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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dave Nicholls, Chairman

In the last PPP I wrote about the amazing effort put in by various volunteer groups this year. Due to falling demand, the local volunteer group has stood down. Hopefully they will not be required again, but they remain ready to restart if lockdown rules are tightened. Once more, I thank everyone involved for their efforts. One village institution that is looking for help is Pitstone Memorial Hall. As a charity it needs more volunteer trustees. The trustees manage the upkeep of the building and decide how the facilities are used and associated charges. Trustees meet four times a year but do communicate between meetings. The hall is a vital piece of village life, used by a large proportion of residents. If you would like to be a part of its continued success please email

[halltreasurer@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:halltreasurer@pitstone.co.uk).

One area where we have volunteers that we shouldn't need, is in picking up litter. The council employs litter pickers who regularly clean up around the village, but recently the amount of litter has increased, in particular

around the new play equipment on the recreation ground. This has led to residents stepping in to tidy up between official visits. One or two residents also undertake more widespread litter picking, including local footpaths and verges. While it is fantastic that people choose to do this, it shouldn't be necessary. We are all responsible for our own actions, and the majority of people who act responsibly should not have to deal with or look at the litter left by the minority. Please reinforce with your family the need to bin or take home litter so we can all enjoy the village and countryside as it is supposed to be seen.

It was with regret that the council decided not to hold an annual assembly this year. We had been delaying in the hope that an in-person meeting would be possible, but it can't be done safely while accommodating the usual number of attendees. We can revisit the decision if things change but if you have questions you were planning to ask at the assembly please contact the clerk and we will respond, and publish the questions and answers.



## PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

Urgent plea for volunteers to help our elderly and our youth. The parish council operates a community car scheme to help get residents to their hospital **appointments as there often isn't** any suitably timed public transport or the health of the patient would make use of public transport difficult. Many of our customers are elderly and have been isolating or shielding. Many of their hospital appointments have been postponed and are now very important.

We also operate the youth café for children aged 11-16 years to provide constructive activities and opportunities to meet friends in a safe environment, as well as providing important access to youth services.

We have ways to make both operate in a covid-secure environment to help protect our volunteers.

In both instances, many of the local volunteers who normally make these schemes possible, are over retirement age or have underlying health conditions, preventing them from returning to volunteering at the moment due

to the ongoing pandemic. We desperately need your help, even if only for the next 6 months, so these 2 groups of residents can access the services they need.

To help in the car scheme, please contact

[communitytransport@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:communitytransport@pitstone.co.uk) and for the youth café please contact [youth.cafe@me.com](mailto:youth.cafe@me.com) or [parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk).

Play

The exciting new play space by the Recreation Ground opened on 10 September and we hope you are all enjoying all the new equipment. This area has been designed as an inclusive play space so that everyone can play together, regardless of their age or ability. You will find a range of play features suitable for toddlers through to teenagers, incorporating a significant number of items suitable for a range of disabled use including swings, sunken trampoline, springers and wide slides to allow carers and children to travel down together. The play space also incorporates visual and textural surfaces and colours to stimulate and assist those with

visionary difficulties. We would love to know what you and your children think of all the new equipment, so do let us know via email, Facebook or Twitter. If your children are old enough to be out playing by themselves, please remind them to socially distance when using our playgrounds and to sanitise their hands before and after using the equipment. It has also been sad to see the huge volume of litter dropped in the new play space, including used nappies as well as food & drink. Due to the ongoing pandemic it is particularly important to ensure that you and your children make use of the bins provided, for the health and safety of all users and

reduce the risk of putting the virus straight into your body. Signage on all our playground gates advises users of this and the need to use bins. Your amazing new play space has cost over £120k, so please take a pride in it so it can be a fun and safe place for our children. The smaller playground in Tun Furlong at the far end of Vicarage Road is also now open. This features a range of equipment particularly suitable for the younger to mid aged groups. Bellway are arranging for this to be maintained for a period of 24 months by a maintenance company before transferring to the parish council at the end of that period.



The flat seat swings at the Windsor Road playground suffered a frame failure and have been removed for safety. Two replacement sets of swings (flat seat and cradle seat) are being procured so that full play can resume as soon as possible.

staff. You should also note that the government guidelines advise that you do not eat or drink whilst using playgrounds to

Nicholas King Homes are providing a multi-use ball court as part of their planning permission. This will be located on the parish council owned land at the end of the car park by the Recreation Ground. They

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currently anticipate that this will be complete by spring 2021. A concrete skate park is still planned for the area between the multi-use ball court and the new play space. Tendering will commence shortly and we hope it will be installed during summer 2021. We will keep residents updated.

Between the four play spaces in Pitstone, we feel there are lots of experiences and opportunities for the less able children in our community, however if you have a disabled child with a special need that is not currently being addressed, please do let us know. Pavilion Redevelopment Works Construction work continues at the pavilion site and we anticipate it being handed back to the parish council by mid to late October. We look forward to many more residents benefitting from the new community room and will keep you posted on events and activities.

**Annual Assembly**  
For the safety of our residents, the annual assembly was postponed due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Government guidelines continue to be too restrictive for this to be re-scheduled for this

financial year, as they are not anticipated to be lifted for 6 months. All our meetings are currently held electronically and are all open to the public, so you are welcome to join us via PC, laptop, tablet, smart phone or landline. All our minutes are published on the village website. Our annual report was also **published in summer's PPP**. If residents have any questions or issues for the parish council, you can also email [parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk), phone 01296 767261 or write to 9 Warwick Road, Pitstone, Beds, LU7 9FE. We hope that Covid restrictions will be sufficiently lifted to enable an assembly to be held in 2021.

**Volunteer of the Year**  
Despite the lack of an annual assembly, the parish council was delighted to present Mrs Gillian Arney with her Volunteer of the Year certificate. Gill has provided numerous years of voluntary



**service at St Mary's Church in**

Pitstone, the Festival of Art & Flowers, Beacon Villages Community Library, the Heritage Park (Pitstone Green Museum), Mums & Toddlers Committee and Pitstone Parish Council. She was nominated by several residents whom we thank for taking the time to submit their nominations. If you know someone who goes above and beyond to volunteer in a way that helps the residents of Pitstone, please do write to the parish council by email to [parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk) or by letter to 9 Warwick Road, Pitstone, Beds, LU7 9FE so they can be considered for the 2021 Volunteer of the Year award.

Each recipient receives a framed certificate and £50 cheque.

**Change to Editorial Staff**

We would like to wish our Editor, Stephanie Nicholls well with her studies as she leaves us to attend university and we welcome back Sue Nicholls, our previous Editor who has kindly volunteered to take up the reins again. Thank you to you both.

**Youth Café**

We hope to be able to re-open the youth café after the October half term. Our café manager is working with Brookmead School and our volunteers to ensure we can operate in a Covid-Secure manner. We will be able to permit

a maximum of 15 young people per session, so anyone wishing to attend will have to book in advance. We are very sorry, but if you have not booked, you will not be admitted. Session times will also need to be reduced, so that we can operate one bubble of 15 young people from the Year 7 intake between 6.15pm and 7pm, then break for a full clean of our space followed by a second bubble of 15 young people from Year 8 and above from 7.15pm to 8pm. We appreciate that this solution is not ideal. The youth café would normally have between 30 and 40 attendees per week, and this term we would normally have had another intake of approximately 20-30 children as they moved from year 6 to year 7.

Anyone who has already registered with the youth café should receive an email communication from us. If you have not registered previously, or you do not receive an email, please contact [youth.cafe@me.com](mailto:youth.cafe@me.com).

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## BUCKS NEWS

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### Buckinghamshire Council aims for Covid recovery with “best in class” devolution bid

Buckingham Council intends to submit a strong, compelling and best in class devolution proposal to Government, just five months after becoming the UK’s newest unitary authority.

The proposal, which is subject to approval by the council’s Cabinet next month, demonstrates the ambition and potential of the new Buckinghamshire Council, launched on 1<sup>st</sup> April this year.

The council geographically aligns with the Local Enterprise Partnership, strategic NHS partners, business representative organisations and the voluntary and community sector. Working together with these partners, the council is now finalising an ambitious proposal that could not only benefit the economic and social revival of Buckinghamshire, but could add £10 billion a year to the UK economy by 2050.

The hope is that this aligns with the Government’s forthcoming ‘Devolution White Paper’, which will pave the way for devolution bids across the country. Bucking-

hamshire wants to be in the vanguard of those areas who might benefit from devolution in the future.

In putting forward this proposal the new council, together with the Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, has withdrawn from the Oxford to Cambridge ‘ARC Leaders Group’ to present a bid led by business opportunities and strengths in key growth sectors.

Cllr Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council, commented:

**“The Government’s election** manifesto made clear its commitment to devolution across all of England, not just to cities. It is vital that the Government use its forthcoming White Paper to empower large unitary authorities such as Bucks to drive forward economic recovery and growth, along with tackling long standing social, environmental and health issues.

“As one of the newest and largest unitary authorities in the UK, with a proven track record of delivery, we have our sights set on a **‘best in class’ devolution settlement** which can drive post-Covid

19 recovery for the residents and businesses of Buckinghamshire, as well as creating jobs and prosperity for the UK economy as a **whole.**”

Buckinghamshire has super strengths of high tech and meditech, space and creative and digital industries. When combined with our physical location at the centre of major growth hubs, our proven track record of delivery and strong partnerships between local government, business and health, we know there is huge potential for us to turbo charge our economic recovery.

Post-Covid it is very important that Buckinghamshire is free to **be ‘business led’**. It has become clear that business needs to be able to form alliances and exploit opportunities wherever they lie, rather than being tied to a particular geography. Bucks business will embrace growth and recovery opportunities, working with partners across many areas including Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire, Berkshire or Surrey. It is important to stress that we will work with a broad range of organisations and industries to maximise business opportunities wherever they occur.”

Help us decide our budget priorities

Buckinghamshire Council today launches its budget consultation for 2021/22. Residents, businesses and other interested parties

are being asked to submit their **views on the council’s spending** priorities for the coming financial year.

The council carries out a budget consultation every year, giving people the chance to have their say on where money should be invested and in which services or areas they believe savings can be made.

Council finances have faced added pressure this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The double effect of additional spending to support our vulnerable and the variety of one-off costs incurred, combined with the loss of income from regular funding streams such as parking revenue and business rates has brought about a budget shortfall. Although some additional funding from central government has helped, it does not cover all the costs and has left a funding gap of around £7m.

Council Leader Martin Tett explained: **“2020 has been a year** like no other. As individuals, families and whole communities, everyone has faced uncertainty and many challenges over the past six **months. The council’s experience** has been no different.

**“We are now at the stage where** we must set our budget priorities for the coming financial year. In any year this can be a challenge but undoubtedly this year will be even harder.

“We are better off having come

**PRESS RELEASE**

September 2020

Healthwatch Bucks find out how coronavirus has impacted our community

The way services are being delivered in the community has changed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

We contacted over 40 voluntary and community services in April, May, and June. We wanted to find out the following:

- What their service users and staff were worried about most in accessing health and social care services during the lockdown period
- Did lockdown restrictions effect their service?
- If we could share any information about their local services.

The report below summarises our findings.

<https://www.healthwatchbucks.co.uk/2020/09/coronavirus-community-voices-report/> You can also post your feedback about local health and social care services on our website (<https://www.healthwatchbucks.co.uk/your-feedback/>).



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together to form Buckinghamshire Council in April. Being one council we were able to work quickly to deliver a response to Covid and work effectively with businesses and community groups as a single organisation."

Martin Tett continued: "We now have an organisation that is better placed to respond to our residents and businesses' needs. We will also be able to make substantial savings as we bring services together. Millions of pounds of savings have already been made; however, others such as rationalising contracts as they come up for renewal and redesigning how we do things, will take time to realise so that we don't damage vital services. The majority of these savings are likely to be over the next five years which doesn't help in our current situation. In the meantime, cost pressures have increased dramatically, particularly for social care, as a result of Covid.

**"There are tough decisions ahead, so it's important that we give everyone the opportunity to have their say on what our spending priorities should be for the coming year."**

To take part in the online consultation visit our [website](#). Consultation closes on 8/11. Railway Under-bridge Cooks Wharf

It appears the work carried out recently has provide a positive so-

lution at last. I believe the problem was a blocked culvert (probably constructed when the railway was built in 1838). The recent heavy rain did not cause a flood so the route to Pitstone should now stay open all year. First Buckinghamshire e-bike scheme being introduced along Waddesdon Greenway. A fleet of new electric bikes available for the public to use is being introduced for the first time in Buckinghamshire. The ten e-bikes will come into service along the well-loved 4km long Waddesdon Greenway and will give people a new way of travelling between Waddesdon Manor and Aylesbury Vale Parkway railway station. The bikes are now available to use **as part of a 'soft launch' of the service** before the scheme is available to the wider public later in September. Initially, the bikes are only available from the docking station outside the visitors' centre at Waddesdon Manor. Bikes are available on a first-come-first-served basis and full instructions on how to hire are displayed on the docking station itself. Hire charges are £1.50 for the first hour and £1.00 for each additional 30 minutes. The second docking station at the railway station is being installed in the coming weeks, ready for the full launch of the service.

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#### Covid-19/Coronavirus

In recognition of the volunteers and their supporters who have served the village so well in our time of need. THANK YOU.

Assistance from central government to help volunteer efforts was not at all bureaucratic or obstructive. In case you are not aware, the government via Buckinghamshire Council (BC) assigned up to £2000 for each BC councillor to allocate to local volunteer groups

directly or via the parish councils for petrol and other incurred costs in the course of the daily tasks in support of the vulnerable residents isolating/shielding during lock down. We were all impressed at the speed and effectiveness of the process and council officers in transferring the money to the organisations/parish council bank accounts.

Fly Tipping - Call for extra vigilance

The unique circumstances of the lockdown have led to a national surge in opportunistic waste carriers who all too often fly tip people's waste, warns Buckinghamshire Council's illegal waste en-

forcement team, who have the job of tracing and prosecuting offenders under the Buckinghamshire's 'zero tolerance' approach to fly tipping.

"That's why I'm asking people to be extra vigilant", said Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Environment & Climate Change Bill Chapple OBE:

"Lockdown has meant that many of us have had the opportunity to do the biggest spring clean ever, or to finally get into that long-intended DIY project - and that's resulted in a lot of extra waste.

Added to that, the housing market is beginning to get going again, and there will be lots of clearing out as delayed house moves start to take place.

But don't be tempted to hire a 'man with a van' who's offering a cheap job. There's a legal responsibility to ensure that your waste is disposed of properly – and that means using a bona fide licensed carrier. Check the SCRAP fly tipping

code: [www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/scrapp-fly-tipping](http://www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/scrapp-fly-tipping)

for everything you should do to avoid a rogue operator that might just dump your waste at the roadside.

Tring Station – Access for all upgrade

The £5.8million upgrade was completed in late July.

The most notable work being the new lifts, ramps and new footbridge providing a step free access to all five platforms at Tring



Station.

The cost of the upgrade came from the Department of **Transport's 'Access for All'** programme which is aimed at making improvements to accessibility at stations across the nationwide network.

Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board Update from Anne Wight  
On 23 September we had the second meeting of the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board. Community Boards were set up when the new Buckinghamshire Council came into effect in April. The Wing and Ivinghoe Board comprises 16 parishes and our aim is to bring people together from these areas to make a real difference to where we live:

Aston Abotts, Cublington, Cheddington, Pitstone, Mentmore, Wing, Slapton, Hardwick, Creslow, Ivinghoe, Wingrave & Rowsham, Weedon, Edlesborough, Marsworth, Watermead and Whitchurch

The 16 Community Boards across Buckinghamshire have been given a collective budget of £3.9 million. The budget is split into three funding streams: Community Area Priorities, Health and Wellbeing and Local Infrastructure. The Community Area Priorities Fund will be used to support local projects which will help improve outcomes for residents and address local needs and our area priorities. These will be deter-

mined by each Community Board and support the delivery of **Buckinghamshire Council's Corporate Plan**. Up to 50% of this budget can be used for transport projects.

The Health and Wellbeing Fund is to support local projects that help improve the health and wellbeing of residents.

The Local Infrastructure Fund is to support community infrastructure needs. It can be used to aid the upgrading of existing and/or new physical and/or social infrastructure. The overall budget allocated is based on the number of new homes proposed for each Board area according to the draft or published Local Plans.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a portion of the Health and Wellbeing Fund was allocated to the new Councillor Crisis Fund in the spring to help support the Covid volunteer groups who were working on the ground to ensure that shielded residents were able to receive food and other essential supplies during the full national lockdown.

The Community Boards work in a totally new and exciting way as they are very much resident-driven. Your ideas and priorities matter, and we want you to get involved in helping to identify and shape our community priorities by sharing what matters most to you or raising an issue or an idea for a community improvement.

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We want to hear from you so please get in touch with our Community Board coordinator, Katrina Kelly on [localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or on our new Facebook Community Board page which is currently being developed - details of the link will be circulated once that is up and running.

There are lots of ways to get involved. If several people across the Wing and Ivinghoe area wish to work on the same idea—for example, exploring ways to make our communities more dementia-friendly or looking into the possibility of planting wildflower meadows locally—Katrina will bring together residents, parish councillors and stakeholders from other areas, interested in the same issue to form a working group to work with Buckinghamshire council officers and other partners. Some of these partners might even be able to offer match funding. Partners might range from groups like Chiltern AONB or Rural England, in the case of wildlife preservation across our area for example, to Active Bucks public health officers to help identify ways to combat social isolation and get people fit, active and to keep in touch with other residents with similar interests. Since working groups can organise their own meetings, research options, and ways of working, they can set their own pace.

Once they have come up with project ideas they can apply for funding using the online application form on our Community Board webpage link. Some examples of local priorities which have been identified include the Environment, Covid-19 recovery, Health and Wellbeing for all, and Transport. Specific working groups are forming within these four main priorities, as detailed below.

Transport: includes exploring Traffic Calming, Bus Routes and 20 mph zones.

Environment: includes exploring Littering, Cycle ways, improved infrastructure for Electric Car Charging points, and preservation of Wildlife.

Covid 19: includes exploring continued Business and economic support for recovery in case of local lockdowns.

Health and Well-being: includes exploring youth recruitment/ youth council, better rural Broadband, reduction of drugs & ASB/neighbourhood crime, combatting Social Isolation, food and fitness fair in Summer 2022, dementia friendly communities.

**I'd encourage you all to join our Community Board** as you get to have your say on these and other issues that affect your area. How involved you become is up to you. We will:

- invite you to our board meetings and events

- give you the opportunity to get involved with our working groups
- let you know about local consultations
- share information on funding for communities

To get involved in any of the above working groups please get in touch.

To find out more about your local

Community Board and get involved, contact: [localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

For more information please see our Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board webpage:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/wing-ivinghoe-community-board/>

## **Did you know that your local churches in Ivinghoe, Slapton and Marsworth run a Food Bank?**

**Do you know of anyone who is in need of food or are you short of food yourself?**

**Please call Babs on 07860 780127 or for other enquiries for St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe, 01296 668648**

**All calls will be dealt with confidentially and we will arrange for a box of food to be left on the doorstep**

**If you would like to donate food, please leave it in the porch behind the war memorial.**

**Thank you!**





## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Ivinghoe and Pitstone Branch

As the impact of Covid 19 continues to affect us all, the usual Poppy Appeal, held annually over the two weeks before Remembrance Sunday, is the latest casualty. Usually a team of volunteers carries out door to door 'rounds', **Joe stands outside Mason's Stores, our local pubs and businesses** have a poppy box and tin on their premises, and the village churches donate Remembrance Sunday collections.

This year NONE of that will happen. There can be no face to face collections. No door to door. Boxes filled with poppies, pins, crosses etc cannot be put out in our pubs and businesses as it invites multiple handling of the contents. This leaves us with little option but to sell poppies from one area in as safe a way as possible. so this is how we have decided to do it to at least raise a small amount of money.

The 2020 Poppy Appeal lasts from 25<sup>th</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> November. The following items will be available during that period:

- 2020 pins
- D Day 75 pins
- Ordinary poppies

Silk poppies

Wooden crosses

If you would like any of these items and live in Pitstone or Ivinghoe please ring Harry & Ann Batchelor on 661449. Tell them what you want and they will arrange for you to collect from their home at 14 Albion Road. If you in turn would put your donation into an envelope marked POPPY and give it to them they will quarantine the envelopes until the count takes place.

You can also ring Margaret on 661280 or email [mar-go.j@btinternet.com](mailto:mar-go.j@btinternet.com). Margaret will put your order into an envelope and leave the envelope in a box near her front door. Please put your donation into an envelope marked POPPY and put it through her letterbox.

If you wish to write a cheque please make it payable to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

All of the unopened envelopes containing donations will go into a separate box and be quarantined at another address until we do the count in mid November.



## I, I.A. and P HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Were it not for the coronavirus pandemic we would no doubt be reporting on yet another successful flower show, the fifth since its revival in 2016. Sadly like many **other community events it wasn't** to be. We are however delighted to report that we were able to stage a virtual version of the annual inter village allotment challenge for the coveted Harry Ecklethwaite Trophy. A few hardy souls from the respective sites each staged a display of flowers, fruit and veg at their site. This year Ivinghoe were victorious and Simone collected the trophy on their behalf. Congratulations to Ivinghoe and thank you to all those who helped and took part, particularly our judge Carol, who trekked across the sites on the coldest, windiest evening since lockdown began.

As part of our affiliation to the Royal Horticultural Society, we have the the honour of awarding one of our members the prestigious Banksian Medal. This year it was awarded to Karen Groom. The criteria was for someone who

had done something of note for their community during the pandemic. Marjory Rankin speaking on behalf of Pitstone Allotment Association best sums up why Karen is such a worthy winner, **“During August and September we held a weekly collection of surplus produce for the local food bank, we were staggered by the response and very grateful Karen offered to take delivery and coordinate the distribution with Babs. What we found remarkable was Karen set up and manned a stall selling our ‘surplus’ surplus raising some very useful funds for the food bank, thank you Karen.”**

We will be planning for next years show over the coming months and would like to confirm that last years published craft schedule will roll over to next **year. When it's safe and permissible we will hold an AGM.**

All being well this time next year we will be reporting on another successful show, in the mean time enjoy your growing, cooking and crafting.



## AN UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY

The Library continues to be open, and maintains a safe environment so we look forward to welcoming you. Our latest opening times are posted on our website, but at the time of writing they are:

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 2-5pm. We hope to extend this to include Saturdays in the near future. In the meantime the drop box is still available in the Town Hall foyer, so you may return items on other days, when the foyer is open.

The Beacon Villages Community Library AGM was held on 19th September, via Zoom. The reports

presented at that meeting are on our website, and the Minutes will be added in due course.

At the meeting the committee was confirmed as: Avril Davies, chair, Colin Arney, treasurer, Janet Page, secretary, committee members Gill Arney, Dave Frearson and Derek Peverill. Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome to get in touch with us. We can co-opt members at any time throughout the year.

Thanks were expressed to the retiring committee members Dave Chang and Ann Broadbent.

A grateful resident,  
Yardley Avenue.

As a lone and disabled, retired resident, in Yardley Avenue who was in self isolation at the beginning of this crisis can I, through the pages of this magazine, issue a big thank you to the Helpline for Pitstone and all its volunteers who went the extra mile in offering their help and support to me. Their assistance was both reassurance that I could manage with their help and a comfort that without family in the immediate area, that help was only a phone call away.

I have made new friends through this scheme and my dog benefited by being taken out for regular walks which meant that at least one of us was kept fit. I am sure that everyone who benefitted from help, as well as a kind word, would join me in one voice to say a loud and heart felt THANK YOU, two words that can be heard, as they resound in every part of the village.

## Obituary

**Edward John Walter Stallard (Ted)**

26th November 1926 - 20th August 2020

Ted was an East End boy, born with his Aunt's who had a in Plaistow West Ham on the baker's shop in Cambridge 26th November 1926. Jennifer Street.

remembers him telling her about In August 1944, as an 18 year the things he got up to, most old, he came with his father and memorably going to see his two sisters to take over the vil- Grandparents lage bake house which involved a in Pitstone, but journey on a tram and two in 1946, his fa- buses on his own aged about 9 or ther died and his 10 across Lon- sisters went back don, very differ- to London.

ent times then.

Things were soon to change with the outbreak of World War II, his life was very different from then on. He was evacuated to Somers-

et which was probably the first taste of the countryside, which he really enjoyed. He was placed

on a farm, loved all the animals, especially the heavy horses which he remained fond of for the rest of his life. He always said he really wanted to stay in the countryside but he had to return to London, and that's where he started baking; first working for a large baker's, then later moving to Aylesbury to live



gether doing the baking plus bread deliveries to three other villages. In 1948 Jennifer arrived, and soon after, the first shop was opened. As the years went by, the property next door was bought and became a village store selling everything from wool to scrubbing brushes. Jennifer had always helped in the shop, she remembers being very young and it was her job to fill



up the sugar, it was at eye level for her. When she left school the three of them worked together. In November 1973 the business was sold and they retired, Younger members of the family remember coming to the house to make bread, Jean made bakers aprons and Ted made a wooden peel to get the mini loaves out of the oven. He also turned his hand to making wooden toys, first, a trolley full of brightly painted bricks, then recycling a wooden desk and a rocking horse rescued from a visit to the tip.

Ted threw himself into village life, 25 plus years on the hall committee serving as treasurer, during which time he was heavily involved in the Millennium hall extension. He joined the Parish Council, his first meeting being the 28th August 1974. He served for over 30 years, completing two terms as Chairman, working with six parish clerks during his time. He considered one of his greatest achievements was in using his powers of persuasion to get an upgrade of the street lights in the village, not everyone was pleased but he said the old ones were the scruffiest he had ever seen, and for years after he carried out regular inspections to keep them maintained.

He also served for 12 years on Aylesbury Vale District Council as councillor for Pitstone, Ivinghoe, Ivinghoe Aston and Cheddington. Jean's highlight over these years

was when they were both invited in March 1983 to the opening of Hale Leys shopping centre carried out by Princess Diana.

Then came bowls, first it was outdoor at Cheddington, then Ted and five or six others from Albion Road started up Beacon short mat bowls club in the Village Hall. For many years Ted played for the Bucks County team travelling many miles to do so. He retired from everything when he turned 80, saying it was time for the younger ones to take over.

Before I end I must mention the Hot Cross Buns.

Everybody living in Pitstone and surrounding villages before 1974 remembers Ted making them. Nothing has come close to them since. Customers queued from early in the morning. Jennifer says it was the maddest but most fun day of the year. Jean said it was the only time she saw a queue in Pitstone! Such was their reputation, a few years ago the buns got a mention on Facebook. Ted may have been born in the East End of London but he was a Pitstone man through and through and enjoyed his 76 years here. He would have told you that until the last few years he and Jean had a great life here with many fond memories, now they are back together, Ted making his bread and Jean knitting mittens for the children, and at last he can find peace.



## IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE W.I.

Christine Linley

What a strange summer we have had, it was like the 'spirit of the blitz'.

We were not able to have our normal indoor meetings, so we have embraced the new phenomenon of 'Zoom meetings'. Each month, on our normal meeting evening, Sue Eyre, president, ably assisted by husband Russ, produced a quiz for members and partners to participate in. This has been really good fun and our quiz queen is in her 80's.

These online meetings have also been extended to include committee meetings, craft group and general social events. By the time you are reading this report we will have trialled a full meeting using Zoom with remote speakers and members joining from the comfort of their home. We also moved outdoors into our gardens and had tea and KitKat parties in groups of six socially distanced. Most of the time the weather was kind but a few of the meetings had to be postponed.

Our 'Random Readers' book group contributed to start a book

swap in the Ivinghoe bus shelter. It was to give everyone in the villages access to reading material during the lockdown when the library was shut. Now that the library has reopened the much appreciated and successful book swap is closed.

Even during these unprecedented times our community commitments carried on and were even extended to include:

- Our support to Aylesbury Women's Aid
- Supporting and collecting for the church food bank
- Making and distributing PPE clothing for the NHS

The walking groups continue apace. The Chiltern Way walkers have managed to add to their achievements so far, with still more of the route hopefully to be completed at some stage. We have also started a short walk group for general exercise.

Looking back on this report I am quite amazed at what we have achieved by positive thinking. All activities within this report were conducted under the government Covid guidelines applicable at the time.



## CHURCH NEWS

David Green

**St. Mary's has been open for services** on some Sundays since August and on Wednesday mornings for private prayer. Several face to face services have now been held and therefore a little more normality has returned to our lives. So far, we have reinstated our Holy Communion services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month with a few additional services planned. Our first live service was on the first Sunday in September and took the form of an outdoor service led by Sandra and Jane in the churchyard and it was a real success, perhaps because the weather was so good. We are also now permitted to have a small choir to support our worship which means that we have live singing in our **services even though we can't join in!**

We also hope to hold an event to commemorate All Souls and a much smaller Remembrance service, **Covid permitting. It's a case of watching and waiting for updated advice from the govern-**

ment and the national church. There are restrictions on the numbers that can attend a **service and for St. Mary's, this is 20** places for individuals, rising to a maximum of 30 to include members of the same household. To book a place at any of our services please contact Stephen Swinbank: [spswinbank@gmail.com](mailto:spswinbank@gmail.com) or 01296 660680 by 6pm on Friday evening prior to the service on Sunday morning.

Or look on the church website <https://ivinghoe-church.org> In addition, we have services on Facebook and on the phone every Sunday morning at 9.30am led by Revd David Holloway. [www.facebook.com/stmary.holycross.all saints](http://www.facebook.com/stmary.holycross.all saints)

Phone in details: 020 3695 9267 and enter room no: 297713 In the unusual times we are living, if your local church can help in any way do not hesitate to contact Babs 07860 780127 or myself 01296 668648. Babs is also the contact for the food bank.



## ONLINE FEAST FOR BOOK LOVERS

Local readers and writers who have been missing book events in this difficult year need look no further than BeaconLit OnLine, where our very own book festival, BeaconLit, has three exciting events, featuring six great authors.

The ever-popular 'New Voices' panel consists of three debut novelists: Eve Smith's **thriller**, *The Waiting Rooms*, set in an all-too-believable near future, in the aftermath of an antibiotic crisis, was shortlisted for the Bridport Prize First Novel Award, and her flash fiction has been shortlisted for the Bath Flash Fiction Award and highly commended for The Brighton Prize; Ruby Speechley, a Faber Academy alumna and prolific writer has seen her work longlisted for the Lucy Cavendish College Fiction prize, the Exeter Novel Prize, the Caledonian Novel Award and the Bath Novel Award, as well as winning the Retreat West First Chapter Competition, and her debut novel is the psychological thriller *Someone Else's Baby*; Actor and writer Sophie Ward won the Royal Academy Pin Drop award for her short story *Sunbed*, and her novel *Love and Other Thought Experiments* was longlisted for the

Mann Booker Prize.

Award-winning writer and broadcaster Dr Kat Arney was brought up in Pitstone and is the author of *How to Code a Human* and the critically acclaimed *Herding Hemingway's Cats: Understanding how our genes work*. Her new book, *Rebel Cell: Cancer, evolution and the science of life*, was published on 6 August. Kat also presents the popular 'Genetics Unzipped' podcast for The Genetics Society, and has fronted several BBC Radio 4 science documentaries including the recent series 'Ingenious', looking at the stories behind our genes. She gives a fascinating talk on cancer and the 'rebel cell'.

*Sunday Times* bestseller Amanda Robson has been called the Queen of Obsession. After graduating, she worked in medical research at The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and at the Poisons Unit at Guy's Hospital where she became a co-author of a book on cyanide poisoning - a subject which has set her in good stead for writing her dark and twisting bestselling psychological thrillers. She attended the Faber novel writing course, writes full-time, and *My Darling*, which came out on 24 August, is



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her fourth novel. She is interviewed by local crime writer and BeaconLit co-founder Dave Sivers, whose latest novel, *In Ink*, is set in and around Tring.

Supporting our local library

All the events are free to enjoy on the **'BeaconLit Events' channel** at YouTube. However, BeaconLit supports Ivinghoe Li-

brary, and the unavoidable cancellation of this year's festival leaves a big hole in the library's finances. Donations to the library would be much appreciated and can be made via

<http://www.beaconlit.co.uk/beaconlitonline2020.php>.

The Festival Committee hopes that the **'live' BeaconLit will return** on Saturday 10 July 2021.

## JOB VACANCY

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Deadline: 6th November 2020

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- Available to work weekends and evenings.
- Adaptable to meet the needs of hirers (hiring the community room or holding outdoor sporting events)
- Prepared to attend at short notice if anyone is taken ill with suspected Covid symptoms to initiate additional cleaning.
- Reasonably fit - the cleaning work after muddy footballers can sometimes be strenuous

Duties will include:

- Cleaning the pavilion including the changing areas
- Litter picking the grounds,
- Carrying out regular activities to ensure compliance to all necessary fire, health & safety, defibrillator and water safety regulations etc,
- Minor maintenance works,
- Completion of accurate records

This role would be ideal for a self-motivated, trustworthy person who is happy to work alone. Previous experience an advantage, but training can be provided.

For full details, please see: <https://pitstone.co.uk/pavcleaner> or contact the clerk.

## IVINGHOE TOWN HALL

(inc' Library & P/Office & Shop)

High Street Ivinghoe Buckinghamshire LU7 9EP

This Newsletter has been prepared in support of the listed building application submitted to (at the time) Aylesbury Vale District Council Heritage Team for carrying out general & specific external maintenance works to all elevations at Ivinghoe Town Hall (Beacon Villages Library).

Buckinghamshire Council are free holders of the property and therefore are authorized to carry out repairs and make good the property in accordance with the covenants and provisions contained in the Lease.

The Schedule of proposed Works has purposely taken an approach to reduce the impact on the heritage asset to minimize the impact on its significance and takes into account:

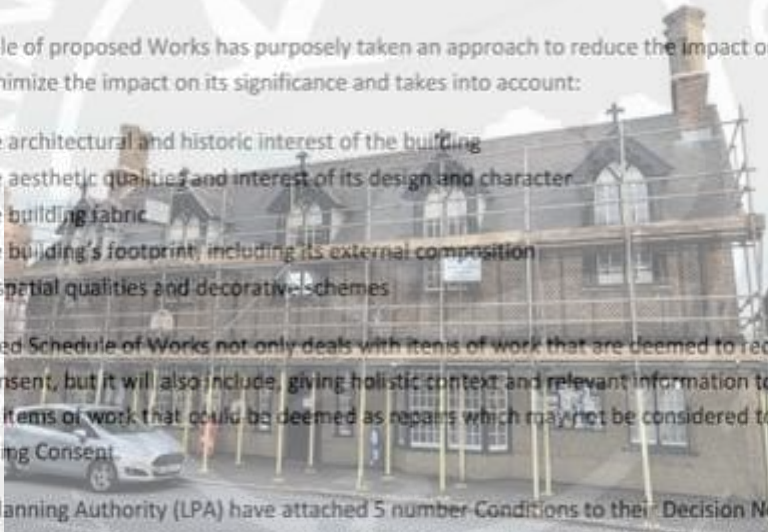
- The architectural and historic interest of the building
- The aesthetic qualities and interest of its design and character
- The building fabric
- The building's footprint, including its external composition
- Its special qualities and decorative schemes

The proposed Schedule of Works not only deals with items of work that are deemed to require Listed Building Consent, but it will also include, giving holistic context and relevant information to the building as a whole, items of work that could be deemed as repairs which may not be considered to require Listed Building Consent.

The Local Planning Authority (LPA) have attached 5 number Conditions to their Decision Notice which all have to be discharged before and during the works to ensure all works will comply with Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

This Newsletter edition (#2) is to give notice that the second stage of the proposed External Maintenance Repair works is to discharge the Planning Conditions 4&5 and, in the main, the Re-pointing of existing brickwork and brickwork repairs.

This work will require the erection of a scaffold for safe access while working at height during these maintenance works. Considering the buildings age, the external brickwork and associated mortar joint's durability will inevitably be effected by changing weather conditions. Constant exposure to uncontrolled weathering will lead to physical decay and deterioration.





## IVINGHOE HUB HELLO AND A PLEA

Carol Tarrant

After Lockdown, the trustees of **the hub met, socially distanced', frequently during the 'downtime'**, to keep everything under review. Now we are fully open for bookings in a Government Approved way. Bookings are coming in, subject to some not too-draconian Covid-19 rules: Kickboxing restarted on 5<sup>th</sup> October, Guides are meeting every Tuesday evening, Simply Walks continues as an **'Outside Sport', and an Arts Class** booked in towards the end of October – see our Facebook page: **'Ivinghoe Old School Hub'** - for the Calendar!

What were we doing during Covid-19 Lockdown? Initially shocked by the Lockdown, our first priorities were to keep engaged with our Community and our valued Café tenant. Applying for and receiving two Grants to help with the latter ensured that we didn't go under from a cessation of Community hirings.

Taking example from many other communities, we started the **'WhatsAppening in Ivinghoe?'** WhatsApp Group, to help village folk needing medicines and/or groceries, phone calls, even dog-

walking; the group continues, as **Lockdown' are never far from our horizon!**

Our business plan is very simple: Café rent and other payments help pay for our utilities; Fees for hiring space pay for the maintenance of the premises, renewal of furnishings and provision of new equipment. Occasional Grants allow us, for example, to renew our floor boards throughout; our income and expenditure can be tracked clearly in our **Treasurer's Reports.**

So what needs to change – the plea!

Your Trustees need new blood to share the daily tasks together, as a Community, to keep Ivinghoe Hub sustainable. It is hard to imagine the unseen, unsung tasks that go on behind the scenes!

If you feel you could contribute to this voluntary Community Project in any way, do get in touch with us. Telephone 01296-661666, or email: [ivinghoeoldschoolcommunityhub@btconnect.com](mailto:ivinghoeoldschoolcommunityhub@btconnect.com), or speak to Carol, Chair of Trustees, over a cup of coffee, and she will welcome you with open, 'socially distanced', arms!!





## 2020 Christmas Post Update

1<sup>st</sup> Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts are sad to announce that due to the ongoing uncertainty about Covid, there will be no Christmas Post this year.

We would like to thank all of you who have used our Christmas post service in the past and all the local retailers who have supported us.

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Yardley Avenue Surgery, Pitstone £1.00  
Stoke Mandeville Hospital £9.50

Rothschild House Surgery, Tring £4.50  
Wycombe Hospital £18.50

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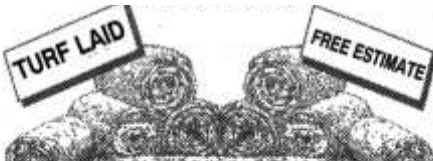
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Cheddington Pre-School is in the grounds of Cheddington Combined School. We have a purpose-built building and our own well-equipped outdoor learning environment with vegetable patch and mud kitchen, plus access to some of the primary school's facilities. We offer a great variety of activities each week including PE, library time, woodland area visits, as well as visits to reception in the summer term for those who will be joining school in the September. Cheddington Pre-School prides itself in delivering a high quality pre-school education. We have very healthy registers at Pre-School so please remember to register your child from 18 months old. We take children from 2 years up until they start school. For further information or to register your child with us please contact Michelle Andrews, Manager. Tel. 01296 662292 or [CheddingtonPS@outlook.com](mailto:CheddingtonPS@outlook.com) or visit [www.cheddingtonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.cheddingtonpreschool.co.uk)

## 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](http://www.ivinghoeoldschool.com), [ivinghoeoldschool@btconnect.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pmhbooking@gmail.com) 01296 661271

### LOCAL CLUBS

**Beavers:** (aged 5½ - 8): Watermill Lodge, 6-7pm, Monday Leader: Tom. Tuesday Leader: Jakki

Contact: Andrew Woods (Group Scout Leader) by email:

Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

**Cubs:** (aged 8 - 10½): Windmill Pack, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Wednesday leader: Dan Lee (Akela), Thursday leader: Rob Mercel (Shere Khan)

Contact: Andrew Woods (Group Scout Leader) by email:

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**Scouts:** 7-8:30pm, Friday, Leader: Andrew Woods

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**Guides:** Tuesday 7 - 8:30pm The Hub, Ivinghoe, Leader Rebecca Capron.

Contact: 07545 347787

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

Contact: 01296 661540

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

Contact: 01296 661540

**Pitstone Youth Café:** Ages 11-18yrs/school years 7-13 Wednesday 6:30pm to 8pm

(term time) Brookmead School hall <http://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/youth-cafe/>

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

Contact: Sue Eyres on 01296 709281

**Beacon Villages Community Library:** Run by the community, for the community

[www.bvcl.org.uk](http://www.bvcl.org.uk)

General enquiries: [info@bvcl.org.uk](mailto:info@bvcl.org.uk) 01296 387890

Committee enquiries: [secretary@bvcl.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.pitstoneandivinghoetoddlers.btck.co.uk) Facebook: Pitstone and Ivinghoe baby and toddler group

**Brookmead School:** (est. 1967): Head Teacher Esther Taylor, Foundation Primary School for children aged 4 - 11. Bringing learning to life and life to learning.



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**Marsworth Road, Pitstone, LU7 9AP**

Contact: Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EX,  
[www.brookmead.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.brookmead.bucks.sch.uk), 01296 668543, [office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:chairman@pandifootball.net) [www.pandifootball.net](http://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](http://www.cheddingtonbowls.org.uk) Contact: Jo Tchertoff 01296 668624

## RELIGION

### Ivinghoe and Pitstone Chapel Fellowship:

Sunday Services on third Sunday of each month, 12 Church Rd, 10:30. Family film on first Thursday of each month, Millennium Room of Memorial Hall, 2pm. Over 60s Club on third Thursday of each month, Yardley Centre, 2-4pm, join us for varied programmes of speakers, quizzes and entertainment.

Contact: 01296 668005

**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

**Churches Conservation rust (St Mary's Pitstone)** [visitchurches.org.uk](http://visitchurches.org.uk) or phone Jean Boothe 01296 661745

**St Mary's Ivinghoe:** Contact: Reverend David Green 096 6686481

**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](http://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](http://www.rothschildhousesurgery.co.uk), 01296 662800

**Nifty Fifties Plus:** Keep fit for older folk followed by optional gentle sport. Not for profit. Cheddington Village Hall. Thursdays 10 - midday. Contact: Chris Hall, 01442 824350

## PLACES TO VISIT

**Ford End Watermill:** The only working watermill to survive intact, in the county. Restored and run by Ford End Watermill Society. Open Easter and bank holidays. Adults £3, children £1. For further details go to [www.fordendwatermill.co.uk](http://www.fordendwatermill.co.uk) 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

**Report a Right of Way Issue:** <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/>

**Street light problems:** Castlemead lights – email: [CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com](mailto: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](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk)

**Report 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:passtrans@buckscc.gov.uk)

## PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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