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A small farm mill, which has produced flour and animal feed for centuries. It is run today entirely by volunteers. The mill is fully operational and we mill at each opening to the public. Our wholemeal flour is much sought after.

We welcome new volunteers and there are opportunities for individuals with a variety of skills. So whether your preference is to meet our visitors, to explain all about the mill to visitors or to get to grips with the mill building and its machinery – the choice is yours. Please also see full article on page 29.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dave Nicholls, Chairman Pitstone Parish Council

As I write this we are about three weeks from the Coronation of King Charles III. The Parish Council, Pitstone Memorial

electrical items, and some tools being fixed. I also enjoyed a cup of coffee and a lovely cake. If you have something that needs fixing I'd encourage you to take it along.

Further details about all the mentioned events can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

Hall, and Curiositea are hoping to see as many people as possible on the Recreation Ground for the Big Lunch event on Sunday 7th May. There is no Party in the Park this year so this is your opportunity to get together with the rest of the village and enjoy the atmosphere of a large, friendly, gathering.

Also in May, on the 18th, we have the Annual Assembly, where the Parish Council and other local bodies explain their activities and plans and where anyone can raise topics for discussion. It's important to have a good cross section of residents involved so please do come along and participate.

I was very happy to be at the opening day of the Ivinghoe and Pitstone Repair café in February.

This is a fantastic initiative with volunteers giving their time to revive items that otherwise would have been dumped. I chatted with various people and saw a garden chair, bikes, various

On a less happy note, I was very disappointed that the play tunnel at the Recreation Ground was vandalised for a second time by someone setting fire to it. This left a hole that made it dangerous to play in and which was expensive to repair, costing almost £650. This is an isolated incident, but it is still a shame that an irresponsible few choose to put others at risk and cause money to be wasted on repairs instead of being spent on enhancing village facilities. Please do report any anti-social behaviour to the police. The two new local PCs attended the Parish Council meeting in March and they are keen to hear reports so that they can properly focus their efforts.

Pitstone Community Car Scheme



Please join us to drive local residents to their medical appointments.

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PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk



New look Pitstone Parish Post

We have received lots of positive feedback about the new full colour PPP from both residents, contributors, and advertisers, thank you to all those who took the time to write in. We will therefore continue with the colour publication.

Welcome back to our new councillor – Dr Dave Frearson

Following the resignation of Councillor Amy Dragon, no residents called for a by-election so the Parish Council was free to co-opt a new member to serve out the remaining term of office until the next election. We'd like to express our thanks to all the residents that expressed an interest in joining the Council. We are pleased to announce that Dave



Frearson, was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Dr Frearson has lived in Pitstone since 2007. He has previously served as a Parish Councillor and is delighted to re-join the Council. He is a Director of a Business based in Pitstone and has a particular interest in

Environmental issues and local Business Development. His two children attend local schools.

Brookmead School Outdoor Sandpit Project

We were pleased to support the Friends of Brookmead School with a grant of £1,870 towards a large outdoor sandpit as part of Brookmead's Outdoor Play and Learning Programme.

Youth Café

The Pitstone Youth Café remains very popular with up to 50 young people attending each week. They are currently selling some of the equipment (including a PlayStation 3 and 2 Toshiba monitors) and boardgames

that they no longer use to help raise funds towards more outdoor equipment.

Please take a look at <https://pitstone.co.uk/ppcnews/youth-cafe-equipment-sale/> and message us if you would like to support them and purchase any of the items.

Our sincere thanks to all the local residents that support the children of our parish and volunteer to help us run the café each week. It would be impossible for us to provide this service without their help, as we need plenty of adults to ensure safe supervision and to provide a good range of activities. We are a friendly bunch, so if you feel able to join us on a Wednesday evening from 6.30-8pm, please do get in touch as we'd love to hear from you.

Memorial tree for May and John Everton

Our grateful thanks to the family of May and John Everton who have sponsored a memorial tree on the Recreation Ground in memory of their parents. May served as a



Parish Councillor for a number of years and the family grew up in Pitstone.

The Hawthorn tree, a Crataegus St Pauls Scarlet, will flower in May, and is good for the bees and birds

with its berries. A commemorative plaque will be added once production is complete.

Annual Parish Assembly – 18 May 2023

The Annual Assembly will be held on 18 May at the Pavilion from 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be opportunities to hear from Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire Council, the Towns Land Charity, the Parish Charity, the Youth Cafe and the Parish Council, as well as the presentation of the annual Volunteer of the Year award. The Annual Assembly is not an official quorate Parish or Buckinghamshire Council meeting, but both bodies can take

actions back to their respective Councils for consideration. It is held to provide residents with an opportunity to find out about things that might be happening in the forthcoming year and get an update on activity over the last 12 months. The agenda will be published prior to the meeting and hand delivered to each home/business in the parish.

Devolved Services from Buckinghamshire Council

Due to their change of highways contract supplier, and the change from Transport for Bucks to Buckinghamshire Highways, from 1 April, Bucks Council decided to extend the existing Devolved Service agreement by a further 12-months rather than extend, amend or add any of the changes required by towns & parishes. The Parish Council has resolved to continue to accept these powers anyway, as it enables us to provide a better level of service than through BC alone. We anticipate that new revised Devolved Service contracts will be drafted over the course of the coming months, to take effect from 2024.

Highways and Transport

There are a number of highways and public transport issues and queries currently outstanding with Buckinghamshire Council. We are working with the Buckinghamshire Councillors to try and escalate these and seek resolutions.

As mentioned above, the long-term agreement for the operation of Transport for Bucks expired on 31/3/23 and Buckinghamshire Highways came into being from 1/4/23. We anticipate that there may be some teething problems with the delivery of BC Highways services but are working with our colleagues at BC to try and ensure that all works that have been pre-agreed do get carried forward and implemented.

The Coronation of King Charles III in May

The Big Coronation Picnic on Sunday 7 May -



The Parish Council, the Memorial Hall Charity and CuriosiTea would jointly like to invite you to the Big

Coronation Picnic on Sunday 7 May on Pitstone Recreation Ground. This is part of the Big Coronation Lunch initiative and is designed to make it easier for residents to

meet up without having to organise street closures and street parties. Bring your picnic blankets to the Recreation Ground and enjoy an informal meet up with your friends, family and neighbours. The bunting will be up and your children can enjoy the play equipment, skate park and ball court whilst there, helping to keep them entertained. The Parish Council are providing a Coronation Trail for children – simply pick up your trail sheet from CuriosiTea and return the completed sheet to them to claim your prize – and the Memorial Hall are holding a fancy dress competition, so encourage your children to come dressed in red/white/blue or with a Coronation theme, there will be a prize for the winners.

CuriosiTea are taking orders for pre-bookable take-away Coronation Afternoon Teas, so you don't even have to pack a picnic. £17.50 per person. Call 07775 831153 to book. They will also be open from 10am to 3pm serving their usual delicious menu of sandwiches, cakes, ice creams, hot & cold drinks etc.

If you fancy something alcoholic, the new Memorial Hall bar, Heroes, will be open from noon.

Please do pop into both CuriosiTea and Heroes to support them if you can.

The Big Help Out – the other initiative being promoted by the King is the Big Help Out,



encouraging everyone to get involved in volunteering and putting back into their local communities. In the run up to the Coronation, the Parish Council will be sending out a series of social media posts for

different opportunities that you might like to consider. You can also visit this page of our website: <https://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/vacancies-and-employment/> where you'll find the latest downloadable list of opportunities that we are aware of.

There are a variety of roles, and types of opportunity, so there is bound to be something to suit everyone. You might like to consider: helping at Ford End Watermill, helping to man St Mary's Church in Pitstone on open days, volunteering at the Heritage Museum in Pitstone, acting as a guide at Pitstone Windmill open days, having fun with the young people at Pitstone Youth Café, driving residents to medical appointments with the

Community Car Scheme, lending a hand at Windmill Pre-School, becoming a Trustee of Pitstone Memorial Hall or the Towns Land Charity, or maybe joining the rota at Beacon Villages Community Library.

You can also visit <https://communityimpactbucks.org.uk/volunteering/> for details of other opportunities within Bucks.

Audit

We are back round to the end of the financial year and therefore back to going through the various levels of internal and external audit. As always, the results of each audit will be published to the website for your information.

Redevelopment of Pitstone Quarry

In the last edition there was a feature on the proposed redevelopment of Pitstone Quarry. No full planning or licence application consultations have yet been received, so please keep watch on our website and social media channels and we will provide an update in due course.

[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. Buckinghamshire Council are now working to convert the adopted lighting stock within Castlemead to energy efficient LED. All other developer sites still fall within the care and maintenance of the respective development companies and have not yet been adopted. Bellway did open initial discussions with the Parish Council regarding adoption of the play space but have yet to provide any plans, and Croudace are currently speaking with Buckinghamshire Council regarding highways which would open up an opportunity for the Parish Council to adopt the lighting.

Planning



There are several planning applications for which we are still waiting for Buckinghamshire Council to provide a determination including second submissions relating to the commercial areas within the Nicholas King Homes development , the Business Park development off Westfield Road, 1 new dwelling behind 12 Marsworth Road and the application for 5 new dwellings behind 87 Marsworth Road. The applicants for the smaller Business Park at Portland House have recently withdrawn their second application. As always, you can find full details of all planning applications on the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Portal.

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COUNTY NEWS

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

Buckinghamshire Council announces extra investment in county's roads

Buckinghamshire Council is investing an extra £5 million in the county's road network, on top of £100 million it's already committed to spending on the roads over a four-year period. The announcement was made at a meeting of full Council where the full budget for 2023/24 was set. Council Leader Martin Tett made the extra funds for roads available from our Reserves acknowledging the heavy toll of wet and freezing conditions this winter plus increased HGV traffic from HS2 and East West Rail. It means that in total, £105 million is now allocated directly to maintaining and improving the county's road network. Overall, £130 million in funding is being dedicated to roads and other highways infrastructure in Buckinghamshire including pavements, drains, street lighting and bridges during the Council term.

It's part of an overall package of investment in local services agreed by Councillors last night, who went through and agreed the detail of the 2023/24 budget. The agreed budget outlines which services and projects are being prioritised, and how these are being paid for. The spending plans were shaped by residents who outlined how they wanted Council Tax to be spent during a consultation last year. The agreed budget also includes the following investment:

- nearly £143 million for improvements to schools
- £20 million on housing and tackling homelessness

- more than £14 million to tackle Climate Change and prevent flooding
- more than £20 million towards our waste and recycling facilities

Have your say as a member of Buckinghamshire Council's Customer Partnership Panel

Buckinghamshire Council is calling on residents to join its Customer Partnership Panel, giving them the chance to offer their views and feedback on how the Council can improve its website, online forms and other communication methods.

The panel was launched late last year and is now seeking new members aged 18 and over from all walks of life. Applicants must live within the Buckinghamshire Council area. As a panel member, residents will have the opportunity to participate in surveys several times a year to provide their views on how the Council communicates with residents, as well as providing feedback on the Council's digital services.

Panel members will be invited to participate in up to four surveys a year and the majority of these will be conducted online. However, some may involve a telephone call or focus groups. Panel members can choose how they wish to be contacted and whether they wish to participate. They can also leave the panel whenever they wish.

Members of the panel will be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses and offered refreshments at any face-to-face meetings.

Buckinghamshire Council announces new highways contractors

Buckinghamshire Council has today announced the 12 approved contractors who will be working on highways, maintenance and infrastructure projects within the county from 1 April 2023.

The announcement completes all elements of the transition of the council's highways and maintenance contract work to new partners, as part of a planned move as the contract with current partner, Ringway Jacobs, comes to a close.

Last year Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) were awarded the Council's Term Maintenance Contract and the Term Consultancy Contract was awarded to Atkins, starting from 1 April 2023. The 12 newly-appointed contractors will work alongside BBLP and Atkins to carry out the works needed, under new Framework 1 and Framework 2 contracts which will run for a period of four years.

The 12 contractors have been appointed following a procurement process and will operate as follows:

Buckinghamshire Highways Framework One - Minor Works

Lot 1: Conventional Surfacing Work

Balfour Beatty Living Places Limited
Eurovia Infrastructure Limited
O'Hara Bros Surfacing Limited

Lot 2: Surface Treatments including Surface Dressing

Colas Limited
Eurovia Infrastructure Limited
Kier Highways Limited

Lot 3: Minor Works (under £500K)

Balfour Beatty Living Places Limited
J McCann and Co Limited
O'Hara Bros Surfacing Limited

Buckinghamshire Highways Framework Two - Major Works (over £500K)

Balfour Beatty Living Places Limited
Keltbray Highways Limited
Tilbury Douglas Construction Limited

The frameworks have been set up in this way to deliver value for money and to allow the council to align delivery of highways and regeneration infrastructure projects under a new delivery model. The new model will mean other council services such as Flooding and Development, Transport Strategy and Rights of Way teams can benefit from the wide range

of expertise and experience provided by the range of contractors.

Support available for Bucks residents struggling with Council Tax payments

Buckinghamshire residents are reminded that annual Council Tax bills started being posted from Monday 13 March. Residents worried about their ability to pay their Council Tax are urged to contact Buckinghamshire Council as soon as possible.

The Council offers several options to help ease financial pressures, including checking for discounts or exemptions, switching payment dates, and spreading payments over 12 months.

The Council is encouraging residents to sign up for a Customer Access online account, which provides people with 24/7 access to manage their Council Tax account – including checking balances, payments, bills, and setting up or amending their Direct Debit. To sign up for a Customer Access account, residents need their account number and online key, both of which can be found on their Council Tax bill.

For information and help with any money-related issues, residents should visit Buckinghamshire Council's website or contact the Helping Hand team on 01296 531151. Citizen's Advice also offers free, independent advice and support around Council Tax payments

Council joins forces with Forestry England to create new woodland in Wing

Plans to plant a brand-new woodland in Wing have been given the green light in a joint project between Forestry England and Buckinghamshire Council. The new Wing Wood will see 132,000 trees planted on land owned by Buckinghamshire Council, creating an inspiring green space for local people, a valuable habitat for wildlife and a sustainable source of timber.

The decision to create the new woodland on the 51-hectare site follows a public consultation last year local and national organisations were also involved in discussions over the woodland plan. Wing Wood will include a mix of tree species suited to the locality, five new wildlife ponds and a community orchard as well as accessible paths for walking and cycling. As part of the

woodland design, Forestry England hope to link the new Wing Wood with Long Spinney Wood, creating clear paths and an easy connection between the two areas. Forestry England will begin planting this year and aim to get most of the trees in the ground before the end of April with the rest planted in the autumn and winter. The 132,000 trees will form part of the Council's pledge to plant 543,000 trees, one for every resident in Buckinghamshire by 2031, as part of its Climate Change Strategy.

Vision for future of Buckinghamshire libraries is agreed

Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet has reviewed and agreed a vision and strategy for Buckinghamshire's library service. As well as traditional reading and book-borrowing, Buckinghamshire's library service has transformed to offer many more services including free computer classes, health checks, loanable tablets and a broad range of educational, social and cultural activities for all ages. Over this winter our libraries have also become important welcoming spaces for anyone who needs a warm, free and safe space to visit during the colder months. The strategy for Buckinghamshire's libraries has been developed after extensive consultation with users, staff, volunteers and stakeholders. It outlines the priorities for the service and agrees a clear vision for the future – which is that Buckinghamshire libraries “provide welcoming and safe spaces for everyone to access reading, culture and the information and services they need to learn, discover, imagine and thrive.” With reading and book-borrowing still at the heart of our libraries, the new strategy reflects the growing use of libraries as community hubs accommodating other services too, for example, registrars and the Junction Youth Club in partnership with Action4Youth at High Wycombe library. Many libraries also now operate as Council Access Points, helping residents with information on wider Council services.


New parking charges to come in across Buckinghamshire

New charges for on and off-street parking across Buckinghamshire came into force on

Monday 3 April. The changes are being introduced following a review by the Council's Budget Scrutiny Committee. The changes will see an increase of 20p per tariff for on street parking and 10p per tariff for off street parking. Where applicable, free parking periods are expected to remain unchanged.

Buckinghamshire Council awarded £576k to provide energy efficiency and clean heating upgrades to low-income households in the county

Buckinghamshire Council has been awarded £576,000 from the Government's Home Upgrade Grant to provide energy efficiency and clean heating upgrades to owner occupied and private rented properties in the county. The upgrades are aimed at tackling fuel poverty and reducing carbon emissions. The scheme enables eligible households to benefit from a range of energy and cost saving upgrades, depending on the specific circumstances such as the fuel source, energy efficiency and EPC rating of the home. The majority of the funding will be made available for the least efficient homes heated by the most polluting fuel sources.



PITSTONE TOWN LANDS CHARITY

Supporting People in Need in Pitstone

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

The Charity makes discretionary payments to Pitstone residents, especially those of pensionable age and to organisations supporting the people of the parish. The charity also owns 4 flats and provides local, affordable accommodation.

If you or someone you know is in need of help. Please contact Gill Lowe, Chair of TLC Trustees
 tel: 01296 668809,
 email: Gill.lowe@pitstone.email

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Ivinghoe with Pitstone The Church of St. Mary the Virgin

Vicar: Rev. James Grainger-Smith 01296 297915 (*Please call to arrange Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or Burials*)

Licensed Lay Ministers: Mrs Barbara De Butts 01525 221080 & Mrs Sandra Green 01296 668648

Churchwardens: Mrs Babs Byrom 07860 780127 & Mr David Green 01296 668648

Our Usual Pattern of Services is:-

Every Wednesday 10:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

1st Sunday of the Month 10.00am *Worshipping Together (All Ages)*

2nd Sunday of the Month 10.00am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the Month 10.00am Morning Praise

4th Sunday of the Month 10:00am Holy Communion

5th 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 5th 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.

Tots Praise at St. Mary's

Fun for under 5's and their parents and carers



Fridays:

28th April

12th and 26th May

9th and 23rd June

7th and 21st July

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

IVINGHOE FREIGHT ZONE

Buckinghamshire Councillor Derek Town



The purpose of the Freight Zone is to restrict HGV access to the area. Those HGVs that DO NOT have a business reason to be there, entering the area as a cut-through to somewhere else will be in breach of the order.

This traffic should be encouraged to follow more suitable roads around the zone. HGVs for businesses based within the zone and trucks entering the zone to service commercial and residential properties in the zone will have exception and be allowed.

The result of surveys made during the last few years indicate that the majority of HGVs are using this part of Buckinghamshire as a cut through to other parts of the UK.

Phase 1 covers the installation of signage around the zone making the 7.5 tonne Environmental Traffic Regulation Order restricting HGV traffic with exception for local access legal. This started in February and is now complete.

Phase 2 which covers the more bespoke advance notice signage on key routes around the zone, including Central Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, to alert drivers and operators about the restriction enabling them to avoid breaching the order and follow the more appropriate routes is continuing and I will update when more concrete details are available.

A further traffic survey will be conducted to measure the change in flows around one month after the Phase 2 install. The data captured will help measure the effectiveness of the zone and impact on the preferred routes around the area. The results of the post implementation surveys will be shared with local members, Parish Councils and the public. It must not be forgotten that the Ivinghoe scheme is the first intervention of this type within Buckinghamshire and as such there is no previous experience to utilise.

Who will enforce?

Currently powers for the enforcement of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) sit with the Police and the Trading Standards, the later not actually having powers to stop vehicles.

Under The Traffic Management Act (2022), Part VI was enabled so that local authorities outside of London may have powers to enforce certain moving traffic offences. The Council is presently introducing the first batch of locations for enforcement of Moving Traffic Offences. Requests for future locations can be made through the Council website. All locations and associated processes do have to be approved by the Secretary of State for Transport.

How will enforcement be implemented ?

The priorities for TVP and Trading Standards have not changed, being 'crimes against the person' and 'protecting the vulnerable'; Local Authority capability to offer effective moving traffic enforcement is some way off. As a result it was suggested that the communities could make use of sending letters of guidance to operators observed in the zone. These letters would advise of the potential breach of the order, the risk of prosecution and encourage the use of more appropriate routes around the area. This approach was devised taking advantage of experiences from Central Beds who suggested results in excess of 80% compliance without legal enforcement measures.

A process of enforcement similar to the 'speedwatch' lines is envisaged and expected to evolve over the next 2 years. It will be wrong to expect an immediate change in the traffic flows, not only will the HGV drivers need to become acquainted the zone signage and alternative routes but also, devices such as 'in-cab navigation aids' and maps will require updates.

What will be the penalties ?

The maximum fine for breach of a traffic regulation order is £1,000. The police are able to enforce by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice of £50. Based on what has been observed in Oxfordshire where they have an existing Structural TRO for the medieval Newbridge. They operate the use of warning letters. In a numbers of cases things can escalate to a prosecution through the Magistrates Court though fines are paid to the civic purse and costs allocated to the prosecuting authority. These do not cover the real costs so every prosecution is expensive.

Will the police be involved/active ?

The police are able to enforce these TROs but given their priorities and the fact that for these zonal orders they would have to see a vehicle enter the restricted area, follow it till it leaves the zone; if it doesn't stop they can pull the vehicle over and prosecute the driver, getting police support will be a challenge. At the moment we are in no-mans land (Pilot Scheme!); we need the LA (Local Authority) Enforcement of Moving Traffic Offences to offer the solution but (Bucks Council) have to get all locations and detailed plans approved by the Secretary of State these can only be submitted twice a year.



Exhibition of art and crafts

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BEACON LIT

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Dear Book Lover,

BeaconLit is back! The 2023 Festival will be taking place on Saturday 8th July, at Brookmead School.

See below for a taster of some of the events on offer and biographies of the authors who are set to attend. It will be a fantastic literary day out for all you bibliophiles! So do come and join us!

BEACONLIT 2023 EVENTS

NEW VOICES

Aiden Cottrell-Boyce, Jacqueline Crooks and Natasha Hastings are some of the hottest debut authors around. BeaconLit co-founder Dave Sivers talks to them about their stories, their books and what's coming next.

LAURA SHEPHERD-ROBINSON IN CONVERSATION

Meet the bestselling, multi-award winning historical fiction author.

DOCTOR! DOCTOR!

Medical thrillers come in all shapes and sizes. Candy Denman, Eve Smith and Participating Moderator Heather J Fitt discuss their very different approaches.

CARA HUNTER IN CONVERSATION

The *Sunday Times* bestseller chats to fellow crime fiction author Dave Sivers.

REBECCA WAIT IN CONVERSATION

Rebecca's novel, *I'm Sorry You Feel That Way* was one of the big hits of Summer 2022.

Tickets will be available from 3rd April, early bird price of £25 until 5th June. We will be adding more names to this impressive list so keep checking the website for further information (details below)

Best wishes,
Avril, Dave, Emma, Jacquie and Rachel
BeaconLit Festival Committee
www.beaconlit.co.uk

BEACON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Tony Harvie and Babs Byrom



SUMMER CONCERT

SATURDAY 17TH & SUNDAY 18TH JUNE

For our summer concert, the Beacon Community Choir will perform two joyful works, perfect entertainment for a summer's evening.

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Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo is the first collaboration of Michael Flanders (of Flanders and Swan) and Joseph Horowitz in 1970. It is a lighthearted look at the old testament story and has been popular with adults and children since its creation. It has been performed in many different versions and adaptations, most notably by The Kings Singers. Although originally intended to be sung in schools, in unison or two parts, our version has been prepared by the composer for mixed chorus. The musical style of the cantata is unashamedly eclectic and exploits all well-known types of popular music to tell this ever-green story in a tuneful and amusing way.

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Venue is: St. Mary's Church, Ivinghoe. Tickets are: £12.50

Dates and times: Saturday 17th June at 7pm and Sunday 18th June at 4pm.

For further details, please visit our website: www.beaconcommunitychoir.co.uk



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Collection for Ukraine

Janet Page



Thank you for the huge response to my request for food and sanitary items to help those affected by the conflict in Ukraine. I am humbled that so many people have given so much; thank you to each and every one of you.

I am pleased to say that your contributions have already arrived in Kyiv and are being distributed by Hope and Aid Direct's trusted charity partner there, Ukraine on Palms. (www.hopeandaiddirect.org.uk; Charitable Foundation "Ukraine on Palms")

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who knit or crochet squares for blankets, these make such a big

difference, both by keeping people warm and knowing we are caring for them.

I shall continue to collect aid, since there is no end in sight to the need in Ukraine. If you'd like any more information, please get in touch.

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Janet Page
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NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH PITSTONE

Gillian Arney



The church will be **open** from 2.30 – 5.30 every Sunday and Bank Holiday from May till September except for Coronation weekend. We welcome all who would like to spend time in the most peaceful part of Pitstone.

We have planned a programme of events this year. We hope everybody can find something that they can enjoy in our beautiful church.

Thursday 1st June This is my Theatre are bringing Wuthering Heights to Pitstone. The performance will start at 7pm in the churchyard or indoors if wet. Please bring your own chairs. Picnics are welcome. Tickets are available from www.thisismytheatre.com and cost: adults £15, under 16 £10, under 4 free.

Saturday 8th July The Icknield 16 will be coming for their annual concert at 7.30pm. Their programme is always varied and very popular.

Monday 28th August Tea with music. Katharine Arney will be here with her harp to entertain visitors enjoying tea and home made cakes. This is a chance to catch up as the holidays end.

Sunday 10th September Morning service in the church to celebrate Heritage week.

Sunday 24th September Oxford Fiddle Group will be playing in the afternoon. More details later.

We are always looking for volunteers to help on Sundays and at our events. If you would like to join us please contact Jean Booth 01296 661745. Pitstone Church is vested in the Churches Conservation Trust who look after redundant churches and keep them alive as part of their community.

Please save the date for this years

Ivinghoe Summer Fete

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BEWARE OF AN INCREASE IN NO HANG UP SCAMS

The Wing and District Neighbourhood Policing Team



'No Hang Up' scams are a particularly worrying type of scam which are becoming more common, as of late, particularly with our elderly and vulnerable residents.

This is where the scammer will call the victim and tell them that there is a problem with their banking. The scammer will ask for the victim's PIN number and/or passwords. If the victim starts to become suspicious, the scammer will tell the victim that if they don't believe them, that they will hang up and that the victim then needs to call their bank or the Police immediately. They will do this with the intent of panicking the victim and making them feel flustered.

The scammer will then tell the victim that they are about to hang up and that that the victim must dial either 999 or their bank's telephone number (which is on the back of their bank card) straight away. Because the victim is now feeling flustered, they don't always realise that the scammer has not hung up the call. The victim will then dial 999 or the telephone number for their bank. Due to them panicking, they do not realise that there is no dial tone before they dial. The scammer will then "answer" the call pretending to be the Police or the bank.

The victim will then believe that they are now talking to the Police or their bank. The scammer will ask lots of questions, so all the financial information that the victim believes is going to the Police or the bank is in fact, going to the scammer.

The scammer's whole purpose is to cause the victim panic so they aren't 100% concentrating on what they are doing and miss the important element that they have not hung up the call and that the line is still open.

- **ALWAYS** CHECK FOR A DIAL TONE WHEN PHONING THE POLICE OR BANK IF THIS HAPPENS TO YOU.
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- ALWAYS TERMINATE THE CALL EVEN IF THEY SAY THEY ARE GOING TO.
- ALLOW YOURSELF SOME TIME TO COMPOSE YOURSELF AND THINK STRAIGHT.
- PHONE A TRUSTED FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER.
- The most important point here is, THE POLICE WILL **NEVER** ASK YOU FOR ANY FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND THE BANK WILL NEVER ASK YOU FOR YOUR PIN OR PASSWORD.

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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GIVE BROKEN THINGS A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

Dave Sivers

We've all got items gathering dust in our homes that we can't bear to throw away, but which we wouldn't know how to start repairing. If that sounds familiar, then the new Ivinghoe and Pitstone Repair Café may be what you need.

The café launched in Pitstone Pavilion on Saturday 25 February. After a second Pavilion outing on 25 March, it will run every fourth Saturday of the month from 9am to 12 noon, alternating between Ivinghoe Community Hub and the Pitstone Pavilion.

Repair Cafés first appeared on the UK scene in 2008. They are a community-run venture in which volunteers with a variety of skills come together for local people to bring along broken items for volunteers to try and fix. The main aims behind the idea include promoting sustainability, looking after the environment, and looking to reuse or fix items instead of throwing them away.



It was an idea that struck a chord with local garden designer Alex Razak.

"In our own home, we have needed to repair many items over the years," she said, "including a kettle that was leaking water and is now into its tenth year of life, a vacuum cleaner that had been clogged up with hairs and dust. There is a long list of items we have mended, given a new lease of life, and avoided the journey to the ever-increasing landfill mountain. Britain is worse than any of our European neighbours for the amount of landfill we produce every year

"Our repairs have been possible as my husband is an electronic engineer and I am a general

'Fixer'. This is not the case in many households. Manufacturers make household items and technology difficult to take apart and repair, and make parts expensive, difficult to purchase and costly to repair. As a result, we have come to believe that these items do not have a lifespan beyond five years, encouraging us to throw away, despite the CO2 footprint involved in manufacturing new items."

Alex wanted to revitalise the old 'make do and mend' concept, and heard about the Repair Café concept in December 2022. "I discovered the worldwide foundation started in 2008 in Amsterdam, with lots of invaluable templates and guidance on their website. I visited a couple of local repair cafés and gained advice from a trustee of the Bath Repair Cafés. They now run 13 in Bath and operate a 'Library of Things' shop. I approached the Parish Councils to test out my idea and they were very supportive.

"I received in-house help to design the digital graphics logo for our Repair Cafe and the advertising, and put out a request on Facebook for Volunteer Repairers/Fixers. The response was fantastic."

The project now needed funding and a team of co-ordinators. Alex was alerted to the Community Board small funds grants with less than twenty-four hours to the deadline for submissions. The Board provided two thirds of the start-up costs, with Ivinghoe and Pitstone Parish Councils making up the rest. Alex expressed thanks to both Board and the Councils, especially Peter Brazier and Karen Groom (Chair of Ivinghoe Parish Council), Dave Nicholls (Chair of Pitstone Parish Council) and the clerks to the Councils.

The new Repair Café covers Ivinghoe, Pitstone and surrounding areas, run by five co-ordinators and offering around 22 highly skilled 'Fixers' from a wide range of disciplines, including engineering, seamstresses, woodworkers and generalists. The volunteers come from across all the local villages and range in age from 18 to 80. Eighteen people brought items for repair to the launch event.

The café is aiming for a relaxed community feel, with tea, coffee, cake and bacon rolls available for people to enjoy while they wait for their repairs. The cafe is not for profit, but visitors are encouraged to give a donation for their repair and for the refreshments.

If an item requires a new part before it can be repaired, the owner is given help in ordering the correct part, which can then be fitted the following month. Some repairers take items home by agreement, if more time is need. Everyone who attends fills out a form with their contact details, information about the item needing repair and their signature agreeing to the 'House Rules'. Further information is filled in by the Repairer. The information is then uploaded to the Worldwide Foundation database, so that the café has a record of how many kg of items have been saved from landfill and the volume of CO2 emissions prevented.

For more information, email ivinghoerepaircafe@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page: Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Cafe



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IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE CRICKET CLUB

Will Ottaway

The clocks going forward means the cricket season is almost here. With the days becoming longer and the weather (hopefully) starting to warm up, our club has been busy behind the scenes to make sure that we are ready for the new season!

The club would like to announce Matt Ferguson as 1st XI Captain, taking over from Joss Lowery. Matt has lots of experience playing in the Mid Bucks League and has performed excellently over his time at the club. We look forward to watching him take the team forwards.

We are looking forward to our new all-weather nets being installed as soon as the ground is firm enough. Keep an eye on notice boards, Facebook & Twitter pages for further details of our nets opening!

We have enjoyed winter net training sessions over at the new Kingsbrook School in Aylesbury. We will be training there every Tuesday 7-8pm and remember for new members, the first session is free, then it'll be a £5 charge per session. This arrangement will be in place until mid-April so that we allow the cricket square the opportunity to dry out. Once the weather and the square allow us to train outside, we'll be netting every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 6pm until dusk. Our All-Stars and Dynamos programmes start on Friday 5th May. In order to book a space onto our course, please book online via the ECB All Stars and Dynamos site. Our BBQ will be fired up for all of the sessions, giving you some warm food while watching your children play cricket!

Our new season kicks off on the 29th April with a friendly against the Bradenham teams and this will be an exciting start to the summer. We will be hosting their 1st XI at home, while our 2nd XI will travel over to them. Both games will start at 1pm and it'll be an excellent opportunity for our new and older players to

inspect their technique and clear out the cobwebs ahead of the new league season! The league format has slightly changed this year as it has condensed down to 2 divisions. The first division has 10 teams while the second division has 13 teams in it. This means, both teams will be visiting new teams across the Chilterns with different environments and challenges this year. May fixtures for both teams are shown below:

1st Xi Fixtures 2nd Xi Fixtures

- 6th May – Hawridge & Cholesbury (A)
- 6th May - Great Hampden (H)
- 13th – Aylesbury Town (H) 20th – Ballinger Waggoners (H)
- 20th – Little Gaddesden (A) 27th – Ley Hill (A)
- 27th – Bradenham (H)

All of the games start at 1pm and with our main sponsor, Curiousitea Rooms on site and Heroes Bar now open, we have everything a family needs for a lovely day out. We'd also like to thank our sponsors C&S Automotive, Grooms Farm Shop and Mason Newsagents for their ongoing support.

We are always looking for new members to join us for league fixtures, we have competitive T20 matches during the week as well as friendly fixtures on Sundays. We will always give our players an opportunity to show and develop their skills.

If you would like more information about the club, please email us on ivinghoepitstonecricket@outlook.com.



IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE WI

Kay Ison



Our first meeting of the year was attended by around 20 members who braved the blustery wind and rain to meet in Ivinghoe Town Hall. Our speaker was Roger Mason who gave an informative talk about "Prime Ministers' Extra Marital Affairs 1721 - 1945. We heard about Gladstone's mission to save prostitutes in West London and the Duke of Wellington who shared a mistress with his arch enemy Napoleon Bonaparte. Mr Mason explained he never went further than 1945 as dead people can't sue!

Our February meeting's speaker was by Mervyn Edwards on "Walking the beat to Nirvana ". Mervyn went from being a bus driver in Banbury to a well respected Commander of Public Order over a 30 year career span with Thames Valley Police Force including 15 years experience in the Specialist Fire Arms Unit. Mervyn told us about Idi Amin's planned visit to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting and how this was aborted just after take-off. How he just missed by seconds being blown up in the IRA bombing campaign in 1984 at Green Park bus station. He also dealt with incidents and queries from stars like Cilla Black, Sir John Mills and Paul Daniels whilst stationed at Gerard's Cross. It was a very humorous and informative talk which was enjoyed by all the members present.

In March we held our AGM, 6 months earlier than usual due to the change agreed by our members that this meeting should be brought in line with our membership year. We had one member step down from the Committee but as there were no further nominations to join the Committee the existing members were voted en bloc. The vote for President took place and Annette was voted back in as President for the year April 2023 to March 2024. The business part of the meeting was followed with much laughter as members played Beetle Drive on tables of 6.

Our interest groups have been going well over

the last 3 months. Members of the Supper Club who meet monthly on the third Thursday have enjoyed the taster menu at the Haldi, and meals at the White Horse at Bourne End and the Alford Arms in Frithstone. Random Readers met up for the first time this year in February and are meeting in members' houses due to the noise factor in their previous location. The Craft Group have been extremely busy making beautiful items including bread and trinket baskets, pretty cord strings and exquisite Iris paper folding for cards. In January the Walking Group completed the Chiltern Heritage Walk and start the North Bucks Way on 31st March. The Knit and Natter Group continue to meet weekly.

With the new membership year starting in April, two of our interest groups will be having a makeover. The Supper Club will become The Social Club and will no longer just offer a meal experience and Random Readers are looking into meeting in the Library. Further details were revealed in April's meeting and members can register their interest for these groups in the Green Book.

In February we entered a team in the Federation Jigsaw Challenge which according to the team was indeed a challenge. Donations for items to go to Ukraine were also requested and this was followed up by a letter of Thanks in March. One of our members is now running a monthly raffle to raise funds which is drawn when members enjoy their beverage, cake and chat at the end of the meeting.

We had 2 events organised in March, a day trip to Burleigh House and an evening 10 pin bowling trip. We also had 2 events organised to raise funds and welcomed villagers who participated in these events. The Spring Lunch was held on 16th April in the Pavilion hall at Pitstone. The 2 course lunch was delicious. Our Quiz night will be back on the 14th October. Please save the date and more

details will follow.

The speaker for our April meeting is Chris Beech who will give a talk on acupuncture. We look forward to welcoming members as our new membership year starts and would like to welcome any new members who would like to try out our WI. Our WI is a friendly

group and membership offers the opportunity to meet women in the local area in person, to make friends, to make a difference in the community and have some fun. If anyone wishes to come to a meeting to see what we are all about please email our President, Annette at annetteipwi@btinternet.com

ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS

Rikki Harrington

ANCIENT SECRETS – AND HOW YOU CAN HELP TO UNLOCK THEM

Everybody loves bluebells. They are associated particularly with ancient woodlands (*i.e.*, woodlands that date back to at least 1600). They are, however, not alone in this. Many less well-known woodland flowers, such as a sweet woodruff, dog violet and wood anemone, are also regarded as indicators of a



woodland's ancient status. They make use of the spring sunshine to flower before tree leaves cast their shade. They are rarely found in newly planted woodlands because they do not disperse across great distances. In fact, in one study, wood anemone were found to spread by just 6 metres in 100 years! Many spread via vegetative growth (*e.g.*, roots or bulbs), rather than by seed – another reason for the slow spread and colonisation of new

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John Wallis on 01296 661997;

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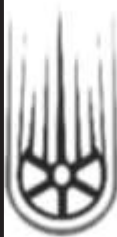
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LOCAL INFORMATION

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 or 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.

Pitstone Memorial Hall: 2 various sized event rooms including large hall with integrated cinema screen and raised stage. 2 kitchens, Heroes—our modern refurbished bar, wi-fi, disabled access throughout, ample car parking. Contact: pmhbooking@gmail.com 01296 661271. Also home to Curiositea 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, 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.

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

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

Over 60's Club: third Thursday of each month, Pitstone Pavilion, 2-4pm, join us for varied programmes of speakers, quizzes and entertainment. Contact: 01296 668005

Beacon Art Group: Tuesday mornings Ivinghoe Town Hall. Beginners welcome. Contact: Marion Jackson 01296 668429

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

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: Last phase of Castlemead & business park lights – email: CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com

Marsworth Road, Westfield Road and phase I-IV of Castlemead lights – Bucks Council online: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/report-problems-on-roads-streets-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-street-light/>

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> unless still maintained by a developer

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/>

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.aylesburyvaldc.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

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