PITSTONE PARISH POST



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dave Nicholls, Chairman Pitstone Parish Council

Shortly after the last PPP, we got final confirmation that the government wasn't going to renew the legislation that allowed us to have online meetings. Since May, we have been meeting at the Pavilion. While it has been good to be together, the social distancing requirements mean we are sitting on chairs widely separated around the room, which feels slightly odd. We will move back to a more traditional arrangement as restrictions lift and councillors are comfortable doing so. Members of the public are still very welcome at our meetings. Details of the arrangements can be found at the top of each agenda. All agendas are published here: https://pitstone.co.uk/ ppcmeetings/

Following the election we welcomed a new councillor, Jack Heyman, but we still had spaces available. We were very happy to coopt Kris Weber, a returning councillor, and Alistair Kirk, a new member, at our June meeting. We do still have one available space. If you feel that you would like to put

yourself forward please contact the clerk or any councillor for more information.

By the time you read this, we will have held the open meeting to allow users to see the proposed design for the new skate park, and discuss any potential changes with Bencrete, the company we have chosen to work with on the project. Having been involved in the work to get the skate park in place for almost 20 years it feels great to actually have the finish line in sight.

As restrictions are lifted I am sure that some people will be more reluctant than others to abandon masks, social distancing, and other measures. Please respect the decisions of others. We need to act in a way that allows those who are vulnerable to re-join normal life alongside everyone else and not make them feel that their lockdown cannot end.

I wish everyone a great summer and look forward to seeing you around the village.



PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

Skatepark

The long-awaited skate park will sit between the multi-use ball court and the new play space on the recreation ground, to enhance our facilities so that there are activities that all age groups and abilities can engage with and the whole family can spend recreation time together. The tendering process has now been running for a while and the parish council appointed a suitably qualified contractor at the end of lune, subject to a number of conditions. Initial designs have been produced, based on the features specified by local users and these will be published shortly. We will also be holding a public consultation & design meeting, hosted by the contractor, where everyone is invited to come along and provide feedback on the initial design and discuss any different features or flows etc that you might like to be considered, so that the design can be refined and approved prior to the contract being entered into. Please do come along to this session, even if you aren't a user, but just have questions about the skate park that you want to raise with the supplier. Look out for more details shortly.

Youth Café

Youth café has re-opened and is operating from the new Pitstone Pavilion each Wednesday evening during term time. We are holding introductory sessions for the Year 6 Brookmead pupils on 30 June, 7 July and 14 July during the first part of the café session. Our regular users will still be able to attend the second sessions on each of these nights (so that we can operate in a covid secure manner). Thank you to all the young people that have come back to café – it has been amazing to be able to see you all again.

Pitstone Pavilion

We were pleased that the covid regulations lifted enough to permit both outdoor sports, yoga and meetings to resume at the new pavilion site and look forward to even more activities taking place there as the restrictions lift further as time passes.

Westfield Road speed mitigation
At the top end of Westfield Road BC

At the top end of Westfield Road, BC's proposed mitigation measures have started to be installed but the process has not run smoothly. Firstly, the Buckinghamshire Council contractors installed the lamp posts in the wrong

place, once that had been resolved, the Taylor Wimpey contractors then installed the signage incorrectly. We understand new signage is on order and the contractors will return to fit and rectify the other errors. Carriageway painting will follow later in the summer. The parish council will continue to try to ensure that Buckinghamshire Council deliver their proised measures.

At the other end of Westfield Road, the 30mph signs have now been relocated to their correct position at the junction but 40mph signs for the backs of these posts have not yet been installed. Again, we understand the Taylor Wimpey contractor is due to return and retrofit.

Multi Use Games Area and replacement car park

These items are being installed by Nicholas King Homes. We are currently working with the developer to resolve a number of outstanding issues and queries.

New Members / Vacancies

We welcome new councillors Jack Heyman and Alistair Kirk to Pitstone Parish Council, you can find out a little more about them below. We are sure that you will make them both very welcome. We also thank those members who stepped down, for their previous service to our community.

A WARM WELCOME TO YOUR TWO NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

The council is delighted to introduce you to Councillor Jack Heyman and Councillor Alistair Kirk who have both joined the parish council. Here they tell you a little about themselves:

Jack Heyman

"My family and I moved into the area in 2015, we feel lucky to have found such a wonderful community that is so warm and welcoming. I jumped at the chance to join the Parish Council so I could help add to it, as much as anything else, for my two young children and to give back to the community. My father and I run a family business in haberdashery and I'm hoping to utilise some of my skills in sales and problem solving. I have great passion for our village and will put my all into it."

Alistair Kirk

Alistair says "I have lived in Tring, Berkhamsted or in one of the surrounding villages all of my life. I settled in Pitstone with my now family of four 8 years ago and we love where we live. I have always been keen aware of local community projects & local news



and feel it is now the time to serve the local community as a parish councillor. I have attended Pitstone Parish Council

meetings prior to submitting my interest in joining the parish council and hope I can add to the great work undertaken by the both current and previous parish councillors. I have always believed in working together with other local parish councils and look forward to supporting my local community."

We also welcome back Councillor Kris Weber. We are sure that you will make them all very welcome. The number of seats on the parish council increased from 10 to 11 due to the rising population and we do still have one



vacancy, so if you share their passion for our village, have 3 hours per week to volunteer, and would like to join the parish council, please contact the parish clerk (parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk or 01296 767261) for more information.

The number of seats on the parish council increased from 10 to 11 in May reflecting the expanding population, and we still have one vacancy, so if you are passionate about our community and have approx. 3 hours per week that you

can volunteer (members are all voluntary and receive no payment) please do get in touch with the clerk on 01296 767261 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

PPP Distributors Needed

This magazine is brought to you by a team of volunteer distributors. We currently have vacancies for Windsor Road, the business park, Icknield Gardens and Poultens Meadow. If you have some time free once a quarter to walk around and pop the magazine through letterboxes please do get in touch with Rachel Weber, our Distribution Manager, by phoning 07717 471584 or emailing:

rachelseabird@hotmail.com

Audit

Parish Councils are subject to 3 layers of audit each year, the first being undertaken by members of the council, the second being undertaken by an independent 'internal' auditor which the parish council appoints (IAC Ltd) and then the final audit is undertaken by an 'external' auditor appointed to the parish council (PKF Littlejohn).

The first 2 layers of audit have now been undertaken and the required information submitted to the external auditor. The period for the exercise of public rights runs from I July through to II August. You can view our accounts and find out details about your rights on our noticeboards, website and media channels.

Annual Assembly

For the second year running, the covid restrictions in place at the time prevented the normal annual assembly taking place. The assembly normally gives residents a chance to hear from

Buckinghamshire Councillors, Thames Valley Police, local charities or community groups and the parish council.

Please remember that you can continue to reach the parish council by telephone, email, letter, through our website, via our Facebook page or Twitter feed, or can attend any of our

full council or committee meetings (see each agenda for covid guidelines for that particular meeting).

Thank you.

We'd like to thank the Morris family for their kind donation of £250 to fund a wooden memorial picnic bench for the Hever Close play area. The table has now been ordered and will be installed in due course.

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Financial Position

	Income	Expenditure
2019-20 Actual	£230,338	£263,850
2020-21 Actual	£1,176,635	£1,134,862
Variance to Last Year	+410%	+430%
2020-21 Budget	£1,248,417	£1,291,435
Variance to Budget	-6%	-12%

Pandemic aside, this was a year of substantial investment in sports and leisure as several key projects came to fruition after years of planning.

The parish council is financially independent with no loans, lease payments or debts.

Extension and Refurbishment of the Pavilion

The old changing rooms have been completely transformed into a superb community facility with community room, kitchen, toilets and changing village as well as a parish council office. The whole site is disability compliant, and is fitted with wi-fi, wide screen TV, alarms & CCTV plus external lighting to help you return to your vehicle. We hold both premises and music licences.

The community room is lovely and bright with tall picture windows overlooking the grounds. Now covid guidelines have eased slightly, the facilities are being used by Zest Yoga, Pitstone Youth Café and the Parish Council as well as the both the junior and senior football clubs. There is a family fun day coming up in August and fundraising match screenings booked into the diary. We look forward to welcoming more hirers and holding more events as the year progresses and pandemic restrictions ease further.

This £1m project attracted a substantial level of grants and \$106 release support, so the cost to residents has been less than £10k of accrued funding.

Works and fit out have been funded from: Buckinghamshire Council release £562,667 of \$106 sports & leisure funding; a £370,000 grant from Aylesbury Vale District Council's New Homes Bonus grant scheme; a £35,120 Football Stadia Improvement Grant; £10,000 grant from the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust Thriving Communities scheme; £4,000 from Pitstone & Ivinghoe United Football Club; £1.5k from Pitstone & Ivinghoe Junior Football Club. Two invoices related to this project fall due for payment during 2021-22 so the final payment & \$106 receipt will fall within the next financial year, although the accrual is showing in this years' expenditure.

Replacement of the Recreation Ground Play Equipment

After a slight delay caused by the first covid lockdown, all the old play equipment on the recreation ground was removed and an exciting & challenging Huck Teck rope play space was installed. The site provides a range of facilities for toddlers right through to teens with the Cheops high pyramid reaching up to the tree canopy. There are many DDA features too such as the wheelchair friendly sunken trampoline and wide slide enabling a carer to slide down with the child. The new play space has proved very popular and seen heavy use.

This project (total cost £123,868) was funded by an \$106 release from Buckinghamshire Council of £110k, a Community Leader Grant of £1,275 plus £11,951 of funding accrued by the parish council.

New Swings for Windsor Road Play Space

The flat seat swings in Windsor Road suffered a frame failure, and as this unit had been installed at the same time as the cradle seat unit, the parish council resolved to replace them both at the same time.

Creative Play were the selected supplier and both sets of wooden swings were installed (cost £14k) and have since been well used.

Other Grants Received

As both the football pitches and the new community building had long periods of enforced closure due to government restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic, the parish council received just over £11k in covid grant funding from Buckinghamshire Council.

Grants and Donations given by the Parish Council

During the financial year, the parish council was delighted to provide the following grants and donations to other groups:

- £150 to Windmill Pre-School for resource packs during lockdown
- £1,486 to Windmill Pre-School to fund outdoor play equipment for the newly expanded site (having taken on a lease for the old Children's Centre adjoining building)
- £6,000 to Pitstone Memorial Hall Charity for roof repairs
- £2,000 to South Centre Ambulance to provide additional equipment for the Community First Responder

• £168.25 to Royal British Legion poppy appeal to fund an artificial wreath and donation in lieu of fresh floral tribute

Other Leisure Updates

Nicholas King Homes are installing a multi-use games area, as part of their residential development, on land owned by the Parish Council at the bottom of the Memorial Hall car park, and providing replacement car parking adjacent to this.

The Parish Council has commenced the tendering process for a concrete skate park which will sit on the recreation ground between the new multi-use games area and the new play space. This will be funded by a contribution from the parish council, grant funding and \$106 release from Buckinghamshire Council. We hope that it will be installed during 2021/22 completing the upgrade of the leisure facilities at the recreation ground to a place where the whole family can play.

Devolved Services

We received £3,552.28 from Buckinghamshire County Council to undertake grass verge cutting within the 30mph limit (including some areas of grass previously maintained by Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust), siding out of footpaths and certain right-of-way maintenance. £3,660 was expended during the financial year. Under our Devolved Service obligations, we also issued 3 event advertising permits, removed unauthorised advertising, issued 4 hedge cutting notices and resolved 2 complaints.

The Buckinghamshire Council contract runs for a further 12 months and as yet we have no visibility on whether this will be extended further.

Ongoing Projects by Other Bodies/Tiers of Government

Hertfordshire County Council continues to work with the Canal & River Trust to identify if any cycle route improvements are possible towards Tring station.

Buckinghamshire Council continues to work with developers (Taylor Wimpey, Croudace, Nicholas King Homes and Bellway) to fulfil their highway and leisure obligations including the resolution of the speed limit change issues on Westfield Road.

Buckinghamshire Council continues to work with both Pitstone and Ivinghoe Parishes re the Safety Scheme and Freight Strategy proposals.

Parish Council Election

Parish Councillors normally serve a 4-year term of office. The election was postponed by the government in 2019 to accommodate the move to Unitary status by Buckinghamshire Council, and then again by a further year in 2020 due to the pandemic. The election subsequently took place in May of 2021. We thank those members that have left us for their voluntary commitment to the parish during the term in office and extend a warm welcome to all the new parish councillors. As the election was unopposed, we will not be billed an election fee by Buckinghamshire Council during 2021/22.

PITSTONE VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR 2021

We received so many nominations for volunteer of the year this year, and it was such an exceptional year that the parish council resolved to award 'Volunteer of the Year' to two people. Both these people received numerous nominations each:



Geoff Bratt is our main local Community First Responder. This means he volunteers for the ambulance service, and if Geoff happens to be on call when your 999 call is made, it is likely to be Geoff who is sent to provide immediate assistance until the ambulance can reach us. Those extra minutes can make all the difference in life-and-death situations. Between October and December alone, Geoff undertook nearly 200 hours of voluntary service as a Community First Responder for our villages. During the coronavirus pandemic, when most of us where avoiding close contact, Geoff was actively having to go into known covid

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infection areas to provide much needed assistance to our residents.



Many of you will already know **Linda Howarth** from the community events she organises at Halloween, for the Freecycle weekend and on behalf of Windmill Pre-School. She has also been busy helping the pre-school to clear and prepare their new premises (they have been able to take over the adjoining old Children's Centre to increase pre-school capacity) as well as volunteering at the pre-school on a regular basis.

The parish council would like to congratulate both our winners, each of whom received a framed certificate and £50 cheque at individual, socially distanced presentations at Pitstone Pavilion. We also extend our sincere thanks to both individuals for all their hard work and support of our community.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to send in a nomination. If your nominee wasn't successful on this occasion, do consider nominating them for the 2022 Volunteer of the Year. Nominations for anyone who has undertaken voluntary work that has made a real difference for the residents of Pitstone, can be submitted at any time between now and January 2022 by emailing parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk or writing to Pitstone Parish Council, Pitstone Pavilion, Marsworth Road, Pitstone, LU7 9AP.



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COUNTY





NEWS Peter Brazier, Chris Poll and Derek Town County Councillors

for Ivinghoe Ward

GP clinics finishing vaccinating

As you are probably aware, COVID-19 vaccination clinics are in place through our mass vaccination centre in Aylesbury, by pharmacies or GP's across the County and by our hospital hub who are vaccinating health and social care staff.

Uptake in Bucks has seen real progress in recent weeks, including those all-important 1st vaccinations in the 40+ age group. Over 539,460 people having had at least one dose up to 30 May.

Currently, the COVID-19 vaccine is available to book online or by calling 119 to anyone age 30 and over. This age group may move lower again this week and we will update our webpages accordingly, signposting to the

webpages accordingly, signposting to the NHS and gov.uk.

As planned, some of the GP led clinics across the county will cease once they have finished vaccinating people most at risk of serious illness from COVID-19: those in <u>priority groups 1–9</u>. GP's will ensure 2nd doses are given to anyone due one.

For local updates and news on clinics, drop-in sessions and vaccines go to <u>Bucks CCG updates</u>. This will have any clinic news that may affect your ward

so it's a useful page to keep an eye on Informal Parking Review of the areas around places of natural beauty and Country Parks

Buckinghamshire Council in partnership with Transport for Bucks, stakeholders and working with your local Councillors are proposing implementing permanent parking restrictions at various locations following an increase in illegal and antisocial parking, and verge damage, following the lifting of the first COVID-19 lockdown.

Buckinghamshire Council is proposing to introduce restrictions (permanent) at various locations across the county of Buckinghamshire.

The most local being the Northfield Road Pitstone Quarry area which caused significant concern to residents during the warm weather last year.

Disposable barbecue danger alert at home and in parks and open spaces

With temperatures hopefully rising, it seems as though barbecue season is upon us. Along with the delicious food and family-friendly fun, there are also some dangers to using disposable barbecues which can be easily avoided providing we all stay vigilant.

Barbecues, camp fires and stoves are not allowed in Buckinghamshire country parks and residents are urged not to light fires or use any device with a naked flame in woodland or open spaces, and to dispose of cigarettes carefully.

Top tips if using a disposable barbecue:

Follow the safety instructions provided with disposable barbecues.

Do not place the disposable barbecue directly on to grass or a flammable surface.

Never leave a lit barbecue unattended.

Make sure your barbecue is well away from sheds, fences, trees, shrubs or garden waste.

In the countryside or public park areas, only use disposable barbecues where there are specially designated areas and carefully follow the safety guidance. Avoid open flames in woodland, including parks, open spaces etc.

After use, please make sure it is fully extinguished by pouring plenty of water onto it.

Empty ashes onto bare garden soil, not into dustbins or wheelie bins. If they're hot, they can melt the plastic and cause a fire.

Do not place a disposable barbecue in a rubbish bin or take it to a local household recycling centre until it has cooled down completely. Fires at waste sites and in bin lorries can start from the smallest spark or heat source, especially in summer, so it's even more important to wait until the barbecue is completely cool.

For more information on how to safely dispose of a throwaway barbecue, please check the online Waste Wizard - www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/waste-wizard

YOUR NEW FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE WEBSITE

Buckinghamshire's Family Information Service has a brand-new website and directory making it even easier for families, parents to be, children and young people to find local support, activities and childcare.

The new website not only has a new look and feel but lots of the latest information from the team and experts within the council.

Head over to https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/ to take a look and find:

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things to do and holiday activities

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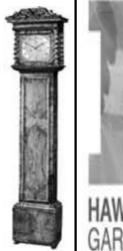
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ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS

Rikki Harrington

PLEASE LOG IN

I may well be preaching to the converted here. Living so close to the pleasures of Ashridge, many readers will be members of the National Trust. Even if you are not, you will likely be aware that the pandemic has

blown a massive hole in its budget - a £200 million chasm, in fact. Ashridge, like the NHS, is free at the point of use, but its upkeep needs funding. That is why a "donation log" has appeared at the Visitor Centre. Every penny will help with tasks such as making trees safe, clearing up litter and doggy doings, repairing gates and fences, and maintaining signage. That's before the major expenditure on habitat and access management in order to strike the right balance between the Trust's statutory duty to wildlife and its commitment to welcoming visitors. So, please, put some of that cash that's

been weighing down your wallets and purses during the pandemic into the log, or donate a fiver by texting TRUST to 70515. Better still, join the National Trust by calling at the Visitor Centre, or online. You will hear the birds singing "thank you"!





Art & Craft Exhibition 8th - 10th October Save the date!



As part of the ongoing celebrations for the 800th anniversary of St. Mary's Church there will be an exhibition of Arts and Crafts in the church from 8th -10th October 2021

Many local artists will be exhibiting their work which will mainly feature the church and the surrounding local area.

More details to follow later in the year.

If anyone would like further information, please contact:

Barbara Cummings - 01296 668621 or Anne Brien - 01525 753093

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Or on our website: https://ivinghoe-church.org/

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



The Beacon Villages Community Library AGM was held on Saturday 3rd July. At that meeting the reports from the Library Manager, Chair and Treasurer were agreed by the meeting and the committee for 2021/21 was elected. Avril Davies, Colin Arney and Janet Page remain as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary respectively and committee members statements, are available to view on Gillian Arney, Derek Peverill and

Dave Frearson are continuing for a further year.

Despite all that has been happening, the news from the Library is good and we are enthusiastically supported by our members who are pleased to see us able to continue to offer this valuable resource.

All the reports, including financial our website BVCL.org.uk

Did you know that your local churches in lyinghoe, 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?

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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!



<u> Ivinghoe Handbell Ringers</u>

Alex Wynne



There is a set of hand bells belonging to St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe and there has been an evolving group of hand bell ringers in the village since the 1950s. At present we cannot meet but are hoping to restart soon. Until March 2020 we had two groups who met on either Monday afternoon 2-4pm or evening 7.30-9.30pm. We play for various events and organisations in

the villages or in local care homes.

However we have to wait until 6 people can meet together indoors to start practising. If you would like to join the group when it restarts, you need a good sense of rhythm but do not need to be able to read music. We are a friendly group and it is a lot of fun.

Ring 01296 668 336

THAMES VALLEY ALERTS

A message from Megan Dean PCSO

Thames Valley Alerts is a system where https://thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/ we can send an email to specific communities and areas if there has been an incident or crime in that location. This not only enables people to be extra vigilant but it also keeps them informed of what is going on in their area.

Follow this link to sign up to receive alerts:

Due to COVID, its harder for PCSOs to reach communities in ways we used to (Have Your Say events etc) but we would like to communicate as much as we can, to reassure people and keep them informed of relevant information.



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Whatever your faith, background or experience, please join us to celebrate St Mary's 800+ anniversary. There are plenty of events throughout the year for people of all ages to enjoy. Please put the following dates into your diaries and watch out for further information.

8th-10th October 2021 - Art Exhibition

Local artists will mount an exhibition of their works.

Sunday 10th October 2021 @ 6.00 - Service of Celebration

Bishop Stephen, the Bishop of Oxford will lead a Service of Celebration to mark the 800+ anniversary.

Saturday 27th + Sunday 28th November 2021 - Yvingho Tales

The Beacon Community Choir perform a work specially written for the occasion which reimagines the building of the church, the effect it had on the community and the devastating events which led to it's initial destruction.

Saturday 20th November 2021 - Christmas Market

The church and Town Hall will host a large selection of stalls with handicrafts, homemade goods, cakes, tombolas, raffles and games.

Saturday 22nd January - 2022 Burns Supper

The ever popular celebration of Robert Burns will take place with home cooked haggis, live music and dancing.

Timeline

Come and see the Timeline of the history of the church designed and created by members of lvinghoe and Pitstone villages

The lyinghoe Tapestry

The image of St Mary's famous carved angels in tapestry form is ready to be embroidered by members of the public. Anyone, what ever their age, can add stitches to the tapestry and have their name inscribed as a permanent record of their contribution.

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IVINGHOE AND PITSONE CRICKET CLUB

Will Ottaway



The cricket club stepped into the unknown this year as we have transferred to the Mid Bucks Cricket League which has exposed us to new oppositions and ground around the Bucks villages.

Our Ist XI team has started the season in Division 2 in excellent form, having won 7 out of their 8 completed fixtures and in that time, have only lost one game. These victories have been very convincing and strong individual performances and the team has its sights set of promotion this year.

Our development 2nd XI squad have found life slightly more difficult with very close fixtures in Division 3. However, as the season has progressed these fixtures are becoming more and more competitive. Through the natural development of the squad this year, it is only a matter of time before our 2nd XI become a force to be reckoned with!

The Club also hosts competitive T20 fixtures on a Wednesday evening and friendly fixtures on a Sunday afternoon. All of these fixtures allow the club to

give everyone a chance to play and enjoy the excellent facilities that the club has, and we are continuing to grow.

Agreements have been made for 2 new all-weather nets to be built during the close season and the club continues to invest in new opportunities. Through very keen interest in the All Stars and Dynamos sessions on a Friday evening, the club will be looking to launch a

youth section next season.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Ivinghoe and Pitstone Cricket club, you are welcome to join our nets sessions on a Thursday evening (6-8pm) or email David Frankum on David.frankum@ntlworld.com who will be able to give you more details. You can also follow our news and developments through our Facebook page.

As with every organisation, we do rely on volunteers to help with the running of our squads, along with training and maintenance of our facilities so if there is anything that you would be willing to help with, please let us know!



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A TRUE TALE OF HARVEST TIME

Klaus Ginda



A scene from our Lawrence Collection Irish Life series. Date: Circa 1897

In the 19th century, with the improvement in roads, it was popular for writers to travel and record their experiences for publication. I found the following narrative, while collecting information on the local area, but failed to record the author, title of the work or source. I believe it may be by Robert Louis Stevenson from Antique Essays of Travel published in 1912.

Pitstone hardly merited a mention but what I found interesting was the description of the scene at harvest time,

which was viewed from the vantage point of a 'bold knoll at Cheddington ...rising abruptly above Seabrook bridge' it reads as follows:

'Remaining for some hours on this charming brow and sketching every object that presented itself, we found abundant materials; the harvest was getting in, and the loaded teams were passing in a quick succession; the labourers in the wheat field, with gleaners following, were all in motion, where the corn had been cut down; on the other side of us, reapers were trimming

down the standing crops in one field, while in another a fresh group were mowing of beans. Village lasses appeared in the returning carts bringing refreshments to the sturdy husbandmen, who with backwardly inclined heads were seen lifting to their parched lips the much-longed-for grateful jorum.

The morning was as lovely as the scene was enchanting, and the succession of fine weather had put the farmers in good temper with themselves; the whole village was in motion, and it might properly be styled Nature's Holiday. Air and exercise, the best friends to health, had invited us to partake of our farmer's rural fare; placing a few sheaves round our banquet, with the lasses for our carver's, we made a sumptuous meal upon our friend's bacon, beef, and plum pudding.

The intense heat of weather, and its long continuance, had for sometime past made a fall of rain very desirable, and towards four-o-clock, we were highly gratified by seeing a long scroll of clouds passing in a dense form, from the distant horizon over the vale beneath. As it approached us, the elements assumed a deep-toned purple, tinged with a variety of hues, the valley gradually became enveloped in a "darkness visible", exhibiting a grand and imposing effect. As the clouds neared our station they became a strong contrast to the light coloured stone of Marsworth church, on which, and its

surrounding wood, a gleam of light was gliding over

The scene was grand beyond expression, the light that illumined the church and village broke in a soft tone upon the land beneath, from whence gliding upon the brow on which we were standing, suddenly threw a broad and strong lustre on the wheat-field and its attendants; a second picture here presented itself, and that serenity which predominated but a short time before, was suddenly contrasted by another species of composition.

The harvest carts were now totting off the hill, and the gleaners in full run across the stubble, all participated in the rich effect of the light and gave a most animated and interesting finish to the scene: as the storm advanced and the lightning flashed, the horses became unruly, and even poor Tray, with tail between his legs, was seen creeping through the "pity less pelting of the storm". A few minutes carried us from this conflict of the elements to the hospitable habitation of the farmer."

Forward to the present and the 'reaper' and 'gleaner' have been replaced by the walker and jogger making their way, at their own individual pace, along the bridle paths that now cross the same fields. The addition of a mask to 'air and exercise the best friends to health.'

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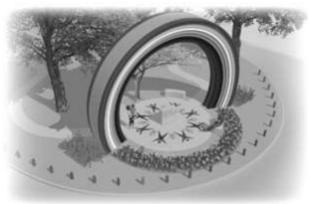
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NHS RAINBOW SCULPTURE WILL PROVIDE LASTING TRIBUTE TO NHS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY

Local businesses are supporting the building of a new sculptural installation at Stoke Mandeville Hospital - Nightingale's Rainbow - to pay tribute to the resilience and community spirit shown by the NHS and the people of Buckinghamshire, in responding to the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020.

The project also aims to raise money for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity and the Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund whose main fundraising activities have been severely impacted by the social distancing restrictions still in place.

"We are so pleased to be involved in this project and would like to thank all the organisations who have helped make the construction of Nightingale's Rainbow possible, "says Jo Turner, CEO of Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity. "The impact of the coronavirus crisis has been felt across all NHS Services, from clinical and support staff to patients and their families. All staff had to adapt incredibly quickly in difficult working conditions, and provide extra support for people who could not be with their

loved ones while they were in hospital. The Hospice's Bereavement Support team also contacted every family whose loved ones died in the Hospital."

Nightingale's Rainbow will be built on the roundabout at the A&E Entrance to Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury and will consist of an arch covered with 17,000 tiles in rainbow colours, with planting around it and a patio and seating underneath. As each colour is sponsored, that part of the Rainbow will light up until the whole Rainbow is illuminated, symbolising the community effort involved in the response to the coronavirus.

Members of the public can purchase coloured tiles on the Rainbow for a donation of £20 a tile, and the proceeds will be split equally between the two charities. You can donate online at fnhospice.org.uk/nightingales-rainbow

The architect's design in the image is subject to planning permission, with a decision expected in September. If permission is refused, all donations made to date will be refunded.



A LOAD OF RUBBISH!

If you go down to the woods today...you're sure to be pleasantly surprised. The 'Pitstone Pickers' have been hard at work, turning an area at the top of the cutting near the B488 from...

this into this!





Made up of local cubs, scouts and explorers the 'Pitstone Pickers' spent an hour and a half collecting over 6 bags of rubbish on Saturday Ist May – also known as Trash the Trash Day (an International Scout litter picking day). Armed with litter pickers, rubbish bags and a willingness to improve their local environment, they removed bags of assorted rubbish – including an office chair and a saw – which were whisked to the local tip.



IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE WI Susan Andrews, IPWI

Correspondent

On Thursday June 10th we welcomed Jean Yates who gave an entertaining speech about "Henley, Hats, Boat (ers) & Blazers to a well attended meeting, organised again on Zoom. We are all looking forward to meeting again in the town hall in person when possible. It's now likely to be late autumn before we



can do this. We have however been able to meet in smaller groups.

Our Chiltern Way walking group have now completed their first 100 miles and we have received a certificate commending us from County. Well done to all of the ladies taking part! I have to say that as part of the group at times it

has been very tiring especially up some of the hills! It has been a fantastic way though to spend time with some wonderful ladies in some of the most beautiful countryside in the UK. We are planning to walk again on Wednesday June 30th, starting from Whipsnade Tree Cathedral (where we finished last time) and walking to Sundon Hills Country Park, a distance of just over 10 miles.

We also have a walking group that focus on a shorter walk of about 5 miles



and these take place in

Jinny Davies, speaker in July

the more local area around our villages.

Our supper club met for the first time since the lockdown at The Swan, lvinghoe Aston. A group of six ladies had dinner and all enjoyed meeting face to face. The next meeting takes place in July.

Random Readers will meet on the lawn at Ivinghoe on Wednesday 7th July, 7.30pm. Bring your own chair and any refreshments you want.

We have just enrolled our 50th member – this is our 5th new member this year! It's wonderful that we have been able to grow our membership and make new friends through a difficult year.

Our July meeting is on Thursday 8th. The speaker will be Jinny Davies (pictured on previous page) who will present, 'To The Fringe & Beyond'. This promises to be a motivational talk encouraging listeners to do the thing they know they'll love but always put off. Ginny changed her career from a barrister to a full-time writer who performs at the Edinburgh fringe.

The July meeting will be online via Zoom, further details from Sue Eyre, 07742 13895

Lots of exciting things for our ladies to look forward to!

About Rennie Grove Hospice Care (https://renniegrove.org/)

Rennie Grove Hospice Care gives adults and children in Buckinghamshire and west Hertfordshire who have a life-limiting illness, the choice to live as well as possible at home surrounded by family, friends and the things that matter to them most right until the end.

Our Hospice at Home service is unique in the local area. Any time of the day or night, every day of the year our patients are able to call on the specialist nursing care and support provide by our nurses and healthcare assistants. We also provide a range of day services at Grove House in St Albans.

We support the families of our patients by offering counselling, listening and other practical and wellbeing services during the illness and through bereavement.

Our care is provided at no cost to our patients and families and we rely on the generosity of the local community to help us raise 88% of the £8.1 million it costs to fund our service every year - £20,000 each day.

We work with other healthcare providers, such as GPs, district nurses and other hospices to ensure co-ordinated care and a seamless service. Rennie Grove has 27 shops that raised £3.3 million in 2019-20.

Rennie Grove relies on the support and expertise of over 1,500 regular and part-time volunteers. We estimate that the value of the hours given by our volunteers is approximately £1.5 million each year. Our volunteers were honoured to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2017. Rennie Grove's children's Hospice at Home team is also supported by the Pepper Foundation.

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LOCAL CLUBS

Beavers: (aged 51/4 - 8): Watermill Lodge, 6-7pm, Monday Leader: Tom. Tuesday

Leader: Jakki

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

lvinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

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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

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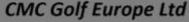
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Contact: 01296 668005

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Churches Conservation rust (St Mary's Pitstone) visitchurches.org.uk or phone Jean Boothe 01296 661745

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