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Annual Assembly—16 May 2024

The annual assembly is not a Parish Council meeting but has to be chaired by the Council Chairman if he is present. The Assembly is an opportunity for residents to hear about the activities undertaken in the previous 12 months and those planned for the forthcoming year, and to hear from guest speakers which include other tiers of government, local charities and the repair café. This year's assembly also includes information on the launch of the new step-up grants available to Pitstone residents (see centre page pull-out). We look forward to seeing you at the Pavilion from 7.30 on 16 May 2024. A copy of the agenda is provided with this magazine.

Thank you to all our volunteers

Approximately 100 people volunteer with the Parish Council on a regular basis in a variety of roles from the allotments to the village magazine, on our committees to checking streetlights. We hold a thank you evening each January so that the council can thank everyone in person and so that the volunteers get an opportunity to meet each other. A lovely time was had by all who attended this year. If you would like to join our volunteer army, please contact parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

Consultations

Thank you to everyone that completed the recent consultations. We'll provide you with an analysis of the responses received in the next edition of the magazine.

Westfield Road Bus Shelters

We are pleased to say that Buckinghamshire Council has now granted permission for the bus shelters. The Parish Council has accrued sufficient funds to install two, on the residential side of the road. We are also working with Safran to install a third shelter outside their site. We'll keep residents updated once we have the details confirmed, surveys undertaken and have an installation date.

Vacancies

Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in the litter picking role. We're currently holding interviews and will update everyone in the next edition of the magazine. We still have a voluntary vacancy for a Parish Councillor to serve out the remaining term until the elections in May next year. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please email parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk.

Swedish Whitebeam

Sadly, our most recent tree risk inspection report, has advised that the Swedish Whitebeam between the skate park and the ball court needs to be felled as it has rotted at the base and thus could pose a danger. Contractors are being engaged and you will see them on the Recreation Ground in due course.

Fibre to Property Broadband

Many of you will be pleased to know that Trooli has now started offering superfast broadband via fibre to property for a number of roads in the village, and should be rolling out to the remainder shortly. Still no further updates from Openreach.

Dog Fouling

We've recently seen another uplift in the number of full carrier bags of dog fouling left next to/on top of the dog bins. This often blocks the bins so they can't be used for their intended use, which is to accommodate individual dog bags arising from fouling during the dogs walk. Those left on the ground, often end up ripped open and the contents spread around the path. Please remember that dog fouling generated at your home address should be bagged and then put into your green lid general refuse bin. It is then taken to Greatmoor Energy from Waste where it is incinerated to generate energy.

Pitstone Development Area

Nicholas King Homes had appealed to the Planning Inspectorate in relation to their application for 21 dwellings (8 flats and 13 houses) on the two remaining areas of their site by the Recreation Ground. These plots had originally be intended as a children’s day nursery and a café/restaurant/pub. The Planning Inspectorate initially found in Nicholas King Homes favour, but this was challenged by Buckinghamshire Council at Judicial Review and referred back to the Planning Inspectorate for reconsideration. Their appeal has now been rejected by the Planning Inspectorate on the grounds that the application lacks suitable mitigation in respect of the Chiltern Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation requirement for Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG). Two other applications by Nicholas King Homes, one in respect of each of the two plots, are still awaiting determination by Buckinghamshire Council.



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Councillors for
Ivinghoe Ward**

Roofing company pays high price in court

A roofing and building company who failed to carry out proper checks on a 'man with a van' who offered to dispose of trade waste for them has paid a high price for its error after being prosecuted in court. Highlife Roofing and Builders Ltd pleaded guilty to the offence of failing in its duty of care when transferring waste to a waste remover when appearing at High Wycombe Magistrates Court on Wednesday 21 February 2024. The court heard that on 18 July 2023, mixed building waste, including black sacks and wooden material, was found dumped at Holtspur Lane, Wooburn Green in Buckinghamshire. An officer from Buckinghamshire Council's Waste Enforcement Team investigated and found evidence amongst the dumped waste, giving an address in The Green, Wooburn Green, High Wycombe. The details were later traced back to a company called Highlife Roofing and Builders Ltd, who explained they were approached by a man with a van who offered to remove waste from a property. The man took the waste which was later found dumped just down the road from where it had been collected. Highlife Roofing and Builders Ltd workers admitted they saw the waste dumped the next day but explained they didn't pick it back up as it was 'no longer their problem'. Magistrates at High Wycombe Magistrates' Court fined Highlife Roofing and Builders Ltd £6,000 and ordered the company to pay a contribution of £1,289.71 towards the council's clean up and investigation costs – making a total to pay of £7,289.71.

New library collections will provide invaluable resource for families with children

A new range of books covering topics around parenting, childhood and childcare are now available for loan at two libraries in Buckinghamshire. Parenting and Childcare Topics (PACT) is a unique collection of 170 different books designed to help parents and carers of children and young people to navigate a variety of topics from pregnancy, to dealing with complex emotions and situations, right up to approaching university. The books cover everything from general parenting tips to specific situations such as being separated parents or caring for a child with special educational needs and disabilities. Many of the books are written directly for adults, but a number are also written for the children and young people, including books around bullying and puberty. A variety of books on the topics of parenting and childcare are already available across all libraries in Buckinghamshire but the enhanced PACT series has been introduced in two of the biggest libraries as an additional resource, with the support of local business, Limitless Tutoring, who have sponsored the collections.

Creating an age friendly Buckinghamshire for all

Buckinghamshire Council has outlined its commitment to helping older people live healthy, active and independent lives as set out in its Healthy Ageing Strategy. The document sets out the vision for how Buckinghamshire aspires to be a place for all residents to enjoy growing older in an age friendly community. The strategy also includes an action plan of how the vision will be achieved. Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing explained: "Healthy ageing means living a healthy and fulfilling life, being able to participate in activities

and contribute to your community. It also encompasses having financial security and living in a suitable home in a safe and thriving community. With the right policies, environments and support, people can age well and live independent and meaningful lives."

To become an age friendly community, the strategy focuses on eight interconnecting areas outlined by the World Health Organisation (WHO):

- Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Transport
- Housing
- Participation in society
- Volunteering and employment
- Communication and information
- Community support for health and wellbeing
- Respect and social inclusion

In the first year, the focus for Buckinghamshire will be on two priorities - outdoor spaces and buildings, and participating in society. To oversee the implementation of the strategy a multi-agency Age Friendly Bucks Partnership has been set up with external partners including the NHS and voluntary sector organisations. The views and ideas of residents and community groups have shaped the aims of the strategy and will continue to inform the implementation. To further support the success of the strategy Buckinghamshire Council has joined the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities which is run by the Centre for Ageing Better and affiliated to the WHO's Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities. Being a member of this network provides access for a range of additional resources including good practice guidance and advice. In addition, the council has partnered locally with Age UK Buckinghamshire to ensure a local focus is maintained.

Learn how to be a Better Biker

Buckinghamshire Council is encouraging bikers of all ages and experience to enhance their riding skills with the help of a specialist course. The Be a Better Biker (BaBB) workshops are run as part of the council's Travel Safe Bucks road safety initiative, in partnership with Thames Vale Advanced Motorcyclists, Bucks Advanced Riders & Drivers, Milton Keynes Advanced Motorists, Oxford Advanced Motorcyclists and local fire and rescue services. The aim is to reduce the number of bikers killed or injured on the roads and equip motorcyclists with additional skills to keep safe. Costing just £20 per person, the workshops cover a range of advanced techniques including:

- Manoeuvring
- Overtaking
- Cornering techniques
- An on-road assessment with a qualified observer
- A review of the on-road session.

Courses are taking place across the Thames Valley region and locally at:

- Saturday 6 April – Winslow Fire Station
- Saturday 20 April – Chesham Fire Station
- Saturday 18 May – Princes Risborough Fire Station

Now in their 15th year, the courses have helped hundreds of bikers in Buckinghamshire to improve their skills on the road. Anyone wishing to take part must hold a full and valid motorbike licence and have access to their own vehicle to use during the course.

For more information, or to book your place, visit: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/road-safety/book-a-motorcycle-course/>

Councillor Derek Town

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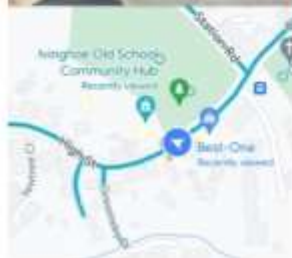


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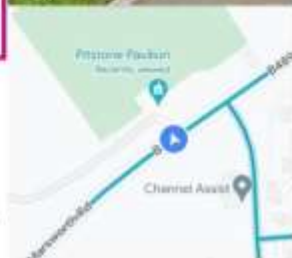


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Our Repair Café is run by volunteers with expertise in electrical items, mobile phones, tablets, clothing/fabrics with rips, holes, jewellery, clocks, machinery, tools, furniture, bikes!

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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.

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NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH PITSTONE

Gillian Arney



We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Pitstone Church this Summer.

We have three events already planned and there are others in the pipeline:

Tuesday 4th June 7pm This Is My Theatre will be back with the Wonderful Wizard of Oz. This company has come to Pitstone for some years and is always popular.

To book tickets go to www.thisismytheatre.com/pitstone. Admission £15 Under 16 £10 Under 4 and accompanying registered carers are free.

Sunday 7th July the Beacon Villages Community Choir are coming to sing in the Churchyard. Further details to be released. There will be teas.

For both these events please bring **YOUR OWN SEATING**.

August Bank Holiday Monday 26th August There will be tea with music in the church You can look forward to hearing the harp and a guitar trio while you enjoy tea and cakes.

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Gillian Arney

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Janet Page, Secretary, BVCL



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LOCAL AUTHOR NOTCHES TWELFTH TITLE

Pitstone crime fiction author Dave Sivers has released the seventh book in his popular series featuring Aylesbury-based detectives Lizzie Archer and Dan Baines. It brings his overall total of published titles up to twelve.

DCI Archer originally transferred to Buckinghamshire's Aylesbury Vale, hoping to rebuild her life. In *Price to Pay*, it's eleven years on, and she's happily married, her career is back on track, and she has friends she would trust with her life.

But things can change in a heartbeat. Soon after receiving unsettling threats from local criminals, an old flame makes an unwelcome return to Lizzie's life. Days later, a grisly murder too close to home plunges her into a nightmare that could cost her everything as suspicion falls on her and her husband, Dominic.

Dan and his team are sidelined from the murder investigation, but they're not going to let that stop them when a friend is in trouble.

And the clock is ticking. Because, if they can't uncover the truth soon, things will get even worse for Lizzie and Dominic.

Price to Pay came out on 28 February, and is available in paperback and kindle eBook. Crime writer Liz Mistry described it as 'Fast-paced, devious and twisty - the pages turned themselves!'

Dave grew up in West London and has been writing all his life, including columns and articles in *The Bucks Herald* and *The Leighton Buzzard Observer*, as well as short stories in *Take a Break* magazine and other publications. His DI Nathan Quarrel books are set in Hertfordshire. He is a co-founder of the annual BeaconLit festival of books and writing in Ivinghoe, taking place in Brookmead School on 13 July this year.

You can find out more about Dave's books, and subscribe to his VIP Club for news, giveaways and more at davesivers.co.uk.





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 PTLT Trustees
tel: 01296 668809,
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DO YOU BELONG TO A LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM A GRANT TOWARDS A PROJECT?


The Parish Council offers grants to local community groups and local charities that specifically benefit Pitstone residents.

Applications are considered quarterly.

Please visit www.pitstone.co.uk for more information or contact the parish clerk for an initial chat on 01296 767261 / email: parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

BEACON VILLAGES COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Beacon Villages Community Library AGM will be held on Saturday 6th July at 9.30am. This year it will be a hybrid event, so we will be in the Library if you want to come along, otherwise you are welcome to attend by Zoom. It's your chance to hear the roundup of what has taken place over the year, and our plans for the future. Nomination forms for committee members will be available in the Library beforehand, or you can contact secretary@bvcl.org.uk for a copy, Do think about joining us, it isn't huge commitment, and it is always good to have fresh ideas. The AGM paperwork will be on our website prior to the meeting and if you want to get the Zoom link please email treasurer@bvcl.org.uk.



Community Board
Wing and Ivinghoe

The Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board, is the local connection for the residents of Pitstone parish into Buckinghamshire Council. The Board has Buckinghamshire Councillors, Parish Councils, key partners and local organisations represented as well as interested local residents. The Board is chaired by Cllr Ashley Bond, with the Vice Chair Cllr Peter Brazier and the manager is Michelle Parker.

The Community Board has priorities that they focus on throughout the year. At our most recent Community Board meeting on Tuesday 26 March we held a workshop to collaboratively determine what these should be for 24/25. Discussions were heavily around Youth Provision and Strengthening Communities but these will be confirmed in due course.

If you are part of a local organisation, a resident with some good ideas to support the priorities and you would like to know more than please contact the Community Board Manager Michelle.Parker@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.



Do you need a helping hand to 'step-up' to the next level?

Pitstone Step-Up Grants are new grants available to Pitstone residents, funded from income from a local charity*. They are designed to relieve hardship, need or distress by enabling the long-term transformation of the recipient's quality of life in some way. This could be through removing barriers to enable an individual to pursue a life-improving opportunity that would otherwise have been unaffordable, or to complete some form of training or upskilling that will demonstrably improve their professional or earning potential, where funding is not available from another source.

* Pitstone Parish Charity, Registration Number: 261752

To Apply:

Visit <https://pitstone.co.uk/localinfo/pitstone-step-up-grants/> to read our Grant Making Policy and Application Guidelines, then complete the application form. If you'd like us to deliver a copy of the documents to your home, please call 01296 767261 or email stepupgrants@pitstone.co.uk and we'll happily drop it off to you.

Education Step-Up Grants

These will enable the recipient to pursue opportunities as part of their formal education that would otherwise be unaffordable. They can be used to meet costs associated with accessing any level of formal education from primary school to postgraduate or gaining professional qualifications. Grants may be considered for multiple years where applicable, but an award of a grant in one year is not a guarantee of funding for subsequent applications. An Education Step-Up Grant may be considered for things like assistance with a bus pass if taking up a school place farther afield, cost of college equipment or providing a deposit for university rental accommodation. The maximum grant will normally be £1,500.



Career Step-Up Grants

These enable the recipient to undertake training or obtain specific tools or equipment in order to make a step change in their ability to pursue a particular career and enhance their earning potential. Examples of Career Step-Up Grants might include paying for someone working as a parcel delivery driver to undertake an HGV training course, or a grant towards the cost of tools to become a self-employed plumber after completing the required qualification course. The maximum grant will normally be £2,500.

Please pull out this information and keep it in a safe place for future reference.

Life Step-Up Grants

These will cover the costs of particular activities designed to enhance life skills through specific experiences. Life Step-Up Grants could include contributions towards participation in specific experiences or schemes designed to expand the horizons and experiences of participants. The maximum grant will normally be £1,000.



Community Organisation Step-Up Grants



These will contribute towards the costs of a specific project being undertaken by any community organisation active within the parish where the work is intended to serve those in the parish facing particular barriers in life. They can be

used towards capital or revenue costs but cannot be used to cover core operating or annually recurring costs. Community Organisation Step-Up Grants are for those organisations that are tackling need, hardship or distress in the community, for example providing food or assistance. (If your group has a more general need, please apply for a Parish Council grant instead.) The maximum grant will normally be £5,000.

Helping Out Grants

Although it is anticipated that the vast majority of grants will be made within the four categories shown above, applications will be considered to assist with situations that do not fall within any of them but still meet the charity's criteria of relieving need, hardship or distress. The same requirements will exist to demonstrate a clear need and show what the impact will be on improving the quality of life of the recipient. An example of which may include assistance towards the installation of a ramp if a resident becomes a wheelchair user. The maximum grant will normally be £1,000.



Application Deadlines:

Grant applications will be considered four times each year. Your application needs to reach us by:

- ◆ The end of May for our June panel
- ◆ The end of August for our September panel
- ◆ The end of November for our December panel
- ◆ The end of February for our March panel

If you are in need, hardship or distress but have a short term or specific need such as help buying spectacles or white goods, you should contact Pitstone Town Lands Charity rather than Pitstone Step-Up Grants. Please ring Gill Lowe on 01296 668809 or email her on gill.lowe@pitstone.email.

Do you like to paint or draw in your spare time?

The Beacon Art Group meet on Tuesday mornings in Ivinghoe Town Hall to paint, draw, and enjoy the company of friends who like to do the same.

We would love a few more to join us and exchange ideas and learn from each other. Beginners are very welcome.

If you think you may be interested, please either telephone me, Marion Jackson on 01296 668429, or visit us in the hall between 10 and 12 on a Tuesday morning (before the end of May).



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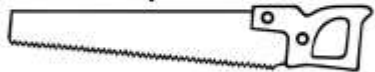
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IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE CRICKET CLUB

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!

Following on from last season, Matt Ferguson has agreed to continue being our 1st XI Captain with Matt Dimpleby supporting him this season as Vice Captain. The club has welcomed Ron Salins as our new 2nd XI Captain and he'll be supported by Puneet Kapoor as his Vice-Captain. We are really excited to see how this season will unfold under their experience and leadership.

The club have just finalised our order for some brand-new covers for the 2024 season. These covers will be easily removable and will allow our pitch preparation to improve to a whole new level. However, without our sponsors, this wouldn't have been possible. We really want to thank Curiousitea Rooms and Heroes Bar for their commitment, financial support and backing, which has allowed us to make this happen. These covers will be visible in the next few weeks out on the cricket pitch!

We have enjoyed having our winter nets at Kingsbrook School in Aylesbury and have welcomed several new faces and can't wait to see them playing for us this season! Once the weather allows us to train outside, we'll be having our training sessions every Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm until dusk. These sessions are free for anyone to come along and join in. As well as that, the cricket practice nets are available for all the community to use. To gain access, all you need to do is scan the QR Code on the sign and fill in the details. Once you have done that, the access code will be shared with you. All we ask is that the nets are locked up after they have been used.

As you might have been aware, there has been delays for parents to book onto our All-Stars and Dynamos programmes. This is due to a technical issue with the ECB but bookings will be available from the 3rd April. 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!

Important Notice – On the 14th March, the ECB informed us that some of the equipment that was used in the previous All Stars and Dynamos packs contain chemicals that are in excess of the recommended limits. Due to this information, it is strongly advised that ALL practice balls and batting tees be thrown out and not used. If you need any more information, please contact us on ivinghoepitstonecricket@outlook.com.

Our season kicks off on the 20th April with a friendly against the 2nd XI Bradenham team and this will be an exciting start to the summer. The 1st XI have a friendly against Wycombe Warriors 4th XI on the 27th at home before the league starts the week after. The first division has 10 teams while the second division has 12 teams in it and every game will bring a fresh new challenge for both teams. Our opening fixtures for both teams are shown in the table:

1 st XI Fixtures	2 nd XI Fixtures
27 th April – Wycombe Warriors 4ths (H)	20 th April – Bradenham 2nds (H)
4 th May – Cadmore End (A)	27 th April – Freith 2nds (A)
11 th May – Aylesbury Town (A)	4 th May – Wing (H)
18 th May – Little Gaddesden (H)	11 th May – Widmer End St Margarets (H)
25 th May Holmer Green (A)	18 th May – Ballinger Waggoners 2nds (A)
	25 th May – Wendover 2nds (H)

If you'd like to enjoy a relaxing Saturday outside to watch some cricket, everyone is welcome and we have some of the best facilities in the county. With Curiousitea Rooms open, you can have a lovely lunch and cake available and Heroes Bar are on hand for all of your drinking needs! However, 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 fixtures on a Saturday, our friendly fixtures on most Sundays. We will always give our players an opportunity to show and develop their skills and always welcome new faces, young or old!



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IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE WI

Kay Ison

Our first meeting of 2024 was held in Ivinghoe Town Hall and the theme was "A Precious Evening". The meeting was a great success as members shared items that held precious memories for them. Items included, a rain stick from Munich, a beautiful mother of pearl shell from Canada, a cut glass bowl from Australia used for Christenings, a beautiful sewing box made by a member's mother as well as medals received by a member's father who was a Metropolitan Police officer. There was also a prayer book given to a member's mother by her father and we could see the indent of her hand on the front cover showing how much the book was used and loved. The final precious item shown was a fabulous drawing of a member's mother on greaseproof paper. The mother was a nurse and one of her patients was a wounded Polish soldier who she nursed in late November 1944. He completed the beautiful drawing of the young nurse who was 17 years old at the time and signed and dated it on 25 May 1945. The member discovered the drawing after her Mother passed in 1999 rolled up in lining paper. What a fabulous discovery and memory of her as a brave young nurse working in a hospital in very hard times. Everyone agreed what an enjoyable evening it was. We all learned something new about each member and how our lives and the lives of family and friends affect and shape us and our memories. The way each member held and talked about their precious item was very moving to see and listen to.

Our February meeting in Ivinghoe Town Hall was a talk on "The Royal Flying Doctor Service in Australia" by Graham Laurie MVO. This wonderful service was introduced by the Reverend John Flynn (1880 - 1951) who was sent to the outback to look after the elderly and sick. He tried to get cottage hospitals set up in the outback because at this time the sick had no medical access unless they travelled to a big city which were days of travel away. This was developed into a flying service when Lt. Clifford Peel saw someone take a bag onto a plane in the First World War and was later told this man was a doctor. He

wrote to Rev John Flynn to suggest

the idea of transporting doctors and patients by aeroplane as a quicker means of transport over the vast territory of the outback. Alfred Treager introduced radios and aerials for communication and both H. V. McKay and H. Fysh worked with him to form the Aerial Medical Service in 1928 based in Queensland. In 1934 the service expanded into the Australian Aerial Medical Service covering the whole of Australia and in 1942 the name changed to the Flying Doctor Service. The service caught the imagination of the world and was captured in the 1950s with a BBC radio show and later a television series from 1986-1991. The talk was very informative and interesting and the members enjoyed learning about this vital service which is still needed and used today.

Our WI met up in Ivinghoe Town Hall for our last meeting of our financial year in March. The meeting was well attended and after the business side of the meeting was completed we continued with our Annual General Meeting. We said goodbye to 2 of our Committee members, Eilish and Betty. We were very sorry to see them leave as they worked hard over the year to ensure the success of the WI and its fundraising efforts. We also had one new addition to our Committee and we welcomed Elspeth. Our teller was Jenny, a BFWI trustee from Aylesbury and as the number of Committee members were below the recommended number Jenny asked if members were willing to vote them in en masse. There was an overwhelming majority and 6 original Committee members and one new Committee member were voted in. Next followed members' secret nominations for President. Whilst Jenny went through these the Treasurer, Eilish, went through our Financial statement. The statement showed a healthy bank balance due to fundraising. Eilish explained how important it is to have a year's



money in the bank to ensure the WI's survival. Sue then gave the Secretary's report for the year. It has been a busy year with some good speakers and several fundraising activities. The final report was given by our President Annette who emphasised the age of our WI and the expanding nature of our group from one meeting a month to the development of our interest groups whereby members can see each other a lot more than once a month. Annette thanked Committee members for all their support and commitment over the past year. Both Eilish and Betty were presented with a small token of appreciation for their contribution to the Committee. Annette was confirmed as President for the next year. Annette also stated that subs were now due and our contribution to the National Federation was due in by the middle of April.

We now came to the fun part of the evening. Our speaker was Jackie from Jackie's Mobile Shop. Jackie closed her shop premises and concentrates on her online business and taking her clothes to meetings like the WI to showcase her collection. A catwalk was formed and Betty, Eilish and Pat modelled the clothes. We were very impressed as the ladies sashayed down the catwalk in colourful Boho trousers, tops and trousers. There were lots of ooohs and aaahs at the bright colours and the feel of the clothing. After the fashion show we were invited to look at the collection and make purchases. Everything was reasonably priced and to complete an outfit there were a choice of accessories. Lots of ladies bought items and everyone enjoyed their retail therapy.

Our interest groups have grown in size and popularity. Each month the Random Readers meet in the library on the Wednesday before our monthly meeting. Participants recommend and swap books with some going home with their bags laden with new books to read. Our Knit and Natter group meet weekly and have had several projects on the go including making teddies, hats and scarfs for the Ukraine. They are also refreshing and making more poppies ready for the 80 year D Day anniversary in June. The popular Craft Group met up in January and carried out the craft of Decoupage. In February members were taught the art of appliqué to decorate

cotton bags and in March they will be making needle cases. The Walking Group also went out for the first time this year and followed a circular walk through Ballinger, Lee Common, The Lee and Lee Clump starting and ending at The Cock and Rabbit Pub. The weather was warm and a bit drizzly at times but the greatest challenge was the mud and standing water. The 5 mile route did seem longer due to the hard work our legs put in but it was great to get out again. On Good Friday they walked another part of the Hertfordshire Way from St Albans to Markyate with 2 more walks planned for April. Hopefully the weather will be sunny and dry! The Social Group has been very busy with several coffee mornings in the Daisy Chain cafe in the Hub. Two trips to Eythrope to see the glorious snowdrops and enjoy the gardens have taken place and received lovely feedback. There are planned trips to Royal Ascot and to see the Strictly Come Dancing costumes. Tessa is also looking at a repeat visit to the yearly wool festival in Ampthill in July. The Social Group is going from strength to strength and any member of the WI can suggest an outing or event which is a fabulous idea.

Over the last 3 months we presented our charity of the year, the Scouts, with a cheque for £550 towards their new Scout Hut, Aylesbury Womens Aid gave thanks for our £215 donation to buy Christmas gifts for families, McMillan nurses sent a letter of thanks for the £207 Betty raised with her Coffee Morning and Sue received a letter of thanks for the knitting and sewing together of blankets by the Knit and Natter group for Ukraine.

We start our new membership year with lots to look forward to. Over the coming months we have a talk on Climbing Kilimanjaro in April, our 107th birthday celebration in May, a talk on From Charing Cross to China in June and learning how to Jive in July. We would really like to offer women in the area an opportunity to visit our friendly group. The WI is a beacon for women who would like to be part of a friendly, social community so if you fancy a trial please email our President Annette on annetteipwi@btinternet.com to find out more details. We would love to see you and welcome you to our WI.

BEACON LIT

Emma Thorogood



Dear booklovers

If you haven't already, then please save the 13th July 2024 in your diaries for this year's Beaconlit Festival! We are still finalising details, but here are a few more authors added to our programme of events....



Claire Steele has run creative writing workshops and Magical Journeys Creative Writing Retreats for over fifteen years. She has taught in prisons, dementia cafés, on the tops of double-decker buses, on airport runways, in gypsy caravans and on narrowboats, as well as in the more expected locations for a writing workshop. She also runs Constellations Press, a new local independent press seeking to publish exceptional books by debut writers — www.constellationspress.co.uk and runs Constellations Literary Consultancy, offering editorial and mentoring support to writers to prepare their work for publishing. www.constellationsconsultancy.co.uk .



Dave Sivers grew up in West London and has been writing all his life, including columns and articles in newspapers and magazines, as well as short stories in Take a Break magazine and other publications. His books include the popular crime fiction series featuring the Aylesbury Vale detectives, DI Lizzie Archer and DS Dan Baines. His latest novel, Price to Pay is the seventh in the series and his twelfth published title. His DI Nathan Quarrel books are set in Hertfordshire. Dave lives in Buckinghamshire with his wife, Chris, and is a founder of the annual BeaconLit festival of books and writing.

Website: davesivers.co.uk

Ravena Guron, a born and bred Londoner, writes Middle Grade and Young Adult fiction, usually featuring antiheroines or snarky narrators. Growing up she always read the last page of books first, but discovering Agatha Christie in her early teens stopped that habit, igniting a love of twisty murder-mysteries with jaw-dropping endings the reader never saw coming. Ravena is a lawyer with a degree in biochemistry, and hopes to use the knowledge gained from her experiences to plot the perfect murder (for a book, of course!). In her spare time, Ravena enjoys hiking in the great outdoors (though nothing too mountainous because she's very clumsy), baking cakes (that never rise) and falling asleep to her thousandth re-watch of Friends. Twitter/X: @RavenaGuron



Debut novelist Claudia Cadette has enjoyed a career on stage as an actress and singer for over thirty years, as well as appearing on TV shows such as Coronation Street & Holby City. Her novel, Spectrum of Colours follows Sophia as she spends six weeks in a psychiatric hospital, unravelling how she ended up there.



Beaconlit is the main fundraiser for Ivinghoe Library, and has contributed each year after the Festival has taken place. In 2023, this amounted to around £1000. The library is very grateful for the ongoing support of Beaconlit.

ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS

Rikki Harrington (Ashridge Estate Committee Member)

Protecting our Roots – Engagement Event

The 'Protecting Our Roots' project team is holding a second public engagement event to share more about the transformational vision to protect Ashridge Estate for the future. Come along to see more details of their plans and speak to the project team. The event will take place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May between 11am and 4pm on Meadley's Meadow (behind the Visitor Centre, HP4 1LT).

Monumental Task



It's not only Ashridge's nature that needs protection. The Bridgewater Monument has stood proud and tall (33 metres to be precise) since 1832 when it was erected to commemorate the achievements of the so-called 'Canal Duke', Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater (1736–1803). The view from the top makes the ascent of its 172 steps well worth the effort, and thousands of visitors climb them each year. On a good day, you can see the Shard.

The National Trust has the responsibility and privilege of looking after this Grade II listed granite column, and it is now in need of attention

inside and out. Internally, repairs are needed to the stairs and the face of the granite, and it could do with a jolly good clean. Externally, biological growth needs removing, the stonework needs cleaning and repointing using a traditional lime-based mortar. Exposed iron cramps need treating or replacing. It is hoped that work will start in July and, once it does, the Monument will be closed for the rest of the year. In the meantime, it's safe and open most weekends and holidays when the weather is good, so make the most of it while you can.

Mobility Vehicles

At Ashridge Estate, we offer a wonderful service for those with limited mobility which is completely volunteer led. We have several powered, self-drive mobility vehicles to use on our accessible routes. There are single-seater, two-seater and four-seater vehicles to choose from, all of which are easy to book and straightforward to use. We are looking to increase our team of fantastic volunteers who run this service to ensure it can keep operating seven days a week from 12noon to 4pm. It is a really rewarding role based at the visitor centre. Visitors who use the service are incredibly grateful that the vehicles allow them to go deep into the forest, which they could otherwise not access. If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming a mobility vehicle volunteer, do please contact Emily on 01442 851227 or emily.morton1@nationaltrust.org.uk. The following are quotes from users:

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between 2.30pm-4.30pm approx

Last admission 4.30pm. Admission Prices:

Adults: £5, children 16 and under free.

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Contact: Mill Manager - Chris Tugby, millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk
or Telephone: 01442 825421 **www.fordendwatermill.co.uk**



LOCATION

Station Rd, Ivinghoe, Bucks LU7 9EA
600 metres from the church along
Station Road.
The B488 to Leighton Buzzard.



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: pnhbooking@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 parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk, telephone 01296 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 - 5pm 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

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.

Hand Bell Ringers: Mondays at 2pm at Ivinghoe church. Please phone 01296 668122

EDUCATION

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

Brookmead School: (est. 1967): Foundation Primary School for children aged 4 - 11.

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

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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

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/>

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

Simply Walk: register at buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk and come to Pitstone Memorial Hall at 9.50am for a 10am walk each Monday. Free.

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 £5, children 16 years & under are free. For further details go to <https://www.fordendwatermill.co.uk>

Contact millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk or tel. 01442 825421

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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://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-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

Power Cuts: UK Power Networks telephone 105

DATES FOR TRING FARMERS MARKET

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PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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