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FROM THE CHAIRMAN, PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL



Bob Saintey.

Without doubt the highlight of the last quarter has to be the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Despite the appalling weather the whole community, and more besides, turned out to support this event. The Sunday proved most successful with live music, good food and good beer to urge on the festivities.

All stall holders said it was worthwhile and the main charity, The Retts Syndrome Research Trust benefited enormously. Let's hope the enthusiasm for such an event lives on.

On the Monday evening I was privileged, along with the Chair of Ivinghoe Parish Council, to light the commemorative beacon on top of The Beacon.

If the rain ever stops and the sun comes out of hiding, enjoy the Summer Holiday, and if you are going away, enjoy your break.

NEWS



DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

By Avril Davies, District and County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

Transport to Cottesloe School

My faith in Bucks County Council hit another low point when after not only introducing charges for school transport they failed to apply the policy correctly causing unnecessary additional stress, anxiety and confusion for parents in nearly all nearby villages.

Apparently lacking any geographical knowledge or common sense the County Council decided that Tring school was the nearest school to pupils living in Dagnall, Edlesbor-

ough, Northall, Cheddington, Slapton, Ivinghoe, Pitstone and Marsworth, and therefore the only school to which free transport would be provided.

Letters were sent out to all pupils attending or about to attend the Cottesloe School that, as not the nearest school, payment would be required before being allocated a seat on a bus. After many emails and telephone conversations between myself, the lead officer, and the cabinet member, this was eventually rectified and the letters were reissued with the Cottesloe correctly identified as the nearest school for all villages except Pitstone.

In Pitstone, Tring is undoubtedly the nearest school, and according to the Council records, is attended by a majority of pupils. Obviously no one wants to jeopardise free transport to Tring. However, Tring school places are limited, and the Bucks transport policy also states that if there are no available

places in the nearest school, transport will be made available to the next nearest, in this case, Cottesloe.

In my many conversations I understood that a straightforward appeal on the grounds that there was no place at Tring School, should secure free transport to the Cottesloe for those already going there, or going in September. If this has not been happening I need to know as this is a bit of a 'grey' area.

This leaves three matters still unresolved. Pupils selected for the grammar schools are having to pay. Not as much as proposed last year, but payment none the less, which as Buckinghamshire has a selective school policy cannot be just.

Worse still, pupils eligible for means tested financial assistance are not eligible for help with travel costs as the Aylesbury grammar schools are more than 6 miles away. This is one of the national regulations and I am appealing in every case for the cabinet member to apply natural justice to those in rural areas subject to the Bucks school system. We are looking at pupils facing having to leave in mid school career the school they were selected for under Bucks policies because the fares are unaffordable.

Finally charges for sixth form travel remain from between £600 to £900 per pupil per annum to any school, Wing, Tring or Aylesbury. This is a double blow after the removal of the government Educational Maintenance Allowance which helped pupils from families with low incomes. That is an area I continue to challenge as I do not believe the charging policy, which subsidises other school travel, is legally based.

Speeding - vehicle activated signs



Reducing Speeding traffic remains a top priority as expressed through the Local Area Forum attended by all parish councils in the area. I am hoping that by using the

budget allocated to the Forum at least three, possibly six vehicle activated speed signs can be installed in the wider area. The scheme is that up to three solar powered anchor points are installed and the sign can then be installed in any one of them at a time. This has the benefit of sharing costs, and increasing effectiveness of the sign by being temporary rather than permanent.

The other priorities are footpaths and footways and several schemes have been put forward for consideration including a footway between Pitstone and Marsworth.

Energy from Waste at Calvert and other developments

My County group and all the political parties on Aylesbury Vale District Council continue to oppose the County Council plans to build and hand over to a private company an incinerator at Calvert far too big for the waste requirements of Bucks, while new incinerators that could be used are being built just over the borders in Bedfordshire and Oxfordshire. Bucks originally chose the Bedfordshire option. It is being challenged on the business case and need, and on how the decision has actually been taken. Groups opposing this say that the final cost will be over £600M

Developers have taken advantage of the sweeping away of planning laws by the gov-

ernment to press forward speculative plans for major developments all around Aylesbury mainly on the grounds that because of the collapse of the planning system, Aylesbury Vale does not have a five year housing land supply.

I am involved in decision making on all of these as well as those already agreed in principle at Berry fields and Weedon Hill and am continually dismayed at the low standards of energy efficiency proposed in construction methods, heat and power provision and property design compared to developments in other parts of the country.

The council is required to judge these applications on individual 'merit' regardless of the effect on the town or area as a whole, which cannot be fully judged until a fully consulted plan is in existence. A large development east of Aylesbury of 2,500 houses in three phases has been agreed, but there are still two major developments under consideration of 3,000 homes each at Bedgrove/ Stoke Mandeville/ Weston Turville and Fleet Marston, near Waddesdon.

Avril Davies

County and District Councillor

PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

What an amazing weekend of entertainment and activity! A huge thank you from the parish council to everyone that came to support the events despite the poor weather and helped us to raise over £10,000 for the local good causes (Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Pitstone Memorial Hall & Social Club, the Women's Institute and the Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts) – a tremendous achievement we are sure you will agree. Another massive thank you to all

the people that got involved and donated their time and expertise to make the event happen.

COMMUNITY PARTIES AT JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

By Dave Sivers



Miserable weather did nothing to dampen the community's enthusiasm for its own two days of festivities to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Sunday June 3 saw a good turnout on Pitstone Recreation Ground for a full afternoon of entertainment, including performances by MK Brass, the Ridgeway Ensemble, local bands Ego Trip and the Rusty G's, Brookmead School Key Stage One and Key Stage Two choirs, and the Beacon Community Choir. Gary Barlow eat your heart out!

And there was much else to enjoy. For the hungry, there were teas, courtesy of the WI, burgers, candy floss, a bar, and a cake stall. For the energetic or games-minded, there were a bouncy castle, raffles, hook a duck, coconut shy, golf game and lucky dip.

There were also opportunities to have your face painted, meet the team and swanky vintage Vauxhalls from Burgess Wedding Cars, preview Ivinghoe Summer Festival, decorate a Jubilee Cupcake with Ivinghomec, find out about the new skate park and play equipment planned for the recreation ground and meet the Chapel Fellowship. Shopoholics could buy jewellery from Gemini and several other stalls, church cards and calendars, Happy Days designer items, bric a brac, preserves and Usborne Books.

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Apologies if I have missed anyone who helped make the day a real Jubilee occasion. Several special deserve special mention.

Steve Matthey, whose splendid Union Jack waistcoat made him look a little like Rolf Harris's English nephew, did a magnificent job as Master of Ceremonies, and Dave Mann worked his usual wonders with sound systems to make sure everyone could enjoy the music to its full.

There was more family entertainment at Pitstone Memorial Hall on Monday June 4, and then it was Ivinghoe's turn to take centre stage as Ivinghoe Beacon became one of around 4,000 beacons to be lit in the UK between 10 pm and 10.30 pm, when the Queen lit the National Beacon outside Buckingham Palace.

The live music was wide and varied at the Sunday Jubilee Party in The Park and well received by everyone, Ivinghoe and Pitstone Parish Council Chairs Karen Groom and Bob Saintey did the honours in Ivinghoe, and those who watched the lighting from the 'windmill field' were fortunate to also see Pitstone Windmill silhouetted against an enormous full moon.

The two days were a marvellous start to a packed month for the community, which will also see the village fete and Ivinghoe Festival weekend.

JUBILEE VOTE OF THANKS

The Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to the many individuals, companies and groups who made the Jubilee event such a resounding success, including, but not limited to:

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 Nigel who managed the BBQ
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A selection of photographs are available to purchase from the photographer and a percentage of the profits will be donated to the RSRT and to cover the Jubilee Celebrations costs.

All of the contact details for the various bands are below, as well as details of "Launchpad" which supplied all of the sound equipment for the concert. If you enjoy seeing live music, get along to one of their regular live music events which promote local bands!

MK Brass

Brass Band from Milton Keynes - <http://miltonkeynesbrass.org/tag/mk-brass/>

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Indie Band from Leighton Buzzard - <http://www.facebook.com/egotripofficial>

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Pitstone Jubilee Photography Competition

Unfortunately, Pitstone Parish Council received no entries to the Jubilee photography competition, advertised in the last edition of PPP. The prize of £25 has therefore not been awarded.

NEW LEISURE FACILITIES IN PITSTONE

Plans were shared at the Jubilee Event for the new Skate Park and Recreation facilities on Pitstone Recreation group. The parish

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council is visiting the toddler group, pre-school, school and youth cafe to gain input from the children that are likely to use the facilities and their parents.

If you want to see all the designs, then please visit the Pitstone Parish Council's Facebook page or the web site (www.pitstone.co.uk) or contact the Clerk.

We aim to narrow the choice to two potential contractors for each area during July. Once planning permission is granted, work should be able to commence in the winter so that the new facilities are open in time for the better weather in the spring.

CAN YOU HELP PLANT DAFFODILS?



As the first phase of plans to make the village more beautiful, Pitstone parish council has agreed to fund the

planting of daffodils along the 450m stretch of Marsworth Road grass verge from the National Trust footpath by the allotments to Rushendon Furlong this autumn. This should ensure a spectacular display next spring.

We hope to arrange planting days and get as many people involved as possible. We really need you to spare just an hour or two this autumn to assist with this activity which will provide weeks of pleasure in the spring. Please call the clerk on 01296 660791 or email parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk to join

our list of volunteers. Specific dates will be worked out nearer the time.

Thank you very much for your support.

UNWANTED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT?

We are hoping to set up a silver surfers club and/or internet cafe at the Memorial Hall. If you have a laptop (with wifi access), printer or digital camera that you no longer use and would be willing to donate to help get the scheme up and running please contact the parish clerk on parish-clerk@pitstone.co.uk.

We would also love to hear from you if you are willing to donate a little of your time to help at the club and show our more elderly residents the benefits of the internet (you don't need to be a complete whizz).

SUMMER HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN DAYS AND SKATE PARK

Aylesbury Vale District Council has withdrawn funding for the popular Play Around the Parishes scheme so Pitstone parish council has decided to fund the cost of three Family Fun Days. On the following dates you will be able to take advantage of free fun for your children, including: crafts, toys, giant games, face painting, bouncy castle, outdoor sports and the skate park! Please do come along and support these activities on the Recreation Ground (or in the Memorial Hall if it rains).

10am to 3pm on Friday 27 July

10am to 3pm on Monday 13 August

10am to 3pm on Friday 24 August

Pride of Pitstone! Our Olympic Torchbearer

By Dave Sivers



Pitstone's Katrina Blunt carried the Olympic flame for our community in the Dunstable leg of the torch relay on Monday 9th July.

Katrina was nominated to be a torchbearer for her work turning around the fortunes of Windmill Pre-school. This included a significant amount of work to secure new premises, raise overall standards of

the provision, and extensive fundraising for new toys and equipment— all resulting in an Outstanding rating from Ofsted in 2011, which, she insists is testament to the whole team's efforts.

Katrina has juggled her voluntary work with the demands of two daughters - Megan 5 and Connie, 3, and running a business, BelleBelly, for which she has been named in the top 100 UK Mumpreneurs, earned a product award and been shortlisted for a Mumsclub Business Award.

I met her and her torch over coffee in the Rose and Crown, Ivinghoe, the day after she carved out her little place in history.

"I had to set the alarm for 4.20 am to get to Dunstable by 5.35 am for a briefing," she told me. "There was a chance to chat with other torchbearers and share the nerves before the briefing got underway at 6.15."

Everyone boarded the 'party bus' as they called it at 6.45 am, which took them to the start of the relay.

"There were 14 of us carrying the torch in Dunstable and it was amazing to see the crowds lining the streets. The really nice thing about it was just how close they were all allowed to get to the torch bearer with just the security, police in grey outfits, running alongside. Even the police got into the party spirit, high-fiving the crowd!

"We were asked to take it at either a brisk walk or a slow jog. I went for the slow jog, wanting to make the moment last as long as possible, but was soon invited to pick up the pace a little! The torch is surprisingly top-heavy and I had to keep switching it from hand to hand."

When Katrina had passed on the flame and had her torch extinguished, she boarded the

second bus that was picking up the torchbearers as they finished.

“We were all still on a high and still waving. I kept spotting people I knew in the crowds”.

But Katrina’s “*Moment to Shine*” was not over. Walking back through Dunstable, her distinctive white tracksuit and torch were immediately spotted, and she was mobbed by people wanting to be photographed with her and the torch!

After she got back to Pitstone and dropped Megan at Brookmead School, she visited all the classrooms and gave every child at school a chance to touch the torch. She then did the same at Windmill Preschool. She has also been invited to take it into other schools in the area.

I asked her about her feelings about being chosen for the honour.

“I received an e-mail saying I had been nominated and asking me to confirm some details. Then I received a ‘conditional’ offer in November 2011, which I wasn’t allowed to tell anyone about. It was finally confirmed in March, but I still had to keep it to myself for a few days until the names of the torch bearers were officially announced.

“My overwhelming feeling was one of being a bit unworthy compared to some of the people who were chosen, but we were all assured that the main criterion was inspiring people in communities.

Katrina said it was “one of those special moments that I’ll treasure forever. Megan asked me if I would be doing it again next year, but I explained it was a once in a lifetime opportunity!”

Pitstone was also fortunate to have a past inhabitant, Nick Molnar, taking part in the Aylesbury relay.

Dr. Martyn Jones retires from Pitstone Surgery

Dr. Martyn Jones established a practice in the village of Edlesborough in 1985. This was followed in the early '90s by the development of purpose built surgeries in both Edlesborough and at The Village Health Centre in Pitstone. Dr. Jones has worked hard to grow the practices ever since, offering true dedication and professionalism to his patients. He leaves behind him well established and busy practices which are a testament to his endeavours.

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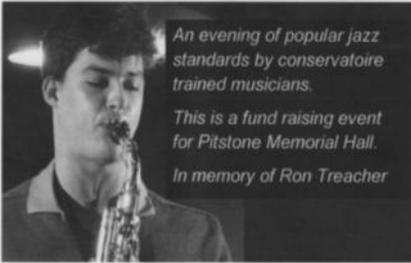
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Contact us for more information about this or other grants.

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Gill Lowe	21 Rushendon Furlong	668809	Secretary
Sue Gregory	4 The Crescent	661609	Trustee
Klaus Ginda	7 Chequers Close	668911	Trustee

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GREAT BRICKHILL, WING & IVINGHOE LOCAL AREA FORUM (LAF) UPDATE

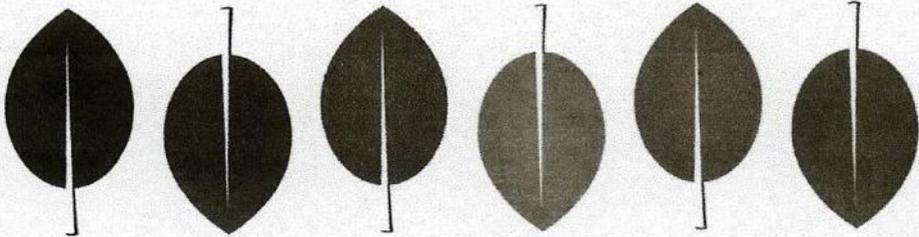
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The recent meeting of the Great Brickhill, Wing & Ivinghoe Local Area Forum (LAF) had a transport focus – not just roads, but planes and trains too. Representatives from London Midland rail attended the LAF to answer questions about local rail concerns and there was an item on the Luton Airport expansion proposals. Attendees of the LAF also heard about domestic violence and other important topical issues.

The Olympics and Jubilee were at the top of the agenda, with a reminder about the Olympic torch relay on 9 July. It was also noted that so far 120 applications for street parties had been received by Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) for 4 and 5 June.

A petition was brought to the LAF regarding parking issues outside Stockgrove Country Park. This is a long-standing issue, not resolved when additional car parks were created, as

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visitors do not want to pay £2 to park – even though for regular users an annual permit is just £30 – and instead park on the road.

The petitioners noted that this causes congestion and other issues to road users and raised concerns about emergency service vehicles using the road. It was noted that Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service has confirmed this is not an issue to them.

The petition asked that double lines be placed on the road but it was noted in the report provided by Transport for Buckinghamshire, that work is still ongoing between BCC and Central Beds to effect an enforceable and safe solution. The police cannot enforce double yellow lines, but if there are vehicles parked in an unsafe manner or blocking the highway, residents should dial 101.

It was agreed that an update on progress would be provided at the next LAF meeting.

London Midland trains

Representatives from London Midland attended the meeting. They explained that London Midland rail was created in 2007. £300 million has been invested in new trains and around £11.5 million in stations, especially car park decks (to include Bletchley and Leighton Buzzard). The West Coast mainline is the busiest European line, yet London Midland rail has 90% of its trains arriving within five minutes of the published time.

There are timetabling and capacity improvements still taking place, with more evening services planned into Euston. With a maximum length of twelve carriages into Euston, the line is often at capacity. New faster trains have been purchased that go at 110mph. This therefore allows more train journeys, which creates extra capacity on the line to provide for planned additional services to go north.

It was explained that major works totalling £2 million will be taking place at Milton Keynes to improve the concourse. In 2012, a £0.75 million makeover will take place at Leighton Buzzard. These works will all complete by 2014.

Work will also take place to install lifts at Leighton Buzzard, Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted stations shortly. This is expected to take around two-three months. A station staffing review has taken place. There are very few customers during many parts of the day, so London Midland has applied to close Cheddington ticket office. This is due to a steady decline tickets sales and an increase in internet season ticket holders.

A LAF member noted that by splitting the ticket (eg. the customer buying a ticket to one station and then purchasing another to the destination station) or checking journey combinations, cheaper tickets could be bought for the same journey. It was felt this created a complicated system. London Midland responded by acknowledging the ticketing issues and

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explaining that this was being looked into.

Different routes are governed by different operators and off-peak fares are often unregulated. Products are being launched and it is anticipated more discounted offers will become available.

The London Midland representatives confirmed that the future of Cheddington Station is safe. It will not be closed and trains will continue to stop there. There are many unmanned stations with ticket machines, so this will not be a problem.

It was also noted that Leighton Buzzard station will remain open during the refurbishment. A LAF member queried the existing parking issues and commented that with contractors parking at the station, it will become more difficult to park. This was noted, as contractors will need space for a compound too. It was also requested that London Midland reviews the issue of empty car parking spaces allocated for disabled parking.

Finally, London Midland was asked to review the service on the last off-peak train late afternoon train from Euston, which is often full. There are often just four carriages. London Midland explained that increasing the number of carriages on this service would depend on stock availability, but this would be looked into.

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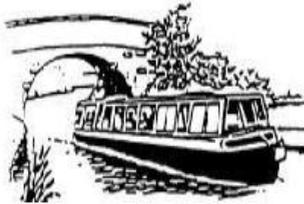
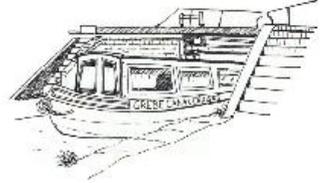
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Domestic Violence

Sue Burke, BCC, explained about the different types of domestic violence, which includes control over a person or physical violence against a partner (male or female) or perhaps an older child against an elderly parent. Domestic violence does not discriminate against age, gender or class.

There has been an increase in reported incidents of domestic violence recently but it is thought that this is because people are more likely nowadays to go to the police or other agencies for assistance. However, evidence has shown that on average a person experiences more than 35 incidents of domestic violence before seeking help from the police.

Approximately 1 in 4 women and 1 in 12 men will experience domestic violence during their lifetime. Many victims ask for help from families before going to the police. If you know someone who is experiencing domestic violence it is important to be non-judgemental. There are many agencies who can help including the National Domestic Violence Helpline who can provide confidential information and advice on 0808 2000 247.

Luton Airport Expansion proposals

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Rachel Webb, Stewkley Parish Council, explained that Luton airport threatens to expand and two quite similar planning applications are being submitted within the next two months.

Rachel summarised the current position from May 2006, when airplanes began to approach Luton over the Vale. When there is an east wind, planes fly at heights of 2,000-6,000 over the Vale to land at Luton. When there is a west wind – and planes take off at Luton and come across the Vale – it is more sporadic. In 2011 Luton handled circa 100,000 planes carrying 10 million passengers.

One planning application is being submitted by Luton Borough Council, who own the airport freehold and lease operations to a commercial concern, currently a Spanish consortium. The consortium pay LBC an annual dividend in proportion to the number of passengers carried, so LBC wish to maximise this income and expand to over 18m passengers per annum*. However, the consortium only has 17 years left on the lease and Rachel believes this is why they would prefer to limit additional investment and aim for a slightly more modest 16 million passengers per annum. They will submit their own planning application accordingly.

Both applications have development taking place within current airport boundaries, using the current runway at 2160m, no new terminal building but perhaps a small extension, plus new plane stands and improvements to immediate roadways and passenger drop offs and pick ups.

Rachel outlined that the main impact to the Vale would be more noise, with more planes per hour. Currently the sustainable runway capacity is 30 planes hour up, and this could increase to 36 or more per hour. This would also mean more flights off-peak and at night. Currently, the villages most affected include Slapton, Cheddington, Mentmore, Pitstone and Dagnall, but Great Brickhill, Wing, Soulbury, Stewkley, Wingrave and Cublington also see a varying number of flights. It all depends whether the planes fly on the inside or the outside of the swathe from the holding point north east of Royston (Beds) or approach directly from any point west. All Luton planes are subject to direction from National Air Traffic Services (NATS).

No change in flight paths has yet been proposed. However, it was noted that if all London airports expand, there may be a need for more or different flightpaths. Rachel indicated that the danger with the proposals is that because very little information has been provided about future flightpath requirements, Vale communities are effectively disenfranchised from the democratic process.

Positives about the proposals include the benefit to the Luton economy, but a request has been made to provide an indication of the economic benefits to Bucks, because while LBC receives an annual dividend, Bucks receives nothing. This is seen as an issue as passengers going to Luton often use our roads. While the proposed planning applications address the need for improvements to the M1 and immediate approach roads, they are not

considering surface treatments for the B488 and B489 which are often used by passengers.

Public transport improvements also need funding. For example, there is no public bus service to Luton on Sunday from Aylesbury.

The next steps: Within two months it is expected that the applications will be submitted to Luton Borough Council, and BALC will notify parish councils when this happens followed shortly by an initial appraisal.

A LAF member noted that our regional airport should be supported. However, Rachel responded that Luton Airport should not be able to expand without any constraints. It is a question of balance.

Currently only 4-5% of departures from Luton go over the Vale (as opposed to arrivals) as only northern flights affect us. However, if there is an increase in numbers, there will be a dramatic impact on Bucks. Also, currently smaller flights use Luton and can climb rapidly. If Luton gets bigger airplanes, they will no longer be able to climb as quickly and this will impact on significant noise levels.

The LAF Chairman asked Rachel to form a LAF subgroup to present a response from the LAF.

*Since the LAF meeting, LBC has announced it is considering expansion to 30m passengers per annum. If they decide to pursue this option, they will submit a planning application to the Planning Inspectorate in 2013. In other words, watch this space!

For more information, please visit:

www.london-luton.co.uk

www.london-luton.co.uk/en/flighttracking

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or email Rachel at webbrchl@btinternet.com

Environmental toolkit

There was a discussion from Paul O'Hare, Community Impact Bucks, and Grace Davis, BCC, about the potential for an environmental toolkit to enable a community to focus on environmental issues affecting the area and to promote enjoyment of local areas, support community and to save money.

The toolkit will provide a guide to the process for consulting with the community. Stage one will involve identifying environmental assets, stage two will be to find out what the community's priorities are regarding the environment and stage three to establish priorities and identify actions.

Possible actions could include enhancing a derelict open space or creating a heritage trail. More information can be provided on grants to enable the environmental work to take place by contacting Community Impact Bucks by email on: communitydevelopment@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

It was also noted that Aylesbury Vale District Council has a range of useful information about the environment on their website.

Local priorities

The LAF has a budget to allocate to local priorities. LAF members agreed to contribute £13,000 towards a range of speed reduction measures in the parishes in the area, including speed reduction signs, mobile vehicle activated signs, potential bin stickers or other stickers/posters and a community speedwatch campaign.

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A range of activities for young people in the parishes was also commissioned to include the sports cage, sumo suits and skateboard park. The total cost for these was £5,000. These can run in parishes including Cheddington, Edlesborough, Great Brickhill, Pitstone, Stewkley, Stoke Hammond, Wing and Wingrave.

Finally, a £2,000 contribution was agreed towards the Pitstone skatepark project. This will enable other funding to be obtained. The additional £25,934 funding will be ring-fenced to Transportation projects already identified by the parishes and a subgroup will be set up to look into which schemes should be funded.

Thames Valley Police

Inspector Emma Garside spoke on behalf of the Police. She explained that the Wing South and Wing North neighbourhood teams will join together to become the one team, still based in Wing. The full team will comprise three police officers and five PCSOs. PC Rachel Ingram will be joining the team soon to replace PC Frank Callaghan.

Emma also noted that a Vivaro van with CCTV equipment fitted would be available to the police from 21 May onwards.

Crime has been reducing in the area recently and is generally below average but there are instances of pockets of crime, including three attempted burglaries in Cheddington during a recent weekend and a burglary in Wing. Emma noted that in some instances doors are not being double locked.

In Wing & Cublington there has been an ongoing issue with illegal traveller encampments, which the neighbourhood team has been working to resolve with the local community and other agencies.

As time was tight, it was agreed that a fuller report will be sent out to LAF members. However, residents interested in finding out more about the local neighbourhood police team can go online to www.thamesvalley.police.uk and go to 'Your neighbourhood'.

GREEN DEAL ON THE HORIZON

I want to take the opportunity to introduce you to the Green Deal which comes in this autumn and more importantly, actions to take in the final few weeks before this new scheme starts.

The Green Deal is a government scheme created under the Energy Act 2011. It provides a

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framework for householders to access energy saving measures at no up-front cost. So, what does this mean? Essentially, you'd get an assessment to look at what the householders would most benefit from, and that fits within the 'Golden Rule' – more on this later. If you wished for example, solid wall insulation and a new high efficiency boiler to go ahead, then you'd get a low-interest loan for the costs involved. The Golden Rule is that payback of this loan should come from savings that the householder makes as a result of the improvements being made, and full payback much be made within a 25 year time period (or earlier in the case of some technologies). The loan is attached to the electricity meter at the house, so wouldn't need to be paid off when you sold your home, unless you chose to. Repayments of the loan are collected by the electricity supplier.

Greg Barker, Minister of State has described the Green Deal as “the biggest home improvement programme since the Second World War”.

However, in the case of loft and cavity wall insulation, current funding which makes this available, professionally installed, for free will end when the Green Deal comes in. This means that there are only a few weeks left (likely to be until end September) to make this energy efficiency improvement. The 'Buckinghamshire Affordable Warmth Network' can help, and is supported by your local council. To get your free, no obligation survey for insulation, or for more advice on heating, keeping warm, saving money on energy bills, grants, switching supplier, and a whole host of other helpful ways to cut your bills, **call us on freephone 0800 107 0044**. Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Dale Hoyland, United Sustainable Energy Agency

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Register by 1 September 2012 and you will be entered into a free prize draw for a chance to win an iPad kindly donated by Buckinghamshire Business First.

More information, including answers to frequently asked questions, is available on www.superfastforbucks.org. Details about which areas will benefit from our government funding and when improved broadband access will be rolled out in Buckinghamshire will be published on the website as soon as we know, so please check the website for updates.

CHURCH NEWS

ST MARY'S PITSTONE: PITSTONE CHURCH FESTIVAL TEAS

Thank you to all the very many people who made the delicious cakes, served teas and attended this year's Pitstone Church Festival of art, flowers and music. Several beautiful cakes appeared and I am not sure who had kindly donated them, and we were so grateful to everyone who so generously gave their time to cook or serve teas during the amazingly busy Jubilee weekend.

Our refreshments made £370.00 which all helps The Churches Conservation Trust keep the church in good repair so that it can be used more frequently for community events or services. The C.C.T. hopes that the church can be used by local groups particularly for music, arts and crafts, needlework exhibitions etc. mainly in the summer months, as there is no heating in the building.

The repairs and redecoration that took place last year has made the Church particularly attractive. We are glad to be able to help the C.C.T. with this valuable maintenance work which enables us to enjoy the use of the building still. See elsewhere news of a concert on July 14th and an Open Studios Event coming in September.

Alex Wynne

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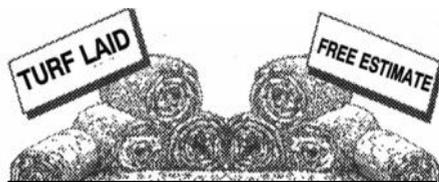
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ST MARY'S IVINGHOE



St. Mary's, Ivinghoe

Dear Reader,

I hope that you all had a great weekend celebrating the Jubilee despite the awful weather! An enormous amount of planning and work went into the weekend by so many to make it such a wonderful community event.

As we move into the summer months of sunshine and holidays; some of our activities take a break too but we continue to celebrate God's love for us at our Sunday services to which all are warmly welcomed. During the summer holidays we have activities for the children; cream teas to enjoy on a sunny summer afternoon; concerts and other fun activities which you will find details of in this magazine.

Whatever your plans are for the summer; remember the churches are always open for private prayer. God bless, Rev Tracey.

Bible study groups

Our evening study meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 1 Queen Street Pitstone at 8pm; our daytime study is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 5 Windmill Close Ivinghoe at 10am. Everyone is welcome no matter what age or stage you are on your Christian journey.

Not Sunday, Not School

These sessions are held fortnightly from 3.30pm – 5pm. The children will be provided with refreshments and the sessions generally include stories, songs, craft activities, games and cooking. This club is for children aged 3-11 years. Parents why not come along relax and have a cuppa and a chat while your children enjoy themselves under friendly supervision.

Our end of term party was on Thursday 12th July.

Summer schemes and Messy mornings

The summer holiday fun days will be held on 25th July at Brookmead School and 1st August at Marsworth School; as always there will be lots of arts and crafts, cooking, flower arranging, sport and bouncy castles etc. The days will run from 10am – 3pm so please bring a packed lunch. Drinks and biscuits are provided throughout the day. There will be a charge of £6 per day or if booking both days together £10. Children of all ages welcome although under 7's should be accompanied by an adult. For more information call Rev Tracey on 668260

We will be holding our children's messy mornings on Thursday mornings during the summer holidays from 10am - 11.30am. These sessions are open to everyone and they are free. The dates and venues are as follows:

9th August at Holy Cross Church Slapton

16th August at St Mary's church Ivinghoe

23rd August at All Saints Church Marsworth

30th August at St Mary's church Ivinghoe

For further details contact Rev Tracey on 668260

Items needed

If you have any magazines; Jam jars, cereal boxes, cardboard tubes, oddments of fabric etc please could you drop them off at the vicarage.

Men's Group

The men's group have enjoyed some excellent events over the winter as well as helping out with some work in the church yards. The events for the summer and early autumn will be;

July: BBQ at the vicarage

August: Evening walk and a beer

September: Visit to the Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon

October: Visit to the Bell making foundry at Loughborough

November: Breakfast planning at the vicarage

December: Visit to Tring brewery

Detailed information on events is circulated by email; please contact mick.doyle@virgin.net to be included in the circulation. New members and new ideas are always welcome. Please ring Mick on 01296 668260.

Reel Issues

Reel Issues is a film club which aims to draw out themes and ideas from the films we watch. We meet on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month; 7.30pm at the vicarage. The idea is to watch the film together on the first evening and then to discuss it the following week. It is open to everyone. If you want to know more contact Rev Tracey on 668260.

Sister Act

This is a regular women's group which meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month in St. Mary's church Ivinghoe at 8pm and is based around crafts and chat. It is a time of relaxation and fun while enjoying trying out a new craft. If you think you may be interested contact Tracey on 668260 for more details or just turn up and have some fun.

Celtic summer worship

We will be holding a Celtic service in the grounds of Pitstone church at 4pm on Sunday August 5th at 4pm. This will be followed by refreshments. Why not come along and try something a little different?

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
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Slapton	10.30am Morning Praise	10.30am Holy Com- munion	10.30am Worship- ping to- gether	10.30am Holy Commun- ion	10.30 am * Benefice H/C

* Benefice service rotating round the three parishes

FRIENDS OF ST MARY’S: MORNING GARDEN PARTY FIT FOR A QUEEN

On Thursday 31st May, The Friends of St. Marys kicked off the village Jubilee celebrations in style. With regal bunting adorning the garden and home of The Old Vicarage, Ivinghoe, The Friends tempted over 60 paying guests with homemade cakes and scones. These, along with a craft marquee of local stallholders, toys on the lawn for the younger visitors and a very attractive Prize Draw, provided the perfect relaxed summers morning to begin celebrating the Diamond Jubilee.



Special thanks must go to Damian Cusick for arranging the donation of a Samsung laptop as the fantastic first prize in our draw, which helped to make the event such

a resounding success in raising £430. This now brings the running fundraising total for the Friends of St. Marys to in excess of £6,500 achieved over two and half years. Thank you to all who continue to support us.

Coming up this Autumn/Winter... ladies prepare to re-vitalise your Autumn wardrobe at our fashion show and look forward to our ever popular Christmas Wreath Making event..... details in the next edition!

'CHAPEL FELLOWSHIP'

'Long may she RAIN!' -seemed to be the order of the day for the celebration on The

Green' on June 3rd. But folks from the Fellowship weathered the storm to maintain a witness that God is still as alive and well and living in Pitstone as He always was. We have grown slowly over the past three years and now we number 20 on a good Sunday and average 16 most weeks.

We continue to have a vision for the future and a permanent place of worship once again. We offer a warm invitation to all to join with us at Yardley Lounge on Sunday at 10.30. 'Come taste and see', you may be pleasantly surprised.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

WINDMILL PRE-SCHOOL

We've had another busy term at Windmill Pre-School. At the beginning of the new term not only did we open the doors to a number of new children, but we also welcomed Sharon

Berry as acting Leader whilst Lana is off on Maternity Leave. Sharon has proved to be an asset to the team and the children really like her as we were sure they would. On the morning of May 17th, the day Lana was due to finish, she gave birth to her lovely new baby girl named Amelia Sienna. Both Lana and Amelia have visited the setting and the children have enjoyed seeing them both.

Also at the beginning of term, we were able to purchase a number of new toys and equipment including a rack to help dry the children's paintings and a fortress. By the end of this term we hope to have purchased some replacement bikes and a new kitchen unit for the home corner as well as a shed to help store the outdoor equipment

and a dark den for the children to enjoy.



Fundraising and Events

In May, we held a family photo session with Carrie, who has proven to be very popular in previous sessions we have held. This has given parents the opportunity to have beautiful informal pictures taken at a fraction of the cost you would have to pay at a high street photographers, but to the same high quality. We charged a small sitting fee to everyone that booked a photo session and received commission from Carrie on the total sales. We raised in excess of £135. This continues to be a very popular fundraiser and the next photo session is booked to take place on Saturday, 13th October at Windmill Pre-School. If you would like to reserve a session, please email admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk

On Tuesday, 15th May at 8pm we held our Annual General Meeting at Pitstone Memorial Hall. A number of the Voluntary Management Committee stepped down and we would like

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to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts and enthusiasm over the time that they served on the committee. In particular, Katrina Blunt, our Chairperson for the last two years who has given a lot of time, sweat and tears to the setting and has led the staff and committee through some quite tough and challenging times, but equally some very positive and rewarding times. We wish her well in all her endeavours and know she will keep in touch as her youngest child now attends!

We were also able to recruit three new committee members. Our new committee for the next 12 months is as follows: Emma Parkins (Chair), Gail Dodsworth (Deputy Chair), Kerry Flanagan (Secretary), Ann Broadbent (Treasurer), Sonya Aris (Fundraising & Events), Sally Harkness, Tammy Manning, Leonie Davis and Annabel Elford.

Also in May, the Voluntary Management Committee, staff, parents, children and representative of the Sure Start Centre gave up a Saturday morning to help clear the weeds in the communal area outside the two buildings. The area had become so over grown with nettles, thistles and general unwanted greenery that it had become a real menace and did not compliment the good work that goes on inside the buildings. We had approached a number of key local businesses asking for help with making the area look colourful and attractive, in return for putting a company board up, however to date we have not had any response. It's not too late if you are a local business and would like to get involved. We also received photo and editorial coverage in the Leighton Buzzard observer for this initiative. Unfortunately, as this newsletter goes to print, due to the ongoing

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wet weather the weeds have come back in force! Thank you very much to those of you that turned out to help with the digging. Your help was very much appreciated. We will be booking another weeding session in the diary for the autumn when also we hope to plant a mixture of colourful flowering bulbs, so if you would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

During the first half of the term, the children learnt about the Jubilee Celebrations, the Queen and Royalty. In the second half of the term, sport was a strong theme with the children learning about the Olympics and translating this in to artwork. As always, their creativity was encouraged with lovely artwork being displayed on the walls and taken home.

In June, we had a stall at the annual Ivinghoe Village fete, however for the first time in many years, we made the decision not to have a float. Instead, we focused our efforts on raising awareness of the pre-school by investing in an 8ft x 4 ft banner and running Lucky Lollipops, Name the Royal Teddy Bears and launching the bidding process in our Silent Auction. As this goes to press, we have already generated over £300 in bids for almost 20 prizes that were kindly donated by a number of local businesses. Prizes include spa vouchers, meal vouchers, sports tickets, family days out and much much more.

During the last few weeks of the summer term we have run a trial 'Transitions Programme' for the children moving up to Brookmead. Some sessions have been held at pre-school and some over at Acorns to help the children adjust to the next stage in their education. This is the first time we have run such a course and we look forward to hearing the feedback from Mrs Freeman over at Brookmead, the children as well as the staff and parents at pre-school. We will then decide whether this programme is something that we should be running on a regular basis.

We still have a couple of events left to organise before the end of this summer term: our second Textile Recycling initiative of 2012 took place on Thursday, 5th July. The previous collection was made back in February and raised over £70. Preparations are currently underway for our annual Children's Catwalk Fashion Show which took place on Saturday 7th July where a number of young models from the locality will be modelling fashions from Kids on the Catwalk. We hope it will be a success like it was last year. We also took part in the annual sponsored walk around the village on Wednesday, 11th July followed by our Sports Day on the final day of term – Thursday, 19th July when we held our graduation ceremony to wish our older pre-schoolers good luck as they move on to the next stage of their education.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ivinghoe Turf for their kind donation of

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FEEDBACK FROM THE PEOPLE OF PITSTONE

Over the last 12 months, many of you have taken part in our Love It, Loath It, Older People's Day and Leisure surveys and we thank you for your support. In general, you love the fact that we are a rural community, with such beautiful scenery and attractions on your doorstep whilst being fairly easy to reach neighbouring towns. You don't want too much more development that may impact on our village atmosphere (no mass scale housing and opposed to HS2 or expansion of Luton airport), don't like speeding traffic/dog mess and would like more pubs/shops. The surveys identified some areas where we could improve:

YOU TOLD US ...	SO
You would use a skate park and all weather football/ basketball pitch	The parish council is working with a private landowner and a local charity to turn this into reality on a redeveloped recreation ground.
You wanted more challenging/exciting/modern play equipment for the young people and possibly outdoor exercise equipment for the grown ups	The parish council is reviewing this with play providers, whilst the existing equipment has to be removed for the other development there may be a cost effective option to update and relocate the playground section of the recreation ground.
Some of you showed an interest in tennis and a few in netball	Feedback from suppliers and other parishes that operate tennis courts is that you need an active tennis club in the parish to support it, run it and look after it. The surface required for tennis, is also suitable for netball. There is availability at the Cheddington Tennis Club, who would love extra members. If you would be interested in forming and organising a tennis and/or badminton club in Pitstone that would be willing to take on this task please let us know so that we can explore this further.
There was support for enhanced facilities for the junior football club and the cricket club	The parish council is working with both clubs and a local charity to explore options.
There was a lot of support for an improved bar and updated/improved facilities at the Memorial Hall and possibly a cafe or internet cafe	The Memorial Hall Committee has employed an architect and is currently investigating options. The committee is always in need of more volunteers to help explore opportunities so if you can spare some time to help shape the future of the building and the activities within, please let us know.
There was a lot of support for a youth cafe	The parish council selected AVYFC as our chosen partner for this project. Our youth cafe has been operating each week since October and now has over 100 children registered. Volunteers from the village have helped them with carpentry, baking, music lessons, crafts and sports. To keep the cafe open, we need lots of volunteers so please let us know if you can spare one Wednesday evening per month.

YOU TOLD US ...	SO
A few of you would like bowls	There is a thriving indoor bowls club operating from the Memorial Hall who would welcome more members. The outdoor bowls club in Cheddington is currently under-subscribed and would also welcome more members. It is therefore not cost effective to build another under-utilised facility in the vicinity. If you would like to go to the Cheddington club but can't get there please let the club know and they may be able to put you in touch with some of the regular Pitstone users who may be able to offer you a lift.
Our older residents would like more computing/internet lessons and more keep-fit type classes	<p>Following a request from the parish council AVDC are investigating an Energise Gold class for Pitstone but are currently haven't trouble finding a suitably qualified, available instructor. We will keep you updated.</p> <p>The "silver surfers" club in Yardley Avenue Lounge is currently oversubscribed. The Memorial Hall has recently had a wi-fi hub installed, so the parish council is now investigating options. It will need the support of volunteers in the community to help run a club and show these residents the benefits available from computers and the internet. If this is a project you would like to be involved with, please let us know.</p> <p>They would also be interested in attending tea dances or joining a pub lunch club. If you are willing to organise such activities for our older residents, please let us know.</p>
A cinema for Pitstone	The parish council is currently working with members of the community to see if a community cinema can be set up in the village to operate out of the Memorial Hall. If you have an interest in movies and can spare some time, we could do with the extra help to get this project up and running.
A few of you asked for Snooker	A table is available at the Memorial Hall whenever the social club is open, pay to play.
A few of you asked for a swimming pool	Unfortunately, this simply isn't cost effective to run in a small parish. If you are struggling to reach the pool in Tring it may be possible for the community car scheme to take a small group of you, or for you to get a lift with a neighbour.
We received a lot of support for all things natural – garden areas, a pond and fruit trees	The parish council is investigating land options around the parish. All these schemes will need volunteers to help create and maintain the spaces, so if these are the things you are passionate about and you can spare the time to help please let us know.

YOU TOLD US ...	SO
<p>Many of you wanted the village to look prettier</p>	<p>As a first step, the parish council is investigating planting daffodil bulbs along the grass verge up Marsworth Road this autumn. If you are willing to help, please let us know.</p> <p>We also hope to improve the roundabout.</p> <p>We are open to other sustainable ideas and initiatives, so if there is something that you would like to see happen to make our village more beautiful, or if you are willing to help, please let us know.</p>
<p>Many of you asked for improved cycle paths and footpaths to join Pitstone to our neighbouring villages and for leisure use</p>	<p>We have been working with Cheddington parish council and you are now able to walk between both villages, apart from small sections (like under the railway bridge) where it is impractical to install a path. If you want to avoid the railway bridge, you can take the footpath off Cheddington Road and over the swing bridge.</p> <p>Ivinghoe parish council has also been very proactive and there is now an improved footpath and circular walk down to Great Gap.</p> <p>The parish council is working with Herts County Council on a project to install a cycle/footpath along Northfield Road towards Tring station. Taylor Wimpey has provided £100,000 to HCC towards this project.</p> <p>Marsworth parish council is keen to work with us on a footpath along the Lower Icknield Way to join the two villages and we will be supporting them where possible. We have committed to installing the section of footpath that would fall within the parish of Pitstone, once their longer section is in place.</p> <p>Many permissive footpaths were introduced around the windmill field and neighbouring area, and you can now walk from the village right up to Pitstone Hill and beyond on footpaths. If you haven't already tried them, do go out and explore this summer.</p>
<p>You are opposed to any expansion of Luton airport that may affect the air space about Pitstone and are worried about HS2</p>	<p>The parish council continues to work with all the necessary bodies to fight these causes on your behalf</p>
<p>You dislike dog mess on the pavements, along the permissive paths and left in the recreation ground</p>	<p>The parish council pays for numerous dog bins and their emptying each year. Additional units are normally purchased each year. If you are a dog owner, please be considerate of other people and clear up after your dog.</p>

YOU TOLD US ...	SO
<p>You wanted to reduce speeding but were against sleeping policemen.</p>	<p>The parish council worked with Bucks County Council on the reduced speed limit initiative for Marsworth Road, Vicarage Road and Cheddington Road. We also worked with Thames Valley Police to support these main access roads to the village with speed limit stickers for their wheelie bins.</p> <p>The council also committed to set up a community speed watch project, where volunteers monitor traffic speeds in conjunction with Thames Valley Police and letters are issued to speeding vehicles. At present, we haven't had enough support or interest from the community to do this, but if you want to take part and can commit to spending some time in small groups with a speed gun, please let us know.</p> <p>We work with Ivinghoe parish council on the Freight Quality Partnership to investigate ways to limit the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles using Marsworth Road.</p>
<p>You wanted to reduce traffic congestion and improve traffic safety</p>	<p>Brookmead school has introduced several initiatives to encourage children to walk such as the building of a drop-off zone for morning use, introduction of scooter licences and introduction of the park-and-stride scheme at Pitstone Memorial Hall.</p> <p>New signage is still promised to improve routing to Pitstone Green Business Park.</p> <p>VAHT are installing additional car parking provision at the end of Glebe Close.</p> <p>New signage has been installed near Cooks Wharf to direct vehicles up Cheddington Road instead of trying to turn left out of the turning past the railway bridge.</p>
<p>You wanted more accessible transport as the buses weren't always convenient</p>	<p>The community car scheme has been introduced and has now been operational for some time. Do contact them if you need help getting to your hospital appointments etc.</p>
<p>You wanted more shops and pubs</p>	<p>At present, there are currently no businesses that want to relocate to Pitstone as the portfolio of the existing/past local facilities would indicate that there isn't enough business to support their investment costs and make it viable. We will continue to explore any viable options that arise.</p>

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grass. We have had a small area of previously overgrown and unused land turfed so that a new metal climbing frame can be used and enjoyed by the children. The staff did a great job of clearing the ground of weeds, Rob Haddock kindly rotivated for us, Nick Lillitou kindly flattened and compacted the ground in preparation and then local gardener and former parent Tony Pither collected and laid the turf. It was touch and go as to whether the turf would take as it was laid during that incredibly dry and scorching spell back in May, but the staff and children watered it religiously every day before the Half Term rain kicked in.

As this newsletter goes to print, we are awaiting delivery of the safety matting and the climbing frame is in the process of being put together. We have also purchased three raised beds for the staff and children to grow their own flowers and vegetables. An area that we anticipate will be enjoyed by many children, for years to come.

If you would like to arrange a visit to the setting or would like to register your child's name on the waiting list, please email Claire Hose our administrator at admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk.

Emma Parkins, Chair, Voluntary Management Committee

PITSTONE AND IVINGHOE TODDLERS

Our group runs every Wednesday during term time between 1.15 – 3.00pm in the Pitstone Memorial Hall, £1.50 per family per session.

Termly round Up

The Summer term is drawing to a close, and we have had a busy fun time – despite the elusive sunshine! The highlights included the wonderful May Day celebration with a Morris dancing class and tractor ride, the fabulous Jubilee celebration with the great new play castle, and of course participating in the village parade: our tiny kings, queens and knights looked fantastic, and the sun did actually shine on us all as we walked through the village, it was a super day. More recent events were the end of term Olympic sports day and picnic.



A big thank you goes to everyone who has sup-

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ported our group, setting up and clearing away toys, making cakes, displaying posters and a special thank you to Bob Lilley for the Morris dancing, Nigel Thompson, and Mrs. Jellis for the tractor rides. We are so lucky to have neighbours who are willing to share their time and skills with our little ones.

Coming up

We have already got our thinking caps on planning fun activities for next term. We hope to be able to run our popular Harvest celebration with tractor rides and a visit from Tracey the vicar and are looking forward to another visit from Michelle and the Beacon Village Community Library with lots of storytelling, activities and free Bookstart packs. One thing we can guarantee is a warm welcome to everyone and lots of great play and fun.

Fundraising and toy donations

As ever we are keen to replenish our toys and supplies, items such as duplo, toy animals, jigsaws or unwanted paper or craft items are always gratefully received. If you have anything, you would like to donate, please bring it along to a session or contact our **Secretary, Rachel on 668733**.

About us

The baby and toddler group is an integral part of life in the village and offers a wonderful opportunity for parents, grandparents and carers to meet and enjoy a cuppa together.

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There have been some good friendships formed amongst both the parents and our younger members. Many of the children form friendships with those they later go to pre-school and then school with therefore helping them settle into their new environments happily.

Each week we offer art and craft activities which allow the children to express themselves creatively whilst keeping their home mess free! Our toddlers have access to a range of toys and activities such as dressing up, train tracks, slides, trikes, trampolines etc. We are able to alternate these toys to keep everyone happy and entertained.

There is a safe soft area with a wide variety of toys for babies to explore and have fun with until they are ready to venture out into the larger area of the hall.

A snack and drink is provided for the children and tea, coffee and biscuits, (sometimes cake!) for the adults at **no** extra cost.

The sessions either end with a story time or sing along session, which the children really love. Throughout the year, we welcome visits from local organisations and enterprises with products such as books, cosmetics and jewellery to name but a few. This offers great retail opportunities for parents and local entrepreneurs and as 10% of all sales come back to the group, it is a great way to support the group. If you or anyone you know would like to run a stall or give a demonstration at a session please contact our Ashley at [ashleylav-is1988@Gmail.com](mailto:ashleylav-<u>is1988@Gmail.com</u>) .

Get in touch

Face book and our Website are brilliant ways of keeping up to date with what is happening each week at Toddlers. The website contains general information and is updated termly with newsletters and a programme.

If you've not joined us on Face book yet please do! We are beginning to use this as our main form of weekly communication to keep us all up to date with the planned activities, crafts and visitors coming to see us. Face book is also the perfect place for your ideas for future activities to be posted. Keep an eye out for our posters advertising our special events. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Rachel McGuire - Secretary

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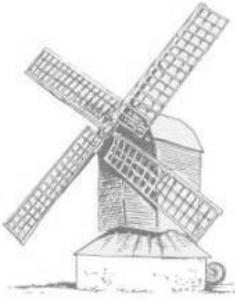
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BROOKMEAD SCHOOL



It's been another busy term for Brookmead School - all the more so because of the Jubilee Celebrations in June - and the children have been not only enjoying their learning, but getting out and supporting community events.

Eight Brookmead children, with volunteer supervisors Mrs Witherden and Mr Smith, were welcome contributors to this year's 'Souper' Lent Lunches, helping set up and clear away, and providing two tasty soups at each event. The lunches raised a stunning £1024.60, which was divided between Bucks Young Carers and Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.

Meanwhile, since the beginning of May, all pupils in Key Stage 2 who wish to scoot to school have needed to be able to show their scooter licence upon request.

"Parents will be pleased to learn that we have had a significant number of licence applications from pupils who have now committed to upholding the Brookmead 'Scootiquette' in and around school grounds," said Headteacher Katherine Douglas. "We are now appointing Scooter Wardens who will also help ensure that pupils scoot to school responsibly. We would continue to ask parents of pupils in Key Stage 1, and those of younger children who do not yet attend Brookmead, to help us ensure that all children uphold Brookmead 'Scootiquette' in and around the school grounds.

Other activities have included a Year 2 visit to Pollocks Toy Museum in London, Year 1's weekly visits to Forest School at College Lake, and a Year 4/5 visit to Holdenby House in Northampton and the annual sports days.

And so to those Jubilee celebrations. The school's own celebrations, on Thursday May 31, took in a range of different activities, include Jubilee Kite-Making, Jubilee Hat Decorating, and Forest School activities to mark the opening of the school's Jubilee Wood. 60 extra trees, donated to the school by the Woodland Trust, were planted earlier this year by pupils in Year 1 to expand the school's woodland area for learning and create the Brookmead Jubilee Wood, which also contains a Royal Oak sapling grown from an acorn from the Royal Estate.

The school also invited parents who were available to take part in writing workshops as part of a community writing project *Special Times, Special Places*. Parents, grandparents and members of the local community were invited to share with us their memories of past jubilees and a *Tell Us All About Your Jubilee* area was set up on the Brookmead Summer Blog.

Everyone with relevant memories was encouraged to take part in creating a historical resource that reflects the collective memory of the school and the wider community and will

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help extend the children's learning. The May 31 celebration day included a visit by local author Claire Steele, who led writing workshops for pupils and parents.

No celebration is complete without an appearance by Brookmead's talented singers and their leader Beth Brimmicombe, and they were invited to perform at the Jubilee Party on Sunday June 3, as well as singing at the village fete two weeks later.

The school also had a float in the fete's 'Kings and Queens' themed parade, depicting 'A Mid-summer Night's Dream'. All the floats were of an exceptionally high standard, giving massive headaches to the judges, and Brookmead School were placed a very creditable second.

You can keep up with the school's activities via its blogs at <https://sites.google.com/site/brookmeadblogsummer2012/>

IVINGHOE TOWN HALL NEWS

At last the interior of the beautiful 7 x Period Windows have been redecorated inside! So after the Floor being re-stored, the Kitchen, the Hall (Ceiling & Wall's) areas the Town Hall Committee are responsible for have all been repainted and completed. All this work has been funded through the hiring fee's over recent years, and we trust that the users, especially our regulars, will appreciate the improvements.

All the public areas e.g., Entrance Hall, Stairs, Gent's & Ladies Toilets are being given a face-lift which we are hoping will be carried out during the Summer Holidays by Bucks County Council.

New non-slip Flooring throughout, new taps, hot water & heaters in the lavatories, mirrors etc, plus the Public Areas will be re-painted throughout. Whilst the work will be being undertaken to minimise any inconvenience the Stair Lift is having to be removed temporarily whilst the new flooring is fitted.

If you have a booking during this period we will endeavour to make contact with the Hirer.

On 2 June 2012 Ivinghoe Library officially transferred into community management as part of the Town Hall and is now known as Beacon Villages Community Library.

All are welcome to use and enjoy the new Beacon Villages Community Library facilities, a Post Office and shop are all located within the Town Hall.

If you would like to have a look around or book the Hall for a party, meeting or other event, please contact our Booking Secretary, Carole Wesley on 01296-661094.

Stephen Swinbank, Secretary

COMMUNITY GROUPS

IVINGHOE ENTERTAINMENTS



In a flash it was all over! Despite the inclement weather it was a fantastic Summer Festival. 320 guests joined us in the marquee on Ivinghoe Lawn for the Summer Ball on the Friday and a staggering 270 for Laughter on the Lawn on the Saturday! It was a pleasure to see so many new faces at both events. The feedback has been very encouraging.

Laughter on the Lawn saw a change in format for the Saturday evening featuring the legendary Arthur Smith as compere and comedians Tony Law, Logan Murray, and

Steph Peart. Short clips of their performance at Laughter at the Lawn can be seen here: <http://tinyurl.com/Tringe>.

If you did attend one of our Summer Festival events we would really appreciate your feedback – we have developed a short on-line survey here: <http://tinyurl.com/IECFest> - no personal information is collected (however, you are welcome to leave your contact details).

I would like to thank Universal Event Productions (<http://www.u-e-p.co.uk/>), The Rose & Crown (Ivinghoe) for their support. Live entertainment was provided by The Choice (Friday), & Scott Mason (Disco Saturday).

Our next event is the Fireworks and Bonfire on Saturday 3rd Nov for which planning has already started. We are hoping to repeat the success of last year by providing a musical accompaniment to the fireworks. Naturally, we are hopeful that the weather is favourable and we can have another exciting event.



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IST IVINGHOE & PITSTONE SCOUT GROUP

Every year I get to this stage and wonder where the year has gone, how did each section manage to fit in so many activities; You've guessed it...you can always count on a very busy one within the scouting movement!

In June the group hosted the village disco; over 100 children of the village attended this event. Scott played the music, while the leaders made sure the children were having a great time.

Also in June was the village fete parade; we entered as the Queen of Hearts. The whole group were dressed as playing cards; we also had a guest appearance of the White Rabbit and the Cheshire Cat. The Beavers Cubs and Scouts had a great time making these cards, but a huge thank you must go to George Lee as he backed all the cards ready for them to use.

The beavers also hosted the district sports evening on Ivinghoe lawn in June; 80+ children were in attendance. Thankfully the sun and clouds stayed out for us all to have an enjoyable evening even though we did not win!

The leaders provide a very structured time during their sessions with the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts that they hardly have time to think, being a scout seems to make them think on their toes whatever their age. So if you are interested in becoming a Beaver Cub or Scout please get in touch.

Scouts

The major project for the scouts over the next 15 months will be raising funds for

their trip to Iceland. They will be launching a couple of village fund raising activities... so please look out for these and support them where possible. For those that were at the Jubilee Event and the Village Fete, the lucky £1 bucket saw two lucky £70 winners on each occasion; so next time it could be YOU! The scouts are very open to any ideas which may help them to raise funds and benefit the community, so if you are able to help them PLEASE speak up!

Cubs

The cubs had a fun weekend at their summer camp at Phasels Wood and are looking forward to their next camp at Longridge in September. Some lucky Cubs will have the opportunity watch a shooting demonstration and to have a chance to try rifle shooting. The Cubs and the group will also be sorry to see Judith Seaton step down as a cub leader for Windmill, Judith has been in the movement for a number of years and although it will be a task to fill her shoes it is a must. SO, if you are able to spare any time or would like to know more about being a Cub Leader PLEASE speak up!

Beavers

With all the changes happening with the current Beaver Leaders moving on, we have been lucky enough to secure 3 new leaders. Andy Broad will take the responsibility of Beaver Leader while Debbie Woods and Rob Mercel becoming assistant leaders. More leaders are still required for Beavers; PLEASE speak up as any amount of time is VERY worthwhile to us.

Dates to pop into your dairy

Saracens Rugby Game Sat 15th Sept at Wembley, £16 adults £6 Children; if you would like to support the group and order tickets visit www.saracensatwembley.com/groups quoting our group code – IV-INGHOEANDPITSTONE by **WEDNES-**

DAY 15TH AUGUST. We will receive money back for every ticket purchased.

Christmas carol service at St Mary's Church; **Thursday 13th December, 7.30pm**, £1 entry will include mulled wine and mince pies. The Heath Cliff Band will be playing for us to sing along to, so bring your voices with you!

We are still looking for leaders in all the sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts), so if you are able to spare an hour and a half during an evening I would love to hear from you. Whether you would like to wear the uniform or not! You may be interested in being a member on the committee for the group, again please let me know, all details below.

Yours in Scouting
Michelle Lee
Group Scout Leader
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IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE

W.I.



I hope you all came to visit us on 3rd June at Pitstone Memorial Hall where we served

tea and cakes for the Jubilee celebrations, we were rushed off our feet! We didn't run out of beautiful homemade cakes despite the number of customers we had, so a very big thank you to all the members who baked and to those who served and washed up all afternoon.

The Ivinghoe and Pitstone W I ladies enjoy

very active and busy lives as you can read from the report for the last 3 months below.

The April meeting turned out to be very lively with music and laughter from a local Bass Guitarist who toured the world with famous bands during the sixties and seventies, he had some very interesting photos of his high life during this period. He now leads a very quiet life in rural Buckinghamshire.

Our May meeting was extremely full, we had to discuss the WI resolution for the Government to ensure the Employment of more Midwives within the National Health Service, we all agreed to this, but we felt if more National Health money were directed at recruiting more Midwives then another section of the Health service would surely suffer. Dave Sivers also came along to explain E-books to us and to explain how easy it is to get a novel published. It was a very interesting topic but I'm sorry to say I like real books and I think it will be a long time before I give in to owning a Kindle. The meeting ended with Cheese and Wine tasting, which was enjoyed by all.

We try to arrange for a good variety of speakers for all to enjoy, something very different from the previous two months in June was Mr Dave Maycock telling us all about the history of Brass Rubbing, this turned into practical session for the members and most of our ladies went home with beautiful brass rubbings ready to mount and frame.

We planned to start our monthly rambles in April to view the bluebells in Ashridge, but the weather was so poor that it had to be cancelled. But the May ramble was a great success, the start of a mini heatwave perfect for an evening stroll. We meet a huge herd

of deer and saw the last of the Spring's bluebells. The evening for the June's ramble looked very much like rain but it held off long enough for us to enjoy a four mile stroll. Both walks finished with a well earned drink in the Rose and Crown. Hopefully we'll be able to continue our monthly walks up to September.

The weather wasn't kind to us either on 29th April when we had arranged to walk to raise funds for the Associated Country Women of the World. We decided to skip the walk and just have tea and cakes instead, we still managed to raise over £30 which we have sent off to ACWW.

A number of members enjoyed a trip to Milton Keynes theatre to see Dirty Dancing in April, our Supper club is going great guns and varies in number from 3 to 12 visiting and sampling the food and wine of local pubs and the weekly knit and natter afternoons are in full swing.

Bucks county organize a raft of outings throughout the year for WI members, the latest list include:-

Upton House and Gardens on 1st Oct

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These charges are exceptionally good. The trips are being undertaken by volunteers so, at present, these cannot be extended to include appointments other than healthcare. Also, there is no guarantee of an available volunteer driver, but we will do all we can with the volunteer resources we have. Please give as much notice as you can.

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Chatham Dockyard on August 22nd

The July meeting was our annual Summer Outing, a mystery Coach Tour followed by a meal at an undisclosed destination. Unfortunately this meeting was for WI members only, but visitors are always welcome at any of our other meetings.

If you need any more details please call either myself on 668405 or Win on 660755.

Julie Haynes

President

LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE - RECIPE TIME

Food waste is a major issue. It seems we throw out 7.2 million tonnes of food and drink each year, costing £12 billion – and most of this could have been eaten. According to the Love Food Hate Waste website (www.lovefoodhatewaste.com), most of us waste food but few of us admit it..... For a selection of recipes, all based around the idea of using up leftovers, have a look at the website. Here's one I'm tempted to try myself.

Greek Lamb Kofta (for 4)

This can be made in batches, and frozen to use later.

The starting point is 250g of leftover lamb – pulse till finely chopped in your food processor, then add one egg, 2 tablespoons each of fresh mint and coriander, 1 teaspoon of ground coriander and ½ teaspoon of ground cumin. Season well with salt and pepper, and mix it all well together. Then, with wet hands, divide the mixture into 8 balls. Heat sunflower oil in a frying pan, and shallow fry the kofta for a few minutes on each side, till cooked through. Drain on kitchen paper, and serve with a salad and maybe some tzatziki (make your own very simply with finely diced cucumber mixed with plain yoghurt, and well chopped mint and garlic if you like it).

Barbara Cummings

TALES FROM THE COMPOST HEAP

Composting is a topic that abounds with myths, half-remembered truths, and old wives' tales. One idea that gets a regular mention concerns the use and efficacy of what is sometimes called Household Liquid Activator. Otherwise known as urine. In my experience, it is usually men who raise the subject, and normally accompany the mention with a laugh that encompasses emotions ranging from embarrassment to a sense of bravado.

Most people have heard of, and possibly used, compost activators; the normal sort comes from garden centres in containers, with instructions for adding to your heap at appropriate intervals. Most people have also heard of, if not actually tested in practice, the use of urine as a source of nitrogen to be added to ones heap. It has the advantage of being plentiful and

free – but is it really that useful?

The Organic Way magazine has recently published the findings of a study on this topic, complete with a chart comparing urine with high nitrogen liquid feed, all purpose liquid plant food, and comfrey concentrate. Both the comfrey and urine scored relatively low for nutrients, although once the concentrated feeds were diluted for application, the gap in scores narrowed considerably.

There is a problem, however. EU organic standards prohibit the use of human sewage in your organic garden (or any other kind of garden). So, what to do to make use of this plentiful resource? Rather than applying it direct to soil or plants, the advice is that you can best capture the nutrients in urine, and convert it to a better organic form, by watering onto a compost heap that is short on green material and high on brown material. Alternatively, you could add it to a heap of shredded, fresh woody prunings, or autumn leaves, to encourage decomposition.

Further advice? Urine should be used only if it has been kept separate from any other waste; collect it in a bottle and use it fresh, before the nitrogen turns to ammonia. Or apply direct to the heap, but preferably when the neighbours aren't looking. If you are still reading this, and want to know more, you can actually buy a book on the subject. It's called "Liquid Gold; the Lore and Logic of using Urine to grow Plants", (2004) by Carol Steinfeld, published by Green Books, Devon.

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BEACON VILLAGES COMMUNITY LIBRARY (BVCL)



Children's author and Ivinghoe resident Robin Price officially launched the Beacon Villages Community Library in front of a packed audience on 2 June.

Robin's acclaimed Spartapuss series features a feline cast set in ancient Rome, while the new title Beowuff is a canine affair in Viking times. Speaking at the launch Robin explained how he had used the library when researching the historical context for his books.

Robin went on to speak of the importance of the village library and congratulate those involved before officially launching the library in true Roman style – not with a cry of "Hail Caesar", but with a chant from the gathered crowd of "Hail librarians!"

The room was packed, with visitors spilling out into the hall – a gathering surely worthy of a 'how many people can we fit in a mini' style Guinness records challenge. Many queued (not for long – our service is very quick!) to pick up their brand new limited edition BVCL designed library card. If you haven't yet got yours, pop in to the library to pick one up. Younger guests were kept entertained, with a story time session in the morning for little

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[from previous page] ones, and bookmark-making and colouring later on.

Meanwhile, no party is complete without cake – and the BVCL launch was no exception. Supporters kindly baked a mouth-watering array of cakes, from fancy fairy cakes to Victoria sponges.

The day was rounded off with our raffle – lucky winners can pop into the library to collect their winnings.

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Thanks also to all who came and made the day such a success, and to those who donated, bought a raffle ticket or bought one of Robin's books (Robin kindly donated the proceeds to the library).

For photos from the day, see our gallery at www.BVCL.org.uk/news. Do pop in to see our refreshed decor, pick up a new BVCL design library card, and say hello. Opening times: Tues/Thurs 2pm-5pm, Fri 2pm-7pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

Emma Huxley, Chairperson BVCL Committee

BEACON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Music on the Lawn

On 24th June, the Beacon Community Choir and other local musicians again staged their annual concert on Ivinghoe Lawn. The day dawned grey and damp, and after a tentative go at manoeuvring the trailer that was to form the stage for the day onto the muddy and slippery entrance to the lawn, the decision was made to hold the concert in the marquee kindly made available to us by the Ivinghoe Entertainments Committee.



In the event, result! The marquee proved to be the perfect venue, and the musicians were able to ignore the threatened and actual showers outside. Judith Sheridan, leader of the choir, had masterminded a programme that provided an afternoon's enjoyable entertainment, ranging from Paul Culleton's songs, through the music of Leighton Buzzard band Ego Trip, talented brothers Peter Statham and Will Statham, Paul Bingley-Hall, Kathryn West, John Cameron and Mann Overboard, ending with local band Lost Minute. Interspersed were 3 sets from the choir, with African songs, a set of Queen songs, and culminating with rousing renditions of "last night of the proms" favourites.

Many thanks are due to Dave Mann for again providing all the sound expertise, to Ivinghoe Entertainments, and to the singers and performers who entertained us so well. Most of all, thanks to Judith, without whom none of this would have happened.

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For further information, details of funding, session availability or to arrange a visit, please call 07506 179658 or visit our website

www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk

New to the area with young children at home? Recently had a



baby and want to meet other parents in the village?

Why not come along to Pitstone Memorial Hall on Wednesdays (during term time) from 1.15 pm to 3pm.

You can be sure of a warm welcome and a cup of coffee, and for the little ones we offer a variety of activities

Music Sessions, arts and crafts, toys and games, story time

No need to book, just turn up on the day

For more information please visit

www.pitstoneandivinghoetoddlers.btck.co.uk

Facebook: Pitstone and Ivinghoe baby and toddler group

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