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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dave Nicholls, Chairman

I'd like to wish all our residents a happy and prosperous 2019.

Each year the parish council has to agree our budget, which sets the precept for the coming financial year. We finalise it in January so it can be passed to AVDC, who then collect the precept as part of the council tax bill. This year, for the first time in over 10 years, we have had to make a noticeable increase. There are a couple of reasons why we have been able to keep the increase minimal up to now. Firstly, growth in the village masked any increases because the precept is shared across all households. Secondly, the council took the decision a few years ago to reduce our emergency reserves to an amount sufficient for 3 months of council business, which is the legal minimum allowed. In the intervening years we have slowly used these reserves instead of increasing the precept, but they are now used up.

For a Band D property the increase amounts to approximately £1.95 per month, which allows us to continue to deliver all services as we have before and accrue funds for longer term projects.

On another subject, at the end of 2019 the Parish Council will have existed for 125 years. We wish to put together some information on the history of the council. Councillors will be searching the county archives for interesting items but we would also like residents to let us know if they have any Parish Council related memories or documents that they'd like to share. If you have anything please contact the clerk.



Photo by Steve Rawlins



PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

Local Green Space

We are pleased to report that two new benches and a new kissing gate have now been installed on the Local Green Space between Marsworth Road and



The Crescent. The gate is situated at the far end of the green space and therefore opens up use of the internal grassed area putting an end to people walking down to the end and then finding that there was no exit. The new wooden kissing gate is also suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs to ensure it can be utilised by as many residents as possible.

The two benches match the one situated at the end of Glebe Close, have sturdy backs and arm rests to assist the less mobile.

Extra daffodil bulbs have also now been planted along the inside of the fence line and around a couple of crab apple trees, and both the wooden fence and the mesh fencing have been repaired.

We know that this public open space is important to local residents and hope that more people will now be able to enjoy this area.

Recreation Ground

Four new trees (Betula Pendula, Carpinus Betulus, Sorbus Aira Lutescens and Sorbus Magestica) have been planted on the Recreation Ground to replace some lost to vandalism etc. over the past 24 months. Once these have matured, their canopies will also provide extra protection to help prevent cricket balls escaping onto Marsworth Road.

An additional sign has been erected near the rear car park reminding users that golf is not permitted on the recreation ground for the safety of all our users.

Lest we Forget – 1918-2018



100 years ago the First World War ended, and a new world began. The example and experience of those who lived through it shaped the world we live in today. In 2018 we joined the nation in saying Thank

You to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world. Our thanks also to Pitstone Memorial Hall charity for allowing the Parish **Council's silent soldier, remembering the fallen of Pitstone, to be mounted onto the wall at the Memorial Hall (which is the site of the Pitstone War Memorial); to the Women's Institute for the donation of a silent soldier to stand on Marsworth Road; and to the Women's Institute, the children of Brookmead School, and all those who contributed poppies for the yarn bombing and bus stop decorations around the village.**

Improvements to our Public Transport Infrastructure



The new bus shelter has now been installed on Marsworth Road, by the junction with Rushendon Furlong, and has provided welcome shelter from the weather for those travelling towards Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable.

Four real-time-information panels have been installed and are now displaying live departure information. The buses are fitted with GPS which feeds into the system to provide up-to-date travel information. No more waiting around wondering how late the bus is running, **or whether it has already gone, as you'll be able to see at a glance.** The four units are located at the following bus stops:

- Travelling towards Dunstable:
 - The bus shelter by the Local Green Space on Marsworth Road, in front of The Crescent
 - The new bus shelter on Marsworth Road, by the junction of Rushendon Furlong
- Travelling towards Aylesbury:
 - The bus shelter almost opposite Masons store, between Queen Street & Albion Road, on Marsworth Road
 - The bus shelter outside the Recreation Ground, on Marsworth Road



The information panels have been provided by the housing developers of Rushendon Furlong and Vicarage Road and are owned and managed by Bucks County Council. If you notice a fault with

one of the displays, please report it to Passenger Transport at BCC on email: passtrans@buckscc.gov.uk

Can Pitstone save money, reduce stress and help save our environment by car sharing?

- Perhaps there is a group of residents that travel to and from Tring station each day?
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Feasibility Study for the Pitstone & Ivinghoe Safety Scheme Commissioned

The parish council is pleased to announce that the Bucks County Council Great Brickhill, Wing & Ivinghoe Local Area Forum (BCC LAF) has agreed to allocate £7,535.50 from its Local Priorities Reserve towards the Pitstone Feasibility Study Scheme. The parish council is also contributing £11,288.96.



As the flow of vehicles, bicycles & pedestrians affects both villages, this is a project we are working on in close partnership with Ivinghoe Parish Council. The Ivinghoe elements have also been awarded BCC LAF funding, and Ivinghoe parish council is also making a financial contribution.

You will recall that concept studies for both parishes were initially commissioned from Ben Hamilton-Baillie Associates (available on our website), and the resulting consultation showed widespread support from both parishes. Bucks County Council Local Area Forum then worked with the parishes to undertake a Feasibility Stage Road Safety Audit, which concluded in 2017, and outlines several other factors to be taken into consideration within any future design.

The next step needed is the current Feasibility Design Scheme which will aim to identify low-cost short-term measures and long-term structural suggestions, with layout plans of proposed options, commentary on the designs, recommended materials palette, cross sections where appropriate and budget estimates for implementation.

The Local Area Forum has placed the order for this Scheme with Transport for Bucks who will program the works, which should be completed before the end of the financial year. We therefore hope to be able to provide an update next spring

Potential improvements to Pitstone Pavilion

As part of the Neighbourhood Planning process, and from previous surveys, we know that the community feels strongly

that the pavilion site is developed and expanded to become a facility that can be utilised by a far larger sector of our local community.

At the moment, the site is home to senior and junior football pitches along with a changing pavilion. The facilities were passed to the community many years ago as part of the leisure contributions paid by the developers of **the Castlemead estate, but don't meet** the current needs of the football leagues or all the required legislation for public buildings. The annual bonfire and fireworks event is hosted at the site, but the limited facilities restrict the number of other uses, both indoors and outdoors.

The parish council has been working with a number of partners to develop potential proposals that will provide



adequate changing facilities; a multi-function room that will be available for local meetings, events and indoor exercise etc; a parish store & office to enable a wider range of services to be

delivered to the community; required ground-keeping and storage facilities and improved parking & access. The proposed facilities will enable a greater range of indoor and outdoor services to be delivered to the community, now and in the future. A planning application has been submitted to Aylesbury Vale District Council and details have been published on our website/Facebook page/ Twitter feed & noticeboards. As part of the planning process, we have encouraged all residents to view the plans and submit their comments to AVDC (whose consultation was open until 10 December 2018).

It must be stressed, that for these proposals to progress to implementation, the council will need to be successful with a number of applications for grant funding to raise the necessary funds for the construction costs, some of which **we can't apply for until planning permission has been granted.**

However, the parish council is pleased to confirm that it has been awarded a grant of £370,000 from Aylesbury Vale District Council's (AVDC's) New Homes Bonus Funding Scheme towards this project. AVDC will hold these funds

until construction fulfilment, they are not held by the parish council. If you would like more information about the AVDC grant funding available, please contact the grants officer, Jan Roffe, at jroffe@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk.

The council will keep residents updated with progress on both the planning application and our fundraising

endeavours.

Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 3 November 2018



We are sure that you will join the parish council in thanking the voluntary members of Pitstone & Ivinghoe Entertainments (PIE) for hosting the annual bonfire and firework event at the sports pavilion on Saturday 3 November 2018. This event really seems to bring the community together and sees a lot of public support. Any surplus funds raised by PIE are ploughed back into supporting local community groups, so please do support their events.

New Homes Bonus Micro Grant awarded to Pitstone Youth Café. The parish council is delighted to confirm that it has been awarded a grant of £800 from Aylesbury Vale District Council's (AVDC's) New Homes Bonus Micro Grant Scheme towards replacement games consoles and sports equipment for the Pitstone Youth Café including goal posts and basketballs.

The young people that attend the youth café asked for our help to source more up-to-date equipment and an improved range of sports equipment. They have been holding their own fundraising events to contribute to the project and have successfully raised £40.00. The parish council has also provided a financial



contribution of £180.

If you would like more information about the AVDC grant funding available, please contact the grants officer, Jan Roffe, at jroffe@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk.

New Village Centre

AVDC approved the planning application for the residential development around the recreation ground just before

Christmas. This development forms the last major parcel of residential land identified within the Pitstone

Neighbourhood Plan. As part of the

development, Nicholas King will be providing a multi-use ball-games court, new car parking, replacement woodland

planting, footpath access through to

Castlemead, primary and secondary educational contributions, sport & leisure contributions, additional on-site open

space, affordable housing and a

contribution to the Pitstone Safety Scheme.

AVDC had previously granted outline planning permission for a restaurant/café/pub and a private day nursery on the same overall site. It is our understanding that Nicholas King will be placing these commercial parcels of land onto the open market, and that any eventual owners would then submit for full planning/discharge of planning conditions.

Full details of all applications can be found on the AVDC planning portal.

Grant provided to Pitstone

Memorial Hall Charity

The parish council is delighted to have been able to provide a grant of £3,000 to support the Memorial Hall charity to repair their soffits, fascias and guttering. Work should commence shortly. If you

belong to a community group that could also benefit from a grant, please check **out the parish council's grant policy** on our website (<http://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/grant-policy/>) or get in touch with the parish clerk.

Elections Postponed until 2020, plus 1 extra seat in Pitstone

As you will probably all be aware, the Secretary of State has approved plans for the creation of a single unitary council for Buckinghamshire in 2020. This will see the end of Buckinghamshire County Council and Aylesbury Vale District Council, and the creation of a new single council. As part of this process, the District Council elections originally scheduled to take place in 2019 have been postponed by MHCLG until May 2020. All Buckinghamshire parish and town council elections (including Pitstone) scheduled to take place in 2019 have also been postponed by MHCLG until May 2020, and our existing councillors will now serve an additional year in their term of office.

Due to the residential growth in the parish, an extra seat on the council is likely to be approved, raising the number of councillors from 10 to 11 at the next election. If you have a passion for improving life within the parish, and plenty of voluntary time to contribute, you may like to consider standing for election in 2020 so now is a good time to get involved with the parish council and find out what is involved. Please check out the initial information on our website: <http://pitstone.co.uk/ppcpubs/pitstone-parish-council-general->

information-leaflet/ or get in touch with the parish clerk.

Welcome to our new Editor of PPP

You will have seen in the last edition of the magazine that Sue is stepping down as PPP Editor after many years of voluntary service. The parish council would like to sincerely thank Sue for all her hard work and support and wish her well for the future.

We'd also like to introduce you to Stephanie Nicholls, our newly appointed Editor for PPP. Stephanie is 19 years old and has a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design. She is creative and

interested in pursuing a career in graphic design. She designed the cover of the last issue of PPP, even drawing the poppies, and has undertaken other design work.



Stephanie will also bring a younger perspective to PPP. We extend a warm welcome to Stephanie and trust you will do the same. The contact details for the editor remain unchanged, please email: pppeditor@pitstone.co.uk.

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	7.00pm	Cheddington Village Hall	Dance Mix
Tuesday	9.30am	Cheddington Village Hall	Dance Mix
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Wednesday	7.30pm	Godmers School, Tring	Dance Mix
	8.30am	Witstone Village Hall	Strength45
	11.30am	Nore Grace Hall, Tring	Li
	7.30pm	Pitstone Memorial Hall	Express
Thursday	8.00pm	Pitstone Memorial Hall	Strength45
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CARE ABOUT LOCAL TRANSPORT? THEN COME JOIN US!

Dr Dave Frearson, Parish Councillor

Pitstone Parish Council (PPC) is creating a new Working Party dedicated to public transport services in and around our Parish. This is an open invitation to all Pitstone Parish residents, business owners and employees in our Parish with interest about public transport to join this group. This new working group is being formed due to an increase in concerns, PPC objectives and the need to bring in additional perspectives and expertise in this often technical area.

What is PPC currently doing?

- Liaise and lobby with Bucks County Council and public transport providers on behalf of the Parish
- Look after bus shelters
- Work towards providing new and better transport for the isolated, disabled and vulnerable (e.g. Community Buses and Dial-a-Rides)
- Work towards providing better access to Tring and Cheddington Stations, including new bus routes
- Communicate back to the Parish information from Bucks County Council and transport providers.
- Correspond with schools and colleges about school transportation
- Carry out local surveys

This list is not exhaustive, but should give you an idea. Time and resources dedicated to the above have steadily increased due to more objectives being set and increased threats and opportunities that are arising. As an example, the NDP set out the objectives to set up a Community Bus and bus routes to the local train stations. Money has and will be received from recent housing developments (\$106) towards these but it is a technical and time consuming challenge to achieve these objectives. We have also had a recent significant change to our local buses due to Red Rose taking over the 61 bus route from Arriva, which presents both a threat and opportunity to our public buses. Bucks County Council often change public transport policies; for example they are proposing significant changes to school bus provision and we are one avenue through which correspondence and lobbying can be achieved.

So we have decided to create a new Working Party to work towards public transport objectives and enable better understanding and correspondence between us and Parish residents so we

can correspond with and when necessary lobby other stakeholders. I will be the Chairman. My personal interest mainly arises out of previously being a regular bus user and a concern about the lack of services to stations and for vulnerable and isolated residents. But I am also a good example of where we care and are keen to move forwards, but our collective technical expertise is lacking. For information, a Working Party is a sub-committee group of the Council, which allows us to invite people outside the Council to become involved. This is different from a sub-Committee as no powers will be devolved to the Working Party, as any recommendations will be passed back to the full Council to make a final decision. Given PPC only has

limited direct responsibilities, it was thought better to establish this as a Working Party.

The Council has set some provisional objectives for this group, but these can be discussed and changed over time. However, it is important that this group does not become focused on any one particular objective, as the Council does have a responsibility to progress in a few different areas.

So if you are a regular user of local public transport services (or would like to be), have particular expertise or care about the provision of public transport and are 16+, live or work in the Parish, we would be very interested to hear from you.

Cllr Dr. Dave Frearson



OBITUARY FOR ALBERT BLACKWELL

Albert Blackwell, 92, passed away on 19th December 2018 at home in Pitstone. He was born in Haringey, London on 6th January 1926. He is sur-

vived by his three daughters. Many of the younger residents will remember Albert as **Harry and Charlie Wilton's granddad.**

Albert moved to Pitstone to live with his daughter Marilyn and son-in-law David after a serious illness in 2015 where he spent 5 weeks in Stoke Mandeville hospital. He recovered well and loved walking in the village and growing vegetables in the garden. He always enjoyed attending the fireworks display in the village and one year won the fancy dress competition at the Ivinghoe Summer fancy dress party (dressed as Granddad Punk).

After a life working hard, first as a Bevin Boy working the coal mines in the North East during the Second World War then later he worked in the shoe industry his entire career. His retirement was spent with family around the world and watching almost all sport, particularly his beloved Tottenham Hotspurs FC.

The funeral was held on 10th January 2019 at Amersham Crematorium. The family are raising money for the maintenance of the defibrillator at the Memorial Hall in Pitstone **in Albert's name. This defibrillator was used in the attempt to save Albert's life. The defibrillator requires periodic maintenance and replacement of sterile pads every time it's used.** The money raised will be used for this purpose.

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DISTRICT NEWS

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

Firstly we wish you all a Happy and successful New Year.

As you may know there is going to be changes to the Buckinghamshire councils and below is information which hopefully will give a full explanation.

Changes to Local Government

Unitary – Buckinghamshire, communication as received by the 5 councils

Below is the statement from James Brokenshire, Secretary of State for Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government clarifying the situation with regards to the future of local government in Buckinghamshire. We will keep our residents up to date as the process progresses.

“In the written statement of 12 March 2018, (HCWS535), my Rt Hon. Friend, the then Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (Sajid Javid), told the House that there was consensus amongst the five Buckinghamshire councils that local government across the county should be reorganised, and that two alternative approaches for doing this were being proposed. He announced that he was

minded to implement, subject to Parliamentary approval, the locally-led proposal for replacing the current structures with a single new unitary council, and that he was not minded to implement the locally-led proposal for two new unitary councils for the same area. There followed a period for representations.

Since then I have received over 3,000 representations, which I have carefully considered along with all other relevant information available to me. I am clear that there is broad consent for change in Buckinghamshire. A survey, conducted by Opinion Research Services of a representative sample of residents, found that 75 per cent agreed with the principle of reorganisation in Buckinghamshire, and overall 87 per cent of the representations made to me supported change. Both proposals made it clear that retaining the status quo is not an option.

*Having assessed both proposals against the criteria that we announced to the House on 28 February 2017 (PO 65271), I have concluded that whilst both proposals meet **the criterion for a “good deal of local support”**, **only the proposal for a single unitary council satisfies the criteria for “improving local government” and for “being***

a credible geography” and that in any event the proposal for a single unitary council is better able to meet the criteria overall.

The Government’s policy – as explained to the House by Ministers on 22 May 2018 (Hansard, Col. 336WH) is that we will not seek to impose top-down solutions on local government; where there is a desire and a thrust for more change and innovation we will look to support those involved, according to the criteria we have laid out. Given the desire and thrust for change and innovation in Buckinghamshire, that the five councils agree that the current structures are not sustainable, and that the locally-led proposal for a single unitary is the only proposal that meets the three criteria, I am persuaded that the right course of action is to establish a new single unitary district council for Buckinghamshire.

Accordingly, I am today announcing that I have decided to implement, subject to Parliamentary approval, the locally-led proposal to replace the existing five councils across Buckinghamshire – the two tier structure of Buckinghamshire County Council and the district councils of Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe – by one new single unitary district council, and that I have decided not to implement the proposal for two new unitary councils.

Whilst I am clear that the single unitary proposal fully meets the three criteria, I recognise that some have questioned whether such a structure might weaken local democratic engagement at the most local level. To help reassure any who might be concerned on this, I intend to speak with the five councils to determine whether I should modify the proposal before implementing it, in relation to councillor numbers, perhaps

providing for three-member electoral wards. I will also expect the new unitary council, and in the meantime the existing councils, to engage with their local communities about the appropriate arrangements for civic representation for towns and parishes. I similarly expect the councils to promote and help support the development of neighbourhood plans, as I consider these can be key building blocks for the successful implementation of change in Buckinghamshire that residents deserve.

In March, the then Secretary of State was clear that, in relation to establishing a single council, further steps were needed to secure local consent amongst the local partners. Further steps have been taken, with Ministers having meetings with council leaders. The great majority of local partners do support the proposal for a single unitary council including the police, the ambulance service, CCG, NHS Trust, Independent Chair of the Adult Safeguarding Board, Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership, and Bucks Business First. In addition to enjoying a good deal of local support, I am satisfied that the proposal meets the requirement for local consent set out in the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016.

I now intend to prepare and lay before Parliament drafts of the necessary secondary legislation to give effect to my decision. My intention is that if Parliament approves this legislation the new council will be established on 1 April 2020 with the first elections to the council held on 7 May 2020. I intend to explore with the district councils whether they would like me to make and lay before Parliament an Order to delay for one year the May 2019 local elections in Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe,

so as to avoid councillors being elected for only one year if Parliament approves the legislation establishing the new council.

From March 2019 the sunset clause means that the consent provisions in the process we are currently using for reorganisations fall away. In future, any proposal considered under the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act process will require unanimous consent from all councils.

Alternatively, I may issue a formal invitation for proposals, and the specific circumstances in which I would do so will be set out in due course.”

What this means –

- New Council – merger of all 5. A new District Council will cover the whole of the County Area, please note this not a **“take over by County.”**
- Start date of April 2020 subject to Parliament
- Shadow Authority is created to deliver the transition consisting of all County and District councillors consisting all 236 members.
- The Shadow Authority must establish an implementation plan & budget
- Officers continue to be employed by existing councils until April 2020 to maintain all services as currently being delivered, so as residents we will not see any change.
- Members of new Council must be multiples of 49 i.e. 98 or 147, a reduction of at least one third.
- Electoral Wards will be taken from the geographical County Divisions, ours being the Ivinghoe Division currently with 1 County Councillor and 31/2 District Councillors (the other half being in another division.).

- Elections to the new authority in May 2020 It is proposed not to have the scheduled 2019 elections and save the expense of electing members for 1 year only. This will apply to Parish Councils.

- **The detailed ‘Orders’ (these specify what must be done to form the new unitary council) to be approved by both Houses of Parliament before 29th March 2019.**

- 1 April 2020 new council takes over, existing 5 dissolved.

- After this date Bucks County Council, AVDC, Chilton DC, South Bucks DC and Wycombe DC will cease to exist.

- There are no proposed changes to Parish Councils.

AVDC releases simplified Comments, Compliments and Complaints policy

To coincide with National Customer Service Week, Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) has revised and simplified its Comments, Compliments and Complaints policy. As well as the wording now being easier to understand, the webpage where the policy can be found also has improved navigation - making it simpler for residents to find **the information they’re looking for.**

Councillor Angela Macpherson, Leader of the Council, said: **“We aim to provide the best possible service to all our residents at all times. However, we also realise there may be times when we don’t quite get it right. But where this happens, we’ll always do our best to put things right and learn from our residents’ feedback, which in turn helps us to continuously improve our services.”** The updated policy allows residents to

provide feedback via an online form, telephone or by writing to AVDC. To view the revised policy, please visit: <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/commentscompliments-complaints>

AVDC approves new Car Parking Strategy

At the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 24 October, Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) approved a new Car Parking Strategy that is designed to improve parking services across Aylesbury.

The strategy includes recommendations for the upgrading of payment facilities, regular reviews of parking charges, and making changes to ensure that AVDC car parks in Aylesbury are safe, secure and welcoming for drivers and pedestrians. Additionally, the strategy suggests several parking pilots, such as introducing free spaces in the town centre and car-free days. The names of car parks will also be reviewed, to see if new names could make finding the car parks easier and more logical for residents and visitors.

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District Councillors - Pitstone & Cheddington Ward

The Beacon Art Group had a very enjoyable coffee morning in November. We would like to thank everyone for coming and showing an interest in our efforts, and for their generous donations. £190 was collected for Rennie Grove Hospice Care.



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Polish Resettlement Camp at Marsworth 1948-1958

It is not widely known these days that, between 1948 and 1958, Marsworth played host to up to 900 Polish people displaced by the events of World War Two. Many of them settled, worked and had children in the surrounding areas. In spring 2019, it is hoped to erect a memorial sign at the entrance to the field where the camp was located in Long Marston Road. We would like to make contact with as many people as possible who have a direct connection with the camp. As well as names and contact details, we would especially

value any photos or memories. It is hoped that on the occasion of the unveiling of the sign there will be a celebratory gathering of people associated with the camp at which such information can be displayed, and to enable all those concerned to share in reminiscences.

If you feel you can contribute, or know of someone who could, please contact me via e-mail at marsworth.camp@gmail.com. Thanks in anticipation.

Tony Gabis



IVINGHOE & PITSTONE **Women's Institute**

Sue Jones, Chairman

Ivinghoe & Pitstone W.I.

We send our best wishes for the New Year to everyone!

Our year ended with a change of Committee and a new President. We also enjoyed a Christmas meal at the Kings Head. A huge thank you to Annie, George and Jonathan for making it such a memorable evening and to Annette for organising the event for us.

Our new President is Sue Eyres and along with a new Committee our W.I. will go onto new challenges and ideas over the next three years.

A date for your diary is our Valentine's Lunch on Sunday 10th February 2019 at

the Town Hall. The cost is £12 for a two course meal. Please contact Sue Eyres on 01296 709281 or Tessa Smith on 07702 598197 for tickets.

My thanks to all our wonderful W.I. ladies who helped make my three years **truly memorable. 'A good W.I. is only as good as it's supportive members,' and I think we have a very good W.I.!**

Pitstone and Ivinghoe Junior Girls Football



In December 19 members of the Pitstone & Ivinghoe U12 & U14 Girls Football Teams had a special training session run by Charlotte Phillips. Charlotte is a professional football coach who works as Director of Football in Boston, USA. Charlotte attended Cheddington and

Tring Schools, undertook her degree at Loughborough University and worked previously for Arsenal FC setting up their academy in Bahrain before **moving to the USA. Charlotte's enthusiasm and professional coaching skills** encouraged the girls and taught them some new skills, the players enjoyed meeting Charlotte and hearing about her career. The girls had great fun and **we plan to have future training sessions with Charlotte when she's back in the UK.** If you fancy joining the football teams, we have FA qualified coaches and we welcome all abilities from school years 6-7 or 8-9. We play our **matches locally on Saturday's and train mid-week.** Come along to meet new friends, keep fit and have fun. Email: chairman@pandifootball.net
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COUNTY NEWS

Anne Wight, County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

I hope everyone had a very happy Christmas and I wish all my residents all the best for the coming year.

Local Government Reorganisation

As you may have heard, Buckinghamshire County Council and all four district councils are going to be reorganized into a single unitary authority. While there are quite a few details to be finalized, the new council will be simpler, better value and more local to Buckinghamshire communities than the current two-tier system, ultimately moving to a more sustainable future for the county. It is envisaged that services which complement one another but are currently divided between the district and county councils such as bin collections, waste disposal, planning and roads, will be brought together under the single unitary council, resulting in more efficient, joined-up services for residents.

The new council will take effect in April 2020, with elections of councillors to follow in May 2020. The district council elections, which were due to take place in May 2019, will be delayed by a year, while county councillors will serve a 3

year term instead of the usual 4 year term to allow for May 2020 elections. I hope to be able to provide further information for my residents on these developments as more details emerge over the coming months.

Remembrance Sunday

I hope everyone was able to participate in some of the many local events to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice. I was deeply honoured to have been asked to lay the wreaths in Ivinghoe and Pitstone this year to remember the Fallen of Buckinghamshire. It was a moving tribute to all those who laid down their lives in wars and conflicts, and especially to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Great War. The photo below includes (from left to right) the Ivinghoe Parish Councillors Claire Bamber and



Karen Groom, me next to Major Owen Wynne of the Welsh

Guards , Ivinghoe Parish Councillor Anna Stone and Ivinghoe Parish Clerk Bridget Knight.

Brexit Preparedness

On 10 December, 2018 the Cabinet at Buckinghamshire County Council agreed the following three recommendations from the cabinet report on Brexit Preparedness, which were:

1. BCC to work with social care providers to promote EU Settlement Scheme take-up by EU nationals working in the sector.
2. BCC to undertake all EU Settlement Scheme suggested actions (assuming positive follow up).
3. BCC to develop and deliver, in partnership with BBF, a second Brexit Summit as part of the Buckinghamshire Business Festival.

If you wish to read the full report on how Buckinghamshire is preparing for Brexit, that can be read online on the **BCC website, by clicking “View Councillors Meetings and Decisions” on the homepage, followed by “Agendas and Minutes for Cabinet”, and then selecting 10 December, 2018 which will allow you to access the Reports pack.**

Transport for Bucks Update
Horton Wharf Road has now been resurfaced as part of my Capital Maintenance Programs. Due to Anglian Water works in Pitstone with their diversions in place, it has been agreed to hold off on resurfacing Cheddington High Street until early spring to avoid inconveniencing residents.

We are now well into the winter gritting season and I often get asked by residents about how gritting decisions are taken. Well, they are based on local forecasts

and on road temperatures rather than air temperatures. Salting is likely to take place whenever road temperatures are forecast to fall below +1°C and ice is expected to form.

This decision is not taken lightly as each run uses approximately 65 tonnes of salt if we use a pre-wet mix, or 85 tonnes of rock salt if we lay the salt dry. Costs include the salt, labour and fuel.

No guarantee can be given that roads will always be completely clear of ice or snow. If we are responding to a late change in forecast, or if we have to wait for rain to clear before we salt, wet roads may freeze before they are salted.

We can't salt during wet weather as the salt would simply be washed away.

In severe cold weather below -8°C, even salt will not prevent ice from forming.

We usually send the gritters out at 7pm and 4am to ensure the roads are treated before the road temperature drops below 0 and before peak travel time in the morning. This also means the gritters should have a clear run of the roads as they can struggle to effectively salt a route if there is a lot of traffic.

If it is raining in the early evening, a decision may be taken to salt later so the **salt doesn't get washed away. If snow is forecast before 7pm the gritters may be sent out earlier, before the afternoon rush hour.**

Two decisions are made over gritting in Buckinghamshire – one for the north of the county and one for the south, as weather conditions and road temperatures may vary.

Once a decision has been made, a Twitter alert is sent out. You can follow

us on Twitter [@tfbalerts](https://twitter.com/tfbalerts) for daily updates.

We decide which roads to grit based on a scoring system:

- Gradients 0 / 4 / 10 / 20 points
- Bends (roads over 40mph) 0 / 4 / 10 points
- Community link (200+houses). 5 points
- Traffic Flows 0 / 10 / 20 points
- Historically salted route 5 points
- Public and School Bus Routes 0 or 15 points
- Adjacent key facilities 10 points
- Route practicality and efficiency add/ deduct points

A road will need to score on more than one issue to gain enough points to qualify for attention. A minimum of 28 points are required.

Trained and experienced inspectors carry out these assessments and the routes are decided before the winter season.

Why we prioritise

- Cost: Rock salt is supplied to the local authority at a cost and there is a limited budget available for winter maintenance.
- Suitability: Salt works most effectively on well used roads as the tyre motion plays a key role in the process. It is a better management of a limited resource to target such roads.
- Availability: Rock salt production is not sufficient in this country to salt every road. This was only too apparent in the winter of 2009–10 when a prolonged period of cold weather put pressure on the national salt supplies.

Environment: Salting at the current level of 40% of the road network is not

deemed to have a significant impact on the local environment. However damage to roadside plant life is evident at the end of the season. Though seepage into water courses is deemed to be at safe levels if we were to salt 100% of the network on a precautionary policy, we would see saline seepage into water courses at more harmful levels.

The Brownlow Bridge

After having been damaged last spring, the Brownlow Bridge in Ivinghoe was repaired by the Canal and River Trust, who subsequently recommended an 18 tonne weight limit for the bridge. This was considered by Transport for Bucks and, after technical analysis, it was agreed to put a temporary weight limit of 18 tonnes on the bridge in the short term. This will have the effect of preventing HGVs from using the bridge.

In the longer term, TfB are doing some traffic modelling as to what alternate routes the HGV traffic might take instead. Depending on the findings from these models, TfB will take a decision as to whether the bridge should retain an 18 tonne weight limit or whether there are other possible solutions for the longer term. As I know that HGV use of our rural roads and canal bridges is a key issue for many residents in our division, I will be monitoring the situation and will keep parish councils updated as to developments.

Time to Change Champion

I was pleased to have been able to attend the Time to Change employer pledge signing ceremony at Bucks County Council. For those of you who might be unfamiliar with Time to Change, the County Council has pledged its support

to reducing stigma towards mental health in the workplace by signing the Time to Change employer pledge. Chief Executive Rachael Shimmin and Cabinet Member for Community Engagement & Public Health Noel Brown signed the pledge on behalf of the Council at a special employee event on 10 October, World Mental Health Day.

The Time to Change employer pledge is a way for organisations and businesses to demonstrate their commitment to changing how mental health problems in the workplace are treated and making sure that employees who are facing these problems feel supported at work. To support their employer pledge signing, the Council has submitted an action plan detailing what work will take place to address mental health stigma including recruiting employee champions; asking employees to share their personal experiences of mental health problems; equipping line managers to have conversations about mental health; and providing clearer information and signposting to wellbeing services.

As I have had post-natal depression myself, and as my daughter has recently had a very difficult time with self-harm while at university, I have agreed to become a Time to Change Champion in order to speak and write about my own experiences in the hopes of changing **people's attitudes to mental health**. I will initially be doing this through articles written in conjunction with the Time to Change officers in public health at Bucks County Council to help people learn how they can get help if they are struggling with a mental health issue, and to promote tolerance and acceptance in

our society so as to reduce stigma. Time to Change Buckinghamshire is a growing social movement working alongside the established national campaign aiming to change attitudes towards mental health through working with local communities, workplaces and schools. Find out more about it and how you can get involved

at www.timetochangebucks.org

NPHT Update and Heritage Centre

I am very excited that the Paralympic Heritage Centre will be opening in Stoke Mandeville Stadium on Saturday 30th March, 2019. It has been a fantastic and insightful experience being a trustee on the board of the NPHT. For those who might not be aware of the history behind the NPHT, from modest beginnings in the late 1940s at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Professor Sir Ludwig Guttmann encouraged wounded veterans to play sport as an aid to rehabilitation from spinal injury. This led to local competitions, to the Stoke Mandeville Games and to the Paralympic Games which today attracts national and international public support and interest. Widely acknowledged as the birthplace of the Paralympic movement, Stoke Mandeville Stadium will become the home of the very first Paralympic Heritage Centre. Opening on Saturday 30th March 2019, the Heritage Centre will celebrate and explore this unique status.

The displays will feature:

The life and work of Professor Sir Ludwig Guttmann.

The history and work of the Spinal Injuries Centre.

Key milestones in the journey from the 1948 Stoke Mandeville Games to the present day Paralympic Games. The development of wheelchair sports. Paralympic ceremonies.

There are plenty of ways in which Pitstone residents can get involved in this inspirational project. We are now collecting local memorabilia and stories surrounding the Paralympics and Stoke Mandeville. So, if you or a family member have been involved in any way in the Stoke Mandeville Games from the 1940s onwards, we would love to hear your story so that we can share this great history with others. We are also interested in any memorabilia you might have (tickets, medals, clothing, photos, programmes).

You can read the local stories we've

already received on the NPHT website. Sally Haynes has shared with us her memories of being involved in the Finmere Horse show, which was established by friends and family from the local riding community to raise funds for the Paraplegic Sports Fund at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. This fund provided transport for the athletes to attend the 1960 Paralympic Games in Rome. Colin Evered describes what it was like for his family to live at Elm Farm and farm the area from the 1940s until 1971. Stoke Mandeville Stadium and track are now built on this farmland. Colin shares his memories of attending the opening of Stoke Mandeville stadium by the Queen in 1969. Perhaps you attended an event as a child, and recall the impact it had on you?

In the early years of the Paralympic Movement the local community came

together to support the Stoke Mandeville Games. If you are able to support us at the Paralympic Heritage Centre by volunteering we would love to hear from you. We will be holding a number of volunteer open days at Stoke Mandeville Stadium in 2019 to tell you more about how you can get involved as Heritage Centre Volunteers, Pop-up Museum Helpers and Paralympic Heritage Ambassadors. Visit our website for information about the first dates scheduled.

If you would like to discuss volunteering or any items or stories you might have please contact Katy-Jayne Lintott, NPHT Learning and Engagement Manager by email

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You can also follow the NPHT on Twitter @ParaHeritage, Facebook and Instagram @ParalympicHeritage #Paraheritagestories

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Many thanks for all your support in helping us to guard the legacy of our Paralympic athletes!



CELEBRATE THE 10TH YEAR OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE MID-NIGHT WALK THIS YEAR

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's Midnight Walk began in 2010 with 550 ladies walking up to 12 miles and raised £65,000.



By 2018 the event had opened up to include men and has become their largest fundraising event. Over the past nine years the walk has raised over £500,000 towards running Florence Nightingale Hospice – providing much needed support to patients and their families across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire. This year, they are inviting everyone to join them for the 10th anniversary of the walk on Saturday 22nd June to celebrate the lives of loved ones and the work that the Hospice does to provide comfort to those in need.

“The Midnight Walk is such an inspiring event to take part in and plays a huge role in our fundraising for the Hospice,” explains Lee Lloyd, Head of Fundraising at the charity. “We hope that this 10th Anniversary

walk will be a record-breaker with the highest number of walkers ever.”

Walkers can choose from the 5 mile or 10 miles circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight with entertainment along the way.

Anyone registering before 28th February can take advantage of the Early Bird Offer at just £17 per entry (from 1st March it's £20). Walkers receive a free souvenir Midnight Walk 2019 T-shirt, as well as a medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the Walk.



For more information and to sign up, please visit www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk or call 01296 429975



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ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS

Rikki Harrington

BATTLE'S OVER

With Ashridge itself, and the people of the surrounding parishes, having played vital roles in both world wars, it was appropriate to commemorate the centenary of the First World War armistice with an event on Ashridge land. Thus, on the evening of 11th November, crowds gathered in the Beacon car park, where they joined the Beacon Community Choir singing well-known wartime songs, and enjoyed refreshments provided by the Brownlow Café team.

The more energetic set off to the Beacon on a trail that passed painted stones commemorating locals who lost their lives in battle. At the summit, a bugler played the Last Post,

and a “Tribute to the Millions” was read there and in the car park, followed by a minute’s silence. At 7pm, a beacon was lit. It could be seen from miles around, including by those who remained in the car park



to enjoy more singing. Far away, the beacon on Dunstable Downs was clearly visible and throughout the Country similar events were taking place. Slowly, a long, impressive snake of torches, carried by hundreds of people, descended to the car park. The event, conceived by the National Trust’s Emily Smith, was a fitting, poignant and atmospheric act of remembrance, researched and crafted to perfection by many staff and volunteers.





IVINGHOE OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB!

We continue to go from strength to strength as a venue and a destination, to hire for all sorts of flat access needs like celebration parties, fitness via Pilates, Boxercise and the grant funded Exercise Class, Music, Crochet and other creative workshops, Guides, clubs, meetings and exhibitions. Do remember that on the 2nd Saturday of the month, from 11.00am **'till 1.00pm, Table Top sales are now a regular feature of the Hub calendar - to combine with a breakfast or brunch Café choice.....brightening up those dull cold Pre-Spring Saturdays and making them something for local families to look forward to. Laden tables of affordable delight will only keep coming if you do too! After our sparkly, welcoming and successful Wintery Market in November, we had an outside Christmas Table Sale in December – a lovely morning, despite a bit of a cold wind – including a stall for **'Child Only Buyers' selling previously loved toys at a maximum of £1 per toy, the toys disappearing like sweets – to be****

wrapped up for siblings and friends.

Watch for the Spring Market which will feature a celebration of anything fresh, new born and sprouting – with an Easter Bunny Egg Hunt!

Do recognise and show support for our Community Hub in the Old School Building – saved by this community, restored and offering its welcome within the wider communities midst for five whole years now! We are a Registered Charity and are completely independent and self-funded, yet committed to supporting the wellbeing of this wider rural community. We are happy to embrace offers of support in terms of time given to task tackling – or even becoming a Trustee, which is also fun when shared. The Hub celebrated its 5th Birthday by the designing, making and unveiling of a new PLAQUE for the Building this winter– so if you have not yet seen it, please feel free to join the rest of the community in beating a path to our cloakroom door and coming in to enjoy events in the hall or scrumptious refreshments in the cosy CuriosiTEA Rooms Café – run by our tenant Hayley Wesley and her new Team, who along with our volunteer back room trusty trustees, keep the Hub Lights burning bright – mostly seven days a week! To book space – see elsewhere within this magazine, or find us at www.ivinghoeoldschool.com



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ST MARY'S CHURCH, IVINGHOE MAJOR STONEWORK REPAIRS NEEDED TO WEST WINDOW AND CLERESTORY WALLS

After a successful Christmas season at St. Mary's Church in Ivinghoe with very good attendances at the many services and a wedding held over the Christmas period, and also lots of use of the church by the local community such as the Beacon Community Choir Christmas concert, the W.I. Carol Service, the Windmill Pre-School Christmas production and the visit by Ivinghoe and Pitstone childminders group, we start the New Year faced with the reality of needing major stonework repairs during 2019.

The cost is likely to be at least £60,000. Some photos showing the work required are displayed on a board just to the left as you enter the church and anybody who is interested is welcome to look at these. This vital repair work will in fact be another stage in the long process of restoration of the village church (and many villagers will remember the nave roof being covered in scaffolding during late 2011/ early 2012 while the nave roof had major and very effective, attention). The west window is the window which everybody sees as they walk or drive up Ivinghoe High Street from Pitstone and it overlooks the War Memorial at the entrance to the churchyard, so no villager from Ivinghoe or Pitstone will miss the repairs when they start, it is hoped, in late-2019.

In the meantime we have to raise a lot of money to get this urgent work done! What is clear is that whether for religious or community or historic building reasons, preserving in good order this Grade One listed mediaeval building for the future is vital.

David Green

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Our architect has identified stonework repairs to the west window and repairs to its stained glass, and also stonework repairs round both the north-side and south-

side clerestory windows, as being urgently needed in 2019. She is in the process of drawing up detailed plans so that we can seek more accurate estimates from stonework repairers, but



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BEACON COMMUNITY CHOIR PERFORM A NEW PIECE BY JOHN CAMERON WITH BROOKMEAD SCHOOL CHOIR BEACON AND CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

With lyrics and music newly written and composed by John Cameron, Pictures at an Exhibition 2018 is a new take on the well-loved Mussorgsky Suite, but this time taking inspiration from an eclectic choice of more contemporary works. These cover a panoply of styles ranging from Abstract Expressionism, to Surrealism, Oriental to Op-Art to Graffiti Art, with male and female artists from Europe, the Americas and Asia. And of course the huge difference is that they are choral works, with some lyrics reflecting the feeling of the picture and others telling a back-story. The variety of artistic styles is matched with a kaleidoscope of musical genres, from ethnic to rock, jazz to rap to acapella **choir. A children's choir adds to the textures, singing, providing vocal sound effects, even rapping at times. As with the Mussorgsky, some movements are linked by "Promenades", but this time they are jazz flavoured, with increasingly unsettling time signatures.**

The performance will be accompanied by a visual display using film, stills and animation of the pictures selected. Pictures at an Exhibition 2018 will be complemented by a performance of **John's universally appealing "Kes Suite"** woven from themes from his 1969 score.

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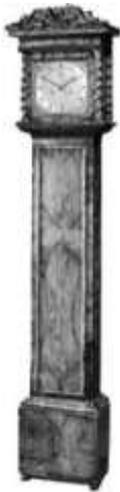
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LOCAL INFORMATION

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: pmhbooking@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 6:30 - 8:00pm - leader Dan Lee (Akela), Thursday Watermills, 6:30 - 8pm Leader Rob Mercel (Shere Khan)

Contact: Keith Steers (Group Scout Leader, 07899 696722, 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 The Hub, Ivinghoe, Leader Rebecca Capron.

Contact: 07545 347787

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

Contact: 01296 661540

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

Contact: 01296 661540

Pitstone Youth Café

Ages 11-18yrs/school years 7-13 Wednesday 6:30pm to 8pm (term time) Brookmead School hall <http://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/youth-cafe/>

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

Contact: Sue Eyres on 01296 709281

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

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

Committee enquiries: secretary@bvcl.org.uk

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

Ivinghoe and Pitstone Royal British Legion: Chair, Margaret Johnson 01296 661280 margo.j@btinternet.com

Beacon Community Choir: A choir which sings a wide variety of repertoire, and **where all are welcome.. Rehearsals Thursdays (term time) at 8.15 in St. Mary's Church**

Ivinghoe.. Leader Judith Sheridan. Contact Lindsay Hewlett 01296 660670 lhewlett@btinternet.com

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

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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)

SPORT

Pitstone and Ivinghoe Junior Girls Football Under 12s and Under 14s (school years 6, 7, 8 & 9) If you are interested in playing football, having fun and making new friends, get in touch, no experience needed. All our coaches are FA Level 1 qualified.

Email: chairman@pandifootball.net www.pandifootball.net.

Cheddington Bowls Club The Recreation Ground, High St. LU7 9AA one of the best bowling greens in the area. Tuesdays at 2pm or Friday at 6 pm, May to Sept. www.cheddingtonbowls.org.uk Contact: Jo Tchertoff 01296 668624

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 Pitstone Memorial Hall

Contact: Margaret Cole 01296 668005

St Mary's Redundant Church Conservation: Awaiting details

Contact:

St Mary's Ivinghoe: . Awaiting details

Contact: Reverend Adrian Manning

Tring and Berkhamsted SGI Buddhists. A lay humanist organisation. The SGI is a global movement of people connected by Buddhism and the shared commitment to **realise a future where life's inherent dignity blooms.**

Contact: Sue Nicholls 07788 662349 or check out <https://sgi-uk.org/>

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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Contact millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk or tel. 01442 825421

ASHRIDGE HOUSE

Set in 190 acres of gardens, Ashridge House is majestically nestled in National Trust woodland in the rolling Chiltern Hills in Hertfordshire. Tours available. Find out more at <http://www.ashridgehouse.org.uk/about-ashridge-house/>

USEFUL NUMBERS

Street light problems

Castlemead lights – email: CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com

Marsworth Road lights – Bucks County Council online:

<http://www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-street-lighting.aspx>

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

Found a pot hole, blocked drain or other highway problem

Bucks County Council online:

<http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-it-pothole.aspx>

Castlemead highway issue? Email: CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com

Missed bin collection or to find out about recycling

Aylesbury Vale District Council online:

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/recycling-and-waste>

Dispute with your neighbours about their high hedge

Aylesbury Vale District Council offer more information and a complaint service. For

more information go to: <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/high-hedges>

Other nuisances causing problems e.g. smoke, air pollution etc

Visit Aylesbury Vale District Council website:

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/nuisance> or

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/environmental-problems>

Bothered by aircraft noise

Email Luton Airport noise@ltn.aero

Need details of a planning application

Details of all local applications are published online by Aylesbury Vale District Council:

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications>

Want to know if you need planning permission? Visit:

<https://www.planningportal.co.uk/>

Illegally parked

Report problem vehicles to Thames Valley Police on telephone: 101

Faulty electronic bus stop signs

passtrans@buckscc.gov.uk

PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

<p>Chairman, Cllr Dave Nicholls 64 Marsworth Road, LU7 9AS T: 661910 E: dave.nicholls@pitstonepc.org Chair of Parish Council, Chair of Pitstone Parish Charity Committee, Staffing, Planning, Youth Café, GDPR and Village Web Site.</p> 	<p>Vice Chairman, Cllr Bob Saintry 2 Albion Road, LU7 9AY T: 668633 E: bob.saintry@pitstonepc.org Chair of Sports & Leisure, PDA, Highways & Footpaths, Youth Café, AVALC, Local Area Forum, Pitstone Hill & Trees and Local Council Planning Liaison Group.</p> 
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