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**The beautiful stained glass windows at St Mary's Church in Pitstone.**

The earliest parts of the church, the chancel and north chapel, date back to 1250 and some carved fragments of stone from the 12th century indicate that it may have been built on the site of an earlier church.

Open on Sundays and Bank Holidays from May to September, as well as for special events like the Icknield 16 concert (July) and Tea with Music (August). Whilst there look out for the Norman font, the unique brass (probably depicting Lady Neyrnut) and the ancient wooden chest and sanctuary chair, along with medieval floor tiles and wall paintings from the 17th century.

**New volunteers always welcome, please contact Jean Booth on [jean.g.booth@btinternet](mailto:jean.g.booth@btinternet)**

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**Dave Nicholls, Chairman Pitstone Parish Council**

I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year, and I hope you had a lovely Christmas.

The residents of Church Road again did the village proud with their Christmas light display. Thanks to them for their efforts, and to everyone whose donations helped raise nearly £3000 for the Food Bank.

Given the economic situation, and particularly rising prices, I am sure that there are some in the village who have struggled during the festive period and who will continue to struggle in 2023. If you find yourself in need, then there are local organisations that you can reach out to. In particular, details of the Food Bank and the Pitstone Town Lands Charity can be found elsewhere in the magazine. They are sympathetic, very discreet, and will do what they can to help.

During covid the Pitstone community was very generous with their time and stepped up to support the vulnerable. We still have need of people's time. Some drivers for the Community Car Scheme have had to drop out so we are currently seeking new help. You will find contact details elsewhere in the PPP. If you do have spare time, even if only occasionally, then there are people trying to get to appointments who will be very grateful.

I mentioned last time that the Parish Council was working through our budget for the next financial year. We have tried to control costs where we can while also remaining aware that the things we do, like litter picking, grass cutting, and maintenance of play areas, are

important to residents. We have also had to take into account energy cost rises.

After full consideration we have put in an increase of about 2.93%. Please note that the parish precept is a small part of the overall council tax bill and the increase represents about £4 per year for a Band D house.

I am writing this on what's been a day of rain. I am looking forward to brighter days ahead, both literally and figuratively. If you see me around the village please do say hello.

### **PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE NEW LOOK PITSTONE PARISH POST**

We are trialling production of Pitstone Parish Post in full colour throughout, to bring better value and impact for our advertisers and to help make the magazine more cost effective.

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# PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk



## Having a Saturday event/party?

The football league has been working with the parish council to enable better availability of the pavilion facilities on a Saturday afternoon/evening, whilst still supporting all the needs of the local football club. As a result of this, we can now offer some Saturday pm availability of our pavilion Platinum Room to residents for community use (Saturday mornings will still be fully utilised by P&IJFC during the football season). So if you have a children's birthday party or other event coming up, for less than 50 people, why not come along and see if our facilities meet your needs? More information and photographs can be found at <https://pitstone.co.uk/localinfo/pitstone-pavilion/>

For larger events, or those requiring bar services, you might like to consider Pitstone Memorial Hall, as both the Millennium Room and Main Hall can accommodate more people. More information about this venue (operated by a charity and not the parish council) can be found here: <https://www.pitstonememorialhall.co.uk/>

## Could your local community group benefit from a grant?

The parish council runs a grant scheme for local community groups that benefit Pitstone residents. There are still some funds available in this financial years budget, so please get in touch or visit <https://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/grant-policy/> if you think your project might qualify for funding.

## Thank you to all our volunteers

The youth café has been very popular again this term with approximately 50 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, and we are very grateful to all the parents that have supported this initiative. If your child attends

the youth café, please do attend on your given week to ensure that the café can remain operating.

We've also had some new regular volunteers join us at the youth café and are most grateful for their support of the young people in the parish.

Over 100 people regularly give their time to help the parish council initiatives including distributing and delivering Pitstone Parish Post, helping on the sports & leisure committee, sitting on the Pitstone Allotment Association committee, driving for the Community Car Scheme, acting as a street light champion or helping at the youth café. We send our sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your support and commitment to the community in which we all live. If you would be interested in helping with any of these roles, please get in touch or visit <https://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/vacancies-and-employment/>

On the same website page you will find a list of other local community groups that need volunteers (like St Mary's Church in Pitstone, see the cover photograph article on page 1), so if you are looking to give more back to your local community in 2023, you are bound to find an opportunity that matches your interests and available time.

## Three ways to promote your business

If you are trying to get your corporate message out to our 3,500 adult residents, we are pleased to now offer three ways in which we can support you with advertising opportunities, both in the Pitstone Parish Post and at the pavilion site in the forecourt or around the pitches. For more information and details of footfall/exposure etc, please get in touch or visit <https://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/corporateadvertising/>

### **Possible Bus Shelters for Westfield Road**

Now that the highway has been adopted by Buckinghamshire Council (permission having previously been denied by Taylor Wimpey) we are trying to work with BC to install bus shelters along Westfield Road. Focus this year is likely to be on providing shelters on the residential/Aylesbury heading side of the road. This is apparently not eligible for Community Board funding so we are working with their Public Transport & Highways departments. We will keep you updated as the project progresses.

### **Christmas lights**

Thank you for all the positive feedback about the Christmas tree illuminations at both the Recreation Ground and Pavilion sites.

### **Restoration of Pitstone Quarry**

Clark Contracting Ltd are currently seeking views on their long-term proposals for the restoration of Pitstone Quarry, developed in collaboration with National Trust, before they submit a planning application. The proposals also include infill for re-landscaping via imported inert materials. No official planning application consultation nor quarry licence application has yet been received by the parish council.

If residents wish to view the proposals and submit comments, at this informal stage, you can do so via their website, link: <https://pitstone-quarry.co.uk/>

### **Highways**

Thames Valley Police continue to carry out speed enforcement on Westfield Road (on rotation with their other approved locations). Following investigations into the technical operation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) it was eventually resolved not to progress. Our two Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (mVAS) units will continue to be rotated around our four approved road locations, providing a service to all through roads into the village. When in Westfield Road, the mVAS will alternate between the approved location by Bolebec End and the temporary lamp post location to continue to monitor the Warwick Road junction. The latest data for each location is always uploaded to our website and can be found here: <https://pitstone.co.uk/>

[ppcinfo/mobile-vehicle-activated-signs/](https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/mobile-vehicle-activated-signs/)

Buckinghamshire Council are still working on the implementation of the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy and hope that the first phase will go live in early 2023.

### **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. Bellway have opened discussions with the parish council regarding adoption of the play space and Croudace are currently negotiating with Buckinghamshire Council and the Parish Council regarding highways and lighting respectively.

#### **Highways/paths updates**

Marsworth Road has not yet been approved 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 for which 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. 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**

### **Beconsiderate – motorists encouraged to think about pedestrian safety when parking by schools**

Motorists in Buckinghamshire are being asked to think of the safety of pedestrians, as part of a new campaign focusing around schools.

Many children are taken to and from school by car everyday but sometimes in the rush to get there on time, it can be tempting to pull onto the kerb or part way onto a driveway, stop on zig zag lines or even pull into a bus stop. However, vehicles blocking pavements and footpaths often means pedestrians, which can include young children, those with limited mobility and older people, are forced to go into the road to get past, which can be extremely dangerous. Equally, part blocking a private driveway or lowered kerb can prevent larger vehicles including emergency ambulances and fire engines from getting through and pulling into a bus stop can lead to unnecessary traffic queues.

The *#Beconsiderate* campaign recognises that the majority of motorists do consider pedestrians and other road users when they park but seeks to give a gentle reminder to think carefully about where they stop.

### **New gully cleansing programme in Bucks over two-thirds complete**

For the second year running Buckinghamshire Council has pledged to clean 85,000 highway gullies across the county, repairing those that require it. The operation has been ongoing since the spring and now, the teams have successfully cleaned more than two-thirds.

### **Thousands of trees planted in Bucks for National Tree Week**



During National Tree Week, Buckinghamshire Council has been working in partnership with Chiltern Rangers and the local community to host nine days of

tree planting events in the Vale of Aylesbury. The nine days consisted of planting over 4,000 trees, hedgerow plants, native bulbs and wildflowers along the new Platinum Way cycleway in the sections of Haydon Hill and Somerville Way in Aylesbury. The planting supports the Bucks Tree Mission, which aims to create a greener future by planting over 543,000 trees in Buckinghamshire over the next nine years.

### **Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board**

In the new year – January we will be invited to nominate candidates for the Pride of Buckinghamshire. The three categories will be

- \* Young individual up to 21 years who has contributed to the local communities
- \* Adult individual aged 21 and over who has made a difference to their local communities
- \* Group, team. Association etc who have made a positive contribution to communities.

### **Householders urged to take up free opportunity to cut energy costs**

Householders in Buckinghamshire who are on

low incomes and whose homes have a poor energy performance rating, are being urged to take up an offer of free funding to make improvements to their homes which could save them money on their energy bills, but time is running out to apply.

The grants, which are funded by central government, are available to both homeowners and private renters who meet the eligibility criteria. The funding is available for a range of property types including those not connected to the gas grid which are currently using an alternative energy supply such as oil.

To qualify for a grant, homes should have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rated E, F or G (a D rating may be eligible in some circumstances). Households should also have an annual income of no more than £30,000 or be on means-tested benefits. Those who have an annual income of under £20,000 after housing costs are taken out are also eligible. Allowances are made for the number of children in the household and also for those who have recently lost income.

Types of improvements include:

- Insulation and ventilation
- An upgrade to a low carbon heating system such as an air source heat pump
- Heating controls
- Energy efficient hot water solutions
- Energy efficient lighting

For owner occupiers, the work will be carried out for free. For rental properties (whether private or social), the landlord will be expected to pay at least one third of the cost towards the work.

Residents are asked to visit: [www.buckinghamshire-applications.co.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire-applications.co.uk) for more information and to complete the online application form. The scheme is being managed locally by partners City Energy, who will process all applications and liaise with householders to work out the best options available for their property.

### **Builder pays the price for fly-tipping in Buckinghamshire**

A builder from North London who tried to evade justice, has paid the price for fly-tipping in Buckinghamshire with a hefty fine imposed by the courts.

Faisal Kamran, from Northolt in North London, appeared at High Wycombe Magistrates Court on 30 November. Kamran previously ignored a court summons regarding the charge of illegal dumping and was arrested. When he finally appeared in court, he pleaded guilty to the charge.

The court heard that a pile of rubbish had been found on Wexham Park Lane on 27 April 2022, by an enforcement officer from Buckinghamshire Council. When examined, the waste led the officer to a householder who had recently had his bathroom renovated. The householder revealed that Kamran had collected the waste which was later found dumped. When interviewed under caution at



Hayes Police Station Kamran admitted dumping the waste, claiming that he intended to go back and get it. Magistrates fined Kamran £1,066 and ordered him to pay the council's full costs of £1,097.57. He was also ordered to pay a victim surcharge, making a total to pay of £2,265.57.

### **Buckinghamshire Council tops Modeshift STARS league table!**

Buckinghamshire Council has topped a league of 59 Local Authorities who are members of the Modeshift STARS scheme – with the council having the highest percentage of schools with a sustainable travel plan. They are also ranked fourth highest in terms of the quality of the travel plans awarded.

The scheme is sponsored by the Department for Transport and encourages school-aged children and young people to walk, bike, scooter or get the bus to school. The scheme awards gradings on a Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Green basis to promote sustainable,



active, and safe ways of travel for families doing school runs.

There are now 60 schools (a total of 24,668 students) in Buckinghamshire with Modeshift STARS, an increase of 14% from the same time last year. The scheme offers schools an online tool to help them plan, monitor and develop a nationally recognised School Travel Plan against set criteria. This plan is then used to designate the accreditation they will be able to achieve.



**Buckinghamshire Council win appeal against ‘inappropriate development’ in Beaconsfield**

Plans for the 450 residential property Beeches Park development next to the Amersham Road (A355) and Minerva Way in Beaconsfield were refused at the Council’s South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee on 25 November 2021; this decision has now been upheld at appeal by the Planning Inspectorate (decision announced on 20 December).

**Buckinghamshire residents receive awards in the New Year’s Honours list**

Awards for 20 Buckinghamshire residents were announced today in His Majesty King Charles III’s inaugural New Year Honours List. One from the Ivinghoe Ward - Mr Alan John Richard Williams: For services to the community in Edlesborough, Buckinghamshire

Councillor Derek Town



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*If you or someone you know is in need of help. Please contact Gill Lowe, Chair of PTLC Trustees*  
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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month** 10.00am Worshipping Together (All Ages)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month** 10.00am Holy Communion

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month** 10.00am Morning Praise

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month** 10:00am Holy Communion

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month** 10.00am Benefice Communion

Because the Parish of Ivinghoe with Pitstone is part of a Benefice (i.e. shares a vicar) with the Parishes of Slapton and Marsworth, the venue for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice Communion rotates between the three Parish Churches. For the most up-to-date information please go to our website: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/162/>. At the major festivals of the Church Year (e.g. Holy Week, Easter Day, Remembrance Sunday & Christmas) there may well be special services instead of the above pattern again, the website is the best place to find up-to-date information.

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*10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March*

*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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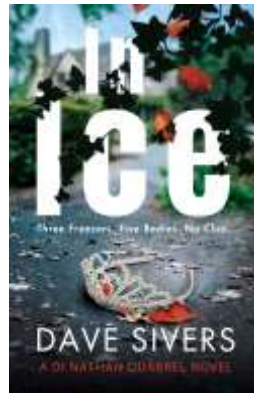
## Terrifying, Twisty, Serial Killer Chiller From Local Author Dave Sivers

Local crime fiction author Dave Sivers' tenth novel, *In Ice*, was published on Thursday 8 December in Kindle eBook and in paperback. Dave is our former village correspondent for the local papers, and his published work includes the popular Archer and Baines series set right here in Aylesbury Vale.

In addition to his books, Dave has written extensively for the local amateur stage, most recently the script and lyrics for *Yvinghoe Tales*, a drama and music performance celebrating 800 years of St Mary's Church, Ivinghoe with Pitstone. He is also a co-founder of Ivinghoe's BeaconLit book festival, which raises funds for our local library and is in its tenth year.

*In Ice* is the second in his West Hertfordshire-based series featuring Detective Inspector Nathan Quarrel and, as before, Tring and surrounding villages play their part.

An anonymous call leads DI Quarrel and his team to a secluded house in a Hertfordshire village and a horrific discovery: three chest freezers containing the naked bodies of five women. As



the painstaking business of identifying the apparently unconnected victims gets underway, it becomes frighteningly clear that a sadistic serial killer has been at work, probably over a long period of time. With no strong suspects, and no leads, unmasking the

killer takes on a new urgency. Because the discoveries at what the media is calling a 'house of horrors' may not stop the killer, or even slow them down. Indeed, they may already have targeted their next victim.

Bestselling crime author Liz Mistry says, '*As dark, gritty and chilling as it gets. Keep the lights on!*'

The eBook is available at [www.amazon.co.uk/dp/BOBMGHSLWK](http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/BOBMGHSLWK)

## Beacon communitychoir

The next Beacon Community Choir concert will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – time to be confirmed.

It will be a performance of Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo, which is great fun and children will love it.

*Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo* light heartedly chronicles the adventures of Noah, charged by God to build an ark in order to preserve mankind and all the creatures of Earth.

Put a note in your diaries to save the date.

If you would like to join the choir please come along to St Mary's church Ivinghoe on a Thursday at 8.00 pm. You will be made very welcome – there are no auditions.



# BURGLARY PREVENTION ADVICE

## The Wing and District Neighbourhood Policing Team



*“Here’s a bright idea,  
leave a light on”*

With the darker nights, we historically see an increase in Burglaries at this time of year. With this in mind, we would like to take the time to offer you some security advice.

- If you are leaving your home during the hours of darkness, please leave a light on. We recommend using a light timer switch, along with a low energy bulb in a lamp, which can be set to come on and go off at a time which suits you. This makes it appear that someone is home. Burglars are usually opportunists and patrol areas. So don't let your home be their target.
- If you are going away, ask a neighbour to use your driveway if it is going to be vacant. This makes it appear that someone is coming and going.
- If you buy high value items, or you receive any for Christmas, don't leave the empty boxes outside your home as this advertises what you have inside your property.
- Make sure you key lock your door, not just pull it shut.
- If you have an alarm, ensure it is set when you are not in your property.
- Consider installing CCTV.
- We recommend installing sensor security lights which come on when someone walks onto your property.

- If you have a keyless vehicle, please ensure the key is kept in a signal blocking box or pouch.
- Be vigilant. If you note a suspicious person or vehicle, report it. It may seem like a small piece of information, however it may be the missing piece of our jigsaw.

If you would like to speak with the team, or have any concerns, please email us on the below email address.

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## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Janet Page, Secretary, BVCL



In 2023 we will be making the Library available for small meetings of up to 6 people, at a rate of £10 per hour. For bookings please contact the Library direct.

We are considering setting up a monthly play reading group to make use of the library service's little used cache of scripts. Anyone interested please leave your email address at the Library, together with any preference for daytime, evening or weekend meetings.

The County library service has an online survey of users to find out what the library

service means to them. There are paper copies of the survey available in the library for visitors to complete anonymously, so we can find out how our library can meet the needs of 21st Century life.

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## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

19 August 2023



The annual Ivinghoe, Ivinghoe Aston and Pitstone Horticultural Society show will take place on 19 August 2023. So that you have plenty of time to decide which seeds to purchase and what you'd like to try your hand at growing or crafting, they've provided the class and entry details for you now, see the next page.

The forms can also be viewed and downloaded from the website at: <https://pitstone.co.uk/localnews/ivinghoe-ivinghoe-aston-and-pitstone-horticultural-show-2023/>

Good luck everyone!

## Classes

## Children's Section

## Age 16 and Under:

(Judged according to age)

1. A miniature garden in a seed tray.
2. Decorate a wooden spoon.
3. 4 fairy cakes judged on decoration.

## These Sections are open

to All ages:

## Vegetable Fruit &amp; Produce Section:

## Vegetables

4. 5 coloured or white potatoes.
5. 3 onions - tops tied.
6. 5 shallots - tops tied.
7. 5 French beans - dwarf or climbing.
8. 3 carrots - tops trimmed to 75mm (3").
9. 3 beetroot - tops trimmed to 75mm (3").
10. 5 tomatoes.
11. 5 courgettes - 150mm-200mm (6"-8") optimum length
12. 5 radishes - as pulled, roots washed.
13. A bunch of 9 spring onions.
14. 5 runner beans
15. Longest runner bean
16. A pair of any other vegetable not listed above.
17. Collection of vegetables. No

## Prizes:

Certificates will be awarded in all classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Winner Cup awarded for highest points gained in each section. Cups engraved with winner's name and awarded for one year. The Onion Cup is only for Class No. 5 (3 Onions - tops tied).

- All entrants to take note of MAXIMUM measurements for relevant classes.
- Cookery classes to follow recipes where specified.
- All craft items to have been produced in the 36 months preceding the date of the show.
- All vegetable, fruit and produce classes to have been grown by the entrant and presented on approximately 25cm (10") plates where applicable.
- Eggs from own poultry.
- Plants and green flower entries to have been grown by the entrant.
- Flowers for arrangements can be freely sourced.
- Jars of preserves can be any size but must not have screw top lids - cloth or cellophane lids only.

## The Judge's decision is final!

## Cookery - Set Recipes

## Victoria Sandwich

6 eggs, 340g/12oz castor sugar plus extra for dusting, 340g/12oz self-raising flour, 3 tsp baking powder,

limit on kinds or numbers, displayed in a box, basket or tray (maximum size 50cm (20") in any dimension.  
18. Bunch of culinary herbs.

## Fruit

19. A dish of black currants, red currants or white currants, can be a single kind or mixed, displayed on a paper plate.
20. 3 sticks of Rhubarb - leaves trimmed.
21. A dish of raspberries displayed on a paper plate.
22. Any other fruit not listed above.
23. A collection of fruit. No limit on kinds or numbers displayed in a box, basket or tray maximum size 50cm (20") in any dimension.

## Plants and Flowers

## Section:

## Grown Flowers (see rules)

24. A specimen rose.
25. 5 sweet peas.
26. 5 Dahlias.
27. Sunflowers - 3 stems.

## Flower Arranging

28. An arrangement in a jam jar.

## Cookery and Produce Section:

## Cookery

29. A Victoria sandwich with

340g/12oz margarine or soft butter; raspberry jam to fill.

**Method:** Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas4. Grease and line 2 x 20cm/8in sandwich tins. Break the eggs into a mixing bowl, add the sugar, flour, baking powder and butter. Mix with an electric mixer or wooden spoon. Divide the mixture evenly between the tins and bake for 25 minutes. Leave to cool on wire rack. Spread the jam on one cake, placing the second sponge on top. Sprinkle with a little caster sugar.

## Shortbread

125g/4oz unsalted butter, softened; 180g/6oz plain flour; 50g/2oz caster sugar plus extra for dusting.  
**Method:** Heat oven to 150C/170C fan/gas mark 5. Beat together butter and sugar until smooth. Stir in the flour to get a smooth paste. Turn onto a worktop and gently roll out to a 1cm/1/2" thickness. Cut the shortbread into rounds with 6cm/3" cutter. Place on lined baking tray. Chill for 20 minutes. Bake for 15-20 mins or until golden brown. Sprinkle with caster sugar and leave to cool.

## Everyday Fruit Cake

400g mixed fruit  
125g unsalted butter at room temp  
3 large eggs  
60ml (4 tbsp) jam  
1 tsp mixed tsp jam  
125g soft brown sugar  
250g self-raising flour  
2 tsp mixed spice

raspberry jam. (see recipe overleaf)

30. 6 savoury muffins, own recipe to be cooked in muffin cases.
  31. Shortbread - see recipe overleaf.
  32. Fruit cake - see recipe overleaf.
- Produce
33. 6 eggs.
  34. 3 tasty tomatoes.
  35. 5 cooked homegrown salad potatoes.
  36. Upliest vegetable
  37. A bottle of flavoured gin or vodka - max 500mls.
  38. A jar of jam - see rules.
  39. A jar of lemon curd - see rules.
  40. A jar of marmalade - see rules.
  41. A jar of savoury jelly - see rules.
  42. A jar of chutney - see rules.

## Craft Section:

42. Knit a fabulously original pair of fingerless gloves.
43. Sketch or paint your own self portrait.
44. Crochet a striking beanie hat.
45. String a necklace with 'nature's natural beads'.
46. Construct a pet animal - any medium.

47. Make an attractive wreath - using only rags.

48. Make a greeting card with a fun difference.

49. Safely Craft a sporting figure in motion out of wire - mounted on a base.

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with your entries



**Method:** Preheat oven to 170C/150C fan/gas mark 3. Line a 2lb loaf tin. Weigh fruit and put to one side. Put all ingredients, except the fruit, into a large bowl. Beat together well, but do not over do it. Mix in the dried fruit by hand. Put mix into tin and bake for 1hr 15 mins. Check after this time and if knife is not coming out, clean and check again after 30 mins, repeat until cooked.

## Schedule and Entry Form

This form can be emailed or posted (no charge for advanced entries) at any time up until Thursday 17 August 2023 (postal address is: John Lowe, 22 Yardley Avenue, Pitstone, LU7 9AL or email: johnlowe2@gmail.com) Late entries, including those on the day, will be accepted but will be charged 50p per entry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enter the class(es) marked with an "x" below and I agree to abide by the rules.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Section:  1  2  3

Vegetables: 4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18

Fruit: 19  20  21  22  23

Grown Flowers: 24  25  26  27

Flower Arranging: 28

Cookery: 29  30  31  32

Produce: 33  34  35  36  37  38  39  40  41  42

Craft: 43  44  45  46  47  48  49

Total Number of Entries  Total Entry Fee

# IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE CRICKET CLUB

Will Ottaway



Following the excellent performance of the England Cricket Team during the T20 World Cup in Australia and the recent tours to Pakistan and New Zealand, the future of the National game has never looked so positive! Life at the cricket club has been fairly quiet during the winter months however changes are on the horizon which will shape the club's future. Following our AGM on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, our Chairman, Jason Dimpleby and 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain, Joss Lowery both stepped down from their roles at the club. A massive thank you is owed by our members and community to these individuals who worked hard throughout the pandemic to ensure the club ran as smoothly as possible through those difficult times. They also oversaw our change from the Four Counties Cricket League to the Mid-Bucks Cricket League and Joss led the 1<sup>st</sup> XI to promotion in 2021, these achievements won't be forgotten as a new chapter of the club starts. To replace Jason, David Frankum has agreed to transition from club Secretary to Chairman and Anthony Day was voted in to become our new Secretary. Both of these people have the drive and desire to continue the club's development and move it forward.

This winter, we have continued to develop plans which will help the club to develop and grow. Our brand-new all-weather nets facility should be built by the beginning of the summer. This facility will be available to the community and we look forward to seeing people use this to enjoy and develop their skills. In preparation for this facility, the club will be working on the removal of the old net (between the playground and hedge) and will be getting that area ready for the new nets to be installed.

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.

**We will have indoor nets before the season starts and the location and dates for these will be advertised in the village and on our social media shortly.**

Whilst the long-term future looks good, we are always on the lookout for new players, umpires, scorers, coaches and anyone who would like to be part of the club. Last year, the club had 46 senior team players who played at least one fixture for the club but there was a small number of 2<sup>nd</sup> team games that we had to concede where we didn't have enough available players. The club would like to reach out to the local community to encourage any new players, young or old, experienced or new to the sport to come forwards. We are a very friendly, welcoming club that does its best to always offer everyone a game and opportunities to develop their personal skills. Throughout the season, the club offers competitive league fixtures on a Wednesday evening or Saturday afternoon while we also stage friendly fixtures on a Sunday afternoon. Our club is very lucky to have one of the most scenic and reliable pitches in the Mid Bucks Area that rewards batsmen and bowlers. The club understands that an afternoon away from family during the summer is a big ask however we can be really adaptable and will help out where we can. If playing cricket is something that you'd like to explore, please email David Frankum at [David.frankum@ntlworld.com](mailto:David.frankum@ntlworld.com).

Lastly, we would like to thank the community for not walking on the cricket square when it snowed. Thank you for respecting the fenced off area.

# IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE WI

Kay Ison



Our members had a very exciting and interactive meeting in October when we were taught how to do the Salsa by Zoltan and Graham of La La Dance. There was much laughter throughout the evening as we tried to master the basic steps. We wouldn't have scored a perfect 10 on Strictly but we all did very well and were all pleased with our progress.

We voted on an important matter in our November AGM when it was decided to move our AGM to March. This would bring our business year in line with the membership year and follow many other WIs that have already made this move. All our existing committee members remain for the next year with the addition of one new committee member being welcomed to the group. The vote for our President was held anonymously and Annette Hutchinson was re-elected with an overwhelming majority.

Annette gave special thanks to the committee members and the members of the WI for their support over the year. She confirmed that without the support of the members the WI would cease to exist which would be a great loss to members and the villages. Annette also informed us that the poppy displays in both villages had been set up by members. Once the business details were completed everyone enjoyed a delicious selection of cheese and biscuits. A lovely finish to the formal meeting.

The year was completed with our Christmas party meeting in December. The meeting took place in Pitstone Pavilion with 34 members present. A short business meeting was held before the festivities began. Members brought a delicious assortment of savoury and sweet dishes for everyone to share. We were reliably informed that the desserts were calorie free as all the calories had been removed at the entrance to the hall!!

Before sampling the delights of the buffet each member was given the 'bits and pieces' to create a Christmas Cracker. This caused some hilarity and frustration, but eventually 34 crackers were collected for distribution later.

Babs Byron representing The Village Foodbank, came to our meeting to accept the donations we had collected in lieu of buying each other a Christmas gift. Babs explained how the money would help 10 families this Christmas with food and go towards gifts for the children.

Over the past 3 months our clubs have been very busy. Our popular Supper Club has visited the following venues and enjoyed delicious meals in The Bell in Aston Clinton, the Swan at Northall and for the December catch up, The Rose and Crown in Ivinghoe. Over the year members have taken in turns to organise the venue and arrange car shares. This has worked extremely well and has attracted a lot of support for the club throughout the year. Random Readers continued to meet up each month with a venue change to the Rose and Crown in Ivinghoe. The Knit and Natter group have been prolific in making items for the Church Christmas Fayre whilst the Craft Group have grown in numbers and produced many beautiful items including beautiful Christmas decorations. The Walking Group have covered the Chiltern Heritage Trail over the last 3 months. We are extremely lucky to have 2 members who plan the walks and arrange the transport for our dedicated group of walkers. We have seen some splendid scenery and enjoyed great company and conversation. All of our groups are run by members and are inclusive to all our members. Everyone is made welcome and encouraged to participate.

Following the celebrations of Christmas and New Year, members look forward to our January meeting which features speaker Roger Mason talking about Prime Ministers Marital Affairs from 1721 to 1945.

And just like that another year is over and we look forward to 2023 and all it has to challenge us with!

If anyone is interested in joining our Group and would like a trial or further information, please contact Annette Hutchinson email: [annetteipw@btinternet.com](mailto:annetteipw@btinternet.com)

## THE BEACON ART GROUP

We are an informal group who meet on Tuesday mornings in Ivinghoe Town Hall. We'd love a few more people to join us who like to dabble in painting and drawing. Beginners welcome.

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## ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS

Rikki Harrington

### PITSTONE QUARRY RESTORATION

This is the most exciting development I've heard about in ages! The section of Pitstone Quarry between the B488 and Pitstone Hill is to be restored as a haven for wildlife, walkers and open-water swimmers, and the National Trust will assume responsibility for its management.

The project will run in two phases. Phase 1 will open approximately two years after planning consent is granted, so potentially in Spring 2026. This phase covers the northern and western-most 35 hectares and includes 3.5 km of new footpaths, new calcareous grassland, a proposed visitor centre and a car park. The lake will initially only be open to visitors at weekends and bank holidays for safety reasons, with level-crossing-style gates being installed as there will be considerable ongoing commercial activity from Monday to Friday.

Phase 2, to be completed before 2042 and

likely by 2037, restores the remaining 26 hectares, provides an additional 2.3 km of footpaths and removes the level-crossing.

The result will be a brand-new nature reserve, providing recreational facilities and a fantastic mosaic of habitats with links to an existing wildlife-rich landscape. It will help to draw people away from the overburdened area around the Bridgewater Monument, which will benefit some of the most highly-designated parts of the Ashridge Estate, visitors and wildlife alike.

The site is owned by Clark Contracting Ltd, who are financing the project on the basis of money raised by importing 'clean', unimpacted soils from the construction sector to achieve the required landscaping. They are very keen to take on board comments from the local community and can be contacted at [pitstonerestoration@aae-ltd.co.uk](mailto:pitstonerestoration@aae-ltd.co.uk). For more details, see [www.pitstone-quarry.co.uk](http://www.pitstone-quarry.co.uk).

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### LOCAL VENUES

**Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub:** A large hall for hire for private events, clubs, classes or simply for a get-together - the room can be divided into two smaller rooms.

email: [secretary@ivinghoehub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@ivinghoehub.co.uk) or [treasurer@ivinghoehub.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@ivinghoehub.co.uk).

**Ivinghoe Town Hall:** Historic and user-friendly hall in the village centre, with awards for best managed small hall in the country. Modern facilities for local events. Equipped kitchen, stage, chair lift.

Contact: Julie Fretwell, 07469 016745, [ivinghoetownhallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoetownhallbookings@gmail.com).

**Pitstone Memorial Hall:** 2 various sized event rooms including large hall with integrated cinema screen and raised stage. 2 kitchens, modern refurbished bar, wi-fi, disabled access throughout, ample car parking. Contact: [pmhbooking@gmail.com](mailto:pmhbooking@gmail.com) 01296 661271. Also Home to Curiosity Room.

**Pitstone Pavilion:** Newly renovated and extended building with community room overlooking the sports ground, kitchen with external serving hatch, toilet facilities and changing village connected by a covered walkway. Dedicated parking for >40 vehicles plus 8 bicycle racks. Full disabled access and induction loop. wi-fi. Widescreen TV also enables powerpoint presentations for meetings. No bar.

Contact: Dave Burton, Facilities Manager, email [pavilion@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:pavilion@pitstone.co.uk), telephone 07939 809281 767261 or visit <https://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/sport-and-recreation/>

### LOCAL CLUBS

**Beavers:** (aged 5¼ - 8): Watermill Lodge, 6-7pm, Monday Leader: Tom. Tuesday Leader: Jakki. Contact: Andrew Woods (Group Scout Leader) by email:

[Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com)

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

Contact: 07545 347787

**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 [annetteipwl@btinternet.com](mailto:annetteipwl@btinternet.com)

**Beacon Villages Community Library:** Run by the community, for the community [www.bvcl.org.uk](http://www.bvcl.org.uk)

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

Committee enquiries: [secretary@bvcl.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bvcl.org.uk)

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

**Ivinghoe and Pitstone Royal British Legion:** Chair, 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](mailto: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.

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Contact: Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EX, [www.brookmead.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.brookmead.bucks.sch.uk), 01296 668543, [office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk)

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

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

## SPORT

**Cheddington Bowls Club:** The Recreation Ground, High St. LU7 9AA one of the best bowling greens in the area. Tuesdays at 2pm or Friday at 6 pm, May to Sept. [www.cheddingtonbowls.org.uk](http://www.cheddingtonbowls.org.uk) Contact: 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](mailto:development@pandifootball.net) [www.pandifootball.net](http://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](http://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](http://www.pitstonesurgery.co.uk) and 01525 223211

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

**Nifty Fifties Plus:** Keep fit for older folk followed by optional gentle sport. Not for profit. Cheddington Village Hall. Thursdays 10-12. 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](http://www.fordendwatermill.co.uk)

Contact [millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:passtrans@buckscc.gov.uk)

## DATES FOR TRING FARMERS MARKET

Twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Saturdays at the Market Place in Brook Street, Tring. Except in December when it is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays. Sign up to newsletter

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

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