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## PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk



Starting with the good news:

### Bus Service to Tring Station

We are delighted that the new bus service to Tring Station came into effect on 2 September 2024. Our sincere thanks to everyone that took the time to complete the original Bus to Tring Station survey and to all the employees at Safran who completed the more recent workplace survey about potential bus usage, both of which have helped to provide evidence to Buckinghamshire Council and Red Eagle to support the introduction of the route.

Most of the Number 61 bus services will operate the Tring station route. There are currently a number of buses in both directions each day. The online timetable can be found here <https://pitstone.co.uk/newbustimetable> and Bucks Council should keep the ones at

the bus stops updated.

The service currently being offered by Red Eagle is being used to assess demand. Once they have some data on actual uptake, they will then look to make any definitive timetable changes they feel are necessary. At the moment, Bucks Council and Red Eagle hope that the service will be a permanent change, but if there is insufficient demand or they receive complaints about the new routes / timetables then the times/services may be reviewed. It is possible that they may receive negative feedback from users of the previous route at the diverted times, who now find that their preferred bus is no longer available.

Buckinghamshire Council has also said that they are not promoting the current new service, as the timetable is yet to be refined.

To ensure that demand can be accurately assessed, people need to know about it. The Parish Council has put information on the website, Facebook, X and our noticeboards, as well as in this magazine which will reach every home and business in the parish. If you know people that use Tring station that may find the service useful, please do make sure they are aware of it (especially as the car park charges at the station have just increased).

### How can you help ensure the service continues?

- Use it! Please use the service as much as possible to ensure that Red Eagle has accurate data from which to assess the level of demand.
- If there are particular timed buses that you find of the most benefit, you'd like to provide some general positive feedback about the new route, or you have suggestions about specific timings to coincide with train times etc please take a moment to email both Passenger Transport at Buckinghamshire Council on email: [passtrans@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:passtrans@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) and Red Eagle on email: [enquiries@redeagle.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@redeagle.org.uk) (please copy [parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk)) so that they have evidence of how useful everyone finds the service.
- Do pass the information to friends / neighbours / colleagues that may also find the service of interest.

There has been a reluctance from service providers/Bucks over the years to offer this service, as it has been perceived as unsustainable and of negative impact to those on the prior route. So our thanks also go to the current staff at Red Eagle and Buckinghamshire Council who have been willing to work with us this time around to implement the service—but this does mean it's even more important to show that the revised service is worthwhile.

Please use the new service to prove there is a demand for it and provide feedback to Buckinghamshire Council and Red Eagle to show your support for the service. Thank you.



### Bus Shelters for Westfield Road

Another long-awaited project is coming to fruition. Whilst they owned the land over which Westfield Road runs, Taylor Wimpey had denied permission for bus shelters to be erected. Now the land has transferred to Buckinghamshire Council we have finally been granted permission. Bucks have approved the proposals submitted by our preferred supplier for three shelters – two on the residential side and one outside Safran. The works will include minor amendments to the bases where required, removal of the existing poles and inclusion of the timetables & flags within the new shelters.

The Parish Council has sufficient budget to install both shelters on the residential side of the road, accrued over several years. Our sincere thanks to Safran Electrical and Power who have provided the funding for the shelter outside their premises, benefitting both their employees and our parishioners.

The final bus stop on the business park side of the road up by Warwick Road seems to get a lot of people alighting at that point, but fewer people waiting to board a bus there. If you wait for a bus at this stop, we would love to hear from you, so that we can assess the demand for a fourth shelter at this location and therefore enable us to budget towards the associated costs.

Installation works are currently proposed for 28 to 30 October 2024 (one day per stop) between 09.30 and 15.00.

## **Bin Stickers and Posters to tackle Speeding in Residential Roads**

We continue to receive reports of excessive speeding in some residential roads. We will be distributing anti-speeding wheelie bin stickers (approx. 18" x 12") to properties in some of the worst affected roads including in Yardley Avenue, Windsor Road, Cheddington Road, Vicarage Road and Marsworth Road. If you live in another road, but would be interested in receiving some stickers, please email us on [parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk) so we can gauge the level of interest before placing any additional orders.

We are also hoping to work with Thames Valley Police and local children on a poster campaign that we will be able to utilize on our lamp posts etc. We'll let you know more details once they are finalized.

## **Street lighting in Chilterns Edge development**

Croudace, the developer, has now completed the Section 38 highways works enabling the estate highway and path (excluding those areas to be private roads) to be adopted by Buckinghamshire Council, and this also triggers the ability of the Parish Council to adopt the 17 street light columns that are situated within the public highway. The rest, and the bollards, remain the responsibility of Croudace's management company.

## **Tun Furlong play space**

Bellway are in the process of completing the outstanding remedials in the children's playground in Tun Furlong, and this will enable the Parish Council to adopt the area inside the playground fencing. All open space areas outside the playground fence will remain with the management company appointed by Bellway.

Both the above initiatives should be completed within the next couple of months.

## **Thank you to all our volunteers**

Approximately 100 residents provide voluntary services to the Parish Council – some help at youth café or sit on the Allotment or Sports & Leisure Committees,

some drive for our car scheme, help to deliver the Parish Post or act as street light champions. We'd like to express a huge thank you to each and every one of you. Your help, support and dedication to the village is very much appreciated by both the council and all those that benefit from the services you provide.

The council is particularly looking for more volunteers to help at the Youth Café or to drive residents to their medical appointments (see adverts in this edition of the magazine).

If you don't currently volunteer but you'd like to give-back to the area in which you live, we have a number of opportunities listed in the volunteer database which can be found here: <https://pitstone.co.uk/ppcinfo/vacancies-and-employment/> We look forward to hearing from you. You might even become the next winner of ...

## **Volunteer of the Year**

The Parish Council runs the Volunteer of the Year scheme to celebrate the unsung heroes within our community. If you know someone who goes that extra mile and provides an outstanding voluntary service to the residents of Pitstone, please submit your nominations to the Parish Clerk ([parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk)) so that they can be taken into consideration for the 2025 award.

## **Vacancies**

Our thanks to those people that have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Parish Council, to serve the remaining term of office until the elections in May 2025. If you'd also like to join us, please do get in touch via [parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk).

## **Thinking of Standing for Election?**

If you are interested in standing for election in May, the Local Government Association are hosting a free Democracy in Action workshop in November. It will provide a valuable opportunity to learn about the work and role of local councillors in your community and answer your questions about standing for election. More information can be found here: <https://pitstone.co.uk/localnews/democracy-in->

action-free-event-if-you-are-considering-standing-for-election-in-2025/

### **Interest in a footpath along the Upper Icknield Way to College Lake**

Thank you to the 461 people that responded to the survey to gauge interest in a footpath along the Upper Icknield Way. Most of the responses were in support with some of the main reasons expressed including safety concerns due to the busy road, when both walking and running. There were many comments that a footpath would allow for safe and enjoyable circular walks, access to local amenities, and connections to other footpaths and routes in the area. Many respondents said that a footpath would encourage more walking, reduce the need for driving, and provide safer access to key destinations such as College Lake, the Grand Junction Arms pub, and the garden centre.

Part of the route is within Hertfordshire and part would fall within Buckinghamshire. It is not an easy terrain, with many ditches, items of street furniture, traffic lights, rail safety barriers, private residences and uneven surfaces within the roadside space that any path would need to occupy, to say nothing of a long thin railway bridge. Both councils estimate the cost would exceed £2m.

We've provided both councils with the data and asked that they include the route within their Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plans, which would enable them to request contributory funds if there is residential development in local areas and enable them to apply for central government funding if some becomes available. It will be up to Bucks and Herts to assess the route further and determine if they are willing to include the path proposals within those plans.

### **Conclusion of Audit for the Year Ending 31-3-2024**

The Parish Council goes through three levels of audit each year. The first is carried out by members of the council. The second called an 'Internal Audit' and is carried out by an independent expert whom the Parish Council appoints. The third level is called the 'External Audit' and is carried out by

independent experts who are appointed to the Parish Council – in our case PKF Littlejohn LLP. The accounts for the year to 31 March 2024 have now concluded passing through all tiers of audit with no matters of concern raised by either IAC Ltd or PKF Littlejohn. All audit documents are available on our website.

### **Lithium Batteries**

The council was pleased to support the campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bikes and e-scooters) and their disposal. Lithium battery fires are on the increase – there have been over 1000 in the past few years, nearly 200 injuries and a dozen fatalities. Homes have been destroyed. The cost to the UK runs into £billions.

Lord Foster and Electrical Safety First are promoting a Bill to ensure greater safety in the use and disposal of lithium batteries and are aiming to get it into law as soon as possible. The campaign is supported by the National Fire Chiefs Council, the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and the Royal Society for Public Health. In addition 2 coroners have called for the law to be tightened to ensure greater safety.

Please check the Buckinghamshire Council Waste Wizard for details of where you can safely dispose of any batteries and never put them in your general waste bin, as they can cause fires in the collection lorries.

On a much sadder note:

### **Gillian Arney**

It was with great sadness that we announced that Gillian Arney passed away in September. Gill was a previous long serving Parish Councillor, a much loved and respected colleague. She volunteered with many community groups over the years and was still active with the Friends of St Mary's Church in Pitstone including the Arts & Crafts Festival, and the Beacon Villages Community Library in Ivinghoe. She has touched the lives of very many of our residents and we are sure that you will join us in sending heartfelt condolences to her family.

See page 11 for the obituary from the family.

### Theft of mVAS battery

Along with many other units in other villages and towns across Herts, Beds and Bucks, thieves stole the battery from one of our flashing mobile vehicle activated signs. Both units were then removed from rotation whilst we wait for the current spate of thefts to subside and for the replacement batteries to arrive. The theft was reported to Thames Valley Police. All our equipment is security marked. We are also exploring potential opportunities to increase the security of the units to deter further thefts.

### Inconsiderate parking and criminal damage at the Local Wildlife Site

Two signs have been erected on the maintenance access gate to the Local Wildlife Site asking people not to block the access, or to park on the footpath/cyclepath. Disappointingly, someone who would prefer to continue to park inconsiderately removed the first sign, defaced the second sign with black graffiti paint (which we managed to clean) and then removed the second sign (which required power tools). On each occasion this happened within 48 hours of the sign being erected/cleaned. All instances of criminal damage have been reported to Thames Valley Police. Another sign will go up in due course.

We recognise that for many years people parked unofficially around the entrance to the site. However, now that Westfield Road has been adopted by the local highways authority, different standards apply and it is the Parish Council's duty to implement and oversee these.

It is also recognised that many of the vehicles that park there may not be from Pitstone, so we have continued (and will continue) to put polite advisory notes on vehicles we see parked there, advising that Thames Valley Police now patrol the area and highlighting some of the difficulties these vehicles cause. Whilst some drivers have recognised that there are more appropriate, legal and safe places to park and changed their habits accordingly, there would appear to be a small minority of individuals who think it is acceptable to undertake criminal damage, to verbally abuse our staff, and for local

residents to incur extra cost to rectify the damage they cause to the property and the verge.

If anyone has any information on the perpetrators of the damage that they would like to share with Thames Valley Police, please email: [WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk) or report online <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> It also goes without saying that any abuse towards Parish Council staff who are simply doing their job will not be tolerated.

### New National Planning Policy Framework

The new government are currently proposing huge uplifts in the level of residential housing required in Buckinghamshire, which puts all towns and villages that fall outside the existing Neighbourhood Plans at greater risk of speculative housing developments. Bucks Council are strongly opposing the level of uplift.

Finally, looking forward over the next couple of months:

### Remembrance Day



We have made plans for the silent soldiers to be re-erected and wreaths to be laid at both the Memorial Hall and St Mary's Church in Ivinghoe in remembrance of the fallen of the parish.

### Christmas

The festive lighting will be returning to the Recreation Ground and Pavilion in December. We wish all our residents seasons greetings and best wishes for a peaceful and healthy 2025.



## COUNTY NEWS

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



### Council prosecutes company for fraudulent Covid grant application

Buckinghamshire Council has been successful in seeking prosecution of a company which fraudulently applied for a Covid business grant.

In April 2020, S&K Prop Ltd, submitted an application for a grant of £25,000 from the Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant Fund that was introduced by the Government during the Covid pandemic. The grant, which was administered locally by local authorities, was designed to provide additional support to local businesses impacted negatively by the imposed Covid restrictions. S&K Prop Ltd applied for the grant for the George Inn, Post Office Lane, George Green, Slough. To be eligible for the grant, amongst other requirements, businesses needed to be rate payers for the business premises the application related to, and they needed to be in occupation at the premises. Investigations carried out by the council discovered that this was not the case. A separate company, Milegate Ltd, was in fact in occupation, not S&K Prop Ltd. Milegate Ltd had at first attempted to deny they were the occupants of the premises in order to avoid liability for Business Rates and presented documents which purported to show that S&K Prop Ltd were liable. A point which was denied by the firm. With the start of the Covid pandemic and the launch of the Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant Fund both companies made applications for grants. Following the exposure of the fraudulent claim by S&K Prop Ltd a criminal investigation was launched. The fraudulent application by S&K Prop Ltd was

discovered before any grant funding was distributed so no public funding was lost as a result. S&K Prop Ltd submitted a guilty plea to two charges of Fraud by False Representation and appeared at Aylesbury Crown Court for sentencing on Friday 30 August. The judge imposed a fine of £20,625 and costs of £10,750. The defendant company was granted a six month period to pay both.

### Could you be a Shared Lives carer?

Do you have space in your life and home to open it up to another adult who needs care and support? If the answer is yes, you could join Buckinghamshire's growing team of Shared Lives carers and start helping to support others in your local community. Shared Lives is a national initiative with over 10,000 approved Shared Lives carers across the UK. Buckinghamshire's Shared Lives scheme is run in partnership with provider Ategi. As a Shared Lives carer, you would share your home and family life, providing support to an adult with additional needs, to help them develop their skills and live an independent life.

Responsibilities as a carer can include:

- Taking an active role in nurturing their skills and talents
- Assisting with life skills such as learning to use public transport as well as cook and clean for themselves
- Provide support to try new activities both at home and out and about

As a Shared Lives carer, you would be self-

employed and will receive monthly payments. One to one ongoing support is provided, along with financial benefits and comprehensive training. There is a careful matching process, ensuring that carers are matched with a suitable person for their lifestyle and experience. Placements can be long or short term.

### **Buckinghamshire Council responds to Government consultation on planning proposals**

Buckinghamshire Council has submitted its formal response to the Government's consultation on proposals to make changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), amidst significant concerns about the potential and far-reaching implications for the county should the proposals go ahead.

The consultation is a complex exercise with more than 100 questions that seek views on the proposed amendments to the NPPF. This is the framework by which local planning authorities determine planning applications and form local plans. The NPPF includes setting out how local housing need should be met, and specifically how many homes should be built in a certain area.

The council's response answers all 106 questions of the consultation, which seek opinion on the various areas to the policy where changes are proposed. While the council agrees with some of the proposed amendments, its formal response records some grave and significant objections to the proposed policy changes due to the negative implications it would have for Buckinghamshire.

The main areas the council has raised concerns over in its response are:

The proposed changes to the way in which local housing need is to be calculated, which would lead to a 42% increase in the figure for Buckinghamshire.

The proposed changes to Green Belt policy, particularly a new definition of 'grey belt' land which has the potential to lead to large-scale sporadic developments across a wide area of the Buckinghamshire Green Belt.

The proposed changes to the requirements relating to maintaining a five year supply of housing land which are likely to lead to more speculative planning applications being granted permission, and

The lack of a strategic approach to funding and providing essential local infrastructure when existing facilities are already overwhelmed.

### **Full steam ahead for the South-East Aylesbury Link Road**

Buckinghamshire Council is pleased to announce this key infrastructure project is progressing well, with a new contractor now appointed to complete the remainder of the biggest section of the scheme.

The South-East Aylesbury Link Road (SEALR) is being built in two sections with work well underway. The two sections will link to form 1.1 miles of new dual carriageway, including three new roundabout junctions and a new bridge across the railway line to London. Both sections are well on track and due to complete within the next two years.

The Lower Road and Wendover Road roundabouts, part of the longer section of new road, are progressing well with constructors Galliford Try now appointed to complete the remaining works for this phase; namely the section between Wendover Road and Lower Road including the bridge over the railway. It is anticipated that that this link should be open during the latter part of 2026. The section linking HS2's new Stoke Mandeville Relief Road to Lower Road is expected to be open, during the next 12 months.

Once complete, the South-East Aylesbury Link Road will form a crucial part of a new Orbital Link Road around Aylesbury providing a new route around the town, significantly easing congestion through the town centre and delivering new cycling and walking routes.

### **Councillor Derek Town**

## GILL ARNEY

1946—2024

Much loved wife of Colin, mum to Katharine, Lucy and Helen, granny to Chloë, Matilda and Oliver, and friend to so many, Gill Arney has died at the age of 78.

Gill was born in Chirk, North Wales – the eldest of three girls. Building on her childhood love of reading, she did a degree in English Literature at Lancaster University then trained as a librarian at Aberystwyth. She met Colin while living in London working at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and they married in 1975. She has been a familiar face around Pitstone and the surrounding villages since moving here in 1978 to raise a family, and could often be spotted out walking with a dog or two.

There can be few things in Pitstone and Ivinghoe that Gill was not involved in at some point over the years – helping with Mums & Toddlers, creating props for the village panto, polishing the Ivinghoe Church brasses, joining the WI, acting as archivist for Pitstone Green Farm Museum, campaigning against the proposal to turn the quarry into landfill, volunteering at the windmill and watermill, supporting the Library, serving on the Parish Council (twice), chairing Pitstone Church committee and helping to run the Festival of Art & Flowers to name just a few! She was formally recognised as Pitstone Volunteer of the Year in 2020 but, in reality, every year was dedicated to serving the community she loved.

Gill passed away peacefully in the Hospice of St Francis in Berkhamsted. We are grateful to the Rennie Grove Peace Hospice at Home team who provided vital practical and emotional support in her last months, and to all at the hospice who cared for her so kindly to the end.

We remember and celebrate Gill's energy, resilience, wit and creativity. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, and impossible to replace in our hearts and lives.

You can leave a message, share a memory or photo, and make a donation to the Hospice of St Francis in Gill's name on her memory page: <https://gillarney.muchloved.com/>



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Applications are considered quarterly.

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## LOCAL FOODBANK

We offer an emergency foodbank service covering the villages of Ivinghoe, Pitstone, Marsworth, Slapton, Ivinghoe Aston, Horton and Cheddington.

Supported by your local churches in Ivinghoe, Marsworth and Slapton and residents of all the above villages and further afield. We are also supported by our local businesses in Ivinghoe and Pitstone.

Please contact Babs on 07860 780127 or Sue on 07742 138955 for further information.

All enquiries will be treated in strictest confidence.





Apply by the end of November !

Pitstone Step-Up Grants have so far helped two young people with their university accommodation fees, one person to continue their skills education by providing help with their bus fare, and another person realise an opportunity to visit Kenya and build a playground for a disadvantaged community. It has been a privilege to work with these individuals and see not just the impact that the grant can have on them, but also the impact the activity has on others that benefit from the actions they are undertaking.

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# ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS

Rikki Harrington (Ashridge Estate Committee Member)



A few issues back I wrote about some of the flowers that are indicators of ancient woodland (*i.e.*, woodland that dates to at least 1600), and the importance of such woodland for biodiversity. Ashridge is the largest woodland in the care of the National Trust and is entering the final and most challenging phase of a three-year project, run in partnership with the Woodland Trust and funded by the Forestry Commission, to restore ancient woodland which was planted with conifers in the 1950s.

The Plantation on Ancient Woodland (PAWS) restoration project covers 42

hectares (104 acres). Plantations comprise tall, densely packed trees that block light and prevent other plants from growing. Removal of these trees lets light in. The ground vegetation is allowed to regenerate naturally alongside newly planted native broad-leaf trees. Other wildlife, such as insects, birds and bats, benefit. One fantastic outcome so far is that the Spotted Flycatcher, one of the UK's most rapidly declining bird species, has been recorded for the first time in the newly restored woodland. Another sign of regeneration is the profusion of Foxgloves.

A key feature of the project has been the use of 3 km of special matting which allows heavy vehicles in without damaging the woodland floor. The final stage involves 16 hectares of Sallow Copse (north of Monument Drive) deep in the heart of the Site of Special Scientific Interest and would have been impossible without the matting. Some of the work is close to areas enjoyed by visitors. Safety is of course to the fore and some paths may have to be closed for a while. It will all be over by Christmas, and surely well worth it.



## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Janet Page, Secretary, BVCL

We are pleased to tell you that we have increased the Library opening hours with effect from 9th October and will now be open on Wednesday afternoons. Our full hours will be:

Tuesday 2 - 5pm

Wednesday 10am - 12 noon

Wednesday from 9th October 10am to 12 noon and 2 - 5pm

Thursday 2 - 5pm

Friday 2 - 7pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

We hope to increase our opening hours again in the New Year.



## BEACON LIT

### Kelsey Edwards

#### How it Went and What's to Come



July 13th may have passed but BeaconLit 2024 certainly hasn't left our minds! Since launching in 2013, as a humble marque at the Ivinghoe Summer Festival, the event has moved from stride to stride. This year is no different, featuring bestselling authors, a poetry circle and a writing workshop. And when all profits go to the Beacon Villages Community Library, what's not to like? Since starting eleven years ago, BeaconLit has massively expanded its reach and capacity, now using social media, website updates and articles such as this for communication and promotion. On-the-day volunteers,

sponsors, ticketholders and many others are equally invaluable to running the festival. It truly is a team effort, making it so distinct. As said, BeaconLit isn't just a literary celebration: it's an annual fundraising event for the Beacon Villages Community Library (BVCL, [www.bvcl.org.uk](http://www.bvcl.org.uk)). All profits support the library, which can be found on the High Street. An essential part of the community, it offers free educational resources, literature, IT access, accessible events and more. Everyone truly is welcome, there and at BeaconLit.

It's this mindset that motivates the committee to compose an excellent and expanding programme each year. The simultaneous running of a poetry circle and writing workshop, for example, is new. Feedback noted that discussing poetic play and editing in the poetry circle was engaging. (photo above shows Poets Robert Gainer, Wendover-based Will Burns, Olga Dermott-Bond) and the interactivity and encouragement in the writing workshop were refreshing. Consensus suggests that the sessions will return.

Another strength of BeaconLit 2024 was the line-up. For a village festival with a warm atmosphere, having renowned authors like Adele Park MBE (see image) and Elly Griffiths is a real achievement. Elly Griffiths was recently awarded Author of the Year at the BA Conference Awards and Adele Parks has sold over five million UK editions of her work.



In 2023 BeaconLit raised over £1000 for the BVCL. This year's total is expected to be similarly commendable. And so, for 2025, the committee are aiming high! You'll see a push in communication but also the quality of the day itself, so be sure to keep an eye out. In the meantime, the BeaconFlash 500-word story competition is open, with first place winning £75 plus up to 5,000 words of professional critique, online publication and free entry to BeaconLit 2026. Special mention goes to BeaconFlash 2024's winners: Martin Barker's *Dirty Little Words*, Jane Ricot's *The Boy, The Canary and The Man* Rachel Frost's *Lucky Man*, whose stories were expertly crafted.

One final update, perhaps most excitingly, BeaconLit 2025 is confirmed! On Saturday 12th July 2025 the festival will return to Brookmead School. Full details can be found online ([www.beaconlit.co.uk](http://www.beaconlit.co.uk)) as they're made available, or you can subscribe to the monthly newsletter for regular updates. That's all for now!



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# IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE WI

Kay Ison

The summer months have been busy for our members with holidays and families meeting up. Although we had a small attendance for July's meeting it was certainly lively as we were introduced to Modern Jive by Tim Mullett and his partner Louise. The term Modern Jive was coined in 1990 by Christine Keeble to cover the various names of Ceroc, LeRoc or French Jive. It is a dance style that originated in the 1980s and derives from Swing, Lindy Hop and Rock and Roll and others, the main innovation being to simplify the footwork and make it more fun.

Tim and Louise gave us a perfect demonstration of the technique first and then it was our turn to take to the dance floor and learn the basic steps. There was lots of laughter as we listened to Tim's instructions and learned 4 basic moves. To shake it up we also had to change partners with each new move we learned. We finally got it together and did the whole sequence. There were big smiles on all our faces and we all enjoyed our tea and cake afterwards provided by Sue and Elspeth.

Tessa ran the meeting this month as our President, Annette enjoyed her summer holiday. She gave us an update on how successful the tombola and cake stalls were at the Church fete. Two members of our group were invited to Long Marston and Puttenham WI's 70th birthday celebrations. Tessa and Elspeth had a fabulous time enjoying freshly cooked paella and veggie curry followed by enthusiastic Scottish Reels.

After a summer break in August our WI met up again in Ivinghoe Town Hall for our September meeting. Our theme for the month was a Charity Fashion Show with members wearing or bringing something they had bought in a Charity Shop. Following the business meeting, Tessa our Vice President hosted the fashion show starting off with 3 summer tops she had bought that Monday. They were very smart and were purchased at the bargain prices of £6, £5, and £5.

This was followed by Eilish who wore a beautiful dusky pink pleated Ted

Baker skirt for the princely price of £11 and an off white top from the Salvation Army Charity shop at a cost of £3. Betty wore a green and white spotted skirt she bought at St Francis Hospice Shop for £5. There followed a procession of beautiful clothes modelled by our ladies including a smart black and white checked jacket for £3.50, a deep purple jacket set off with a beautiful purple brooch, a pair of white trousers with a lilac blouse and white shoes, a burgundy velvet jacket over a green summer dress, a blue and white dress with matching beads and a beautiful piece of printed fabric from Cameroon that had been purchased whilst Elspeth volunteered to train volunteers on HIV treatment in the villages. It was a fun and interesting evening and we all agreed that there are some fabulous finds to be had in Charity Shops which are affordable and very smart. So next time you are looking for an outfit go to your local Charity Shops first. We then had tea and cake and the raffle run by Betty was drawn.

Although there was not an official meeting in August a social gathering was arranged for an Italian meal. Due to bad weather we could not meet up in the organiser's, Mandy's garden, so 22 of us met up in the Ivinghoe Hub for the evening. Mandy and Tessa provided us with pasta bake, cassata and fruit salad which was delicious. It was great to catch up with members in a relaxed atmosphere and we thanked Mandy, Tessa, Kath and Debra for the meal and service.

Our groups continue to thrive and are very popular with members. The monthly meetings of Random Readers in Ivinghoe Library continued through the summer months with lots of lively discussion. Knit and Natter have been busy making items for Ukraine including teddies, jumpers, scarves and gloves particularly for toddlers and younger children.



All WI members have been invited to knit these items if they can. The Social club have been very busy with coffee catch ups in the Daisy Chain cafe during July and a visit to Ascot was enjoyed by two members in perfect weather (a bonus for this summer). Five members enjoyed a visit to Blenheim Palace to see the work of famous fashion icons like Vivienne Westwood, Bruce Oldfield, Lynda McCartney and Alice Temperley. Coffee meet ups in the Daisy Chain cafe will resume in October and members were asked for ideas for future events. The Craft Group led by Shiela made some beautiful fabric necklaces which were very light and easy to wear. They then made beautiful beaded necklaces with tassels and later in September created 3d Decoupage cards. A few members from the Social group went to the Amptill Wool Festival and had a fabulous time looking at all the wool and crafts on offer.

The Walking Group enjoyed several walks over the summer months including a lovely 8 mile circular walk around Aldbury, a 10 mile walk around and over Ivinghoe Beacon followed by a walk around Mentmore. The scenery was beautiful and the walks were great for catching up and our wellbeing.

Our meeting in October will be with Speaker Jane Yeates. She will deliver a talk about "Ladies of the Grand Tour". This will be followed by a talk on County House Servants by Adam Smith in November and our Christmas Celebration in December.

If you would like to give our friendly group a trial please email [annettejpw@btinternet.com](mailto:annettejpw@btinternet.com) to find out more details. We meet every second Thursday in the month usually in Ivinghoe Town Hall and would love to see you and welcome you to our WI and all it offers.

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# IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE CRICKET CLUB

Will Ottaway



## End of Season Review: A Historic Double for the Club

As the cricket season draws to a close, we reflect on what has undoubtedly been one of the most successful years in the club's history. With both the 1st XI and the 2nd XI achieving remarkable success, it's safe to say this will be a season remembered for years to come.

### 1st XI – Champions of the League

The 1st XI, led brilliantly by captain Matt Ferguson, capped off a stunning season by being crowned league champions. The team displayed exceptional consistency throughout the campaign, securing crucial victories against tough opposition and showing resilience in challenging conditions. The combination of youthful talent and experienced heads proved to be the perfect balance, driving the squad towards the title. Key players like Matt Dimbleby and Greg Roach delivered standout performances week in and week out, with Matt amassing a staggering 273 runs for the season, supported by Jonny and Nathan. In the bowling department, Greg was a constant menace, finishing as the league's 2nd top wicket-taker with 34 wickets, supported superbly by Nathan and Tom. The stand-out match of the season was against Whitchurch at home. With a much-rotated team, IPCC scored 360 off their 40 overs, including a century for Nathan, unbeaten 91 for Matt & 64 for Akash. The game finished closer than was expected, and it could have gone either way however IPCC held on to win by 27 runs. However, it wasn't just individual brilliance that brought success – the team ethic, fielding standards, and positive attitude on the pitch were the cornerstone of their triumph. The defining moment came throughout July when squad rotation and depth was called upon to produce some nail-biting victories against Holmer Green and Little Gaddesden helping the team to secure the points they needed to continue adding the pressure on the clubs chasing them at the top of the table. It was these moments when the squad's consistency and resolve set them up for the final push onto the championship.



### 2nd XI – T20 Champions

The 2nd XI added to the club's success by lifting the T20 competition trophy in a thrilling campaign. Under the astute leadership of Ronald Salins, the team combined disciplined bowling with aggressive batting to dominate the tournament. Throughout the group stages, the 2nd XI showcased their all-round prowess, with the bowling unit playing a key role in restricting opposition totals. James Ottaway and Phil Badrick were instrumental in leading the attack, taking crucial wickets in the powerplay, while Tom Groves excelled in the middle overs, keeping the opposition under constant pressure. In the final, the 2nd XI faced a strong



Great Hampden side and were tasked with bowling first. In challenging conditions, the bowlers responded brilliantly. James Ottaway set the tone with an early breakthrough, making the first dismissal in the 4th over. Supported by sharp fielding, the bowlers continued to tighten the screws, with Tom Groves delivering a stunning spell in the middle & latter overs, claiming 4 wickets for 24 runs. A disciplined team effort in the field saw the opposition restricted to a modest total of 140 runs. Chasing the target, the 2nd XI's batting line-up approached the task with confidence. Stanley Scott anchored the innings with a measured 33 runs, while Tom Groves pushed on scoring 63 with 6 boundaries in that total. In the end, the 2nd XI chased down the target, winning by 6 wickets with 1 over to spare. The victory capped off a remarkable T20 campaign, with the team showing composure and skill to bring the trophy home.

### John Groom Honoured with Cricket World Groundsman Award



We are incredibly proud to announce that our very own John Groom has been recognized by Cricket World with an award for Outstanding Effort. This prestigious accolade was awarded at Lords Cricket Ground and is a testament to John's dedication, expertise, and tireless work in maintaining our cricket grounds to the highest standard throughout the season. This award came about by being nominated by Will Ottaway. John's meticulous attention to detail has let to IPCC having one of the best playing surfaces in the region. From preparing immaculate pitches, that offer a fair contest between bat and ball, to ensuring the outfield remains pristine regardless of weather conditions, his

commitment to excellence has been vital to our teams' success. Visiting teams regularly praise the quality of our facilities, and much of that credit goes to John's efforts behind the scenes. John has been an integral part of the club over a number of years, constantly innovating and adopting best practices to enhance the playing experience. Whether it's during the scorching summers or soggy & unexpected downpours, John's ability to adapt and keep the grounds in top condition is remarkable. His passion for the game and attention to even the smallest details have earned him this well-deserved recognition. On behalf of the entire club, we congratulate John on this outstanding achievement and thank him for his invaluable contribution. His award is not only a personal triumph but a proud moment for the entire club.

### A Season to Remember

This season has been a testament to the depth and strength of the club as a whole. Both teams demonstrated skill, determination, and a passion to play fairly and give everyone a chance and opportunity, resulting in two major trophies and a national award coming home. The leadership from both captains, the strong commitment from the players, and the unwavering support from members of the committee working hard behind the scenes have all played a significant role in this unforgettable season.

### The Future

Looking forward, the challenge will be to build on this season's success. With a blend of emerging young talent and experienced campaigners, the future looks bright for the club. New chapters and adventures could be happening for the club. For now, though, we can all take a moment to celebrate a historic double – league champions for the 1st XI and T20 champions for the 2nd XI.

Here's to another successful season ahead! Up the Windmill!

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