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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dave Nicholls, Chairman Pitstone Parish Council

In the first PPP of 2021 I wrote that I believed that 2021 would be the year when the village finally got a skatepark. I was wrong, but not by much. At the time of writing the access track has just been laid across the recreation ground and work is about to start. It will take a while, but if all goes well, the park should be handed over at the beginning of April, just in time for the Easter school holidays.

The skatepark is the best example I have of all that is good and bad about being a parish councillor. You start a new project, and at first glance it seems you have everything in place to move forward. Once started you come up against barriers. Some you could have predicted, but others come from nowhere and trip you up. Slowly, you work your way through. Sometimes things are out of your control and you have to wait, but if you remain dogged, eventually (after 20 years in this case), you succeed.

The good part of being a

councillor is that you can make things happen. The council can raise funds and, within the limits of its powers, deliver services and facilities that the parish wants and needs. The bad part is that the powers are limited. Some things fall to Buckinghamshire Council or other bodies where you may be able to influence but you can't compel. It can be hard to explain those boundaries to residents who want to see something done.

I am very proud of my colleagues on the council and our supporting staff for the time and effort they put into making life in the parish better. We try to be accessible. If you have ideas for improvement to the village please let us know. You can contact the Clerk or any councillor (see p. 40) or pop along to one of our meetings.

I look forward to seeing you around the parish, and hope this year is one of recovery from the health, social, and economic effects of the pandemic.



PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

Youth Café

Youth café re-started on Wednesday 8 September. Until there are any changes in government guidelines, we have reverted to one session from 6.30-8.00pm each Wednesday during term time at Pitstone Pavilion. £2 per child (school years 7+).

No need to book. Just come along. We are enjoying seeing everyone and look forward to welcoming more new faces as the term progresses.

We are also seeking new volunteers to

supervise the young people as some of our long-standing team members have had to step down this term. If you have time to join our friendly team, please do get in touch, so that we can continue to offer these vital youth services (please phone 01296 767261 or email parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk)

Pitstone Pavilion

Bookings continue to increase. As well

as junior and senior football, youth café and council meetings, you can now join dog training classes, yoga, Hartbeeps pre-school music classes, JD Ballers football or the >60s club. We have also hosted some parties, committee meetings for village groups, taekwondo sessions, and

we are a training centre for Bucks Council. We were also pleased to support the Village Health Centre who operated their flu and covid vaccination clinics from the site. Whilst evenings are very busy, we have some weekday, daytime availability at

the moment, so if you run a pilates / yoga / craft etc class and would like to expand into a new venue, please do contact pavilion@pitstone.co.uk.

We continue to improve the venue and have been pleased to fit black out blinds within the community room, increase the number of tables available, motorise the roller shutters to improve ease of access, increase the number of



litter bins within the grounds and provide a new noticeboard in front of the premises for council and pavilion related materials. A number of 12-month remedials have been undertaken and the final outside remedials will be completed in January.

We are also delighted to welcome Dave Burton to the council team. Dave has become the Facilities Manager for the pavilion and is now your first point of call for all things pavilion related. You can reach Dave on pavilion@pitstone.co.uk or 07939 809281

Skate Park

After a few delays in being able to complete their previous project, Bendcrete will commence work on the Pitstone Skate Park on 11 January and they hope to be complete by 6 April 2022, which will hopefully coincide with the better weather and lighter evenings so you can all maximise the benefit of the new facilities.

The site works will also complete the footpath links to the play space, Pitstone Memorial Hall, the multi-use games area and the Nicholas King Homes new housing development.

The works will require a temporary access track across the Recreation Ground to the construction site. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during this time and encourage everyone to take extra care in this area.

Multi Use Games Area and replacement car park

Discussions are ongoing with Nicholas King Homes and Buckinghamshire Council regarding these facilities. We will provide any further updates whenever we receive them.

Alphabet Snake and Hopscotch

We were pleased to gain permission from Buckinghamshire Council for the parish council to replace the thermoplastic graphics on their land outside of the Windsor Road play space (as BC were not going to update these and local parents said that they were well used). The new graphics should last for many years and bring much enjoyment.

Commemorative benches

We'd like to thank the Morris family for their kind donation of two wooden picnic benches in memory of Jean and Mike Morris. These are now located in the Hever Close play space, bringing this children's area up to the same standard as our other play spaces and enabling local families to picnic whilst enjoying the amenities.

Christmas Lights

The Recreation Ground Christmas lights were relocated to the larger tree nearer the roundabout this year (as the tree near the entrance to the Memorial Hall had needed to be felled in the summer) and received very positive feedback from residents, along with the Christmas lights in the tree in front of the pavilion.

Children's Photography Competition

Six young people had their photographs selected as winners in the photography competition. Their photographs have been turned into canvas's and displayed on the wall in the pavilion community room. Each child will be presented with a copy of their canvas and a certificate at a celebratory event at the pavilion on 13 January 2022. Look out for photographs after the event has taken place. Thank

you to everyone who entered, we really enjoyed seeing all your amazing photographs.

Fibre to Property Broadband

We are currently working with some local volunteers to set up a Community Fibre scheme with Openreach to bring superfast fibre to participating properties. The new Nicholas King Homes and Bellway developments already include fibre to property, and Church Road/top of Vicarage Road have recently completed their Community Fibre scheme with Openreach. With the scheme, the cost of installation is covered by pooling vouchers provided to each property. Please look out for details very shortly.

Thank you to all our volunteers and staff

Did you know that more than 90 local people volunteer their services to the parish council, in more than 100 capacities, throughout the year. These volunteers help run the youth café, drive for the car scheme, deliver and produce Pitstone Parish Post, run the allotment site, help with our leisure projects, participate in the sports and leisure committee, check streetlights and are helping with an initiative to bring fibre broadband to Pitstone. Your parish councillors are also all volunteers.

We also have a number of part time staff who co-ordinate the car scheme, keep the noticeboards up-to-date, look after the pavilion, litter pick and check our playgrounds and other assets every week.

Covid permitting, the council hopes to have hosted its annual volunteer thank you event on 13 Jan, to express

how grateful we are for everyone's support. You are all amazing!

Voluntary PPP Editor Required

This quarterly magazine is pulled together by our volunteer Editor who coordinates all the adverts, editorials and news articles, undertakes all the artwork and sends the document off to the printers. Sue Nicholls has sadly decided to step down, so we are on the look-out for a new Editor. This is a voluntary role. Technical skills required – MS Publisher and Word, Adobe Photoshop for photo editing and email. Personal skills required - organised, literate, reliable, methodical, careful and happy to work as part of the team. If you are the person with the drive to love and nurture PPP, please contact the parish clerk on 01296 767261 or parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

Volunteer of the Year

Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit their nominations for the Volunteer of the Year, generating a very high number of nominations this year. We hope that we will be able to hold an annual assembly this year (covid permitting) and revert to announcing the winner at this event. Watch this space.

Audit for 2020-21 Financial Year All three levels of audit for the year ending 31-3-2021 have now been successfully passed. Details remain available on our website for any interested parties.

Grants for local community groups

The council was pleased to support an initial request from the Party in the Park Committee for a grant towards helping the event get back off the ground after Covid. They have a provisional date lined up for July 2022 on Pitstone Recreation

Ground.

We are also currently working with the Ivinghoe and Pitstone United Cricket Club regarding a double cricket practice net, available for all to use, to be located on the Recreation Ground. This unit requires planning permission due to its cubic capacity, so we'll update you all once planning has been granted.

If you belong to a local community group, that benefits the residents of Pitstone, please find full details of our grant scheme on www.pitstone.co.uk. **Business park litter**

There has been an increase in litter around the business park roads. The carriageways and verges (not the individual units) remain under the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey and will eventually pass to Buckinghamshire Council. Neither of these bodies carry out frequent litter picking. Parish Council staff have been litter picking this area on a quarterly basis and this has now been increased to monthly in response to the uplift in rubbish volume. We are also appealing to the business owners for their assistance with keeping the area clean.

Coronavirus regulations

Our meetings remain open to the public. At the time of writing, the Government advice is to wear a face covering inside public buildings (eg the pavilion), especially whilst moving around. For your safety, you are encouraged to use hand sanitiser and scan/provide details for track-and-trace. Our room will be well ventilated, the tables/chairs will be cleaned before and after use, and seating will be arranged Im apart. Please check each agenda for any changes to guidance.

Devolved Services on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council

Many of you will be aware that the parish council accepted devolved services from Buckinghamshire Council to cut some of the grass verges, undertake some siding out of footpaths, clear rights of way and some other minor works. BC extended the initial 4-year term for a further 2years and have now extended the contracts by a further 12-months to cover 2022 whilst they are working on a new highways contract. We have no visibility of what, if any, devolved services might be offered to the parishes after this date. However, we will continue for 2022, which means that Pitstone can benefit from an increased level of service (BC only cut verges 4 times per year) and we will keep you updated regarding subsequent years as soon as we have any news from BC.

And an update on local matters within the control of Buckinghamshire Council:
Westfield Road / Castlemead

As previously reported, Buckinghamshire Council had hoped to adopt Westfield Road and the Castlemead residential roads (Phases I to IV) from Taylor Wimpey before the end of 2021 but the necessary remedial works, whilst started, had not been completed. The latest revised date submitted by Taylor Wimpey, for all scheduled works to be complete, is 14 January 2022. The parish council will continue to chase TW and BC until all the works have been fulfilled. including the installation of the traffic monitoring strips which will be undertaken by BC themselves and therefore follow after all the TW

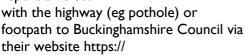
scheduled works.

Please note that this phase of adoptions does NOT include Phase V of Castlemead residential area nor the business park, both of which will follow at a later date.

Highways/paths updates

Several highways and path issues remain on the Buckinghamshire Council remedial list (including the resurfacing of

Glebe Close) and will be actioned once their budget and scheduling permit. The latest estimate provided by Buckinghamshire Council is 2022. Any resident can report a defect



www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transportand-roads/report-a-highways-problem/ or via the Fix My Street website.

There are numerous street lighting and illuminated bollard issues along Marsworth Road which Buckinghamshire Council are working to resolve (no eta provided), and the replacement lighting/signage for the Westfield Road roundabout is now due to be undertaken on 17/1/22). The cutting back of the vegetation along the footpath between Pitstone and Marsworth also remains outstanding from BC.

Bellway have now completed footpath improvements along Vicarage Road, stretching from their development down to the bus stop on Marsworth Road. The stretch from Bellway up to Church Road, falls within the responsibility of BC themselves and we have no visibility of any implementation date as yet.

Buckinghamshire Council are undertaking a final phase of design work relating to safety scheme improvements by Brookmead School. This should have

been complete by the end of September but has been subject to delays. Once we are in receipt of their final proposals, we will publish these and reconsult with the residents.

The Buckinghamshire Council Freight Strategy consultation

concluded, and they report that there were a high level of submissions asking for the B440 to be included. This has meant that the work needs to be rescoped and re-consulted including reaching agreements with both Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Councils.

At the time of writing,
Buckinghamshire Council's consultation
about parking restrictions near the
quarry has concluded. They are yet to
issue confirmation of the outcome
however it is anticipated that the
previous restrictions will remain in place.

Planning

There are several local planning applications for which we are still waiting for Buckinghamshire Council to provide a determination including the

commercial areas within the Nicholas King Homes development (their application sought to convert these sites to residential use), the additional properties by The Haldi and the business park development off Westfield Road. Some of these are now over 18 months old.

The Planning Authority refused the

application for business units and one retail unit next to Portland House, and the Cala Homes application for the site in lyinghoe.

As always, you can find full details of all planning applications on the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Portal.

Tots Praíse at St. Mary's ís back!

Fun for under 5's and their parents and carers

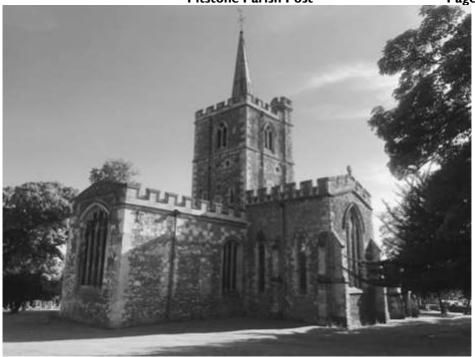


Fridays: 7th and 21st January 4th and 18th February 4th and 18th March 1stApríl

The sessions will be flexible. Drop in any time you like between 10 and 11.30am for the children to play, and for the adults to have a cuppa and a chat.

For more details contact Sandra on 01296 668648

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NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH IVINGHOE

Davlid Green, Church Warden

We are pleased to announce that after a long period without a priest, we have now appointed a new vicar for the churches in lyinghoe, Pitstone, Slapton and Marsworth.

Revd James Grainger-Smith will be joining us later this year. He is an experienced priest who is at present the vicar of several rural churches in East Yorkshire.

He is married with two sons and is looking forward to coming to live in lyinghoe with his family and to get to know members of the local community as well as those attending the three churches in the benefice. His youngest

son is taking his A levels in the summer and for that reason James and his family will not be moving to be with us until the early summer,

In the meantime, our weekly and Sunday services will continue at St. Mary's lyinghoe. Visit our website for more details - www.ivinghoe-church.org

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Yvinghoe Tales: St Mary the Virgin Church, Ivinghoe, 27th and 28th November 2021

John Cameron, President

Take a cold winter's night, a church lit by frosty moonlight, a choir straining at the leash to be freed from the penal servitude of the pandemic, a bunch of strolling players ("strolled" up from Slapton), a wee folky band of fiddle, accordion, pipes and flutes, tambours and bells, and a true story from the depths of the thirteenth century, when the village of lyinghoe was content in its smallness, and happy as it was, but big in the plans of a power hungry bishop, one Peter de Roches, keen to increase the prestige and influence of his diocese. Then add local author and playwright Dave Sivers to fashion and hone the story in the style of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales (very fashionable at the moment with Zadie Smith's The Wife of Kilburn at The Kiln). And, finally, introduce Judith Sheridan, long-time Music Director and conductor of the Beacon Choir, who has composed

and arranged a score at once medieval (somewhere between the school of "Notre Dame" and "Summer is icumen in"), with drones and parallel fifths and modal melodies, but also sprightly folky elements, incorporating themes of the period, adapted for the choir, others newly composed but always with a healthy dash of contemporary choral writing thrown in, and you have the ingredients of an intriguing evening's entertainment. As the plot winds its way through euphoria to disappointment, to rebellion, then disaster, and finally to redemption, we are on a roller coaster of emotions. Using different textures, such as "industrial" percussion in the building sequences, and a terrifying textural effect as dozens of disparate tuneless voices whisper of the burning of the crops, the trees, the wildlife, and most of the village including the half-built church, the full tragedy of the villagers is felt.

When finally, one Bishop Richard de Chaseport comes to the rescue and funds the building of the church which still stands today, the relief is palpable! Congratulatons to all involved, The Beacon Choir, The

Slapton Players, the tireless band of musicians, expertly marshalled and directed by Judith Sheridan, Dave Sivers for the vibrant text, all ably assisted by imaginative lighting and sympathetic sound



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IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE CRICKET CLUB

Will Ottaway

With the Ashes now lost and Australia playing a higher standard of cricket than England, the interest in the National team appears to be quite uncertain. However, in the world of cricket, negativity never stays around for long and that's the same with lyinghoe and Pitstone United Cricket Club!

The positive news is that 2 IPUCC players were recognised by the Mid Bucks League and have received awards during the close season.

Congratulations to Jonny Badrick, who scored 677 runs in 21 matches (avg. 45.13,) which is the most runs in the league for 2021. And also to Grant Hodges for the best wickets return in a match which was 7 wickets for 43 runs. Massive congratulations to those players, they have set the bar high for everyone else in the coming year.

Senior winter nets will be getting underway on the 22nd
February, between 7 and 8:30pm at Mandeville School (HP21 8ES) and will be running up until the 12th April. Everyone is welcome and we have a selected amount of equipment that can be

borrowed if needed. In order to cover the hire of the facility we will be asking for a contribution of £5 per session. Please get in touch with David Frankum if you are interested in joining us during these sessions (his contact details are below).

Our annual quiz night will be held at the Memorial Hall, on

held at the Memorial Hall, on the 18th March, it's always good fun and we will also be raising money for the club's developments throughout the season. These developments include starting our youth sides, building our new all-weather nets and maintaining our equipment ahead of the new season. If you would like to bring a team along and support us in the community, it would be great to have you there! More details will be announced and shared on our Facebook and Twitter pages and on the local notice boards so please keep your eye out for these!

We are always welcoming of new players and volunteers, the senior league season starts on the 30th April for our Ist and 2nd XI teams and we have mid week and friendly Sunday fixtures as well as



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We particularly welcome people willing to run or help run events in the church. These are usually held during our normal opening times (May to September Sunday and Bank Holiday afternoons) but are occasionally in the evening or on Saturdays. The funds raised go to the maintenance of the church either directly or through the Churches Conservation Trust in which the church is vested.

We also need people who are willing to open and sit in the church on Sunday and Bank Holiday afternoons between the beginning of May and the end of September (virus permitting). Even one afternoon would help.

For more information please contact either: Jean Booth 01296 661745 <u>jean.g.booth@btinternet.com</u> or

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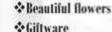


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The cricket club would like to

welcome all of the people who have moved into the new Ravensmoor Estate that overlooks the Cricket Pitch. At IPUCC, we are a very welcoming and open club to all players of all abilities. If you are interested in getting involved, please get in touch with David Frankum at david.frankum@ntlworld.com or

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

Thank you!



Ivinghoe Handbell Ringers have restarted! Alex Wynne



Our friendly group meets on Monday at 1.30pm for an afternoon of ringing. If you think this sounds fun but you think you lack the skill, don't worry, there is no need to read music as we play by numbers, - 1234! A sense of rhythm is useful though and an enjoyment of playing in a team.

The bells we use belong to St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe and have a very beautiful tone. The music has been written by people in the village since the end of the last war.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Eilish on 668122. We would love to meet you.

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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ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS

Rikki Harrington

Farewell and thanks to the Brownlow Café

The new year got off to a bittersweet start at Ashridge. lan, Jensigne and their team, who ran the Brownlow Café at the Visitor Centre so brilliantly for 13 years, said goodbye - and in style. On one of the hope it does well but, without warmest early-January days on record, well-wishers flocked in for a last Brownlow breakfast or latté and scone, and were treated to the sound of the band "Mexican Way". Ian and Jensigne mingled, customers sang and dogs barked their appreciation.

What made the Brownlow Café so exceptional? It was a combination of local produce expertly prepared and served by a truly charming and

dedicated team in the most attractive of surroundings.

The National Trust will be opening a new café in spring, including indoor seating in case you prefer four walls and a ceiling to no walls and a sky. For the sake of the Trust's funds, I question, the Brownlow Café is an extremely hard, if not impossible, act to follow.

I end with personal thanks (but suspect I speak for many) to lan, Jensigne and their wonderful team. All good wishes for a successful venture elsewhere. I hope it's nearby (and includes giant, cream-stuffed scones)!



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.

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things to do and holiday activities support and inclusive activities if your child has SEND childcare and early years providers

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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Join our volunteer team at the youth cafe 6.30-8pm on a Wednesday

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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 parttime 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.

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IVINGHOE, IVINGHOE ASTON AND PITSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY John Lowe

Sadly, we were unable to hold our annual flower show due to the ongoing pandemic.

However, the keen allotmenteer's from Pitstone and Ivinghoe allotments couldn't be put off and managed to stage a socially distanced version of the annual inter village challenge for the 'Harry Ecklethwaithe Shield' in the autumn, with the theme being "anything goes". The result was two

spectacularly staged displays of fruit, veg, flowers, cookery, produce, arts and crafts, in which Pitstone narrowly edged the Judges verdict.

We'd like to thank our judges Bob and Amy along with all those who contributed to the fine exhibits.

Karen, our Chair, presented the trophy to Ingrid and Rob representing the Pitstone allotmenteer's.

As last year, the prestigious RHS

Banksian Medal, (in normal times awarded to the top points winner at the annual show for horticultural achievement), was again awarded to a person or group contributing to helping in the community with a horticultural theme. This year the committee unanimously decided to award it to Pitstone Allotment



Association's educational group for their fantastic efforts hosting the PACE charity for visits to the allotment site. An article can be found on PAA's website after their first two visits, a subsequent visit took place in the autumn, and it is



anticipated that regular visits will be made by PACE to the site in the future.

<u>http://</u>

pitstoneallotmentassociation.org.uk/
category/news-from-the-chair/

Ingrid and Rob accepted the award from Karen on behalf of Gill, Marge, Geoff, Brian and the rest of the team.

Fingers crossed that we will have a proper show next year.





Supporting People in Need in Pitstone

The Pitstone Town Lands Charity aims to support people living in the parish of Pitstone who are in need, hardship or distress.

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LOCAL INFORMATION

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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

Cubs: (aged 8 - 10½): Windmill Pack, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Wednesday leader: Dan Lee

(Akela), Thursday leader: Rob Mercel (Shere Khan)

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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

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

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

(term time) Pitstone Pavilion, http://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/youth-cafe/

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

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Contact: Sue Eyre s_a_eyre@hotmail.com

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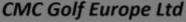
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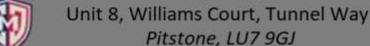
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Contact: Sue Nicholls 07788 662349 or check out https://sgi-uk.org/

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