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PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

London Luton Airport Expansion Proposals

As reported in the last edition, the proposal submitted by Luton Rising is for an expansion of London Luton Airport from its current permitted cap of 18 million passengers per annum (mppa) up to 32 mppa, including: new terminal capacity; additional taxiways and other transport infrastructure; the construction of landside support buildings; surface access adjustments; mitigation works and other associated development. The Planning Inspectorate inquiry into the draft Development Consent Order is well underway. Written representations were submitted by the Parish Council and that process is now largely complete and the examiners are holding hearings to deal with specific technical issues of noise etc.

Nicholas King Homes development around the Recreation Ground

As reported in the last edition,

Buckinghamshire Council (in conjunction with other local planning authorities) challenged the Planning Inspectorate's decision to grant planning for additional residential properties, via a process known as Judicial Review. The ruling was in favour of the appeal and NKH's application was reverted back to the original decision-maker for further consideration on the correct basis. The Parish Council continues to push for NKH to tidy the two remaining areas and fix the gap in their hedge leading through to the playground. Buckinghamshire Council and the Parish Council remain in dispute with NKH regarding the multi-use ball games court.

Double Lane Cricket Practice Nets

The Parish Council has been delighted to work with the lvinghoe & Pitstone United Cricket Club on the installation of new double lane cricket practice nets on the recreation ground. These have been funded by a release of Section 106 developer sports & leisure funding by Buckinghamshire Council, the Parish Council and fundraising by the club. If

any resident would like to make use of the nets, please email

ivinghoepitstonecricket@outlook.com for the access code. Also see the I&PUCC article later in this magazine for further information.

Local Wildlife Site Information Panels

Many residents and visitors are unaware that the field between Westfield Road and Church Road is actually a designated Local Wildlife Site and an important home for many important species of flora and fauna. We have worked with the Environmental Records Office, Taylor Wimpey, and the Buckinghamshire Council Community Board to produce information panels to be located at the four main entrances to the site, to raise awareness and encourage everyone to take pride in, and special care of, this local environmental gem.



There is no visitor parking nor facilities at this site. The best place to park is by St Mary's Church. If you do park near the maintenance gates off Westfield Road, please make sure that you don't park on the footpath or the cycle path, nor damage the verge. It is a criminal offence to drive on the cycle/foot path and to obstruct the cycle path with your vehicle.



Whistlebrook

The brook has been inspected by the Internal Drainage Board who are very happy with its current condition and care. One tree was identified as having a potential problem, and this has been onwards reported to Brookmead School for investigation and action if necessary. Buckinghamshire Council has inspected the wooden fencing between the brook and the Byway Open to All Traffic and has put forward a proposal for authorisation to replace the damaged wooden fence to improve safety and aesthetics.



Hedgehog Highways

We still have plenty of stock of highway surrounds, so if you'd like to help the local hedgehog population and provide access between your property

and your neighbours, or out under your gate, please do get in touch. £5 per surround.

Thank you to all our volunteers

Over 100 residents volunteer with the Parish Council in a variety of capacities, and our village services could not be provided to you without them. Volunteers help supervise our vouth café: drive residents to their medical appointments via our Community Car Scheme; check street lighting; edit, distribute and deliver this magazine; sit on our sports & leisure committee; manage our allotment site; walk the parish paths and much more. It was lovely to see many of these unsung heroes at our September thank you event and are sure that you would join us in extending our wholehearted thanks to each and every volunteer for their support and commitment to the residents of Pitstone.

Pitstone Volunteer of the Year 2024

The Parish Council runs the Volunteer of the Year scheme as a means of publicly thanking those that play a significant voluntary role within our community and to bring some of the amazing work that they do to the attention of others. Winners receive a framed certificate, card and £50.00 as a token of our thanks. If you know someone that you think deserves recognition, please send your nomination (at any point in the year) through to parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk for consideration for the 2024 award.

Community Group Grants

The Parish Council offers grants to local community groups and local charities that specifically benefit Pitstone residents. Applications are routinely considered quarterly but can be considered earlier than this if an urgent requirement arises. The next opportunity for grants to be considered is coming up on 26 October 2023. If you know of a local not-for-profit group that is working on a current project, then please ask them to get in touch.

Kudos undertook some night filming at Pitstone Quarry for a war time drama and kindly donated £2,000 to the 1st lvinghoe & Pitstone Scouts towards their new scout hut project.

Audit

The third and final layer of audit, carried out by PKF Littlejohn, has been completed with no issues arising. The electors rights have been published and all materials remain available on our website for your convenience.

Experienced or witnessed anti-social behaviour?

Thames Valley Police continue to appeal to residents to email them details of any anti-social behaviour that you witness in and around the village. Please include dates, times and descriptions of people or vehicles involved. This helps them to build up a better picture and identify any patterns of regular issues and thus target their patrols more effectively. You can find their contact details on our website or elsewhere in this magazine.

We are aware of the unofficial car meet that took place in the Business Park and are working with stakeholders including Thames Valley Police.

The Safer Buckinghamshire Board is a local Community Safety Partnership that brings together experts from the police, fire service, probation, health and social care services. The Board develops an annual action plan to address crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Buckinghamshire, to help keep it a safe place to live and work. To help develop this plan, they want to hear your views on: The impact of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in your area, Your experience of reporting crimes and How safe or unsafe you feel in Buckinghamshire. The survey is open to anyone living, studying and/or working in Buckinghamshire until 23:59pm on 29 October 2023 and can be accessed on the Your Voice Bucks website.

Forthcoming Events

Remembrance Day – the Parish Council silent soldier remains erected at Pitstone Memorial Hall and the soldier owned by the Women's Institute will once again be displayed on Marsworth Road. Parish Council wreaths will be displayed at both the Memorial Hall and Pavilion, and council will be represented at local services.

Christmas – sadly the tree in the grounds of the pavilion that has historically housed the Christmas lights died during the year and needed to be removed, so this year we will have an alternative light display between the lighting columns at this site. We hope that residents and hirers enjoy the new illuminations.

Other updates

We are in the very early stages of trying to re-engage the numerous parties that might be required to investigate/enable a footpath from Westfield Road to College Lake. We are still trying to work with BC to seek bus shelters for Westfield Road and to explore the possibility of zebra crossings in the village. We also still await feedback from the BC Community Board re potential grant funding opportunities for solar panels for the pavilion. We have no visibility yet from either Trooli or Openreach regarding fibre to property broadband for the village.

And an update on local matters from other bodies:

Taylor Wimpey, Croudace, Bellway and Nicholas King Homes Developments

No further areas of Castlemead have been adopted by Buckinghamshire Council from Taylor Wimpey. BC are proposing to upgrade all the adopted lighting columns to LED lanterns before passing maintenance responsibilities to the Parish Council for those in the residential area. All other developer sites still fall within the care and maintenance of the respective development companies and have not yet been adopted. We are in discussion with Bellway regarding adoption of the play space. Croudace are currently negotiating with Buckinghamshire Council and the Parish Council regarding highways and lighting respectively.

Planning

There are several major planning applications for which we are still waiting for Buckinghamshire Council to provide a determination including 5 new dwellings behind 87 Marsworth Road and 1 new dwelling on Marsworth Road. As always, you can find full details of all planning applications on the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Portal.

Highways

There are a number of outstanding highways and lighting issues with Buckinghamshire Council at the moment. Please continue to report any issues identified to BC via their portal, or via the Fix My Street website, or pass the information to the parish clerk for onwards transmission to BC.

The Future of Ashridge – Protecting Our Roots—Message from the National Trust

Ashridge Estate is a special place that welcomes an estimated 1.7 million people each year, who enjoy spending time in the beautiful, historic landscape. However, the popularity of the estate is having an impact on this very special landscape that people love so much. In order to safeguard its future we need to make changes to the infrastructure across the estate so we can continue to welcome visitors in a way that allows nature and wildlife to thrive. Please visit the National Trust Ashridge "protecting our roots" webpage to find out more about the current proposals and how you can input into them.

At the heart of the vision to protect Ashridge is an ambition to create new visitor hubs in other parts of the estate to help better spread the concentration of visitors across the landscape.

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BURGLARY ADVICE The Wing and District Neighbourhood Policing Team



There has been a recent spate of burglaries across the area and we wanted to take this opportunity to offer residents some security advice.

- Ensure all windows and doors are secure and keys are taken out of the locks.
- Mark all valuable items with your post code using a UV pen or permanent marker. This makes it easier for us to return items to you should we recover them. It also makes them less desirable to thieves.
- Take photographs of valuable items such as jewellery. This will help us to identify them if they are taken.
- Consider installing a safe and have this secured to the floor or wall.
- Make a note of any serial numbers on electrical items or power tools.

- If you have a house alarm, ensure it is set when you leave your home.
- Consider installing CCTV around your property. This may act as a deterrent and could also help us to identify the offenders.
- Install PIR lights outside your home. This will alert you and/or your neighbours if someone was on your property during the hours of darkness.

Please report anything suspicious to the Police by calling 999. Even if you feel it is a small piece of information, this may be the missing piece that we are looking for. If it is not an incident in progress, you can report any information by calling 101 or via our online reporting system on the Thames Valley Police website.

Your area is covered by The Wing & District Neighbourhood Policing Team

Charlotte Cottage, 73 Leighton Road, Wing, LU7 9RD To contact a member of the local team, please email the below email address: greatbrickhillwingivinghoenpt@ thamesvalley.police.uk To report a non-urgent crime you can visit: www.thamesvalley.police.uk or Telephone: 101 to speak with an operator In the event of an emergency always dial 999

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COUNTY NEWS Peter Brazier, Chris Poll and Derek Town

County Councillors for Ivinghoe Ward

Giving Access All Areas to people who are autistic and/or have a learning disability

Aimed exclusively at people in

Buckinghamshire who are autistic and/or have a learning disability, the event is designed to ensure people are aware of the range of services and support available and to encourage healthy lifestyles and wellbeing. Currently in Buckinghamshire there are over 2,400 people with learning difficulties and over 5,000 autistic people, many of whom are not accessing activities or services available to them. The Access All Areas event aims to showcase the fantastic range of services which can help support people who are autistic or have additional needs, to live a fulfilled, independent and healthy life. Run in partnership with Buckinghamshire Integrated Care Board, this year Access All Areas will be held in two locations

The first event takes place at The Gateway in Aylesbury on 16th October between 10am and 4pm and the second event takes place in High Wycombe at the Highcrest Academy on 26th October, from 10am to 4pm. The free events are aimed at autistic children, young people, and adults and/or those with a learning disability. Carers, family members, friends and care workers are also encouraged to attend.

Both events will feature information stands and interactive learning activities from charities and services who work to support and promote equality for autistic people and/or those who have a learning disability. This includes NHS teams who will be promoting health checks and other checks that can be

done at home. These checks are a proactive way of picking up on health concerns and preventing more concerns, helping people with learning disabilities stay as healthy as possible. Health professionals will be on hand to talk through what to expect from an annual health check and answer questions. Other highlights at the event include sporting activities open to everyone and advice on how to get your voice heard to make changes within public services.

There will be designated breakaway areas for anyone needing some time-out and specific quiet hours between 10am to 11am and 3pm to 4pm.

The camera never lies - Another fly-tipper caught in the act

The camera never lies, and in this case, it has helped convict another fly-tipper who thought they could get away with illegal dumping in Buckinghamshire.

On 30 August 2023, Ravinder Singh of Mellow Lane East, Hayes, attended High Wycombe Magistrates Court and pleaded guilty to an offence of illegal dumping, which is better known as fly-tipping.

The court heard that a frustrated local resident saw a double mattress dumped outside his house on Old Mill Lane, Denham. When he checked his home CCTV security system, he saw the mattress appeared on the far side of a van that pulled onto the pavement. Enquiries by Council officers established that Mr Singh was the driver of the offending vehicle. When interviewed under caution at Hayes Police Station he denied dumping the

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mattress but could not offer a plausible explanation as to how the mattress got to the spot it was found in.

Singh was fined £1,057. He was also ordered to pay £874.37 towards prosecution costs and a victim surcharge of £473, making a total to pay of £2,404.37.

Councillor Derek Town



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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: <u>https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/162/</u>. 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.



St. Mary's Church lvinghoe

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IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE CRICKET CLUB Will Ottaway



As the nights are drawing in and the weather getting colder and wetter, it can only mean that the 2023 cricket season is coming to a close. It has been a very busy and hectic period with lots of runs, wickets and enjoyment that has taken place on the Recreational Ground. We had a total of 39 games that were completed with an additional 15 games that were lost to the weather or conceded by one of the teams.

Following the change of our 1st XI Captain at the beginning of the season, Matt Ferguson really started to find his feet towards the end of the season and has grown and developed his leadership style. In his first season as Captain, he led the team to 8th place in the league and gave a number of players their first opportunity at playing for the 1st team. This has led to several players to staking a claim as a more regular member of that team. So stand out performances for the team include: Martin Nice, who scored 250 runs throughout the season, followed by Akash Suraj who scored 217 before injury ended his season early. Tom Ferguson was the leading wicket taker with 22 wickets to his name, supported by Matt Ferguson and James Ottaway with 16 and 13 wickets respectably.

Our 2nd team has had a very disrupted season. Due to limited player availability, the team had to concede a few matches, gave all of the other teams, in their league, an advantage and did leave us struggling to find consistency. However, towards the end of the season, the team did record several close matches where the victory was only decided in the last few overs. They did record one victory in the season, an impressive game against Bradenham which showed the teams real potential. The team's stand-out performances include: Anthony Day as the lead run scorer and John Groom who recorded 4 not outs and proved a very difficult batsmen to get out. Deepak Narayanappa was the leading wicket taker and he was supported by Tom Benton and David Williams.

Throughout the season, the club hosted several Sunday friendlies against local teams and they had a good season against a number of different local teams. Our Sunday friendlies are normally a 30-35 over fixture with the main aim of giving everyone an opportunity to develop



their skills. This season, we had several players who played their first games for the club on a Sunday, then played for our Saturday sides.

On the 9th September, the club had it's annual President vs Chairman fixture. This season, it took the form of two, Hundred format matches which were enjoyed by new, current and older members of the club. Very relaxed and social occasions which had some interesting sights that included some debatable calls by the umpires (bribes were probably to blame!), our 1st team wicketkeeper bowling with his helmet still on and some huge sixes that got people in the bar very worried!

We also had our successful All Stars and Dynamos programme on Friday evenings that had 63 young & future players enjoying this year. This is a great increase from our previous programmes which was noticed by Bucks County Cricket, who were very impressed with our organisation when they did an on-the-spot visit.

As you are probably aware, the All-Weather Nets have now been built and they look stunning and we are really pleased to share this new facility with the community. At the moment, the nets do have a gate across the front of them but if you would like to use them, please email ivinghoepitstonecricket@outlook.com for access. All we ask is that the facility is locked after

use and that it's respected while you are using it. Please ensure that studded footwear is NOT worn on any part of the nets.

A big thank you goes to the Parish Council for their support while we were going



through the fundraising and planning stage and to Total-Play Ltd, whose professional work allowed the nets to be built quickly and with very little disruption to the users at the Recreation Ground.

Looking forward to the future, the club has already secured winter net sessions that will be taking place from February at Kingsbrook School in Aylesbury. We will share more details of this in the Winter edition of this magazine.

All of the games start at 1pm and with our main sponsor, CuriosiTea Rooms on site and Heroes Bar now open, we have everything a family needs for a lovely day out. We would also like to thank our sponsors C&S Automotive, Grooms Farm Shop and Mason Newsagents for their ongoing support. If you would like more information about the club, please email us on ivinghoepitstonecricket@outlook.com. 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.

SIMPLY WALK



Do you fancy joining us for a walk around Pitstone every Monday morning? Why not start the week with a walk in the fresh air getting some gentle exercise and having a friendly chat? Simply Walk is overseen by Buckinghamshire Council and delivered locally by volunteers. All you have to do is register on the website buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk and come along. We meet at Pitstone Memorial Hall - just look for the group with some people wearing yellow high visibility tabards.

Our Pitstone walk leaves at 10.00 and we ask you to come along about ten minutes before that. Our walk is about an hour, however this scheme is to encourage people to get out and about so if you want to go slowly or do a shorter walk to start with, please come along and let us know, we will do our very best to get you going and keep you moving.

You are welcome to join us as we enjoy refreshments after our walk at Curiositea Rooms. All our volunteers have had training and most have basic first aid. You can find a complete list of walks on the website, including some longer and more strenuous walks nearby if that suits you better. We also walk on a Wednesday morning at College Lake meeting by the entrance at 10.20. We hope to see some of you on a Monday morning soon!



If your child is due to start school and you're thinking about where you'd like them to go, then why not contact the School office on 01296 668440 or via email on office@marsworth.bucks.sch.uk to arrange a visit and meet the friendly and knowledgeable staff.

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All enquiries will be treated in strictest confidence.



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- Stoke Mandeville Hospital £9.50
- Wycombe Hospital £18.50

For more information, or to request a trip, please contact Stephen on 01296 767116 email: communitytransport@pitstone.co.uk



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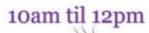
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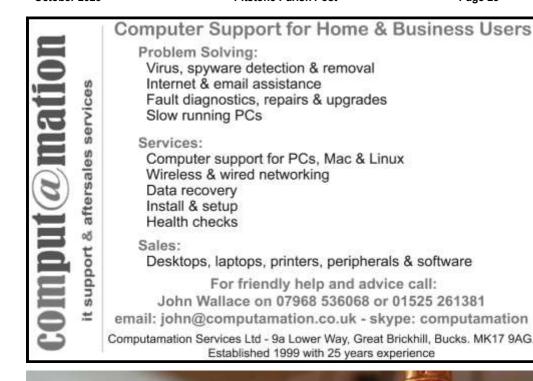
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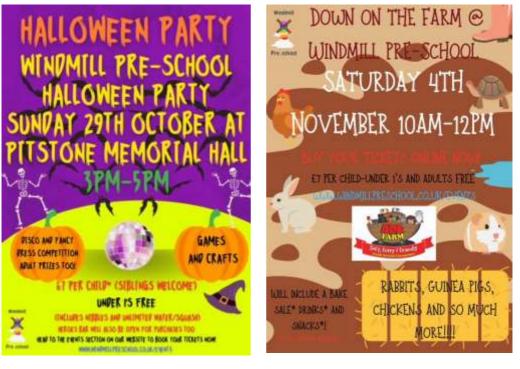
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IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE WI Kay Ison

This summer has not seen the best of weather but our WI has still been extremely busy.

Our July meeting was all about St George's Chapel, Windsor. The speaker, Mr Lesley Grout was made a steward in 1973 when the role was created. Leslev presented a slide show showing the magnificent Chapel. Edward III built the original Chapel in 1475 and this was made into a bigger and better building by Henry IV. It was Queen Victoria who converted Henry III's Chapel into the Albert Memorial Chapel. Sir Albert Gilbert's work can be seen around the Chapel and is distinctive in that a lot of aluminium is used. The effigy of Albert, George V's son is an example. In the 1920s The Knaves needed to be repaired. This took over 10 years with all the vaults being taken down and then replaced once the repairs had been made. We were surprised to hear that the youngest son of Napoleon Bonaparte, Leopold has a monument in the Chapel. However, this was due to him joining the British Army and his service to the Crown.

There is also a memorial to the Duke of Windsor and his wife Wallace who are buried at Frogmore. In 1968 George VI's Chapel was created. This is where George VI and his wife Elizabeth were laid. Followed by their daughter Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip. People are still visiting this Chapel in droves to pay their respects to our Queen. Edward III was the founder of the Order of the Garter and the banners of the Knights of the Garter are hung up on show. The Insignia is returned to the Sovereign when the Knight dies and the banner and crest is removed after a service has been held for the Knight. Every June there is a Garter Service and members of the public come to view the Garter Procession.

Mary issued the vote of thanks and mentioned that many members would like to revisit the Chapel as the talk made them realise how much there was to see and explore. As usual we ended the meeting with a raffle and teas

and coffee. It was also announced that we had raised almost £90 with our Tombola Stall at the



Church Fete. Well done to Annette for organising it and to Joy and Lynne for running the stall on the day.

Following our July meeting, 6 members went on a fascinating tour of the bell tower at St Mary's Church, Ivinghoe. Corrall McCormack,



our tour guide went through the history of the bells and demonstrated how they worked. As we climbed the stairs we stopped at different levels and saw where the bell

ringing took place, followed by an interesting look at the clock's mechanism and then up a very steep climb to see the actual bells themselves. It was definitely a trip through history with some of our members remembering the names of bell ringers written on the walls and beams.

Two of our members braved the weather to promote our WI at the Windmillfest at Brookmead School on 22 July. Unfortunately the day was a washout for our stall and the full range of promotional material could not be displayed. Well done to Mandy and Tessa for setting up and manning the stall. Fortunately these 2 members had a much more enjoyable day at the silk painting workshop organised by the Bucks Federation.

With members away on their holidays there was not a formal meeting in August. Instead 15 members met up in a member's house and enjoyed a selection of Woodz pizzas. Everyone relaxed and chatted and enjoyed the company. The pizzas were delicious and were rounded off by homemade crumble which definitely hit the spot. There were a lot of happy and full members. At our September meeting we met Carol 'Scotty' McCutcheon. A lovely lady who regularly volunteers to help run a free school in Cambodia. She told us of places with exotic names such as Angkor Wat, Siem Reap and Angkor Tom, and many others. The free school she volunteers at is in Anlung Pi, an hour's drive from the nearest town. Here she helps provide an education for some of the poorest children in Cambodia. Many of these children live on a rubbish dump, collecting any recyclable material which they can sell to help support their family. They do actually live on the rubbish, making homes out of anything that will serve as some sort of shelter. At the school the children have water to wash in and clean their teeth, a good meal every day and access to a toilet. All are great luxuries for these little people.

Scotty told us that she only takes 2 sets of clothing as she does not want to make the local people feel conscious that they usually only have one or two pieces themselves. She gets home every day and steps straight into the shower, clothes and all, then dries the clothes ready for the next day. At the end of her trip her clothes are thrown away as the smell of the rubbish dump never really leaves them.

The volunteers, and some local people, make learning fun and it certainly shows in the pictures Scotty showed us. Lots and lots of smiling faces, children who voluntarily clean the school every morning and local mums who prepare the food. No funding is received from the Cambodian government, the school and nursery are funded by donations only and any monies Scotty receives for her presentations go directly to the free school. She then took a picture of us so that she can show the children where the money comes from when she goes on her next trip. There's no stopping Scotty!

Our clubs continue to meet up regularly. The monthly Random Readers meet up on a Wednesday once a month in the library and is well attended. Knit and Natter meet weekly and have continued to stitch up blankets for Ukraine and are busy making poppies to refurbish the numbers for the Poppy displays in November. They are also helping to make cuddle pockets that were introduced by Mandy, a committee member. Mandy explained to all members at the October meeting that cuddle pockets' are used to help transport early loss babies to hospital. Ambulance crews are now asking for them as it makes a most distressing time easier to cope with, both for the parents and the ambulance crews themselves. She asked that any members who would like to make some of these could give them to her and she would then forward them to a group of volunteers who send them to crews all over the country (Needles and Hooks, Angels and Premmies).

The Craft group led by Kathleen created some fabulous corsages in July, followed by silk painting led by Tessa and Mandy in August and in September they made Autumn wreaths. The Walking Group walked from Rickmansworth to Oxley Green and managed to avoid the rain. They all enjoyed the walk and are looking forward to more walks this autumn. Our new Social Club is going from strength to strength. They met at Wilstone Reservoir and after a short walk taking in the beauty of the scenery met up with others at P E Meads for a coffee and a chat. Their next visit was to the Summer Wool Festival at Ampthill and members came back raving about all the different British Wool and demonstrations happening in the halls. They had a wonderful time. Their most recent trip was to Luton Hoo Walled Garden. They had a fabulous time and the weather was dry. Their next visit is to Eyethrop in October.

Future events include a Quiz Night coming up on October 14th with Tables of 6. Tickets are £15 each and include a two course supper and a great evening of fun and laughter. Please bring your own drink. All are welcome, so please contact Sue Jones 01296 660436 if you would like to join us. Our meeting in October is all about "The History of famous Jewels" by Peter Hague and promises to be a very interesting talk. We are having a Craft evening in November and the December meeting will be our Christmas celebration. Lots to look forward to.

If anyone is interested in joining our Group and would like a trial or further information, please contact Annette Hutchinson email: annetteipwi@btinternet.com.

BEACON LIT Emma Thorogood



Beaconlit was founded in 2013 by local author Dave Sivers and Avril Davies. Since then, it has gone from strength to strength and attracts award winning authors to the small village of lvinghoe, set in the beautiful Chilterns countryside. People keep coming back, to be inspired, informed and to enjoy the beautiful mystery of what happens when you turn a page (in books both physical and virtual).

The festival now has a settled location (the village school), a loyal following and an impressive past roster of authors, including Carole Matthews, Ruth Hogan, Stacey Halls, Cara Hunter, Sophie Ward, Mark Billingham, AJ Pearce, Rowan Coleman and Nazir Afgal.

It is promoted in the local community library (a prime mover in the festival), through fliers in surrounding towns and a busy social media publicity campaign. The library is instrumental in publicising the festival, and some of the proceeds are given back to the library to support it as a necessary resource for the villages.

Beaconlit 2024 will be taking place on 13th July next year, save the date now! More details to follow soon, so watch this space!

Beacon Community Choir

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> Sunday 19th November 2023, 4pm St Mary the Virgin, Ivinghoe

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Tickets E12-30 (children free) in advance from Lindray Henriett 0/986-039157 beaconcommunity: how genralicom www.beaconcommunity.how co.uk or £14 cash on the door For our autumn concert, dedicated to Richard Locke and Robina Seahill, the Beacon Community Choir will perform two joyful works - perfect to put a smile on your face on an autumn evening.

Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo Ception Noch and his Floating Zoo 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 hotably by The King's Singers. The musical style of the cantata is unachamedly eclectic and exploits all well-known types of popular matic to tell this ever-green story in a tuneful and amaing way.

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ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS Rikki Harrington (Ashridge Estate Committee Member)

Protecting Our Roots



More people visit Ashridge each year than the Eden Project, the Giants' Causeway and Hampton Court Palace combined. The total is around 1.7 million, which is roughly three every minute of every day. That our 2,000 magnificent, health-enhancing hectares are so popular is cause for celebration but creates huge problems for the National Trust, which has to balance its statutory obligations under a range of wildlife, archaeological and heritage regulations with its strategic mission 'for everyone, forever'.

The need to reduce visitor impacts on wildlife has reached a critical point. In muddy conditions, designated paths become wider and new paths form. The soil becomes compacted, which stresses tree roots. Fly tipping, general rubbish and dog waste spoil enjoyment and pose a direct threat to plants and animals. Off-piste cycling and walking, and parking on verges degrade habitat. Barbecues create huge fire risks. With 30,000 new dwellings planned within 12.6 km of Ashridge's boundaries, from which area 75% of its visitors come, 200,000 more people per year are expected, putting Ashridge on a par with Kew Gardens!

One of the great things about Ashridge is its extraordinary diversity of landscapes and habitats. Over the next five years or so, there will be a concerted effort to encourage visitors away from the areas that, rightly, have the strongest protection in law, and to the ecologically and archaeologically less sensitive, but no less beautiful, parts. Seventeen areas, each with its own distinctive set of characteristics, have been identified. Each is suited to different needs. Some lend themselves to a range of visitor activities, some are suited to nature watchers, some should be left to wildlife and grazing livestock only.

With this in mind, new visitor hubs will be created around the vast estate, with facilities and features appropriate to each individual site. Facilities at the current Visitor Centre will be reduced and the shop will be relocated. The delights of less well-known parts of the estate will become more familiar and you may well be amazed at what you've been missing.

A huge amount of thinking, consultation and planning has already gone into these pivotal developments. More will come, and the Trust is always keen to hear your views. For further information as it becomes available, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge-protecting-ourroots. We all need to root for Ashridge, its wildlife and its visitors.



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LOCAL INFORMATION

LOCAL VENUES

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email: <u>secretary@ivinghoehub.co.uk</u> or <u>treasurer@ivinghoehub.co.uk</u>.

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: the Parish Clerk, email <u>parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk</u> , telephone 01296 767261 or visit <u>https://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/sport-and-recreation/</u>

LOCAL CLUBS

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

lvinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com.

Cubs: (aged 8 - 10½): Windmill Pack, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Wednesday leader: Dan Lee (Akela), Thursday leader: Rob Mercel (Shere Khan) Contact: Andrew Woods (Group Scout Leader) by email: lvinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

Scouts: 7-8:30pm, Friday, Leader: Andrew Woods. Contact: Andrew Woods (Group Scout Leader) by email: lvinghoe.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 lvinghoe Town Hall. Other entertaining activities. Contact: Annette Hutchinson <u>annetteipwi@btinternet.com</u>

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 lvinghoe. 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 lvinghoe Town Hall. Beginners welcome. Contact: Marion Jackson 01296 668429

Board Games Club: At Pitstone Pavilion, twice per month, 2-4.15pm on a Thursday. All welcome. Contact Janine to book or for more information, 07484200799.

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

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RELIGION

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

Pitstone House of Worship: an evening of worship open to all Christians in the area. Last Friday of the month at 7.30pm (tea and coffee at 7pm) at Pitstone Pavilion. Contact Brian and Vanessa 01296 662227.

Com Church Pitstone: meet at Pitstone Pavilion on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 4pm. An assembly of people who love God and the Pitstone community. Part of The Elim Pentecostal group of churches. Contact us at: pitstone@comchurch.org.uk.

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/

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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

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Need details of a planning application: Details of all local applications are published online by Bucks Council: https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/

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