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WELCOME

Dave Nicholls, Chairman, PPC

Do you think the Parish Council is doing a good job? Do you think you could do better?

We are always happy to receive constructive criticism, but if you feel that you'd like to get more involved we currently have two vacancies for councillors. These are voluntary roles and you will need to commit a fair amount of time. In return you'll be involved in local decision making and be able to apply your ideas and skills to issues around the village. Personally I find that, while there are challenges, being a councillor is very satisfying. There are

limits to the powers of the Parish Council but we are able to raise money via the Precept (a tax set by the Parish Council and collected with your council tax) which, along with grants we can source from elsewhere, allows us to deliver services and amenities that improve life in the village.

You can find out more about the role here:

<http://pitstone.co.uk/ppc-vacancies>

please feel free to contact me, or any councillor (contact details on page 44), if you would like to talk things through.

A NOTE ABOUT PPP

You may notice a change in PPP. It has shrunk! This is in an attempt to combat rising prices and has resulted in free, regular adverts being removed, with a condensed version of their content, listed on pages 22 to 24. I have done my best in the limited space to do justice to your venues and establishments but the wording can be changed if you tell me what you would like the content to say. Some entries have nothing in them Do please let me know what you wish the entry to say. Ed.

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PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

New Footpath to Marsworth

Work commenced on 5 February and should be complete by the time you receive this edition of PPP. We hope that you all make good use of the new safe route into Marsworth and up to College Lake Nature Reserve. This project has taken several years to get implemented and funded, and we'd like to express our gratitude to all the parties and individuals that have been involved in pulling together and implementing this initiative. Funding was made available via a New Homes Bonus Grant, a Community Leaders Grant, a Local Area Forum Grant and provision from both parish councils. Look out for details on the website and noticeboards of an official opening ceremony and walk to Marsworth.

Ball Stop Netting and Fencing at the Sports Pavilion

We are delighted that the installation of two sections of ball stop netting, and two sections of replacement fencing at the sports pavilion have now been completed. Work will shortly commence on the extension of the larger pitch. Funding has been made

available for this project by the Football Foundation, a release of Section 106 sports & leisure development funds from Aylesbury Vale District Council, donations from both the senior and junior football clubs and a provision by the parish council.

New Telephone Number

Please note that the parish council has a new telephone number, so please use 01296 767261 when trying to reach the parish clerk.

Playgrounds

There are long outstanding plans to update/replace the play equipment on the recreation ground once it has been possible to secure the purchase/use of the land. We also operate two further playgrounds in Hever Close and Windsor Road. The current residential development will see further play equipment installed in the parish.

Did you know that we check all our playgrounds on a weekly basis to ensure they are in a good state of repair and safe for your enjoyment? If you are the parent of a child with a disability and have any concerns relating to disabled access or have particular disabled

equipment needs, please get in touch with the parish council on parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

Public Transport Infrastructure
Bucks County Council are currently investigating how best to utilize the Section 106 public transport funds provided by the residential developments in Vicarage Road and Rushendon Furlong. We will keep you updated once the plans have been confirmed.

Pitstone Community Car Scheme

The parish council is still working with the existing car scheme members, other individuals, advisory bodies and local organisations to relaunch the car scheme. If you can spare some time to volunteer as a driver or would like to take up the post of voluntary co-ordinator we would love to hear from you.

Should we have a Community Bus?

Bucks County Council and the parish council are jointly investigating whether there is a demand and support for a Community Bus amongst the local parishes. In other locations, such buses might run trips to the supermarket, surgeries, libraries, day care centres, some do scheduled bus routes, some do day trip excursions, some are used by schools/community groups etc. If you feel a community bus would be of value or would like to volunteer to get involved as a driver/committee member/co-ordinator etc then please get in touch. We will keep you updated with the outcome of the initial investigations.

Would you like to get involved?

Would you like to get involved with all the variety of work that falls under the scope of a parish council? Do you have plenty of spare time to devote to improving life for the residents of our parish? Perhaps you would like to consider joining the parish council? For more information on what a parish council is, what it does and how you can be involved please check out the leaflet on : <http://pitstone.co.uk/ppcpubs/pitstone-parish-council-general-information-leaflet/> or call the parish clerk and we will provide you with further information. Please note that these are voluntary roles – all your parish councilors volunteer their time for the benefit of the community.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

**Sandra Jenkins & Derek Town, District Councillors,
Pitstone & Cheddington Ward**

VALP

Following a productive consultation period, Aylesbury Vale District Council has submitted the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan – the blueprint that will manage and direct growth until 2033 – to the Planning Inspectorate for public examination.

The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) will help to reduce the risk of further uncontrolled growth in the Vale. During the latest consultation period, 988 people or organisations commented on the document, comprising 2,441 individual comments, many via a new online system designed to make it easier for everyone to have their say. All of these comments have been analysed, collated and submitted alongside the full plan document with its supporting evidence. Feedback at this stage of the process was a mixture of views, including some suggestions about how the plan could be revised and new sites

for development.

Cllr. Carole Paternoster, Cabinet Member for Growth Strategy, commented: “This plan is crucial in order for us to secure the right growth in the right place, with the supporting infrastructure to meet the requirements of current and future residents of the Vale, as well as protecting the environment. The response to this consultation shows there is a clear understanding across the Vale of the importance of growth being planned in a measured way.”

The Planning Inspector’s independent assessment of the VALP, alongside the comments that have been submitted, is likely to begin in the spring. AVDC anticipates this examination will take place throughout 2018 before the Inspector publishes his report and any recommendations for changes, after which the VALP should be formally

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adopted towards the end of the year. Once the schedule has been determined by the Inspector, anyone who commented during the consultation period will be notified of the next stage.

Further information about the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan can be found at www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/localplan

PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF AYLESBURY VALE, CHILTERN, SOUTH BUCKS & WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCILS Date: Monday 12 March 2018

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF ALL BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCILS REGARDING TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN BUCKS

The Secretary of State, Sajid Javid, has announced in Parliament that he is "minded" to implement Buckinghamshire County Council's proposal to replace the existing five councils in Bucks with a single county-wide unitary.

While we are extremely disappointed, the "minded to" decision is not set in stone, and as the process allows, we will be making the strongest possible representations to the Secretary of State that this decision is not the right one. We don't believe that this decision is in the best interest of our local residents, businesses, community groups, parish councils and various other stakeholders across the county and, based on our own engagement, we don't believe it has strong local support. Our new two unitary proposal, which can be seen at www.modernisingbucks.org recognises s key areas of difference for the communities in the north and the south,

such as the economy, jobs, growth and housing markets. We believe a single large unitary will mean major opportunities will be missed in these areas and that a one size fits all model will not mean the best deal. We also question the savings the single unitary model claims to deliver.

There is now a period until 25 May 2018 during which those interested may make further representations to the Secretary of State and we will be reflecting on today's announcement carefully.

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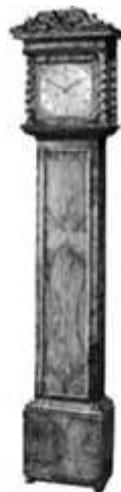
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COUNTY NEWS

Anne Wight, County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

I am sure that Pitstone residents join me in hoping that the worst of the winter is now behind us and are looking forward to the spring! One of the unfortunate consequences of such an unusually cold and snowy winter has been the emergence of new potholes in roads all across the county. I realise that this is causing problems for residents in our more rural local areas particularly and so just wanted to remind everyone that if they wish to report any potholes or other highways issues, do please use the BCC website to do so. This will provide a reference number to track the progress of repair work, and will also mean that a log is created so that Transport for Bucks has a record of the report. If you are able to safely photograph the pothole to upload with your report, that also helps the roadworks team.

The website address for reporting highways problems, including potholes is: <https://www.bucksc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/tell-us-about-a-highways-problem/>

To report an emergency highways issue, Transport for Bucks has an emergency number to ring instead. This

is to be used for trees blocking the road, any hazardous material lying in the road, or any similar situation where the problem needs urgent resolution. I have reprinted these below for your convenience.

If you consider this to be dangerous or an emergency, please call us on: 01296 382416 (9am-5.30pm Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm Friday) or 01296 486630 (out of hours and weekends). Otherwise, by submitting the report online, we will deal with it in line with our agreed timescales.

We councilors have also been given some additional funding to help with jet-patching the worst of our roads, which I will definitely be using to try to address this problem locally.

Moving on to local government issues, Pitstone residents may have read in the news that Sajid Javid (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government) is minded to create a new single 'unitary' council to replace the existing five county and district councils across Buckinghamshire.

Of the two proposals sent to him (one for a single unitary and one for two

unitary councils), Mr Javid felt that there would be definite advantages to having a single new council for Buckinghamshire.

Mr Javid said he was minded to implement the single unitary proposal based on local support but also because the two proposed councils would not have a 'credible geography'.

He said: 'I am satisfied that establishing two councils for the current county area is unlikely to improve local government in the area, generate significant savings or provide the capacity to sustain major services or address planning and housing challenges.

'I believe the areas of the two councils would not represent a credible geography or clear local identity and that there is significantly less local support for two councils than for a single council.

'Accordingly, I am not minded to proceed with the proposal for establishing two councils.' (Source: <https://www.localgov.co.uk/Javid-backs-single-unitary-council-in-Buckinghamshire/44906>)

While residents might be wondering what the differences are between the two proposals, these can all be found summarized on the 'Future Bucks' website:

<http://futurebucks.co.uk/862-2/>

Detailed explanations are also provided so that residents can see for themselves what the key advantages of the single council are and what the changes will mean for parishes.

We are encouraging people to write to the Secretary of State to confirm their support for this opportunity to make local government in

Buckinghamshire sustainable and fit for the future. The new council will save £45m over five years, offer better value to tax payers and be far simpler for them to do business with than the current model of five county and district councils. We are very grateful for the views and contributions to the debate that people have provided so far, and look forward to continuing our discussions to develop the detail of the future approach.

Please show your support for the change by writing to:

sajid.javid@communities.gsi.gov.uk

One concern of mine, which I know Pitstone residents will certainly share is helping to prevent people from being scammed in doorstep and online scams and frauds. As part of my work with Trading Standards in my role as Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health, I was pleased to have the opportunity recently to meet some of our local Anti-Scam Campaign heroes when I attended one of their stall events at the NatWest branch in Aylesbury.

Among them was Martina Stewart, a resident of Aylesbury (middle front in the photo on page 16, just next to me), who has waged a formidable battle against scammers after seeing some residents in her community lose thousands of pounds to mail scams, online fraud and door-to-door conmen.

It was rewarding to be able to work with Martina and her team to hand out anti-scam leaflets and chat with residents to explain how they could protect themselves against scams and frauds.

I think it is worth pointing out how

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Friends Against Scams is a key organisation responsible for hosting scam awareness sessions. Anyone can be involved in Friends Against Scams regardless of background or age. Friends Against Scams welcomes people from all walks of life to "Take a Stand Against Scams". Don't worry if you think you don't know much about scams as the awareness sessions will give you all the information you need.

SCAM champions are Friends Against

Scams who want to do more. They host awareness sessions to recruit Friends and drive Friends Against Scams forward in their communities or workplace, as well as attending an additional session to give them a fuller understanding of the laws surrounding scams and some presentation tips.

If a business or organisation would like to be involved they can become a Friends Against Scams Organisation. Friends Against Scams Organisations will pledge to actively promote the Friends Against Scams initiative; the easiest way to do this is to make all employees Friends Against Scams. There are a range of services available to support organisations in becoming Friends Against Scams.



For more information on how you can participate in any of these groups, here is the weblink: <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk>

Unfortunately, frauds can take many forms, including online dating scams as well. Action Fraud has a lot of information on this type of scam which I think residents might find useful.

When you think you've met the perfect partner through an online dating website or app, but the other person is using a fake profile to form a relationship with you they may try to use the site to gain your trust and ask you for money or enough personal information to steal your identity. You can protect yourself by taking a few precautions:

- Avoid giving away too many personal details when dating online. Revealing your full name, date of birth and home address may lead to your identity being stolen.

- Never send or receive money or give away your bank details to someone you've only met online, no matter how much you trust them or believe their story.

- Pick a reputable dating website and use the site's messaging service. Fraudsters want to quickly switch to social media or texting so there's no evidence of them asking you for money.

The majority of accounts on dating websites are genuine people looking for romance, but fraudsters may try to contact you by making fake profiles, getting in touch and building what feels like a loving relationship.

For more information on this and other scams you can check out Action

Fraud's website below. This link can also be used to report if you have been a victim of fraud or scams. Please take the time to check it out!

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

On a more positive note, I recently realised what a useful resource the Opps in Bucks website is. This is a networking tool for local businesses who would like to get involved in offering young people in our area apprenticeships or work opportunities, and for any young people interested in learning what opportunities for work and training are available in our area. This allows local businesses to tap into the energy, enthusiasm and skills base that our young people have to offer.

The website is easy to navigate, and for young people looking for opportunities, there is a Wannabe icon at the far right of the page which links to specific work experiences on offer by businesses along with apprenticeships and various jobs currently being advertised.

The link is <https://oppsinbucks.org>

Finally, with the spring just around the corner, it seems a good time to get out and get moving! To help you get moving, Active Bucks holds over 1500 activities across Bucks and allows residents to filter activities by distance, activity type and day/time.

By registering on the website (www.activebucks.co.uk), residents can also download a voucher that allows them to access their first session free! I look forward to seeing everyone out and about in Pitstone as we all enjoy the warmer weather once again.

Pitstone and Ivinghoe Entertainments presents Summer Festival 2018

This year's events will have a new home in a circus Big Top on Pitstone Rec. Last year was a huge success thanks to amazing performances from Housemouse and the band Isabelle. This time we are doing it all again with a plan to entertain one thousand residents over the course of four days so this year we're aiming things bigger and even better!

Thursday 28th June 6.00pm – 11.00pm Pitstone and Ivinghoe junior football club will be using the Big Top for a fund raising event. Please refer to their website for details.

Friday 29th June 7.30pm-1am - Vegas Party Night

The weekend kicks off with a family friendly Las Vegas themed night with casino tables (fake money of course!), music from the band Isabelle, circus acts, table magic, TexMex food, late bar and Elvis will be in the building.



Tickets £25.00 each or £80.00 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children, extra children £15.00, children 11 and over are welcome - Available from events-pi.com/tickets
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Saturday 30th June 7.00pm-1am - Housemouse presents Summer Of Love

Housemouse and his amazing team of performers will again be bringing their unique Ibiza club night to the village. They are promising to take it to another level so expect a night of tunes guaranteed to get you on the dancefloor and performances that will wow you. They love dance music and are on a mission to share that love! They are going to bring you the best of the last 25 years of Balearic house/dance music. Some tracks everyone will know, some tracks none of you will know, some tracks you'll have heard before but never remixed in that way. You'll dance your socks off!



Tickets £20.00 18+ only - Available from events-pi.com/tickets

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Dress code for both nights – anything goes!

Sunday 1st July Beacon Choir – (timings to be confirmed)

The Weekend concludes with an afternoon of music and song from the Beacon Choir. Deckchairs and picnics on the lawn – weather permitting.

Come and enjoy a great night (or two!) out in your village.

For further information find us on Facebook and on Twitter: [@PandIEEvents](https://www.facebook.com/PandIEEvents)

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Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub

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

Children's Section

Age 8 and under 12 years Old and under

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

Paint a pebble 3 Jam tarts with 3 different flavoured Jam

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

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

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

A shortbread round cut into 6 pieces, any recipe

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

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

Prizes

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

Rules

All entrants to take note of MAXIMUM measurements for relevant classes

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

The Judge's decision is Final!

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

SINGALONG WITH HELEN

THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

In September 2006 I started my SINGALONG classes for 0-5's in PITSTONE. Now after 12 years I will sadly be stopping on Wednesday the 4th of July.

I moved to Pitstone in 2001 and SINGALONG evolved after I was one half of a joint chair for Windmill preschool (affectionately known as a sofa). We had a huge fundraising day, and part of the funds went towards mats, instruments and visual props for singing sessions at Windmill. The following year I worked at Windmill and enjoyed singing with the children and realised there was an opening to do regular sessions in the village. I started my Singalong and Tap classes and eventually covered Marsworth, Cheddington, Edlesborough, Long Marsden, Aldbury, Ivinghoe, Aston Clinton as well as Pitstone. I also visited Mums and Toddlers and Preschools in most of the local villages as well as entertaining at countless children's parties. Over a thousand wonderful Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and of course fabulous children have come to local halls to make friends and have fun. There are carers and families who have been coming for the whole 12 years! Some of the children are now 16 and still call me "SINGING HELEN" as do the adults.

On July 10th at 4.15 in the Main hall at Pitstone, there will be a **GOODBYE CHARITY SINGALONG**, with a PRE-LOVED TOY SALE, RAFFLE, with TEA, COFFEE and CAKES for sale. **ALL** the proceeds will be split between High Wycombe's biopsy breast cancer appeal and to Keech Hospice (in memory of the beautiful Zoe Wright). All past Singalong friends please join me for one last time.....it would be lovely to see you all again!

Here are the details of the classes until July 4th and for the FAREWELL CHARITY EVENT

Until 24th May (half term)

Monday 10.30 @ Pitstone

Tuesday 10.00 @ Cheddington

Wednesday 13.30 @ Pitstone

Thursday 10.00 @ Pitstone

From the 4th June to 4th July

Monday 10.30 @ Pitstone

Tuesday 10.00 @ Cheddington

Wednesday 13.30 @ Pitstone

no Thursday class

All my classes have FREE juice and biscuits - £4 a child, siblings £2, siblings under 2 free

CHARITY EVENT

£5 per child to join the class, £2 entrance for ALL adults and over 5's to watch and enjoy!

For more details and how to book a table for £10 to sell your pre-loved toys and goodies go to www.facebook.com/singing.helen or ring me on 01296 661791

**"I MUST SAY YOU MADE MY DAY
GOODBYE, GOODBYE, GOODBYE"**

LOCAL VENUES

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

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

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

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

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

Contact: pmbhbooking@gmail.com 01296 661271

LOCAL CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact: 01296 661540

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

Contact: 01296 661540

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

Contact: 01296 661540

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

Contact: Sue Jones on 01296 660436

Beacon Villages Community Library: Run by the community, for the community www.bvcl.org.uk

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

Committee enquiries: secretary@bvcl.org.uk

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

Ivinghoe and Pitstone Royal British Legion: To be advised

EDUCATION

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

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

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

www.brookmead.bucks.sch.uk, 01296 668543, office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk

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

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

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

RELIGION

Ivinghoe and Pitstone Chapel Fellowship: Small friendly group of local Christians. Meet for informal worship. One hour service then tea/coffee. Variety of local preachers. Sunday mornings, 10:30am, Millenium Room, Pitstone Memorial Hall.

Also **First Thursday Friends:** Family film on 1st Thursday of each month, 2 - approx. 4:15pm Millennium Room Pitstomne Memorial Hall

Contact: 01296 668005

St Mary's Redundant Church Conservation: Awaiting details

Contact:

St Mary's Ivinghoe: . Awaiting details

Contact: Reverend Adrian Manning

HEALTH

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

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

Little Rothschild Surgery: 71 Marsworth Road, Pitstone LU7 9AX Opening

hours: Monday - Thursday 8am - 1pm and 2 - 4:30pm Friday 8am - 1pm closed in the afternoon

Contact: www.rothschildhousesurgery.co.uk 01296 662800

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

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

PLACES TO VISIT

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Street light problems

Castlemead lights – email: CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com

Marsworth Road lights – Bucks County Council online:

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

Found a pot hole, blocked drain or other highway problem

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Missed bin collection or to find out about recycling

Aylesbury Vale District Council online:

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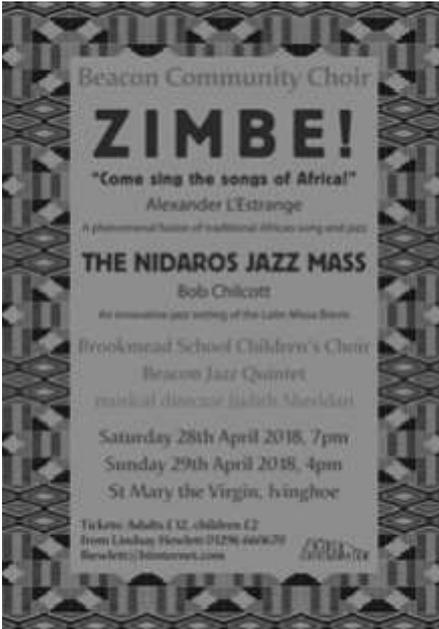
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The Beacon Community Choir, directed by Judith Sheridan, was founded in 2008 to give local people the opportunity to sing a cross-section of music from pop and jazz to African songs and classical repertoire. It is open to members of all ages and abilities, there are no auditions and no need to be able to read music. The only pre-requisites are a love of music and a sense of fun! The choir performs regularly throughout the year including Music on the Lawn in the summer at Ivinghoe, and at local National Trust properties such as Clarendon House and Ascott House.

MUSIC ON PITSTONE GREEN

Come and join the Beacon Community Choir and friends with a mini-music festival on Pitstone Green. Bring your picnic baskets, gazebos and friends, and relax while the choir and featured local artists entertain you. With something for everyone, this is the best way to while away a sunny afternoon with family and friends.

Cream teas will be provided by the WI, and a licensed bar will be available all afternoon.

So whether you are into jazz, pop or anything in-between, open a bottle of fizz, tuck into a cream tea, and chill in the summer sunshine....

Date: Sunday 1ST July

Time: From 1 pm

Venue: Pitstone Green

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

If wet, there will be plenty of space to enjoy the event inside the circus-style marquee.



In conjunction with Pitstone and Ivinghoe Entertainments

TICKETS ON SALE FOR BEACONLIT LITERARY FEAST



tickets for the full day cost just £19.50 until the end of May, after which the price will rise to £25 – still a bargain! Half-day tickets will also be released in June.



, ‘Trust Me – I’m a Crime Writer’ with the Oxford Crime Writers Association’s **Stephanie Marland**, **Dave Sivers**, **Peter Tickler** and **Sarah Williams**.

Bargain ‘Early Bird’ tickets for **BeaconLit 2018**, Ivinghoe’s own literary festival, are now on sale. This literary feast, a must for everyone interested in books and writing, will take place in **Brookmead School on Saturday July 14**.

The festival exists to raise much-needed funds for the Beacon Villages Community Library in Ivinghoe, which relies on fundraising and volunteers to continue providing services locally. BeaconLit also promotes books and writing in the area.

The festival committee has assembled a **stunning lineup**, which includes authors, writers, broadcasters. Early Bird

Festival goers can look forward to:

Multiple *Sunday Times* bestselling and award winning author **Mark Billingham**, in

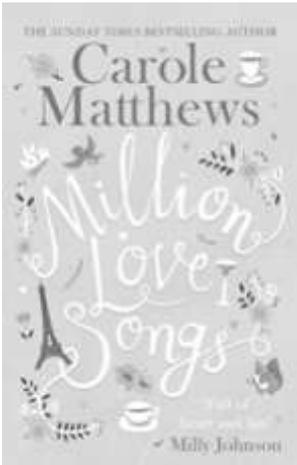
conversation with acclaimed crime writer **Martyn Waites**.

International bestselling author of romantic comedy, **Carole Matthews**, in conversation with BBC reporter **Adina Campbell**.

Film maker, author and media executive **Tony Klinger**, whose work includes the 1960s cult classic TV series ‘The Avengers’.

Hot new authors **Mary Lynn Bracht**, **Lydia Syson** and **Vicky Newham**.





'BeaconLit a la Carte' – a choice of sessions: **either** a workshop on **Writing Techniques** with author, blogger tutor and competition judge **Morgen Bailey**; **or** two 'spotlight' sessions – **The Art of Short Fiction** with the **'Just Write'** team, followed by **'Ghost Writing'** with **Sue Benwell**.

There will be **free parking** on Ivinghoe Lawn, just a short walk away (disabled parking available at the venue), **light refreshments** available all day, pre-orderable **packed lunches** (bring your own picnic if you'd rather), and a **goodie bag** with treats and surprises. The bags are ideal to carry your purchases from **Chorleywood Books**, which the authors will be delighted to sign for you, and there will be opportunities throughout the day to win

books and other goodies.

BeaconLit continues to go from strength to strength and has put the area firmly on the literary festival circuit. To see the full programme and buy tickets, go to the festival website is www.beaconlit.co.uk.

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or see our website

www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sue Jones, President

It seems as though we have had an extended cold winter, but by the time you read this that will be well and truly behind us... hopefully!

Our membership is now up to 54 and it is good to have new members with fresh ideas for our W.I.

Our February meeting was a very enjoyable jacket potato supper organised by Annette and a quiz from Julie.

We are hosting an open meeting on April 12th 2018 for anyone to come along and see what we're about. Mr Peter Jones will be our speaker and his topic is '40 years Bomb Disposal – still got 10 fingers'. Tea and biscuits/cake will be available.

Our May meeting is our Resolutions Evening and June is a talk on the 'Beauty of Orchids'.

Dates for your Diary:

19th May – Craft Day

9th June – Church Fair (we are providing cakes)

1st July – Champagne Cream Tea

13th October – Quiz

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ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS

Rikki Harrington

WALK THE CHALK EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are very fortunate to have vast swathes of chalk downland on our doorsteps. Such habitat is pretty much confined to southern and eastern England (as far north as the Vale of Pickering) and central Texas. The word “chalk” is, in fact, unnecessary here, as “downland” or “downs” (from the Celtic word for “hills”), is defined as “an area of open chalk hills”.

The Chilterns cover 322 square miles and were designated an “Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty” (AONB) in 1965. They stretch the 46 miles from Goring-on-Thames to Hitchin and are up to 11 miles wide. They have a steep “scarp slope” on their north-west side and a gradual “dip slope” on their south

-east side. The highest point (876 ft) is Haddington Hill, near Wendover. Our very own Ivinghoe Beacon is more prominent, but 60 ft shorter. It is the starting point of the Icknield Way and the Ridgeway long distance trail.

Two thirds of the AONB comprises enclosed fields and a fifth is woodland. Only 4% is open land (commons, heaths and downs), and this open land is very special, hosting a richness of rare wildlife. This richness depends very much on grazing by livestock and wild animals. For me it is the butterflies and their foodplants which make it extra special, the eponymous Chalkhill Blue perhaps being the jewel in the crown, but there’s an awful lot under our noses (or feet, perhaps) that is truly fascinating and precious.

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

JAZZERCISE

There's a reason for me saying all this. On Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June, the good folk of Ashridge are organising a "Walk the Chalk" event. It will be based at the Ivinghoe Beacon car park (on Beacon Road, grid reference SP963159) from 10.30am until

4.00pm and take the form of a nature trail, with experts on hand to answer questions. Trail leaflets will cost £2. Bring the family, walk the chalk, and talk. It's not Chalkhill Blue season, but there will be no shortage of natural delights.

We are looking for a very helpful volunteer to deliver PPP, four times per year, to the companies on the business park. If you can help, would you be kind enough to contact pppeditor@pitstone.co.uk?



Busy term for 1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout Troop

Izzy Robinson

New Trees for Crispin Field - On Saturday 24th February as part of their forestry badge, the 1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout troop planted 2 plum and 2 apple trees on the Green in Crispin Field to replace a number of fruit trees that have died over the years. The Scouts would like to thank Pitstone Parish Council and the Parks Tree Officer at Aylesbury Vale District Council for supporting them in their forestry badge work and Batchelors Nursery, Wiggington for supplying the trees to us at cost. We finished our session that day with a litter pick along Cheddington Road and down the footpath towards the swing bridge collecting 8 bags of rubbish. Now the weather is nicer, when you are walking around the villages, please visit Crispin Field and see the new trees.

On Saturday 24th March, the Scouts enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Greatmoor Energy from Waste (EfW) site, this is where our green household bin waste goes and is the UK's largest single grate EfW facility, generating

enough electricity to run the facility and power 36 thousand homes. The Scouts were given a talk about the site, and then a tour, taking in the whole process of creating energy from our waste, the control room, waste bunker (where they could see the grabber at work and try and identify the waste below – lots of footballs and Dorito packets!) viewing inside the grate where the waste is burned, following the ash to where the metal is taken out of it, learning what happens to clean the flue gas and how the energy is produced. Greatmoor offer organised trips to schools, local groups and now have open day tours and certainly 10 Scouts and 4 leaders would highly recommend a visit there. For more details go to

www.greatmoor.co.uk

The Scouts are always on the lookout for ideas for interesting activities and if you have any particular skills that could help us do some of the more specialist badges or know of any exciting places we could visit, please contact us on:

firsti_pscouts@yahoo.co.uk

1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Rainbows and Brownies want to say a huge thank you to both Ivinghoe and Pitstone Parish Councils for their recent donations towards new flags. Rainbows have now been running in the villages for over six years and had not previously had a flag so are very excited to be able to present their new flag. The Brownies flag was over 45 years old and therefore quite



outdated so the Brownies were pleased to have a bright new flag which complies with new Girlguiding branding. Both units will be presenting their new flags at this year's Remembrance service in November when it is hoped they will be blessed.

*Elaine Thorogood
Brown Owl*

1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Rainbows and Brownies



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(Further destinations available on request)

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PITSTONE CHURCH

St Mary's Pitstone is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. The church and the surrounding churchyard in the care of the PCC is the most peaceful place in the village and well worth a visit on Sunday afternoons in the summer when it is open. We also like to plan special events to bring more people in to enjoy this special space.

This year we have four events planned.

Saturday 12th May 7.00pm The Aylesbury Consort of Voices an A Cappella choir will be singing a selection of music including English madrigals and European motets. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Gill Arney 668123 or Annie Stack 668020

Late May Bank Holiday 26th – 28th May. 38th Festival of Art, Craft and Flowers. Local artists and craftspeople will be on display in the Church. There will be Evensong at 6.00pm on Sunday.

Saturday 14th July. The Icknield Sixteen will be at the church for their annual concert.

December The Christmas Memory Tree will return during this month. Date to be arranged.

We hope you will be able to attend at least one of our events. If you would like to be involved in any way to help keep the church open as often as possible, or for more information please contact:

Jean Booth on 661745



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The Royal Wedding

Rev. Adrian Manning

Like so many other couples Prince Harry and Meghan Markle chose to make their marriage vows to each other in church. A royal occasion demands a setting such

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But have you ever wondered why the church got involved with weddings? At one time the parish priest was the village's 'Clerk in Holy Orders'. He could be counted upon to be sufficiently honest and literate to complete all the legal records accurately. So it was certainly convenient that the church should serve the community in this way but why should the church be involved at all?

The wedding service often begins with a quote from St John:

"God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them"

Marriage is a sacrament, a channel through which God is known. It stands alongside Baptism and Holy Communion in the Christian life. St Paul wrote:

'Faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of

these is love'. Love is the greatest of these three because God is love. Love abides through to eternity. Love is the touch on human life of the eternal God who is love. Love is the force at the heart of all that is overflowing towards us. Faith, hope and love abide, so we pray for Harry and Meghan that they will continue to know God's constant and faithful presence throughout their life together. In church we celebrate God's presence, praying that the love of all couples committing themselves to each other will continue through to eternity as we pray for blessing upon them.



Merrie England

Friday 1st June 2018

7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

Pitstone Memorial Hall

In aid of St. Mary's Church restoration fund

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What's going on at college lake?

Paul Simmonds



There are signs of spring everywhere around the reserve, but as I write this in mid March we have just had another sprinkling of snow. There are daffodils, primroses and cowslips in flower as well as pussy willow catkins. Some of our breeding waders have returned with up to 4 oystercatcher and the first of the redshank giving their evocative calls which I always think of as the sound of spring. There were lots of frogs at a pond I was working nearby so the first

frog spawn should be seen any day now.

Out on the reserve we are now finishing our winter work plan. We have been carrying out scrub management on some of the grassland areas of the reserve. Scrub is a really important habitat and will soon have breeding warblers such as white-throat calling and nesting in the patches of bramble we have on the reserve. But if left unmanaged the scrub encroaches on the grassland and becomes too dominant which would affect the wild flowers and invertebrates.

Another area we have been working on is creating a new coppice coup area.

Coppicing involves cutting trees down to ground level which encourages fresh growth. Our volunteer work parties coppiced all of the trees that were manageable with hand tools before we took out some of the bigger trees using chainsaws. This opens up the woodland floor to more sunlight which will encourage regrowth of the coppice stools as well as woodland floor flora such as primrose and violets. Managing areas by coppicing on a rotation is really valuable for the plant life as well as



butterflies such as the speckled wood. Keep an eye on this area of coppice near to the Tump hide over the summer to see how it develops.

We have also worked on another big project near to the Tump with the creation

of a large pond. Our Warden Leo used a mini digger to create the pond before we put down underlay and liner. With such a large and deep pond this proved to be a tricky task, especially as it was a little bit windy on the day. Once the liner was in place we used some of the spoil that was taken out to cover the liner, this helps to weigh the liner down but will also provide a suitable habitat for the aquatic plants that will naturally colonise the pond. We did run out of time with the digger to fully complete the landscaping and covering of the liner but this should take place in the next few weeks so we can then leave the pond and surrounding areas to naturally develop. This will be a valuable habitat for dragonflies and amphibians as well as being a point of interest from the Tump hide. Ponds are a really good way of encouraging wildlife into your garden, for tips on helping wildlife in your own garden visit our website at <http://www.bbowt.org.uk/wildlife/gardening-wildlife>.

We have a new Wednesday work party helping to maintain our Education Wood area. As the name suggests this is used regularly by our visiting school groups and Nature Tots. The work party have been doing a cracking job in creating new weaved fencing around some of the areas as well as moving a mountain of woodchip to lay on the paths.

There are some events and walks coming up here at College Lake and other local reserves. For details come and see us to pick up a What's On guide or look at our website at <http://www.bbowt.org.uk/whats-on>.

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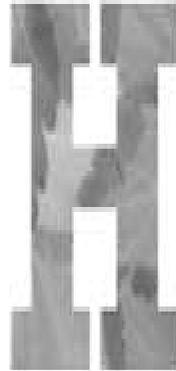
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