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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dave Nicholls, Chairman Pitstone Parish Council

In my last report I spoke at length about issues on and around the recreation ground. I'm very glad that, following activity by Thames Valley Police, we are seeing fewer issues. I also had my thought that most people want to do the right thing confirmed when some youngsters who had sprayed some particularly inappropriate graffiti on the skatepark were made to clean it up after their parents had been informed. Thank you to the parents and to the person who took the time to bring it to their attention.

The council has just begun the process of putting together our budget for next year which will, ultimately, set the parish precept that will be collected as part of your council tax payments. Last year the precept was £161,000, which equates to £115.89 per year for a band D property. We are conscious that interest rates and energy costs will be affecting many residents, but we are also aware that it is the council's role to use our ability to raise money to support the needs of residents. We always want to hear your thoughts on budgets and how we spend your money, but this year it is particularly important that you make your views known so we can make informed decisions. Please pass your thoughts to the clerk, or speak to any councillor.

In July I was very happy to represent the parish at the installation of the new vicar, James Grainger-Smith, in Ivinghoe. Lockdown extended the period that the parish was without a vicar and during that time many people stepped in to support the spiritual and other needs of residents. Thank you to them

all. It was delightful to see the joy that the arrival of James brought to the congregation.

On a final, personal, note. My long run of avoiding covid finally came to an end. My wife and I both succumbed and have been isolating for the last week and a half. I haven't really felt that unwell, I've just had no energy and been very tired. It has served as a reminder that the risk is still there and I'm glad to be fully up to date with my vaccinations. If you are vulnerable please do keep taking precautions. Also, please do keep respecting the precautions of others.

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Queen Elizabeth II

The parish council was deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thanks to all the residents that came to sign the Pitstone Book of Condolence and/or attended the cinematic screening of the funeral held at Pitstone Memorial Hall. The Book will be lodged with the county archive and the Royal archive notified.

A warm welcome to Councillor Frances Nash



We'd like to introduce our newest councillor, Councillor Mrs Frances Nash. Councillor Nash says "I moved to Pitstone from Surrey almost 20 years ago ... and I certainly wouldn't go back! I enjoy

the sense of community here, I love making the most of our local green spaces and I'm interested in our local history too. But our village is growing and changing, which brings both challenges and opportunities. I'm keen to see Pitstone continue to be a great place to live and work, and - having recently retired from full-time work - I now have more time to give to local issues. So that's why, when an opportunity arose to join the Parish Council, I was keen to put myself forward."

Sport and Play

We are delighted that the skatepark and play space continue to be very well utilised. Thames Valley Police have spoken to two

separate groups of young people that were generating some anti-social behaviour and this now seems to have subsided. Additional signage has been ordered and will shortly be installed. We'd also like to thank the parents of the young people that had sprayed inappropriate red graffiti in the skate park for ensuring that their children returned to scrub the skatepark clean.

By the time you read this magazine, remedial works should have been carried out in the Hever Close play space to the wet pour surface around the roundabout, an extra litter bin has been installed by the sports entrance to the Memorial Hall and an extra dog bin installed on the Vicarage Road side of the Recreation Ground.

The order has been placed for the double lane cricket practice nets, with an anticipated installation in March 2023—for further information see the I&PUCC article.

Discussions are ongoing with Nicholas King Homes and Buckinghamshire Council regarding the defects with the multi-use ball court and we will provide any further updates whenever we receive them.

Pavilion

Evenings and weekends are getting very busy with bookings at the Pavilion. We still have some daytime availability Monday to Wednesday, so if you are looking to run a local class or group at these times, do get in touch (parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk or visit www.pitstone.co.uk).

Youth Café

The youth café has restarted strongly this term, with up to 60 young people attending each week. To ensure we have enough supervision, and in line with other local youth groups, we have introduced a parent rota to supplement the regular volunteers and youth leaders. If your child attends the youth café,

please support this initiative and attend on your given week.

Audit

The parish council accounts to 31-3-2022 have now completed all three levels of audit and will remain available on the website should you also wish to review them.

Fibre to Property

We understand that both Trooli and Openreach have been laying fibre to property infrastructure cables in Pitstone.

Highways and Road Safety

- Safety Scheme. Buckinghamshire Council have completed the installation of the safety scheme improvements outside Brookmead School. These were jointly funded by both Pitstone and Ivinghoe Parish Councils and the Buckinghamshire Council Community Board.
- Westfield Road. No further physical measures are planned for Westfield Road by Buckinghamshire Council (BC) nor the Community Board. BC conduct road safety audits annually and as an adopted road, Westfield Road will now be included within this process. This review identifies and prioritises roads throughout the county that may require remedial measures. Thames Valley Police have approved and added Westfield Road to their speed enforcement program and will be visiting regularly to carry out speed enforcement (on rotation with their other approved locations).
- The Parish Council is currently investigating the possibility of purchasing two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) to complement our current two Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (mVAS), and working with the Community Board to see if any grant funding is available towards the cost. We will keep residents updated of the outcome.
- There was no interest received from the call for volunteers to set up a Community Speedwatch Scheme, so this will not be taken forward at the

present moment in time.

Looking Forward

Our silent soldiers and wreaths will soon be displayed ahead of Remembrance Day, and the Christmas lights will once again be installed on the Recreation Ground and at the Pavilion during December.

And an update on local matters within the control of Buckinghamshire Council:

Taylor Wimpey, Croudace, Bellway and Nicholas King Homes Developments

No further areas of Castlemead have been adopted by Buckinghamshire Council from Taylor Wimpey. All other developer sites still fall within the care and maintenance of the respective development companies and have not yet been adopted.

Transport for Bucks updates

Marsworth Road does not yet qualify for resurfacing. The sunken footpath along Queen Street remains outstanding, as does the installation of an additional bollard & the remarking of the disabled parking bays in Glebe Close. Any resident can report a defect with the highway (eg pothole) or footpath to Buckinghamshire Council via their website <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-highways-problem/> or via the Fix My Street website.

Planning

There are several local planning applications where we are still waiting for Buckinghamshire Council to provide a determination including submissions relating to the commercial areas within the Nicholas King Homes development (their application sought to convert these sites to residential use, and their first application has subsequently been referred to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration (to which the parish council has submitted further objections)) and the business park development off Westfield Road. The additional properties on land by the Haldi/Bell were refused planning permission. As always, you can find full details of all planning applications on the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Portal.



COUNTY NEWS

**Peter Brazier,
Chris Poll and
Derek Town
County
Councillors for
Ivinghoe Ward**

Opportunity Bucks’ – ‘Levelling Up’ in Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire Council’s Cabinet has approved a new programme aimed at promoting opportunity for all in the county. ‘Opportunity Bucks’ aims to help all residents access the fantastic opportunities on offer in Buckinghamshire where education, skills, work, living standards and health are concerned.

Following the government’s ‘Levelling Up’ White Paper earlier this year, Buckinghamshire Council has carried out extensive work to draw up a local approach to promote better opportunity for everyone. The result is **“Opportunity Bucks – Succeeding for All.”**

The approach will vary by area depending on what is most important locally and will initially focus on creating action plans for ten wards where outcomes for residents are poorer than in other parts of the county. The ten wards are in parts of Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Chesham.

This is a long-term piece of work and importantly is a partnership approach with other key stakeholders in the local areas such as housing associations, local businesses, voluntary and community groups, schools, and charitable organisations. Activities will be locally led by neighbourhood Community Boards along with local councillors

Planning enforcement success for Buckinghamshire Council

Buckinghamshire Council has issued the highest number of planning enforcement notices outside of London according to the

latest national data. A planning enforcement notice is issued when an individual or developer is found to be in breach of planning control – it might be that someone has carried out works without planning permission when it was needed, or that they’ve done something that wasn’t within the granted permissions.

Buckinghamshire Council has also served the highest number of ‘breaches of condition’ notices in the whole country – this is where individuals or developers have failed to adhere to conditions set out when planning permission for their project was granted.

Buckinghamshire Council to hit 25% renewable electricity target

As part of its commitment to tackling the climate crisis, Buckinghamshire Council is pleased to announce that from October of this year, **25% of the electricity it uses will come from renewable sources.** We have finalised the details of how we will procure the energy for council buildings and assets like streetlights.

Buying renewable energy is one of a number of ways we’re tackling climate change in Buckinghamshire and is directly related to action 33 in our Climate Change and Air Quality Action Plan. It helps support the renewable generation sector, reduces emissions of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants, and our dependence on fossil fuels. The extraction, processing, and transportation of fossil fuels has various negative environmental impacts so this purchasing decision helps improve the Council’s environmental performance overall.

Town and Parish Charter

In line with the establishment of the new Buckinghamshire Council, we wanted to take the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with all councils across the county. There has been an ongoing programme of work in the last few years and, following discussion and consultations on earlier iterations, we have developed a charter that demonstrates and articulates the commitment to work and communicate effectively with residents. The charter has been published on our website and will be shared widely across the council.

The charter will be subject to an annual review which will of course be done in consultation with you all. Cabinet Members and senior officers will be accountable to the Localism and Communities Select Committee to ensure that the commitments made in the charter are upheld.

New Guardian's Guide website launches

Buckinghamshire Council has launched a unique website to support people who may be taking on the role of a Special Guardian in a child or young person's life. The innovative 'Guardian's Guide' website – makes it easy for guardians and parents involved in Special Guardianship Orders to gain access to a variety of helpful information, advice and support.

A special guardian is a person who looks after a child or young person who cannot live with their birth parents or who isn't suitable for adoption. The child can maintain a relationship with their birth family, but the guardian – usually a family member – is responsible for looking after the child and all day-to-day decisions until they are 18. In Buckinghamshire the number of children being cared for by special guardians is rising every year. The number of Special Guardianship Orders being granted for Buckinghamshire children is currently outstripping the number of Adoption Orders, so having easy, accessible information for people new to Special Guardianship is vital.

Council employs green technology to repair damaged roads

The programme of work started earlier this month. In three phases, it will tackle some of the 'failing roads' where the filling and refilling

of potholes is not enough to maintain the road surface to an adequate standard. These are generally more rural roads, originally simple tracks, that were never designed to carry the amount of traffic they now do. As traffic levels have increased over the years, the road surfaces have deteriorated and foundations subsided to such an extent that normal plane and patch repair work is not enough.

The repair work is carried out using a process called Regen. It has been trialled previously in other parts of the county. Crews break up the existing road surface. These materials are then pulverised on site, spread out and compacted to create a level surface. A small amount of cement mixed with water, binds the materials together and creates a solid structure. The surface is then covered with bitumen and stone chippings, sealing it to prevent water getting in. The process is specifically designed for rural roads with a relatively low volume of traffic and would not be suitable on bigger roads with higher traffic flows.

The use of the new technique has multiple benefits:

- The whole process is significantly quicker than alternatives so reducing the inconvenience for local residents and road users
 - It has a direct impact on improved air quality as there is no need to use hot asphalt
 - By reusing materials instead of taking them away from the site by vehicle, it helps reduce our carbon footprint
- Using fewer materials also brings about significant savings. The cost is £22-£28 per square metre compared to £75-£100 per square metre for more conventional methods.

New planning guidance for the Vale of Aylesbury unveiled

Buckinghamshire Council launched a consultation on three important planning guidance documents that, once adopted, will inform planning and development decisions in the former Aylesbury Vale District area. These documents, known as supplementary planning documents (SPDs), provide detailed advice and guidance on policies in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan which was adopted by the council in September 2021.

The consultation will be closed on

2 November 2022. Individuals and organisations were invited to give their views on the following documents:

- Aylesbury Garden Town – South Aylesbury Masterplan

This masterplan document is intended to guide landowners, developers, the public and the local planning authority in respect of environmental, social, economic and design objectives for the planning and development of the South Aylesbury area of the Aylesbury Garden Town, situated within Stoke Mandeville civil parish.

- Affordable Housing SPD

This document provides further planning guidance on how affordable housing policy should be applied to proposals for residential development within the Aylesbury Vale local plan area.

- Design SPD

The aim of the design supplementary planning document is to ensure that new development across Aylesbury Vale is of the highest quality, is in context with its location, and is inclusive and sustainable. The document sets out clear principles and objectives that aim to inspire developers and designers and assist landowners, developers, applicants and planners in the process of delivering high quality and well-designed development.

Update on move to new single system for revenues and benefits

In August, Buckinghamshire Council began the process of moving to a new and improved single system for managing council tax, business rates and benefits – merging the former district council systems into one. The Chiltern and South Bucks systems were taken offline as planned on 15 August and the council has now converted the South Bucks and Chiltern council tax, business rates and housing benefit data and moved it to its new format.

The next step began on 22 September, when the Aylesbury and Wycombe system (that was merged last November) was taken offline and all the data merged into one system which went live on 27 October. One single system is now available to all of Buckinghamshire residents and businesses.

Get your veg on with Grow It, Cook It, Eat It

Buckinghamshire Council supported 'Grow It, Cook It, Eat It' initiative helps residents in times of hardship to put nutritious and fresh food on their table. As the number of food parcels distributed to households in Buckinghamshire reached 13,718 in the first six months of 2022, many residents are looking for help to find affordable and healthy solutions and alternatives. Grow It, Cook It, Eat It is a community-led project that focuses on



growing healthy produce, meanwhile educating local residents about maintaining and harvesting crops to allow people to grow their own food.

There is no cost or membership to visit one of the growing sites, and very little to no commitment – anyone can visit when they have spare time. What doesn't get taken home from the allotments is donated back to the community.

If you're a grower and sometimes find yourself with excess fruit and vegetables you can also give back to those in your community who need it via the [Grow to Give project](#), where surplus produce from local allotments and gardens goes towards helping the community via local food banks to help households who may need extra support to access healthy and nutritious foods.

The Grow to Give project has been running in Aylesbury and High Wycombe since 2020, linked to local food banks and was recently launched in Amersham with residents waiting at the door of the council building at 10am to collect fresh produce. Check the Grow to Give website to find your nearest donation allotment site and free access to recipes and cooking videos.

The Grow it Cook it Eat it initiative also provides free cooking sessions delivered by our fully trained Volunteer Cooking Tutors who will link in with their local Grow It, Cook It, Eat It community growing site. Each site has its own dedicated Expert Gardener who is on-hand to offer help and guidance about how to

get started with growing your own food.

Welcoming Spaces give a warm reception to all

Buckinghamshire Council's latest measure to offer 'a helping hand' to support local residents with the cost of living crisis this winter, is the introduction of



Buckinghamshire's Welcoming Spaces. The council is pledging to develop a network of Welcoming Spaces offering a variety of facilities around the county, with local partner organisations, where residents can come into safe and inclusive spaces, free of charge, to stay warm and enjoy a little company.

The scheme is kick-starting with the launch of Buckinghamshire's libraries and community libraries as the first of the Welcoming Spaces venues. Visitors will be welcome for as long as they wish during opening hours and can make use of facilities including free wifi and computer access. Library staff will also be on hand to offer information and support to visitors struggling with the effects of the cost of living crisis. More information on the Welcoming Spaces scheme can be found on the council website.

Household recycling centres switch to winter hours

Buckinghamshire Council's nine household recycling centres switched to winter opening hours on Saturday 1 October. The new opening hours are 9am to 4pm, only the opening hours changed, due to the reduced number of visits to the centres after 4pm.

Councillor Derek Town

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A SAD FAREWELL TO A CULINARY GEM

Dave Sivers

30 Sept saw what is truly the end of an era when The King's Head restaurant, Ivinghoe, served its last diners and closed its doors for the final time. The ivy-clad, 17th Century posting house, has been a by-word for fine dining in Buckinghamshire for more than two thirds of a century, and nobody can remember a time when Georges de Maison wasn't the restaurant's public face, orchestrating the consistently high standards that have made its richly deserved culinary reputation. When Georges, Annie Cooney, Patrick O'Keefe and Jonathan O'Keefe bought The King's Head from Granada in 2001, the four-person consortium already had some 75 years' King's Head experience between them.

For the four, taking over the business they loved was a dream come true. Patrick has since sadly passed away, but Georges, Company Secretary Annie and Head Chef Jonathan now total well over a century of service between them. So it's with great sadness that they have announced the restaurant's closure, but "time moves ever forward and we are not getting any younger!" Annie explained.

For Georges de Maison, the catering industry is truly in the blood. His grandparents parents and brother were all in the business and Georges showed an interest at an early age. When he was just 14, he was one of the youngest students at the catering school in Strasberg, combining his studies with part-time work to earn some extra money. His subsequent career included the Auberge de l'Ill in Illhausen, the famous La Tour d'Argent in Paris, the Café Royal and the Mayflower in Surrey, before joining the French Air Force as part of a General's Retinue. He returned to England as Head Waiter at the Hunting Lodge on Lower Regent Street before, in 1961, finally arriving at The King's Head, where he has been ever since.

Jonathan O'Keefe succeeded his father, Patrick, in charge of the hallowed kitchen. It was his third stint at the restaurant where he did his basic training. His previous experience had included Auberge du Lac at Brocket Hall Golf Club, La Belle Epoque at South



Kensington, Pendley Manor in Tring, and Grosvenor House Hotel on Park Lane. His menus continued

to major on traditional classics, whilst also introducing some more modern dishes. The legendary Aylesbury Duckling has continued to be the speciality of the house & always much in demand.

Annie Cooney had waited tables in earlier days, gained an abundance of experience in hotel management, and spent some ten years at The Kings Head and a similar period at The Bell in Aston Clinton, and was enjoying a break from the business when Georges called her out of the blue with an invitation to join the consortium. Like her colleagues, she has been a very hands on owner, often found behind the front desk.

The reaction to the closure, shock & more than a few tears in the community, has touched this hard working team, who admit that the decision has been the hardest, most heart breaking of their lives. It will leave a gaping hole in Ivinghoe & the culinary world.

The three remaining owners said in their statement, "When Patrick passed away we commemorated him with brass plaque in the garden – 'We shared a dream' - and we have continued to share that dream to the present.

They also thanked staff, past and present, for their skills and dedication, many of whom have been with the restaurant for many years; and their great suppliers, "especially Richard and Beverley Waller, who have worked tirelessly, without a break to supply our famous Aylesbury duckling."

The King's Head truly was a one-off, and locals will travel a very long way to try and find a comparable dining experience. Jonathan said, "It's going to take a while to come to terms with," and that goes for their devoted clientele.

HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR

Lin Howarth



Preschool. Peter and I have been overwhelmed not only with the huge support but also by the generosity of those who come along, and not forgetting the kind donations of sweets for us to hand out.

In 2020 we took a hiatus due to the pandemic and in 2021 we steered away from the scary side of our event so we could have it open for all to see, it was a Sci Fi themed night and the local scouts came along to support and collect donations.

This year we have embarked on a very ambitious project that started in December 2021 with animated props and characters from famous horror and thriller films, we are also creating a special area for younger ones to enjoy on the green opposite our home. The children's area will have a variety of 3D printed animal skulls on gravestones and each will have a printed card with details about that animal providing fun and education at the same time. We have also been approached by some locals who want to be part of the event which has thrilled us because this is a community event.

I wanted to thank everyone who has continued to support us every year in our fundraising. We have raised a considerable amount over the years since we started raising money for various charities. We started with Find A Cure For Frankie, then Rett Uk and Reverse Rett followed by 1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Scout Group and finally this year back to Rett Uk and Windmill

Without the support from our neighbours and the Parish Council none of this would be possible. It takes us a whole day to set up with the event starting at 4pm, we do encourage visitors to come by at any time to have a chat and see what we are planning. We usually close down between 8-8.30pm and by 9-9.30pm everything is usually pulled in and away.



We would like to say a huge **thank you** to the residents of Pitstone for the money and items donated at the charity stall at the end of The Crescent run by Sue and Barry Gregory. This year you have raised an incredible **£3,862.76** for children with neurodisabilities. Your generosity enables children with conditions such as cerebral palsy to develop vital communication, social and life skills. By providing specialist education and therapy you help them achieve their utmost independence.

BRILLIANT BEACONLIT WOWS BOOK LOVERS

Dave Sivers



After a two-year absence, BeaconLit book festival roared back in July with a literary lineup to challenge the best. With bestsellers in abundance, historical fiction royalty, future superstars, and much besides,

the festival - run and staffed by volunteers in support of Beacon Villages Community Library - returned to Brookmead School, Ivinghoe, on 18 July and was well attended.

There were in-depth 'in conversation' sessions with Sunday Times Bestsellers Ruth Hogan and Stacey Halls, and with former Crown Prosecutor Nazir Afzal; a discussion on the writing of historical fiction by stars of the genre Antonia Hodgson and William Ryan, led by Antonia Senior; a panel discussion on getting the details right in crime fiction between novelists Olivia Kiernan and Dave Sivers and real life crime

busters DI Andy Thompson and former CSI Joey Giddings; and a chance to hear from rising stars Katie Allen, Rosie Andrews and Ayanna Lloyd Banwo.

Our Bookshop from Tring were in attendance to sell authors' books for signing, and there was a happy buzz throughout the day.

BeaconLit 2023 will be at Brookmead School on Saturday 8 July. Meanwhile, writers can enter the Roy Chapman BeaconFlash Prize competition for 500-word stories, with a new theme each month and prizes to be won in the final judging next summer. All details are on the website at beaconlit.co.uk.



WELFARE VISITS

Thames Valley Police
Neighbourhood Policing Team

Due to the cost-of-living crisis, please can we all be extra vigilant when it comes to our elderly and vulnerable neighbours. There is a lot of uncertainty and unrest at the moment. If you notice that you have not seen one of your neighbours recently, their lights have not been on or they have not been going about their daily activities as they normally do and you are just generally concerned, please call Thames Valley Police on 101 and we will conduct a welfare visit. It is more important than ever at the moment that we look after each other.

NEW VICAR—NEW CHAPTER

Dave Sivers



A full house at St Mary's Church, Ivinghoe with Pitstone saw the Institution, Induction and Installation of Revd James Granger-Smith as the new Vicar of the Benefice, which also embraces Holy Cross, Slapton and All Saints, Marsworth.

The occasion, on a pleasant evening on Tuesday 12 June, was the culmination of a long vacancy and a painstaking selection process, and the church family and the combined communities were well represented.

James was presented to the Bishop of Buckingham, Right Revd Alan Wilson, by Revd Canon Tim Harper, who spoke of clergy needing support and encouragement. He was welcomed by the Ministry Team and the congregation before the Bishop gave a sermon, which he opened by referencing James's experience of uniting several rural parishes in Yorkshire, "finding out where people are and things that can be done together". This was "just the ticket". The Bishop thanked everyone who had sustained the cap benefice during the vacancy and revealed that the theme for the service had been chosen by James, notably a reading from Deuteronomy – a book 2664 years old – which offered a choice between good and life; and evil and death. "For God's sake choose life, through and with each other," he exhorted.

The Institution and Induction were conducted by the Venerable Guy Elsmore, Archdeacon of Buckingham. Symbols of ministry were presented by Jane Grimmette, Sandra Green, Barbara De Butts, John White,

and Catherine and Ed Hughes-Power before James declared his ascent, and swore the oaths of allegiance and canonical obedience.

He received the Deed of Institution and was anointed by the Bishop. The Induction ceremony included churchwardens leading him to the door of the church and presenting him with the keys of the churches in his new Benefice. He was then led to his stall in the church before ringing a bell.

After a final, formal welcome, James was greeted with a warm round of applause. He was then introduced to representatives of the local communities: schools, parish councils, churches, the Scouts and Women's Institutes. He thanked the congregation for the welcome, and everyone who had worked to bring the service together. He led prayers of intercession before the choir performed his favourite psalm – Psalm 126 (those who sow), specially set to music by Judith Sheridan to welcome James and his family.

James was born in Kent, went to school in London, and studied for his first degree at Nottingham, where he met his wife, Janice. Since then, life has taken him to Hong Kong for a short period, back to Nottingham, where he trained for ordination and then on to Winchester, where he served his title. In 2007, he became incumbent of several rural parishes in York Diocese, and he served as Rural Dean of North Holderness from 2012 – 2016. Along the way his sons, Peter and Matthew, now adults came along, and now he and Janice are looking forward to this new chapter in their lives in Buckinghamshire.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Janet Page, Secretary, BVCL



We are pleased to say that Beacon Villages Community Library continues to grow and thrive; we have attracted several new members recently.

At the recent AGM it was agreed we should invite other local groups to put forward a candidate to be co-opted onto our management committee. So if you know or can recommend anyone who might be interested in this opportunity, please get in touch.

The management committee is a small group of people who like books and believe in the value of libraries and who work with the Library Manager and her team of volunteers to run the library.

They meet by Zoom for about an hour every two months, currently on a Thursday lunchtime, but the times are agreed by the

members for their convenience and can even move to the evening if required.

It is likely that our membership will continue to grow given the numbers of people moving into our area, and we also have plans to continue our outreach work within the local community, especially the early years children.

If you would like an informal chat about what is involved, please ring Janet Page, on 01296 668341, email secretary@bvcl.org.uk or info@bvcl.org.uk and we will reply.

We do hope that one or two more volunteers will come forward to ensure our library continues to be a much-valued resource for our villages.

GIRLGUIDING

Elaine Thorogood, Brown Owl

After 25 years volunteering with Brownies, I have decided it is time to retire and hand over the reins, hopefully, to someone younger. Brownies have been successfully running in the villages for over 50 years and it would be such a shame if the unit was to close permanently. Volunteering is such a rewarding experience – seeing the shy, nervous little girls blossom into confident young women, giving them the chance to experience activities and adventures in a safe girl-only space is very important.

Being a member of Girlguiding has also given me many opportunities and I have travelled

abroad to Mexico, India and more recently Switzerland, staying at our World Centres. I have also volunteered at many camps over the years with Brownies, Guides and the Senior Section including one this year with over 3,000 girls camping – the first large scale event post Covid.

So, if you think you have what it takes to lead our young girls as they start their Guiding journey, check out the website for more information about volunteering and how to register at www.girlguiding.org.uk



IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE CRICKET CLUB

Will Ottaway



With the nights drawing in and the weather getting colder, it can only mean that the cricket season has drawn to a close for another year. The season has been an eventful one for the club with loads of success stories and areas for the club to develop before the 2023 season starts.

Our 1st XI had a very productive season, playing 17 league fixtures, winning 11 of them and losing 6. At the end of July, the team were 2nd in the league and were looking at back-to-back promotions, however a tough run of fixtures and results not going our way put an end to our promotional hopes. Our top scorers this season were; Jonny Baldrick (395), Martin Nice (301) and Adam Culley (247) who batted consistently this season and set the team up to be in a strong position for the rest of the innings. They were supported by our bowling unit who were able to contain the opposition batsmen while taking vital wickets. Our leading wicket takers were; Tom Ferguson (33 wickets), Matt Ferguson (28 wickets) and Greg Roach (22 wickets).

Our 2nd XI had a constructive season and continue to find their feet in the Mid Bucks League Division 3. While the team didn't record a victory this season, they continued to improve throughout the summer and the games became more competitive. Due to members being called up to the 1st XI and other availability issues, the squad struggled to have a consistent pool of players to select from which often caused the 2nd XI squad to be without their core players and the team couldn't find their rhythm during their fixtures. However, new players have been discovered and if they continue to develop, the 2nd XI will become stronger and stronger next year.

Over the winter, some really encouraging developments will be taking place to help the

club to develop and grow. Our planning application has been approved by the council and Total-Play Ltd has been selected to build our brand-new all-weather nets facility. This facility will be available for the community and we look forward to seeing people use this to enjoy and develop their skills. Other developments include; having more members becoming ECB Registered Coaches, More Activators for our Dynamos & All-Stars Cricket Programmes and our Youth Teams are being launched to give the younger members of our community an opportunity to enjoy Cricket with our excellent facilities. All of these aims have been made possible with the support of our sponsors, CuriousITEA Rooms, C&S Automotive and Mason Newsagents and we welcome any other organisations who are willing to support us on this journey.

However, all of this work takes effort and drive from key members of the club. These members include; Anthony Day - who has worked hard to develop his cricket coaching over the last 12 months and has been building plans for our youth cricket section, John Groom – who works tirelessly on our pitch and outfield to give us the best playing surface in the league and David Frankum – who works hard on all of the administration for the club to ensure that the club runs as smoothly as possible.

Going forward, the club is always looking to improve and recruit new players, volunteers and supporters. If you would like to join & play for our cricket club or would like to offer your services in an admin role, please email David Frankum on David.frankum@ntlworld.com. We also have our AGM coming up in October, please keep an eye on our Twitter and Facebook pages for details as we would look forward to meet and greet new members.



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Now is an exciting time to join. We recently welcomed a new headteacher and are building on the school's strengths to enhance opportunities for our children.

Express an interest or find out more: office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk

IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE WI

Kay Ison



Our WI was very busy in July when we supported 2 village events. The first was the Church Fete on Ivinghoe lawn. Our WI had two tables - one selling crafts made by our members and the other a bottle tombola. Both stalls were busy with the tombola selling out and the majority of the beautiful Craft items also being purchased by visitors to the fete. The second event was Music on the Lawn. We provided tea, coffee, Prosecco, cakes and scones. The Prosecco and the scones filled with jam and cream were very popular and our cakes all sold out. There were lots of compliments on how delicious our cakes and scones tasted which was very much appreciated by the ladies who'd baked.

Our July meeting saw a discussion on whether to move our venue from Ivinghoe Town Hall to the Pitstone Pavilion. Each member received a pack comparing the 2 venues. The meeting was facilitated by 2 members of the WI Federation so that there could be no bias on either venue. All members attending the meeting were given an opportunity to voice their opinion on the suitability of each venue. The meeting finished with tea and cake and a proposal form with 3 options. These options were then emailed to all 52 members to vote on. The votes were returned to the facilitator by 31st July and the results were announced in the September meeting. The decision was for the WI to continue their monthly meetings in Ivinghoe Hall and to hold special events in Pitstone Pavilion. It was good to draw a line under this long running discussion.

Our August meeting comprised of a visit to Tring Bowling club. The weather was perfect for an evening game of bowls. Most of us were inexperienced and we welcomed the expert tuition provided by members of the Bowling club who were very knowledgeable and patient with us. The evening was rounded off with a lovely buffet provided by the club. Thank you Tring Bowling Club. On the day of our September meeting the country was hit by the sad news of the death

of our Queen Elizabeth II. The members present at the meeting considered whether to continue with our speaker, Mr Clive Peacock and his comedy magic show in light of this sad news. Mr Peacock was a late notice replacement for our previous speaker who was unable to attend. It was decided that we would have a minute's silence for the Queen and continue with the meeting. The show was clever, interesting and funny and was enjoyed by our members.

Our clubs continued to meet up during the summer months. Supper club meets up once a month on the third Thursday evening of the month and participants have enjoyed meals at The Olive Limes, Tring, The Bridgewater Arms, Gaddesdon and The Village Swan, Ivinghoe Aston. Our Craft group members meet at the Hub on the last Wednesday of the month and have made jewellery dolly bags and mosaics on flower pots. Random Readers meet at the Hub on the first Wednesday of the month between 19:30 and 21:00. Our popular Board Games club meet in Pitstone Pavilion twice a month on the second and fourth afternoons from 14:00 to 16:15.

The Walking Group have now completed 3 stages of Greensand Ridge Walk with the final walk being completed in July. The walkers have enjoyed the beautiful scenery of Bedfordshire and the weather has mostly been good which has been an added bonus. A new route has been planned to start in October following the Chiltern Heritage Trail. The Knit and Natter group also meet once a month and are busy knitting for Christmas.

In October we had a demonstration on Salsa dancing with the opportunity to wear out our dancing shoes! Our Annual General Meeting takes place in November and our Christmas celebration follows in December..

Further details of these events and if anyone is interested in joining our Group and would like a trial or further information, please contact Annette Hutchinson email: annetteipw@btinternet.com

ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS

Rikki Harrington

Brian Barton

Many readers will fondly remember talks on Ashridge's wildlife, given at the Visitor Centre by Brian Barton and his late wife, Sian, always accompanied by a fine afternoon tea. They also led countless wildlife walks. Sadly, Brian died recently. I have enjoyed and learnt much from his insights into deer, badgers and edible dormice (glis glis), presentations always delivered with great charm and authority. What he didn't know about the history and wildlife of Ashridge wasn't worth knowing. He had a 50-year association with Ashridge and was chair of the Estate Committee for several years. With Sian, he initiated the 'Gentle Strolls' series, which brought a lot of joy to a whole new audience. Brian and Sian were Ashridge legends and are much missed.

Ring out the new, ring in the old!

Ashridge is home to large areas of ancient woodland, defined as having had continuous tree cover since 1600. Only 2% of British woodland matches this criterion. Ashridge used to have more but, from the 1950s, conifers replaced broadleaved trees on some ancient woodland sites. Such sites have a fantastic diversity of plants locked up within their seedbank, as well as fungi, but such species do not colonise new woodland sites and are damaged and suppressed by conifers through the affect that they have in acidifying the soil and the dense shade that they cast. Many benefits of the species that rely on the trees are also lost. The only solution is to

restore broadleaved woodland.

The Ashridge team has been successful in securing major grant funding from the Forestry Commission to trial new techniques for accessing hard-to-reach sites, removing the conifers and replanting broadleaved woodland for the benefit of wildlife. The funding will run for three years. The team will be testing different approaches to using trackway (ground protection mats) to enable extraction of conifers without causing damage to the ground.

Eventually, most conifers will be removed from ancient woodland sites. This year and next, the matting will be trialled in Ringshall Copse (to the east of Wards Hurst Farm). In the third year, work will be done in Sallow Copse (to the north of Monument Drive), which the team has been wanting to work in for a very long time but hasn't been able to due to the fear of damaging the ground.



BILL BRAITHWAITE

The family of Bill Braithwaite would like to advise that he passed away on 30th July 2022. He lived in Cheddington Road from 1987 until moving to Leighton Buzzard in 2010, and was involved with both the Williamson Trust and Pitstone Town Lands Charity for much of that time, as Trustee and Treasurer, so will be well known to many local residents. Bill also spent 35 years volunteering at the Aylesbury branch of the RNLI and was a former manager of NatWest in Tring.





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SUPPORT RENNIE GROVE THIS CHRISTMAS

With the past two festive seasons disrupted to some degree by the Covid-19 pandemic, Rennie Grove Hospice Care is delighted to be offering a full programme of Christmas activities and events this year. There really is something for all the family, allowing everybody to celebrate the festive season and help in some way to support the work of Rennie Grove.

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Rennie Grove's range of Christmas cards is on sale now and available via our shops, mail order or online at renniegrove.org. With a range of designs from religious and traditional to contemporary, the collection includes something for all festive tastes. Prices start from £3.75 for a pack of 10.

Events

Rudolph Run on Sunday 4 December in St Albans. Our popular festive family fun run returns to the streets of St Albans this year starting from outside the Waterend Barn pub on St Peter's Street, the Rudolph Run includes both 1.5km and 5km routes around the streets of St Albans. Participants are invited to don their best festive attire to run, walk or even scoot the course - and we will provide antlers for you to complete your outfit! Entry costs £6 per child and £10 per adult. To find out more or to register for this year's event, visit www.renniegrove.org/rudolphrun.

Santa float on Sunday 4 December – Sunday 18 December. The Rennie Grove Santa Float will be visiting houses in Tring and the surrounding villages from 4-18 December. For dates and routes to make sure you don't miss Santa please visit www.renniegrove.org/santafloat.

Wreath making on Wednesday 7 December in St Albans. Create your very own Christmas wreath at our workshop at Grove House on Wednesday 7 December. If you can't make the date, you could sign up to our virtual workshop to craft your seasonal creation from the comfort of your own home on any day in December that suits you. Places are limited so book now. Tickets cost £35. Visit www.renniegrove.org/wreathmaking

Fundraising

The Big Give Christmas Challenge. Tuesday 29 November (midday) – Tuesday 6 December (midday). Rennie Grove is once again joining the Big Give Christmas Challenge which gives supporters the unique opportunity to have their donation to Rennie Grove doubled. During the seven days that the challenge is live, any donation made to Rennie Grove via the Big Give website will be doubled (while matched funding lasts) meaning that you can give one donation and have twice the impact. Visit thebiggive.org.uk and search Rennie Grove to double your donation during the period that the campaign runs.

Christmas lights. Every year local people decorate their homes with Christmas lights to raise money for Rennie Grove Hospice Care. Could you join with your neighbours to decorate your home or street with a festive display to raise money this Christmas? To get involved email community@renniegrove.org



Big Festive Quiz of the Year. Our Big Festive Quiz of the year is back for 2022! Simply download the questions for a £5 donation to Rennie Grove, then host at home with your friends and family. Available from late November at www.renniegrove.org/bigfestivequiz

Remembering a loved one

Light up a Life. Rennie Grove's Light up a Life services are a poignant and uplifting way to come together with friends and family over the festive season to remember someone special. This year we are holding three services in our community, to give as many people as possible the opportunity to gather and celebrate the life of a loved one by lighting a candle in their memory:

Sunday 26 November, 2pm, All Saints Church, High Wycombe

Sunday 27 November, 4pm, Duke Street Gardens, Princes Risborough

Thursday 8 December, 7pm, Light up a Life carol concert hosted by Pam Rhodes at St Peter's Church, St Albans. Supported by M. K. Ginder & Sons. Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased online at www.renniegrove.org/LUALCarolConcert

Online dedication

For those who would like a virtual space to pay tribute to a loved one, we have a dedication page in partnership with Much Loved, the online memorial platform, where you can leave a message and upload a photo of a loved one. Visit renniegrove.org/lual for more information.

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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: Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

Scouts: 7-8:30pm, Friday, Leader: Andrew Woods. Contact: Andrew Woods (Group Scout Leader) by email: Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

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

Contact: 07545 347787

Brownies: Monday 5:45 - 7:15pm, Pitstone Memorial Hall, Guider Elaine Thorogood
Contact: 01296 661540

Rainbows: Monday 4:30 - 5:30pm, Pitstone Memorial Hall, Guider Elaine Thorogood
Contact: 01296 661540

Pitstone Youth Café: Ages 11-18yrs/school years 7-13 Wednesday 6:30pm to 8pm (term time) Pitstone Pavilion, <http://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/youth-cafe/>

Women's Institute: Monthly meetings held in Ivinghoe Town Hall. Other entertaining activities. Contact: Annette Hutchinson annetteipwi@btinternet.com

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

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

Committee enquiries: secretary@bvcl.org.uk

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

Ivinghoe and Pitstone Royal British Legion: Chair, TBC

Beacon Community Choir: A choir which sings a wide variety of repertoire, and where all are welcome.. Rehearsals Thursdays (term time) at 8.15 in St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe. Leader Judith Sheridan. Contact Lindsay Hewlett 01296 660670 lhewlett@btinternet.com

EDUCATION

Pitstone and Ivinghoe Baby and Toddler Group: Thursdays 9.30am to 11am at Pitstone Memorial Hall. Warm welcome, hot drinks and a variety of fun activities for the little ones. More info and updates via the Pitstone and Ivinghoe Baby and Toddler Group Facebook page: Pitstone and Ivinghoe baby and toddler group

Brookmead School: (est. 1967): Foundation Primary School for children aged 4 - 11. Bringing learning to life and life to learning.

Contact: Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EX, www.brookmead.bucks.sch.uk, 01296 668543, office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk

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

Windmill Pre-school: (children aged 2 - 5 from Pitstone, Ivinghoe and surrounding areas): One of the top pre-schools nationally and highest rated locally. Purpose built premises behind Brookmead School, open 5 full days per week. Mornings 9am - 12pm, Afternoons 12pm - 3 pm (Includes Lunch Club), Lunch Club 12 - 1pm (subject to availability) Contact: admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk, 01296 661031 (during sessions)

SPORT

Cheddington Bowls Club: The Recreation Ground, High St. LU7 9AA one of the best bowling greens in the area. Tuesdays at 2pm or Friday at 6 pm, May to Sept. www.cheddingtonbowls.org.uk Contact: Diane Benford 01296 661381

Pitstone and Ivinghoe Junior Boys' and Girls' Football: School years 1 to 13. 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 or 2 qualified and DBS checked. Email: development@pandifootball.net www.pandifootball.net.

RELIGION

Ivinghoe and Pitstone Chapel Fellowship:

Sunday Services on third Sunday of each month, 12 Church Rd, 10:30. Over 60s Club on third Thursday of each month, Pitstone Pavilion, 2-4pm, join us for varied programmes of speakers, quizzes and entertainment.

Contact: 01296 668005

Churches Conservation Trust (St Mary's Pitstone)

visitchurches.org.uk or phone Jean Boothe 01296 661745

St Mary's Ivinghoe: Contact: Sandra Green (Lay Minister) 01296 668648

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

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



HEALTH

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

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

Little Rothschild Surgery: 71 Marsworth Road, Pitstone LU7 9AX Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 8am - 1pm and 2 - 4:30pm Friday 8am - 1pm closed in the afternoon Contact: www.rothschildhousesurgery.co.uk, 01296 662800

Nifty Fifties Plus: Keep fit for older folk followed by optional gentle sport. Not for profit. Cheddington Village Hall. Thursdays 10-12. 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
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/>

Pitstone Windmill: This beautifully restored mill is a window into history and also a perfect location for some stunning walks. Part of Ashridge Estate, Pitstone Windmill is a Chilterns gem from the 17th century. More info: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/pitstone-windmill>



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
Marsworth Road lights – Bucks Council online: <http://www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-street-lighting.aspx>

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

Report a pot hole, blocked drain or other highway problem: Bucks Council online: <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-it-pothole.aspx>

Castlemead highway issue? Email: CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com

Missed bin collection or to find out about recycling: Bucks Council online: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/report-a-missed-bin-collection/aylesbury-vale/>

Dispute with your neighbours about their high hedge: Bucks Council offer more information and a complaint service. For more information go to: trees.av@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Other nuisances causing problems e.g. smoke, air pollution etc: Visit Bucks Council website: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/environmental-health-and-nuisance/>

Bothered by aircraft noise: Email Luton Airport noise@ltn.aero

Need details of a planning application: Details of all local applications are published online by Bucks Council: <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

Want to know if you need planning permission? Visit: <https://www.planningportal.co.uk/>

Illegally parked: Report problem vehicles to Thames Valley Police on tel: 101

Faulty electronic bus stop signs: passtrans@buckscc.gov.uk

DATES FOR TRING FARMERS MARKET

Twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Market Place in Brook Street, Tring. Except in December when it is on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays . Next ones are:

22nd October, 12th and 26th November, 3rd and 17th December

Sign up to newsletter www.tringfarmersmarket or follow Instagram and Facebook [@tringfarmersmarket](https://www.instagram.com/tringfarmersmarket) to keep up to date with all the latest news and events.

PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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If you wish to view the plans for any planning application currently under consultation by Buckinghamshire Council, please visit <https://www.aylesburyaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications>