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FROM THE CHAIRMAN, PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL Bob Saintey

Recently we have experienced a spate of particularly nasty burglaries. Extremely upsetting to those concerned and also worrying to those who are close and neighbours to them. As we approach the winter months please

check all external locks and fittings, warning lights and bulbs. If you are uncertain about the security of your property, there is a help line number. Please contact our local PCSO, Jackie Dodson or the Parish Clerk who will provide those contact numbers. If you are going away, even if only over night, please let a neighbour know. Be vigilant at all times.

When you read this edition I am pleased to say that our beloved Windmill will have had a total preservation re-decoration inside and out. Sundry minor works will also have been undertaken to bring it up to pristine condition which this wonderful local monument deserves. The cost of this is being met by the National Trust. If any one is interested in sparing one or two Sunday afternoons as a volunteer guide, please contact myself – 668633.

Are you aware that as from 5th November 2012, the 61 bus will no longer travel through Marsworth, and will instead travel up Westfield Road? How many stops it will make we don't know but there could possibly be a shelter or two put in place along the route.

Unfortunately we are saying 'goodbye' to stalwart litter picker, Alan Sanders. Alan is retiring through poor health, but it should be acknowledged that his endeavours and due diligence have transformed Marsworth Road and surrounding areas into a neat and respectable place to be. We wish him well in his retirement and offer him our grateful thanks for his work. We are currently interviewing his replacements and news will follow shortly. Please stay warm and secure. Bob Saintey.



NEWS DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

By Avril Davies, District and County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

Police commissioner elections November 15th

You will be receiving polling cards shortly to elect a Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley on November 15th. The job of the Commissioner is to hold the Chief Constable to account on behalf of the voters.

The Commissioner is also answerable to a Police and Crime Panel consisting of one councillor from each local authority in the Thames Valley area and two independent members. Prospective Commissioners need a £5,000 election deposit, which at the moment seems to be limiting candidates to the main political parties.

It has taken a long time to build up a local force of officers and PCSOs who are highly visible in our area and responsive to residents and regularly attend parish councils and the Local Area Forum. I hope that any new Commissioner will still give the same priority to local accountability and policing in rural areas.

Recycling

Do you know what happens to your recycling? It goes to Shotton, in North Wales, and is sorted automatically by conveyor belts, lasers and air jets! There is a video of how it's done. This link takes you to a video of the plant at Shotton:

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=T37lg3|AgEc

Also on that page is a link to a short animated film with a more detailed explanation.

Previously AVDCs recycling went to Milton Keynes to be sorted by the same methods. Ivinghoe and Pitstone Cubs are visiting the Milton Keynes Materials Recycling Facility on 18th October, with a small amount of financial assistance from my Community Leaders Fund. If anyone would like to go to Milton Keynes to see the process in operation, please contact me and I will arrange a group visit, meeting the charge from the fund.

Bus route changes

61 bus changes. On 6th November new(ish) buses will run on the 61 route at long last. The reason this route has suffered such old buses for so long is because the new ones cannot make it over the canal bridges. The new route will be along Westfield Road. I am still in negotiations about routing the early and late buses via Tring Station. There will be some adjustment to the 164 Cheddington buses to compensate for the changes affecting Marsworth.

Community Speedwatch

The County Council with the local Police have supported all local parishes wanting to

tackle vehicle speeding concerns raised by residents, and I have been attending the demonstrations of the new electronic speedwatch equipment aimed at getting residents along to take part in speed checking their own streets. Participation has been disappointing except 10 volunteers came forward in Ivinghoe and GREAT GAP where THE SPEED LIMIT IS NOW 30MPH all the way from Ford End. Speedwatch is able to record drivers exceeding the limit, inform police, and if high numbers of motorists are found to be speeding, alert the police enforcement team.

Aylesbury Vale Local Plan

The Localism Act has put considerable influence in to the hands of communities over the extent of development they want to see in their locality. If the old South East plan is scrapped, the new Aylesbury Vale Plan currently being drawn up, will decide on local housing numbers up to 2031. In villages such as ours, only 30 - 50 homes are proposed in that period, but only if the land put forward fits the overall policy framework of District and Parish Councils.

PARISH COUNCIL

New play space and skate park for the recreation ground

Thank you to everyone that took part in all the consultation events we held regarding the leisure development at the recreation ground. Your feedback helped us to reduce the number of suppliers to two companies for the skate park and two companies for the play area, and provide them with guidance about their initial design proposals.

Plans are progressing well. The four short-listed suppliers have all been provided with feedback and queries that we are working through with their staff. Their final tender submissions are due by the start of November and we hope to have identified, and got approval for, the winning companies by the end of November. The council will then need to put in a planning application over the winter so that hopefully work can commence in the spring.

Updates will be posted onto the Pitstone web site at each stage of the project so that everyone can keep up to date.

Our sincere thanks to Brian Brooks, Andrew Broadbent, Nick Fitt and Tim Herbert who have all joined the working parties and user groups for all their effort and achievement so far – we couldn't have done it without you!

A huge thank you to our sponsors so far: Community Chest project grant for £24,000 for the overall project; Local Area Forum grant for £2,000 towards the skate park; Ivinghoe Entertainments grant of £500 in support of the skate park user group project for floodlighting and Ashby's Chartered Accountants for their grant of £100 towards the skate park. We still need to generate more grant income, so if you or your firm would like to contribute to this community

project, then please get in touch with the parish clerk.

We need you to bid on this Unique Signed Flip HKD Skate-board deck!

The Pitstone Skate Park Users Group is an ever growing bunch of local young people between the ages of 10 and 16 years of age. They have been working hard on the skate park project, helping to design the new facility, meeting with suppliers and looking into fundraising so that the new skate park can be floodlit. The floodlights will be on a timer to turn off at 9pm but will enable the youngsters to use the skate park after school during the winter.

Flip skateboards is one of the biggest skate companies in the world and has an awesome reputation for building quality products. Originally started in the UK in the 1990s and now based out of Huntingdon Beach California in America, the Flip team includes skate legends such as Tom Penny, Geoff Rowley, Rodrigo TX, Bob Burnquist and Rune Glifberg. The Flip Skateboards team visited the Hemel Hempstead XC on Thursday July 12th and was kind enough to support the user group's cause and sign one of their decks! You won't find this unique

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(Continued from page 4) deck anywhere else!

Signatures on the deck (pictured below) include:

- Geoff Rowley co-owner of Flip, professional skateboarder, winner of the Thrasher Magazine "Skater of the Year Award" in 2000 and the awesome Rowley-Darkslide trick is named after him.
- Tom Penny professional skateboarder, winner of the Radlands UK Championships Contest 1995
- Lance Mountain professional skateboarder, very prominent through the 1980s & winner of the Upland Turkey Shoot in 1983, often cited as one of the inventors of fingerboards
- Greyson Fletcher professional skateboarder and actor
- Rune Glifberg professional skateboarder, winner of loads of contests including being a serial winner of the X Games, winner of Copenhagen Pro Vert in 2009 and winner of the World Champion Skateboarding World Bowl Rankings in 2008
- Luan Oliveira, Louis Lopez, Curren
 Caples and Ben Nordberg

Deck specs: Width: 7.75", Length: 31.5", Construction: 7 Ply, Canadian maple, Colour: green with grey/white writing

The user group purchased the standard deck for £54.99. Now it has been turned into the major collector's item with all the signatures listed above, we need you to bid generously! The skateboard deck will be listed on ebay throughout the week commencing 5 November 2012. Please search for "Unique Signed Flip HKD Skateboard deck" and support our user group to raise

funds for the floodlighting by placing a generous bid. All the proceeds go direct to the floodlighting project. Thank you.

Please buy wristbands to support the skate park floodlighting project!

The Pitstone Skate Park Users Group is selling debossed silicone wristbands to raise funds towards the skate park floodlighting project. They have been especially made in youth sizes so they will fit all the youngsters within the villages. If you, or your child, want a skate park in Pitstone (and we know lots of you do!), please support the project and purchase a wristband, or two, or three!

All profits go direct to the floodlighting project. Please contact the parish council (parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk/01296660791), order through our web site or Facebook pages, or look out for more information via the school or youth cafe. Thank you for your support.

Here's to a beautiful spring: Daffodil Planting

The 29th of September was the first of three consecutive Saturdays when youth groups, parents and adult volunteers met to plant daffodil bulbs to brighten up the verge of Marsworth Road for the first time next Spring.

The Cubs and Beavers were the first to take part many illuminated in high visibility vests which made them look as bright as the yellow daffodils that would spring up because of their efforts.

Those taking part, under the guidance of John and Annie Stack, stalwarts of the Allot-

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ment Association, were shown how to remove sufficient turf, dig deep enough and bury a cluster of daffo-

dils, the right way up, before replacing the turf and stamping it firmly down....perhaps the favourite task of the youngsters taking part as they appeared to trampoline on the grass.

On the first weekend over a thousand bulbs were put to bed in the space of two hours.

On the 6th of October the Rainbows and Brownies lined up with their tools and impressed with their efforts. While on the 13th October it was the turn of the adult volunteers to plant the last of the 4,500 bulbs. Come and join us on 20th or 27th October, 10-12noon, to complete the planting.

The event was sponsored by the Parish Council. To all those who think the so called 'Big Society' doesn't exist, then spare a thought for all those who gave of their time freely and to John and Annie for organising the event, all to provide years of enjoyment to onlookers, thank you.

Speeding in Pitstone

A community speedwatch event was held in Pitstone on Wednesday 12 September so that anyone worried about speeding in the village could pop along and talk to Thames Valley Police, Transport for Bucks and members of the parish council. You could also have found out more about the community

speedwatch project which is designed to improve awareness of speeding and the problems it can cause.

The event was advertised on our web site, Facebook page, via Twitter, posters on the notice-boards and on 3 Counties Radio, who also came along to the event. Unfortunately, whilst these sessions have been very popular in other villages, not one resident attended the event in Pitstone beyond Parish Councillors.

The Parish Council has been promoting speedwatch for 24 months now. However, as very few members of the parish have expressed an interest, the Parish Council have resolved not to pursue a scheme for Pitstone.

Flashing Speeding Signs (mVAS)

Instead of a more resource intensive Speedwatch scheme, the parish council is now pursuing whether we can purchase a dedicated mobile vehicle activated sign for the parish of Pitstone with Bucks County Council (BCC).

We still have a way to go before the potential sites in Cheddington Road, Vicarage Road, Marsworth Road and Westfield Road have been risk assessed and approved by BCC but we hope that we will be able to have one unit that we can rotate around these major entrance roads to flash a reminder to motorists about the appropriate speed limit.

If you would be interested in helping us with this project and undergoing training in the moving and use of this equipment, please contact the parish clerk on <u>parish</u>- (Continued from page 6)

clerk@pitstone.co.uk / 01296 660791.

Pitstone Community Film Club

Earlier in the year Pitstone Parish Council canvassed residents on whether they would be interested in a Community Cinema. We are pleased to announce that several volunteers stepped forward and a committee has been formed to get things moving. We are calling it the Pitstone Community Film Club and, with the help of a grant from Pitstone Parish Council to cover start up costs, we are planning our first screening for December.

Initially we will be looking to show recent films, with drinks and snacks available. Our venue will be Pitstone Memorial Hall and we are aiming to create the true cinema experience of watching films on a large screen.

Although tickets will be on open sale for many screenings, we will be set up as a club where members can pay a subscription and receive benefits, such as discounts, and will be able to have a say in the films to be shown. Details of membership will be available at our first screening.

Look out for further screening details on the village web site, and around the village. If you would like to get involved with the club please contact Dave Nicholls, Tel: 661910 or dave@djnsolutions.co.uk

Changes to bus service to Tring

From 5 November, the Arriva No 61 bus service will turn left up Westfield Road and proceed into Tring via Bulbourne. It will also stop at College Lake if you fancy a cup of tea at the Nature Reserve! This is be-

cause new buses are being supplied to this route with lower access to assist the disabled and the new bus can't clear the hump backed bridge near the old recycling centre in Tring.

You will still be able to get on this bus service at any of the bus stops in Pitstone. There will also be two additional bus stops along Westfield Road. The rest of the route remains unaffected, so you will still be able to get between Aylesbury and Luton.

It won't however take you into Marsworth. If you want to get to Marsworth you need to get on the 164 bus service which only picks up from the bus stops by the recreation ground in Pitstone. The 164 operates between Leighton Buzzard and Aylesbury, so this service will give you an alternative means of accessing these places.

New timetables will be displayed at each bus stop.

Ticket office at Cheddington Train Station to close

London Midland trains has announced that the Secretary of State has approved the closure of a number of offices at their stations, including Cheddington, due to a fall in overthe-counter ticket sales as more-and-more people make use of ticket vending machines, telephone and internet purchases. So if you think you may need help with your ticket purchase, make sure you phone before you leave home, rather than hoping to speak to an attendant at the station!

Stuck in the ice?

The County Council grit the primary routes through the village (Westfield Road, Mars-

worth Road and the Upper Icknield Way) to keep the village moving. In addition, the parish council funds the provision of the grit/salt bin at the end of Vicarage Road.

This supply is for residents to use on the road if there is a particularly dangerous area / patch prone to ice. It is provided to enable traffic to get up the hill and safely exit at the junction. Please note that grit taken for use on private driveways or paths is an offence and counts as theft.

Any household salt, or special bags of gritting salt, can be used on your private property and are readily available for purchase at supermarkets, garden centres and DIY stores.

Please be considerate of other residents and use this supply to keep traffic moving during times of inclement weather. Please note that as Westfield Road is on the gritting route that the salt/grit bins along this road will no longer be replenished.

New Minor Illness and Injury Centre in Wycombe

On I October the Emergency Medical Centre in Wycombe is closing and being replaced by the Minor Illness and Injuries Centre. If you would like full details, check out the information posted onto our web site at: http://www.pitstone.co.uk/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?
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Volunteer of the Year 2013

The intention of this award, inaugurated in 2009, is to bring to the fore the hard work of all volunteers that support and run the various clubs and societies in the village. Their efforts, freely given, making a huge difference to the lifestyle and well-being of parishioners.

In recognising the work of an individual, in the voluntary sector, the parish council (itself made up of elected parishioners who receive no financial reward for their services) wish to highlight the contribution they make to encourage others teetering on the edge of serving the community, in their spare time, to come forward.

Nominations are now invited for next year's award. The only rule is that nominees are or have worked on a voluntary basis with an organisation within the village of Pitstone. The closing date for entries will be the 15th January 2013. The successful candidate will be chosen, from a list of nominees, by Pitstone Parish Council, prior to the Parish Council's Annual Assembly for 2013, where an award of £50.00, will be presented to the person chosen.

Nominations can be made by both adults and children living in the village, so please post or e-mail your nominations to our Parish Clerk, Laurie Eagling. Please include your contact details and tell us why we should agree with your choice.

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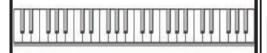
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CHARITY NEWS - NEW TRUSTEES

With the approval of both the Charity Commission and Pitstone Parish Council, the trustees have appointed an additional *two trustees, to the Pitstone Town Lands Charity. (Trustee contact details are shown below).

Trustee Name	Trustee Address	Trustee Telephone No.	Position
Mary Saintey	2 Albion Road	668633	Chairperson
Kate Smethers	41 Albion Road	661499	Treasurer
Gill Lowe	21 Rushendon Furlong	668809	Secretary
*Mark Robinson	77 Crispin Field	660724	*Trustee
*Peter Loose	21 Albion Road	66805 I	*Trustee
Sue Gregory	4 The Crescent	661609	Trustee
Klaus Ginda	7 Chequers Close	668911	Trustee

Among other qualities Mark Robinson has a background in land and property management while Peter Loose has had a long career, in senior management, dealing with the welfare of vulnerable adults and the elderly in both the public and private sector. Their assistance will help with the increasing work load of the charity in meeting the needs of parishioners, and satisfying the aims of the charity: 'to alleviate poverty and distress', while remaining relevant in today's society. We hope all will join us in saying welcome to our new trustees.

Main Grants for Pensioners:

Grant towards cost of	Amount
Spectacles (eyes)	up to £150.00
Dentistry (teeth)	up to £150.00
Chiropody (feet)	up to £28.00
Hearing Aids (ears)	up to £150.00

Other individual grants available (not age related):

Examples of individual grants currently made are those to:

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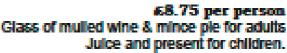
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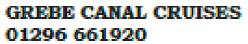
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- a bereavement grant of £350 is available towards funeral expenses incurred by the family.

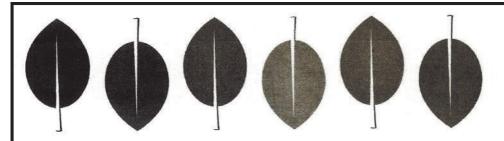
Here to Help: The Pitstone Town Lands Charity can also consider requests for help from, those in need, living in the parish. If you would like more information about the charity or to apply for a grant or assistance please contact a trustee. All information given to trustees is treated in the strictest confidence.

LIBRARY NEWS: Beacon Villages Community Library

The Beacon Villages Community Library is relaunching its popular story sessions for younger members.

Story time and 'bounce and rhyme' for the under 5s is now held from 2.15 until 2.45 on Tuesdays, with new volunteer Margaret kindly leading the sessions. Library card holders and

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non-card holders are welcome to drop in on a Tuesday or to pop into the library at any time to find out more.

Meanwhile, in the autumn half term we will be holding a book-making session with Moira. At the session little ones will hear the

Brothers Grimm classic The Magic Porridge Pot. They will be able to help draw and colour scenes from the story to make a book that will be proudly displayed in the library afterwards for visitors to see.

The session will be held on 2 November – do pop into the library to find out more or to take a look at the Three Billy Goats Gruff book that we made at our last session. You can see some pages from the book on our website at www.BVCL.org.uk/news.

Meanwhile, plans are under way to run stories for older children, so watch this space. In the coming months we hope to expand our growing events programme to cater for grown-ups too, starting with regular afternoon or evening talks.

If you'd like to register your interest in attending, reading at story sessions, helping to organise sessions or even give a talk, please visit the library or email info@BVCL.org.uk.

BVCL is run by the community for the community and we are keen to make sure we are providing the services that you want. We'd like you to have your say so we would very much like you to become a BVCL member. Being a member simply means that we'll keep you updated via our newsletter, ask for your views and invite you to the AGM where you'll be able to vote for the committee and have an input into future plans. We'll also give you first pick of new books when they arrive in stock.

Membership is free but it is not the same as being a library card holder – to register you as a member we just need your name and email address or contact details and confirmation that you wish to become a member. You can email us at info@bvcl.org.uk or come into the library and sign our members' register.

Our opening times are: Tues/Thurs 2pm-5pm, Fri 2pm-7pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

At the beginning of the year we asked for volunteers to help Michelle in the library during these opening hours. We had an excellent response and there are volunteers to help at most library shifts but we could do with a few more.

If you could spend an hour and a half in the library once a month during those times involved in a variety of jobs please contact Gillian Arney 01296 668123 or

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gill.arney@tiscali.co.uk, or Michelle on 01296 387890 email: info@bvcl.org.uk

We hope you'll visit us soon.

Emma Huxley, Chair, BVCL Management Committee, chair@BVCL.org.uk

ASHRIDGE NEWS

Diary dates:

Sunday 2 December - Ashridge at Christmas. I0am-4pm, Ashridge Estate Visitor Centre, Monument Drive, Ringshall, HP4 ILX. Original gifts from local craftspeople and producers. National Trust shop and Brownlow Cafe open all day. Free parking and entry.

Tuesday 27 December - Ashridge Estate Christmas Walk for all the family. 10am - noon, starting and finishing Ashridge Estate Visitor Centre, Monument Drive, Righshall, HP4 1LX. Wine/soft drink and mince pie at the end. Booking essential - 01442 851 227 before 21 Dec. Friends of Ashridge members £6, all other adults £7, under 16s £5.

Sunday 12 May 2013 - Friends of Ashridge Spring Plant Fair. 1,000s of affordable plants for sale from private gardens and commercial growers. I lam-4pm. Free parking and entry. All proceeds in aid of Ashridge Estate upkeep.

Walks:

Been for a walk through the National Trust Ashridge Estate lately? - it's beautiful at this time of year. In fact, it doesn't really matter what season we're in, it's the place to unwind and put life back into perspective. A frosty morning is the perfect time to enjoy the woods - and a home-made bowl of soup afterwards at the Brownlow Café.

If you're busy getting the garden settled for the winter, spare a thought for Ashridge - the Friends of Ashridge's annual bumper plant fair isn't until Sunday 12 May next year but most of our sale plants are donated by kind people who have plants to spare in their gardens. John Cartwright (01442 864 984) will be very happy to hear from you any time between now and 5 May: whether you have perennials, shrubs, trees, vegetables, herbs or annuals, he'll welcome your donations of well-rooted, healthy plants. Pots and compost are available on request. Please fully label – including the colour of decorative flowers.

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NEW CUISINE IN PITSTONE

Friday nights will never be the same again!



Shelim Ullah (pictured, left with builder Matt Sullivan) is an ambitious man who has decided to become an entrepreneur. He has moved into the former Bell public house in the village and made a spectacular job of converting it. The colour scheme of red and cream is set off by elegant gold curtains. The outside, as we have all seen, is a major improvement with its two tone walls and attractive signage.

Shelim lives in Aylesbury with his wife of seven years. Prior to starting up in Pitstone he worked for twenty two years in the Bangladeshi/Indian restaurant business, mainly in High Wycombe.

A North London boy, Shelim supports Spurs and gets to as many matches as he can manage given the anti-social hours he works. He is a sociable person, going out with friends, accompanied of course by his wife.

Customer service is very important to Shelim and he loves meeting people. He is looking forward to getting to know the locals. "When I had distributed my leaflets, many people rang me up to wish me luck, It was a very warm welcome." He told me.

Opening hours will be: Lunch time 12pm – 2pm, Weekday Evenings 5pm – 10.30pm, Weekend Evenings 5pm – 11pm.

The restaurant will deliver locally a traditional Indian/Bangladeshi menu with a few specialities of the house such as Hilsa Kufta a boneless fish dish in a medium tomato, garlic and green pepper sauce, or Haash Rajuthi, Duck breast in ginger gravy with cinnamon and garam masala.

I didn't realise when I knocked on his door and found him up to his eyes in work that that night, 4th October, was opening night. Shelim was too polite to send me on my way and took the time to talk to me across the empty bar even though he must have had lots to do in the kitchen.

I have interviewed two previous proprietors of the Bell during my 12 years living in Pitstone but I have a feeling that The Haldi Restaurant is here for the long haul. I also predict that my

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nights off.

Sue Nicholls, PPP reporter

IVINGHOE OLD SCHOOL



The news is There will soon be a ding! newly

have an agreed understanding to buy back out for our leaflets in Library and Store. the building Freehold at some future date if we so wish.

This might sound initially a daunting prospect, but as there are more grants open to us as a community than for County for this restoration work, we will set about it with a will! Firstly we rewrote this September our Big Lottery Village SOS thirty page grant application, this time asking for twenty three thousand pounds to refurbish the heating throughout the building in order that we might invite two businesses in to run the activities the community have voted for. Sec-

Friday evenings will be much more restful ondly we asked them for twelve thousand and that the dishwasher will have Friday pounds to reinstate a basic kitchen for the building, which can then be added to by our café tenant for her own tailored operating purposes. And thirdly we requested the £15,000 pounds to equip our planned Cyb/ Org room for start-up businesses and computer learning afternoons. You will already know we had initially planned this for our previous bid, withdrawn at the last minute when we still had achieved no agreed lease by the Lottery deadline to qualify us for bid-

a d d e d We have been taking advice on grants for amenity to refurbishment and also from heating specialour com- ists etc., on those rare occasions when we m u n i t y . can re-enter the building escorted by and After sixteen months of negotiation and ar- covered by the Public Liability Insurance of duous SOS Ivinghoe community group strug- our Parish Council chair, generously giving us gle, we have achieved our desired outcome. an hour here and there of her time for us to The Old School lyinghoe has been agreed as cost up our requirements. All these incona Community Asset Transfer and confirmed veniences will end when we have a full Lease by Cabinet, to the Trustees of Ivinghoe Old in place and our own insurances give us full School Community Hub, by Bucks County cover to operate. We will then go into a Council. The twenty five year lease has been period of refurbishment, as long as money awarded and will be signed off by late Octo- comes in from grants. After that we will inber 2012/ beginning of November 2012 for a vite you all to help out with last minute peppercorn rent, and all responsibilities of painting and tidying jobs so that we can fling structural, internal and external fabric of the our doors open to invite in the community building signed over to us. Separately we will as a whole to celebrate our opening. Look

> With skilled tenants delivering us a welcoming community café CuriosiTEA ROOMs, and Flametree Community Limited giving us theatre, film making, dance to health, gardening clubs, a forest school and after school fun of all kinds, we will be quietly buzzing on the lawn with things for all of us to choose to enjoy.

> At the same time the rental from those tenants will make the community enterprise fully

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sustainable, long into the future.....leaving two rooms for the community to use for other activities as needed.

The old post office space will be equipped with computer and other office equipment, so that local start-up businesses can use it to kick start in a 'hot-desking' scenario, leaving it free in the afternoons for newer computer learners to practice the art...and keep themselves in touch with friends, family and the outside world through leisure and shopping opportunities economically online.

Lunch clubs will bring us all together to become a more informed good neighbouring village for those errands so needed, and also to plan our own uses for the final community room such as auction sales, parties for all generations but especially children so safely close as we are to the play equipment on the lawn.

We plan to offer community theatre experiences to the upper Town Hall and a voucher system could develop to incorporate Library, shop and Post office usage to our own use and keep us all thriving. Watch this space and keep toes crossed for our refurbishment grant bids success and also online donations portal via our website through a 'localgiving.com' link very soon!

Carol Tarrant Ivinghoe SOS chair 01296 662267 www.ivinghoeoldschool.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Memorial news

Dear Editor.

You might like to share this most welcome news with your readers.

In August 2011, I submitted the details of our USAAF 36BS Cheddington & Long Marston war memorials to the United Kingdom Inventory of War Memorials. They have just completed their authorisation procedure and have added our memorials to their inventory.

The entries can been seen in the record books at the IWM, Lambeth and also on the UKIWM on the internet as below.

I have recorded the war memorial at Ivinghoe with the UKNIWM reference number of 63355. You can access this record online at:

http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/conMemorial.63355/fromUkniwmSearch/L.

The memorial at Long Marston has also been recorded. Its UKNIWM reference number is 63354 and the record can be accessed at:

http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/conMemorial.63354/fromUkniwmSearch/1.

Wish our very best regards, Heda Kootz and Chas Jellis

Summer Jazz Pitstone Hall Fundraiser

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all those who helped to make the jazz quartet concert on august 11th such a success!

The four musicians raised more than £400 for the memorial hall fund and, at the same time, entertained a very appreciative audience with a selection of well-known and original music. It was an exciting evening with a packed hall which was catered for with a busy bar and also teas, coffees and cakes.

With such excellent support from local people, the musicians are considering repeating the event next summer – so watch this space for more news on that next year. Special thanks go to Sue and Barry Gregory, whose tireless work for the hall is much appreciated by all in our village.

Thank you!
Benjamin Treacher (saxophones)

OTHER LOCAL NEWS Pitstone Author publishes again - Coffee Break Crime



Pitstone writer Dave Sivers (pictured) has published a collection of short stories as an e-book for download to Kindles and Kindle apps. Dark and Deep: Ten Coffee Break Crime Stories contains ten dark tales with a twist.

"Serial killers, revenge seekers, trained assassins, and a rather sinister teddy bear... they're all here in this chilling little collection," said Dave. There are ten in total - enough to get you through a fortnight of mid-morning coffee breaks.

"Many of the tales will have your hair standing on end, but my grim brand of humour is never far away. So put the kettle on, break out the biscuits, and prepare to visit some dark places!

Dave's debut novel, A Sorcerer Slain, was published as an e-book last year and a sequel, Inquisitor Royal, followed in January 2012. The third in the crime fantasy series, featuring personal inquisitor Lowmar Dashiel is coming later this year.

Dark and Deep is already selling and has received a five star review on Amazon which described the work as "real genius... wonderful character portraits, and dark and violent imagery and mood that you end up savouring after finishing the story."

Dave is well-known locally as a freelance writer, contributing to local newspapers and magazines, and recently won the latest of a number of short story competition prizes. His website is at www.davesivers.co.uk.

CRIME AND SAFETY Personal Robbery in Aylesbury Vale



The Community Safety Partnership traditionally see an increase in personal robbery offences during the winter months.

Aylesbury Vale is a low crime area and Thames Valley Police and AVDC are working to prevent future offences. The partnership would like to remind residents of the following crime prevention tips:

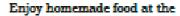
Don't advertise expensive belongings such as mobile phones and mp3 players.

Always be aware of your surroundings- turn off IPods & mp3s so you're more alert. Property mark your valuables with a UV Pen- if your belongings are stolen and later recovered your valuables can be returned to you.

Register your phone/mp3 for free at Immobilise.com - this helps the police to recover your phone if it's stolen and capture thieves.

Use cash machines during the daytime if possible. It is best to use a well-lit cash point. Avoid dimly-lit and deserted areas.

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Top tip: Join Thames Valley Alert!

If you live in Buckinghamshire you are invited to sign up to Thames Valley Alert. This free service enables subscribers to be sent crime prevention messages and alerts as well as witness appeals local to the area in which you live. You can opt to have the information sent by phone, email or text. This service was previously known as Community Messaging. To join, visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk to sign up and be in the know!

Here's a bright idea; leave a light on!

Here's a bright idea... leave a light on! As the clocks go back and the nights draw in, Aylesbury Vale residents are reminded to secure their homes against opportunist burglars.

By following the Community Safety Partnership top tips, you'll be safe as houses this winter: Look at your house like a burglar would. Is your home secure? Does your home appear occupied when you are out?

Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked and belongings are not left on show. Use a timer switch to make your home appear occupied. This is especially important if you are out in the evenings or return home late as a commuter.

Mark your valuable property such as televisions, mobile phones, games consoles etc with a UV pen (house number and postcode). In the unfortunate event your property is stolen and then recovered; Police can positively identify valuables and give them back to you. Be aware of the risks of broadcasting if you are going out somewhere on social networking sites. This could advertise your home as a target.

Secure your garage/shed as well as your home - they contain the tools a burglar requires to get into your home.

To see where our wintertime road shows are due visit http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/community-living/community-safety/christmas-safety

Have a festive and safe Christmas from the Community Safety Partnership!

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2012

Look out for our local volunteers and static collection points to buy your poppy in October and November. This year collecting will begin around the weekend of October 26th so please give generously once again.

The Poppy appeal 2011-2012 raised over £5,680 in the villages of Ivinghoe, Pitstone, Ivinghoe Aston, Slapton and Marsworth . The generosity of so many in our villages is much appreciated it goes towards helping servicemen and women and their families who have suffered and are still suffering from the effects of active service, casualties and welfare problems.

In fact to date over 16,000 Iraq, and Afghanistan war veterans have been helped by the Royal British Legion . Every week £1.4 million is spent on those in need. Do contribute as generously as you can so that valuable support can continue.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Ist Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout Group

Even though the group have not met over the summer, the scout hut was still in use having its own make over. With particular thanks going to George Lee, Martin Lee and Daniel Lee; they have done a fantastic job of making our hut a nicer place to meet in. Meanwhile the leaders have been busy getting together their new programmes ready for yet another busy term ahead not to mention group activities as well.

Scouts

The Scouts are continuing their drive on raising funds for their forth coming trip to Iceland, if you are able to support them in any way or help with their fund-raising ideas they will be pleased to hear from you. Leading up to Christmas they will be launching their Christmas post for around the villages.

In October they will be entering the Escape and Evasion at Ashridge, they also have a Shooting evening planned. In November they are planning to do the Grimstike hike in preparation for delivering all the Christmas cards around the villages; so please buy the stamps and let the scouts deliver the cards!

Cubs

The cubs had a fun weekend at their summer camp at Phasels Wood; they also had a weekend at Longridge where they had the chance to do water activities. Luckily for them it was their driest camp ever unless they got wet exploring in the water! Some lucky Cubs will

have the opportunity to watch a shooting demonstration and then to have a chance to try rifle shooting. Not on the same evening – but they are having a visit from paramedics; getting to know what they get up to. Also visiting the cubs are Para-Olympians and Olympians.

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 old Beaver Leaders moving on, we have been lucky enough to secure 3 new leaders. Andy Broad will take the responsibility of Beaver Leader with Debbie Woods and Rob Mercel becoming his assistant leaders.

While they settle in they are focusing on 'fun and games' although they are also working towards their badges at the same time.

Dates to pop into your dairy

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

As a group we will be helping to plant bulbs in the village. We will also be entering the District swimming gala in October; hopefully there will be enough young people to swim and win the trophies!

I have had many comments from different people thinking that I have moved away from scouting, yes I have stepped down from being the Beaver Leader but I have kept the role of Group Scout Leader so I am still very much involved in the scouting world.

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! Whether you are 16 or 60 you may be interested in being a member on the committee for the group, again please let me know, all details below. PLEASE speak up as any amount of time available is VERY worthwhile to us.

Yours in Scouting Michelle Lee Group Scout Leader 01296 668467 putseylee@gmail.com

Ivinghoe & Pitstone with Cheddington Guides (AKA CHIMPS)

Just to give you some details all about Guides - from the girls themselves.

We are for girls any age between 10 and 14.

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We have a relaxed uniform - t-shirt, hoodie and jeans.

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We don't march (except when on Remembrance Parade)

We go on trips for swimming, archery and bowling.

We had our own Paralympic celebration for 2000 girls at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, where

We had a go at playing wheelchair basketball.

We go camping and have indoor holidays.

We really enjoy food related activities, but we like to get active too.

We like to help in the local community - raising money for local charities.

We meet on a Tuesday evening at Pitstone Millenium Room – come along and give us a try, to see if you enjoy it. For more information call Yvonne Ashton Tel:01296 660044. E-mail:-Yvonne.ashton1@btinternet.com

WINDMILL PRE SCHOOL



Pre - School

At the beginning of the new academic year we welcomed lots of new children to our 'Outstanding' setting. This year will be another exciting year with lots of opportunities for parents to get involved with their pre-schoolers early education. We've got some great fundraising events planned to help raise funds for toys, equipment, games and crafts, so we hope parents, friends and family members—as well as the local community—will continue to support them. There are also some important changes that will affect the setting over the coming year.

Important changes

Due to the growth of Pitstone and the surrounding villages, there has been a huge increase in the demand for statutory school places within the Foundation Stage at Brookmead School. As a result of this, there will no longer be a nursery/pre-school provision (formerly known as Acorns) from January 2013 at Brookmead School.

How does this affect you and your child? Children who would usually move up to Acorns in January or April will continue at their existing pre-School setting until the end of the aca-

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demic year. You therefore do not need to do anything.

Although Brookmead School will not be offering pre-school provision from January 2013, the new arrangements will enable us at Windmill Pre-School to work much more closely with Foundation Stage staff and with parents to support effective transition and readiness for school. This is an exciting opportunity for greater collaboration and will enable us to meet your child's learning needs more effectively. During the summer term we trialled a new 'Transitions Programme' with the children who left our setting at the end of last term. With the feedback from pre-school staff, parents and Brookmead School Foundation Stage staff, we will be developing this further and will be running this programme again next year.

Open Morning

Do you have a child approaching preschool age? We are holding an Open Morning on Saturday, 2nd February where parents and children can come in and look around our purpose built premises, meet the staff and chat to the members of the Voluntary Management Committee. It's never too early to put your child's name on our waiting list, and since we now take children from ages two to five years, our places fill up quickly.

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Staff update

Lana Race, our Pre-School Leader, is currently on Maternity Leave after the birth of her daughter in May. We are pleased to advise that Sharon, who is currently covering this position on a temporary basis, will be staying with us until at least February. Both Sharon Berry and Joe Coleman will be working closely together planning the children's daily activities as well as the transition activities for the older children that would usually move up to Acorns after Christmas and Easter. We also welcome back Kim, who previously worked at Windmill Pre-School, in our old building.

Getting involved

Part of our success as a pre-school is the role that parents play within the setting. We currently have a small number of enthusiastic volunteers that come in and help out. This can involve helping with crafts and messy play, reading stories, baking or helping with tidying and clearing up at the end of a session. We would like to invite members of the local community (you don't have to be a parent of a child currently attending, but you would need to undergo a CRB check), who are able to spare a couple of hours — either on a regular basis or an ad hoc basis, to get in touch by emailing admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk

We particularly welcome dads, or people with interesting jobs to come in and get involved. So if you are good at sport, or are a fire fighter or you work in the police, maybe even a doctor, nurse or dentist and could spare some time to come in and talk about your job, the children would love to meet you so please do get in touch.

Join the team

Windmill Pre-School is run by a voluntary Management Committee, mainly consisting of parents, but also members of the local community. Members of the elected Committee are the Trustees of the Charity and are responsible for all decision making relating to the running of the Pre-school. Some of the activities we are involved in include strategic management of the setting, e.g. staffing, premises, equipment and hours of opening, grant applications, funding, marketing, PR and administration. Without this dedicated team, our pre-school would not be able to run.

We currently have vacancies for general committee members - enthusiastic individuals, who are able to spare a little time each month. Being a member of the Committee is an extremely worthwhile activity, enabling parents to have some influence over their child's early years' education, and also allows local people the opportunity to get involved in a focal point within the community. Both have a real and positive impact on the way in which Pre-school is run. We are a friendly group and we meet the first Tuesday of each month in the evening and we also have regular staff and Committee social events. If you are interested in joining our team, please get in contact.

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Fundraising and Events

Over the past couple of years we have been very busy with fundraising activities, raising over £5k towards our move from Pitstone Memorial Hall to our current purpose built premises. We have invested in lots of new toys, crafts and equipment for the children to enjoy. This year we have some exciting events planned, starting with a Quiz Night on Friday 9th November taking place at Ivinghoe Village Hall (see page 67). This we hope will be a great success and could become an annual fixture in our fundraising calendar. Other events we are planning in order to raise much needed funds are two Family Photo Sessions (October and May), Textile Recycling (March and July) and a Ladies Fashion Show in the spring. All our big events are open to everyone and we hope that we can count on your continued support throughout the year.

Gail Dodsworth, Chair, Voluntary Management Committee

PITSTONE AND IVINGHOE BABY AND TODDLER GROUP



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 Autumn term is already in full swing here at the toddler group. We have celebrated harvest with another fantastic, (wet!) tractor ride - a big thank you once again to Nigel Thompson and Mrs. Jellis for providing this treat to our children. As I am writing this Michelle and some volunteers from the library are preparing for Winnie The Witch's birthday party that they will bring to toddlers to celebrate Children's Book Week.

We also need to say a big thank you to Ivinghoe Entertainments, they donated £200 to our group last term and we have invested in some new toys. The children have been enjoying playing with the new space and farm toys and have loved being creative and messy with the activities provided in the big messy play tray.

It has been wonderful to be able to welcome so many new families to the group over recent months, the group is really growing and each week the hall is full of busy, happy children and families. Of course as the group grows so does the workload for the volunteers who run the group, we are always keen to recruit new members onto the committee, or for people to come early and help set up or stay and clear away. If you feel you could help in anyway however big or small please let us know.

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Coming up

We have a packed calendar with Halloween activities, firework themed fun, and the term will end with a great Christmas party, which will include a visit from 'you know who'. We also have many local businesses booked in to show case their goods, perfect for Christmas shopping or just a browse.

Fundraising and toy donations

We are planning another bring and buy sale in the near future – keep an eye on Facebook and the notice boards for further details. If anyone has any toys they would like to donate please contact us, we are currently trying to increase our stock of Duplo and toy dinosaurs.

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. 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, craft and messy play 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. Ashley at ashleylav-is1988@Gmail.com

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Get in touch

Facebook 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 Facebook 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. Facebook 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.

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

Rachel McGuire - Secretary

LOCAL BUSINESS

Rose and Crown News Ivinghoe

Despite some appalling weather through the summer, thanks to a great sporting calendar, some hardy campers, and new and old friends alike we've had a busy and enjoyable summer. Gary and the other one would like to thank everyone for their custom, and support over our first few months. It has been really appreciated.

So what's been happening?

During the early part of the summer we introduced all day opening everyday except Mondays. This means that from 9.30 in the morning we can offer a range of speciality teas and coffees alongside some locally made pastries and cakes. We've even got one of those swanky coffee machines that looks, smells and sounds great.

During lunchtime we offer a specific menu, so if you're feeling hungry why not pop in for one if our hearty meals. If you're not too hungry then we have some lighter selections to tempt you as well.

The last Tuesday of September welcomed back the quiz night after a summer recess. These

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will continue on the last Tuesday of every month. Thanks to our special meal deals and some challenging questions from our quiz master, these nights are very popular.

If you're new to the area and looking to make friends there are a number of local clubs and groups that reside at the pub. Take a look at our website www.roseandcrownivinghoe.com to see what's on offer. Whilst your there please feel free to register for our newsletter which is emailed out regularly.

Looking ahead, Christmas is rapidly approaching. If your thinking of a pre-Christmas celebration then please contact us, we are already taking bookings!

Once again thanks for choosing the Rose and Crown, we look forward to seeing you.

Kirk and Gary @ the Rose and Crown, Ivinghoe

Ivinghoe and Pitstone W.I.



This will be my last report for Ivinghoe and Pitstone W.I, as our AGM takes place in November and we shall be electing a new President. The three years have simply flown by and I've thoroughly enjoyed my term as President but it's time for a change and some new ideas. The committee work very hard organizing the monthly meetings and arranging other events throughout the year, but as the say-

ing goes many hands make light work so hopefully we will have some new members volunteering to take their place on the committee in November.

Over the last three months we have had a variety of events, our July meeting took the form of a mystery tour by coach through the countryside, not that we could see much through the driving rain, ending at a wonderful pub, The Green Man in Stanford. Here we were served a wonderful 3 course meal for less than £10.00, the food was excellent and the portions were huge, we would thoroughly recommend the pub if you are ever in that area but I suggest booking as the restaurant was completely packed and not just with WI ladies.

We had the most perfect weather for our August meeting. Only a few select members turned up for a meeting with a difference, a treasure hunt around lyinghoe started the evening, the first clue in the churchyard, then on to three very different gardens owned our members. The gardens were very different, in size and structure but all beautifully kept, they gave us all inspiration as to what we could do in our own gardens, if only we had the time. The evening ended back in the Town Hall with homemade cakes, tea and coffee.

We welcomed back Barbara Young in September giving us a very enlightening talk on the The Impressionists. The talk wasn't just about the paintings but also included an insight to

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their personal lives, which certainly brought Monet, Manet, Degas and Pissarro to name but a few to life. The artists based in Paris ignited a revolution with an explosion of colour and movement. Their vibrant canvases defied conventions and sparked scandal.

Also in September, in true WI fashion we held a craft day, where members were able to try their hands at the very 'in' circular knitted scarves, crochet, jewellery making and photo album making. You should be able to spot a W. I. lady around the village; she'll be the one wearing a fabulous scarf and earrings, necklace and bracelet to match! Our supper club evenings sampling the food and drink of local pubs is growing in strength and we are beginning to run out of pubs within a 10 mile radius to visit, if anyone has any recommendation please let us know. The monthly evening Rambles during the spring and summer have been a great success but have now come to a halt with the evenings becoming so dark so quickly, hopefully we'll plan some more of these starting next April or May.

At the time of writing we are planning our annual Quiz Night on 20th October, I'm sure this will be a great success as in previous years. The raffle money will be donated to our charity of the year Young Carers in Bucks.

We're always looking for new members, so why not put a date in your 2013 diary for Thursday January 10th to come along to Ivinghoe Town Hall and see what we really get up to, you'll be made to feel very welcome.

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

Julie Haynes President

CHURCH NEWS



St. Mary's, Ivinghoe

ST MARY'S IVINGHOE

Dear Reader,

I'd like to begin this month's letter with a heartfelt thank you to all who have wished me well and prayed for me while my voice has been difficult. I have now had a small operation on my vocal chords which we all hope will go some way to helping rectify the problem. I am so blessed with the communities in which I serve and you have all been so understanding during this time. May God bless you all.



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The rest of this year is set to be a busy one with children's activities, the barn nativity and carol services, all souls and remembrance parades to name but a few. Most of the details are available in this magazine but do look out for the posters or give me a ring on 668260. Make sure you get them into your diary. I look forward to seeing you.

God bless—Rev Tracey

Bible study groups

Our evening study meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at I 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. If you would like to know more information please contact Tracey on 668260.

Alternative Halloween party.

Why don't you give trick or treat a miss this year and come to our alternative Halloween party? Come and enjoy a party that doesn't celebrate the darker side of Halloween.

Come to a Super Shiny party on October 31st from 5pm until 6.30pm. This will be held in St. Mary's church lyinghoe. It will be filled with crafts, games and food; why not come dressed in a Super Sparkling Shiny costume. We hope to see you there. More details from Tracey. 668260

2013 Calendars and Christmas Cards

The Christmas Cards and 2013 Calendars featuring local scenes, sold in aid of the churches of lyinghoe, Slapton and Marsworth are available to order now.

The calendar is available as a desk calendar (£5) or a wall calendar (£8). The calendars are printed in excellent quality. The Christmas cards are available in three designs in packs of 10 (£5).

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All Souls service

Late autumn seems to encourage quiet reflection. For many it can also be a time when the pain of bereavement is felt particularly keenly.

On 2nd November at 8pm at St. Mary's church we will be holding a special memorial service for those who would like to have a chance to remember their loved ones who have died, both in the recent and not-so-recent past.

This service is not restricted to those who had a funeral service in church; it is an open invitation to anyone who has lost a loved one.

If you would like to know more about the service, please speak to Tracey or phone her on 668260.

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;

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 lyinghoe at 8pm and is based around crafts and chat. It is a time of relaxation and fun while enjoying trying out a new craft. Our next session will be November 6th. If you think you may be interested contact Tracey on 668260 for more details or just turn up and have some fun.

Food Bank

This Harvest we are starting a regular collection for Milton Keynes food bank. There is a

box at the entrance of each church to place gifts of food. There will be a list of items that are needed for your guidance. After our initial collection at Harvest our intention is to leave the boxes in church throughout the year; please give generously.

Taize

Why not come along and try a different way of worshipping at St Mary's Pitstone on Friday 30th November at 7pm. Taize is a candle lit reflective and meditative service at which the choir lead us in prayer chants. Please wrap up warmly as this church does not have any heating. We look forward to seeing you there, if you want to know more just give me a ring on 668260

Senior citizens Christmas Dinner

This will take place on December 14th at 12 - 2pm in Pitstone hall. We are hoping that once again the children from Brookmead choir will be providing the entertainment and baking and serving mincepies. If you would like to come please let Rev Tracey know on 668260. Transport can be provided if needed just let Tracey know when you book.

The messy nativity sheep trail

Can you knit? This year, beginning on Advent Sunday; I'm hoping to hold a messy nativity sheep trail around our villages; to do this I will need quite a few knitted sheep. If you are interested in helping I have a pattern that you can use. When I have collected all the sheep I will ask the children to give them all names.

All the sheep will be placed in obvious places around the villages; the idea is for the children to find as many of the named sheep as possible and write down where they found them on a prepared sheet.

On Christmas morning there will be a present for each village winner and one for anyone who managed to cover all the villages.

If you would like to know more or would like to join in the fun contact me on 668260

Advent Sunday - Workshop - Christingle

This year we are trying something a little different. On Sunday 2nd December we will be holding an Advent family worship at Ivinghoe church at 10.30am; this will be followed by a craft workshop and shared lunch. The Christingle service will begin at 2.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to join in at any point during the day; we are hoping that this will be a great fun way to start our preparations for Christmas. If you want to know more contact

me on 668260

Remembrance Sunday – we shall be holding our Parade and service at 10.30am on 11th November at Ivinghoe church.

Christmas services

As always at the beginning of December you will receive a Christmas Card with the details of all our Christmas services; but just so that you can put a few dates in your diary now the 9 lessons and carols will be at 6pm on 16th December; The children's nativity 3pm on Christmas Eve – all children are welcomed to come as angels or shepherds to join in the nativity scene; and our Christmas morning service will be at 9.15am.

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Bucks Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride 2012- Thank you

A big thank you to Chris Grimmette, Brenda McAllister and Charlotte Robinson who took part in this year's sponsored Ride & Stride on behalf of St Mary's, Ivinghoe. Thank you also to all the generous people who have sponsored them.

The total sum they have raised this year will be over £450 which is brilliant and there is still gift aid to be added. Half of this money will go to St Mary's, Ivinghoe and the other half will go into a fund that the Bucks Historic Churches Trust is able to distribute to churches and chapels of any Christian denomination that need help.

Finally, thank you to Mary Cook, Enid Browning, Janice Robinson, Jack and Sheila Davenport, David Green and Betty Swabey for manning lyinghoe Church and making the visiting walkers and cyclists feel welcome and to Janice Robinson and Annie Sandon for the delicious sandwiches and cakes. During the day, Ivinghoe Church welcomed 25 people and 20 people

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By the time you read this, we hope that many of you will have been able to attend our Harvest Festival in October and heard members of the Leighton-Linslade Concert Band perform and accompany our service once again. It may seen odd to start with something past, but if you were unable to ioin us on that afternoon at the Memorial Hall, the good news is that you have the opportunity to join us again at our Christmas Carol Service on Sunday December 16th at the Memorial Hall when the Band will provide music for the singing of traditional Christmas Carols. This will be from 2.30 onwards and seasonal refreshments will be provided.

For those of you who like singing hymns, we join with St. Mary's Church on the second Sunday in the month at Yardley Lounge to enjoy an informal and informative singalong of hymns chosen by YOU! To request a hymn contact Rev. Tracey Doyle on 668260 or Pastor Dave Clifford on 668906.

The Fellowship continues to meet at Yard-ley Lounge and whilst still small in number, we are seeing new people attending Sunday services. We still have a vision for a new place of worship in Pitstone and we continue to have discussions with the PPC and external organisations as we seek to bring the vision into reality. We welcome visits from all members of the community and are sure you will find a warm, friendly and loving atmosphere and a freedom in worship. Services are on Sunday mornings at 10.30 with coffee, tea and chat afterwards.

Pastor Dave Clifford - 01296 668906

IVINGHOE ENTERTAINMENTS

It is amazing how quickly the nights are closing in – British Summer Time coming to an end marking the commencement of the winter season.

Bonfire & Fireworks Saturday 03-November

Our next event will be the Annual Bonfire & Fireworks on 03-November. The event kicks off at 18:00 with the bonfire being lit at 18:45 followed at 19:15 by a spectacular fireworks display managed by our team of trained pyro-technicians. We hope again to have musical accompaniment to the fireworks display provided by Dave Mann. As is tradition at our Fireworks night there will be a BBQ including hot & cold drinks. Naturally we hope that the weather will be kind to ensure that the event will be a great success.

Please note that it is a condition of our insurance that no personal fireworks (including sparklers) are brought onto lyinghoe Lawn.

Tickets will be available in advance, at a discount, from Masons (Pitstone), Post Office (Ivinghoe), Grooms (Ivinghoe) and The Rose & Crown (Ivinghoe) £9 Family, £4 Adult. Tickets will be available on the night at £10 Family, £5 Adult.

You are welcome to bring your combustible waste on the Saturday morning for the bonfire from 09:00 until approx. 12:00 – there are certain materials that we are

unable to accept (e.g. tyres, foam, etc.) and Appeal for New Members these will need to be taken to the local recycling depot. Marshals will be available to We are looking for new members to join assist with the unloading.

Ivinghoe Festival 2012 Review

The Summer Ball was very successful and we have received numerous compliments on the improvements that we made to the evening. "Laughter on the Lawn" was an outstanding success with near 300 people attending.

The feedback provided by those that completed our survey is very much appreciated and will be included as part of the input for the 2013 Festival.

Ivinghoe Festival 2013

Put a note in your diaries for the lyinghoe Festival 2013 Friday 21-Jun & Saturday 22-Jun. Initial planning has started for both events however, if you have any ideas that you would like to contribute please let us know. Details of both events will be published in the next update.

Ivinghoe Christmas Tree

Many people will be unaware that lyinghoe Entertainments provide the Christmas tree that is positioned opposite the Kings Head for the enjoyment of the whole village. The tree will be erected on or around 08-December.

Web Site

Our website is now up and running with the latest details of our events http:// ivinghoeentertainments.org.uk/

our committee who can add to the diversity of our membership and provide valuable alternate input to our events. We are particularly looking for new female members to add input to the 'softer' side of activities. The commitment is approx. 2 meetings a quarter plus helping, as available, at the events themselves. Please contact a member of the committee (or myself) if you are interested in helping us. Thanks in advance. Graham Hollands

Chair - Ivinghoe Entertainments ivinghoeentertainments@gmail.com, Facebook: Ivinghoe Entertainments www.ivinghoeentertainments.org.uk/

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Vale's next show will be picture perfect.

Tickets are on sale for The Vale Gilbert & Sullivan Society (VG&S)'s production of Half a Sixpence, which takes place from Tuesday 20 to Saturday 24 November at the Court Theatre, Pendley Manor.

The show is based on H G Wells' novel Kipps: The Story of a Simple Soul, and was originally conceived as a vehicle for the British pop star Tommy Steele. Arthur Kipps is an orphan who inherits a fortune and climbs the social ladder, only to lose everything and find out that money can't buy happiness.

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There is a small charge for the service to cover the volunteer's petrol and car parking expenses. To make it easier, a set tariff has been worked out in advance for typical journeys to local hospitals. If you need to access healthcare in another town, eg Hemel Hempstead, the cost will be advised at the time of booking the trip.

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Tales from the Compost Heap

Autumn - season of mists and mellow fruitfulness - though sadly this year not very much fruit, not in my garden anyway. We do however have an awful lot of leaves.

What to do with them? Some people send them off with the rubbish and recycling collections, and some like to burn them on a bonfire. Small quantities of leaves can be put into your compost bin, to balance out the amount of green materials you have in there. However, better by far especially if you have a lot of leaves, you could make leafmould. This is lovely stuff, which is useful as a mulch, as a soil improver, or as the basis of a seed sowing mix.

Making the leafmould is simple – all you need are a few materials, and patience. Gather up your leaves, and stuff them into a black plastic sack. Water them a bit if they are dry. Punch a few holes in the sack, then leave it, maybe behind the garden shed, for a year or two. Or, if you have some wire netting and a few stakes, make a simple container. In any case, leave the leaves untouched, the longer the better.

After one or two years, you can use the resulting product as a mulch round shrubs, trees, borders and so on – just spread it as a layer on top. Or dig it into beds as a soil improver. After two years, the leafmould should be very fine and can be mixed with equal parts of sharp sand, garden soil and compost to make your own potting compost.

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Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout Group



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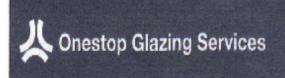


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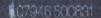








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Local PCSO Wins Award

Message from local Neighbourhood Inspector Emma Garside:



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dealt with a number of difficult neighbourhood disputes and in doing so has improved the quality of life of the residents concerned. Working closely with the Environment Agency, Jackie has played an instrumental role in reducing illegal angling and fish theft from local reservoirs and canals. All the nominations received testify that Jackie is a pivotal part of the community she serves.

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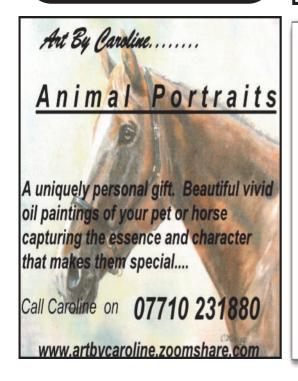
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