young mans game also played by older men (and ladies!)' Bowls is a sport everyone can enjoy and play. You will find a warm welcome at your local bowls club at the

Recreation Ground in Cheddington High Street, whatever your age or experience. Give bowls a go on a Tuesday at 2pm or a Friday at 6pm – its free and great fun. Or just come and watch on a sunny afternoon. Find our fixtures and information on Cheddingtonbowls.org.uk or contact Jack on 01525 220644.

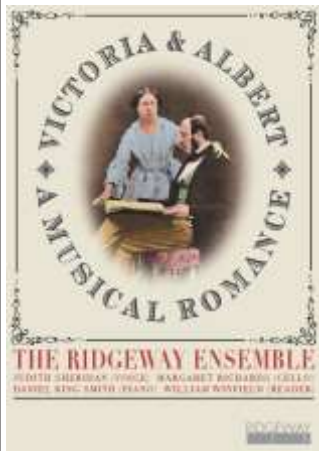
Queen Victoria's Bicentenary Celebration

Queen Victoria's 200th birthday falls on May 24th this year, and Prince

Albert's on August 26th. As part of their festival to celebrate this double bicentenary the Ridgeway Ensemble present 'Victoria and Albert – a musical

romance' at 7.30pm in Ivinghoe Church on the queen's birthday.

The programme brings to life the musical world of the royal couple, through readings



from their letters and diaries, contemporary accounts and music by composers such as Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann, Bellini, Elgar and Sullivan. At the heart of the programme are three songs by Prince Albert himself for voice, cello and piano, which have remained unpublished and unperformed until now. The Ensemble (Judith Sheridan, *voice*, Margaret Richards, *cello*, Daniel King Smith, *piano*, and William Winfield, *reader*.) performs regularly for music clubs, churches and other organisations throughout the country and abroad. Join us as we celebrate the tastes and musical achievements of Victoria and Albert, opening a window onto the musical life of Victorian England. Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EW, Friday May 24th at 7.30pm, Admission £8 on the door www.ridgewayensemble.co.uk



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Update on Polish Resettlement Camp at Marsworth 1948-1958

Thank you to everyone who responded to my appeal for information about the camp in Marsworth that hosted up to 900 Polish people displaced by the events of World War Two. It was originally hoped to unveil a memorial in the spring. Unfortunately this event will not now take place until the autumn. The memorial itself will take the form of an information board with text, photographs and maps, similar to the information board near the crossroads in Pitstone. To coincide with the event, it is planned to hold an exhibition that will give more information about the camp. If you feel you can contribute, or know of someone who could, please contact me via e-mail at marsworth.camp@gmail.com. Thanks in anticipation.
Tony Gabis



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ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS

Rikki Harrington and Bob
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WHERE THERE'S A MILL, THERE'S A WAY

Ashridge has moved. On the first day of spring, it strapped up its boots and rambled all the way from London and South East England to the East of England. Don't worry, you'll still be able to find all your favourite features – the change relates to the National Trust's administrative regions. Ashridge has teamed up with Dunstable Downs (including the Tree Cathedral), Shaw's Corner, Totternhoe Knolls, Sharpenhoe Clappers and Sundon, to form a portfolio of properties under the leadership of Ashridge's current General Manager, Susie Mercer. Putting these properties under one umbrella makes sense. They are close together not only geographically but also ecologically, and the new structure will offer improved opportunities to share expertise and to create wildlife corridors linking the habitats and helping their characteristic flora and fauna to spread.

You may or may not know that Pitstone Windmill comes under the auspices of the Ashridge team. The oldest surviving post mill in England has been an iconic feature of our landscape since the early seventeenth century. It was in use until 1902, when a freak storm virtually destroyed it. After that,

it gradually fell into disrepair. It was acquired by the National Trust in 1937. Nothing much happened until 1963, when a restoration committee was formed and by 1970 it was once again grinding corn. This was short-lived, however, as the vibrations were so strong that it was feared that the whole building would shake itself to bits. Although it may never work again, the full mechanism is in place and provides a fascinating insight into bygone days. A very informative book on the windmill is on sale in the Ashridge Visitor Centre shop. The mill is open from 10am to 4pm on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from May until August. The National Trust is keen to find more people willing to learn about the mill and pass on that knowledge to visitors by volunteering on a Sunday. If you are interested, please contact helpingashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk.



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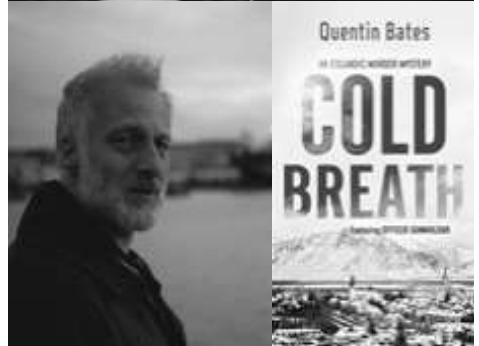
Dave Sivers, Author of the Archer and Baines Novels

The programme for Beaconlit 2019 – **Ivinghoe's very own literary festival**, in its seventh year – promises another star-studded lineup with something for everyone interested in books and writing. It takes place on 13th July in Brookmead School, and featured authors include: author, journalist, presenter, interviewer and creative writing tutor Jane Wenham-Jones; best selling crime novelist Leigh Russell; and author, translator and cofounder of the Icelandic Noir festival Quentin Bates.

Other participants include: exciting new talents West Camel, Noelle Holton and Fina Vigo Marshall; author, freelance editor, writing tutor columnist and blogger Morgen Bailey; BBC TV correspondent and presenter Adina Campbell; and crime writers Alison Bruce, A B Morgan and Dave Sivers. The results of the BeaconFlash flash fiction competition will be announced. As well as a great programme of author panels, live interviews and workshops, BeaconLit also offers pre-bookable packed lunches, goodie bags for all-day attendees and giveaway draws.

Full day passes went on sale on 31 March at the early bird price of just £21, which is available until 30 April. From 1 May, the price rises to £26.50 and half-day passes will also go on sale.

You can reserve your places online at www.beaconlit.co.uk or at Beacon Villages Community Library.





THE OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB

Carol Tarrant

Our Ivinghoe Hub is an increasingly fully booked successful Community Project and this has come about by reflecting what you ask for.

Facebook users will have seen our recent **'Call-Out for Hub Volunteers' to form an** outer skin of generous community-member support, whose active help we would WELCOME with open arms to add to what we ageing volunteer Trustees can contribute, to keep making interesting things happen in and around our lovely Hub building, saved by us for your use.

We boldly suggest that the first volunteering **moment could be a 'CLEAN UP IVINGHOE'** session after lunch on Sunday May 19th, to leave the roads, paths and gardens of our village looking sparkly just in time for the Best Kept Village Competition in June! We plan to use the Hub with its Café as the **central meeting up space to share tools, lav's** and refreshments to suit us all – as we turn up and pitch in throughout this fun and **'actively-enhancing' time from Noon onwards** to 4.30/5pm! Look-out for detailed fliers following on!

Old Scholars of Ivinghoe Old School will know there is an open invitation to join in the annual Reunion for a catch up and entertaining quizzes before and after a tasty lunch together. Tickets from Sylvia Simmonds.

Somewhere else in this magazine you will **spot our cheery advert for this year's** Ivinghoe Flower And Veg Show which is back by popular demand, and this time the Show will be held in both the Hub Hall and Town Hall combined to allow for even more elbow

room! We very much want you to set aside the whole day in your diaries because we are attempting something more this year!!

So - firstly to give you warning to set aside Saturday September 14th to aim at growing and creating your entries, and we promise a full schedule of Flowers, Veg, Fruit, Craft, **Cooking and Children's challenges via** websites, social media and physically present hard copy fliers in venues and on notice boards.

Secondly - do set this day aside and yes make it an all-day experience – because we very much hope to engage everyone in an Autumn Fayre that celebrates Harvest and end of summer abundance on that day around the Hub also.

Our Hub stalls would hope to reflect that same theme and be active during the morning after you have dropped off your entries into the Halls and we are hoping to arrange Morris dancing in the outside spaces also. The Flower and Veg Show will open to competitors and visitors alike at 2pm after the late morning judging, and stay open till the Auction of Produce has finished around 4pm. There is even talk of a Ceilidh in the evening, or torch lit Apple Blessing?? Here is a link to let us know your interest in our volunteering Clean-Up; our Autumn Fayre Market Stall spaces; or/and any of the rest of these suggestions for your enjoyment. Email:

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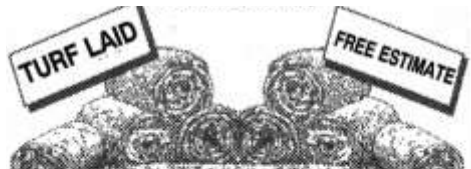
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WHAT'S GOING ON AT COLLEGE LAKE?

Since my last article we have been busy with our winter work plan which has included scrub clearing, coppicing and hedge laying. Our volunteer work parties have been creating scallops and glades to allow light onto the woodland floor. This will allow light in and encourage ground flora such as primroses and violets to grow which in turn will benefit invertebrates such as butterflies and hoverflies into these areas.

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Once again we have been carrying out hedge laying over the winter. This traditional management technique rejuvenates a hedgerow as well as creating good habitat by creating dense cover. Over the past few years our laid hedges have created breeding habitat for birds such as yellowhammers. Part of our hedge laying this winter has included one of the hedges in our car park. This was becoming harder to manage and for visitors to see what spaces were available in other areas of the car park. The plan is to do the other section next winter.

Another new edition to the reserve is a

viewing platform on the Time Trail path. This is predominantly for our school groups to be able to carry out their birdwatching section of the Habitat Safari education program. The design has also enabled all ages and heights to be able to watch the birds on the East Island shore without disturbing them. This will be a good place to look out for lapwing and redshank chicks in the coming weeks.

As I write this in early April, we already have returning oystercatchers, little ringed plover and redshank on the islands as well as lapwing displaying and setting up territories for breeding. We hope these will be joined soon by common terns which have bred here over a number of years. The increase in birdsong from species such as blue tit, great tit and dunnocks is very noticeable as they prepare for the breeding season. The dawn chorus is becoming more intense and will

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continue to build as more migrant species return to breed. These include warblers such as chiffchaff, willow warbler and whitethroats. If you are interested in learning

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early morning, why not book on our dawn chorus walk on Sunday 5th May. It is a 5am

start, but experiencing the dawn chorus and day break on the reserve is a magical thing and well worth the early alarm. This can also include a cooked breakfast when we return to the Visitor Centre. For more details, or to book for the walk visit our website at www.bbowt.org.uk/events.

Other events in May include a Wonderful Waders walk and a Miniature Jungle Adventure for families. Have a look online or pop into College Lake if you want more details or to book a place. We are also running a Campaign for a Wilder Future along with Wildlife Trusts across the country. This is to highlight protection for wildlife and create more space for nature. In the Visitor Centre we have cards for you to fill in with reasons you care about wildlife and for children of all ages we have 2 trees in the centre where a paper leaf can be

filled in for us to put on the trees. All of these leaves and cards will then be gathered and delivered to our local MP. Hopefully this will have a big impact on future environmental laws and protection going forward. For more details visit our website at <https://www.bbowt.org.uk/wilder-future>. Hopefully we will see you at College Lake in the spring or summer.



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Tuesday	9.30am	Cheddington Village Hall	Dance Mixx
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	7.30pm	Pitstone Memorial Hall	Express
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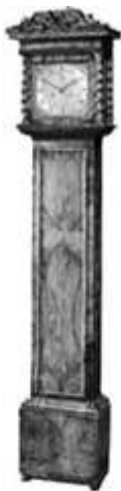
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Contact: Keith Steers (Group Scout Leader,) 07899 696722,

Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

Cubs: (aged 8 - 10½): Held in the Scout hut, Ivinghoe, Wednesday Windmills 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, Leader Rebecca Capron.

Contact: 07545 347787

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 Eyres on 01296 709281

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

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Contact: Margaret Cole 01296 668005

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