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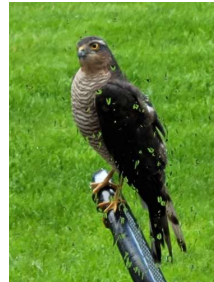
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# PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk



## A Warm Welcome to Hannah Bates

We are sure that you will join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest member of the council, Hannah Bates. Hannah is a pharmacist and runs her own skin care business. She has two children that attend the local school, and is keen to get involved in helping the community. Hannah will serve out the remaining term until the election.

If, like Hannah, you have at least 3 hours spare each week to volunteer, and are keen to get involved in the most local tier of government, there is a vacancy remaining to serve until the May 2025 elections. You may also like to consider standing for election, and taking on a 4-year term of office from May 2025. Please get in touch on 01296 767261 or email [parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk) and we'll be delighted to bring you round an information pack and chat to you further about the duties required as a member of the council and trustee of the two associated charities. More information can also be found here: <https://pitstone.co.uk/localnews/democracy-in-action-free-event-if-you-are-considering-standing-for-election-in-2025/>

## Bus Service to Tring Station

Buckinghamshire Council have been encouraged by the number of residents getting on/off the bus at Tring Station, and from the positive feedback they have received from Pitstone residents – thank you to all that have taken the time to message them. They hope to work with Red Eagle to try and tailor the times of the service to better align with the most popular train times. Please take a moment to email BC Passenger Transport on [passtrans@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:passtrans@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) and Red Eagle on [enquiries@redeagle.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@redeagle.org.uk) to let them know if there are any trains that you are particularly keen to connect with.

## Cycle/foot path to Tring Station

Buckinghamshire Council provided the following update “regarding the S106 transport contribution received by Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) from

Taylor Wimpey for the Westfield Road development towards a foot/cycle link to Tring Station. As this link would be within Hertfordshire's boundary, the S106 contribution was transferred from BCC to Hertfordshire County Council (HCC). HCC have since considered it to be unfeasible to deliver a foot/cycle link along Northfield Road with the available funding. Therefore, an alternative scheme was proposed and discussed, involving upgrades to the canal towpath that connects at Marshcroft Lane and Station Road, where an existing shared foot/cycle path connects to Tring Station. Taylor Wimpey have been informed of this proposed alternative scheme and have not raised objection. HCC are therefore now going to be progressing the delivery of these canal towpath works through the Canal and River Trust. They anticipate these works will be completed in the next 1-2 years. Separately, following public consultation in late 2024, Buckinghamshire Council is proposing to include a 'corridor' between 'Pitstone-Tring' in the Buckinghamshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). This corridor is also referenced in HCC's equivalent local LCWIP. Whilst the LCWIPs do not guarantee or provide further funding, the inclusion of the corridor in the plans will support the Council's in any future in this area, should it be progressed.” Thank you to those that responded to the consultation. When we get the specific details of the Marshcroft Lane route, we will share these.

## Bus Shelters along Westfield Road

We are delighted that the bus shelters have now been installed. Our thanks once again to Safran for funding the shelter outside their premises. No residents have yet come forward to say that they catch the bus from the stop up by Colbree, which seems to be more of a location for alighting that getting on. If you do catch the bus from here and feel that an additional shelter is necessary, please email [parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk) to let us know.

### **Tun Furlong play space**

Bellway are still working through the remedial works, but we hope to be able to adopt this area very shortly.

### **Multi Use Games Area**

The ball court by the Recreation Ground is still owned and maintained by Nicholas King Homes as it has not been constructed to the agreed standards. Both Buckinghamshire Council and the Parish Council continue to seek recompense from NKH. It is intended as an open facility for all to share. There are no individual hire agreements in place. Please be considerate of the neighbouring properties when using the court and keep music turned low, especially in the evenings or early mornings.

### **Local Wildlife Site**

There continues to be a problem with vehicles parking by the maintenance gates for the Local Wildlife Site and we continue to receive correspondence from residents that have been walking along the footpath and met with moving vehicles. Thames Valley Police are patrolling the area, speaking to offending vehicles and issuing fines if appropriate. We are also working with the landowner and tenant farmer to investigate other options to prevent illegal parking there, and further signage will be installed in due course.

Please be aware of other pedestrians and cyclists when using the paths, and give each other plenty of space when overtaking.

### **Speeding in residential roads**

We are working with Thames Valley Police and Brookmead School on a poster campaign that we will be able to utilise on our lamp posts etc. We'll let you know more details once they are finalised. The wheelie bin stickers have been distributed and we still have some spare stickers, so if you feel you have a problem with speeding in your road and would like bright yellow stickers for your wheelie bins, please drop an email to parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk providing your address and we can bring some round to you.

### **Buckinghamshire Highways**

There are lots of long outstanding issues with Buckinghamshire Highways, ranging from potholes to path restoration, and signage lighting to road markings/signs. We continue to push for resolutions and the Buckinghamshire Councillors are aware of the issues.

### **Restoration of Pitstone Quarry into a Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space**

Thank you to those that attended either the latest drop-in consultation, or the formal presentation at the Parish Council Planning Committee meeting on 2/1/25, by AA Environmental Ltd on behalf of Clark Contracting Ltd. You can find out more about the revised proposals on their project website at: <https://pitstone-quarry.co.uk/supporting-documents/> and a copy of the presentation they gave on: <https://pitstone.co.uk/ppcnews/>

### **Defibrillators**

The Parish Council is working on a project to increase the number of defibrillators in the village so that everyone can access this emergency life saving equipment within the recommended travel times. The current defibrillators are located at Pitstone Memorial Hall, Pitstone Pavilion, the Village Health Centre in Yardley Avenue and Pitstone Marina. As we are 25-30 minutes from the ambulance station at Stoke Mandeville, in the event of a cardiac event, it is really important that there are local facilities. We are currently seeking grant funding via a number of avenues and also hope to offer everyone training to familiarise themselves with its use. Further information will be published as soon as the units are installed and operational.

### **Grants**

We are currently in the process of applying for grants to purchase some additional sport and musical equipment for the Youth Café; purchase additional equipment and tools to assist the Repair Café; and expand the number of silent soldiers to include each village gateway. We'll provide an update on whether these were successful in the next edition.

## COUNTY NEWS

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



### **New Education Tax Raises Concerns in Buckinghamshire**

The recent introduction of a 20% VAT on independent school fees and the abolition of business rates relief by the Government has sparked significant concerns about the potential impact on Buckinghamshire's education system.

At a full Council meeting, Members agreed that the Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Education requesting that this policy be rethought given its impact on young people's wellbeing and attainment. They also agreed for the Cabinet to carry out a full impact assessment of the full year impact of the Education Tax upon both Buckinghamshire State Schools and Buckinghamshire independent schools both mainstream and those that provide Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision

### **Buckinghamshire Council Opposes New 'Family Farm Tax'**

At its full Council meeting on Wednesday evening, Buckinghamshire Council voiced strong opposition to the recently introduced 'Family Farm Tax' by the government, citing significant concerns over its potential impact on family farms and rural communities. Councillor Phil Gomm stated: "The new tax will make it exceedingly difficult for farmers to pass on their farms to the next generation, thereby threatening food security and the viability of rural communities.

Buckinghamshire contains many farming communities and numerous family farms. They face the devastating impact from this new

'Tax.' At a time when farmers in Buckinghamshire are struggling with soaring costs and energy prices, this sudden and unexpected tax rise will damage the future of their farms and negatively impact on wider local communities and environmental sustainability. Farmers in Buckinghamshire are already grappling with reduced subsidies, adverse trading relations, and rising costs. We believe that the new tax will exacerbate these issues, making it even harder for farmers to sustain their operations."

In response to the tax, the Council plans to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to express their dismay and request a reversal of the policy.

### **No ifs, no butts – Council demonstrates its zero-tolerance on sales of illegal tobacco, cigarettes and vapes**

Buckinghamshire Council has once again demonstrated its zero-tolerance to those attempting to sell counterfeit and illegal vapes and cigarette and tobacco products in the county, following recent successful court action against three local businesses. In November, Smokey World, in Castle Street, High Wycombe, was issued with a closure order by Wycombe Magistrates to run for three months and later the same month Red Power in Aylesbury was also served with a closure order for a period of three months. Most recently, Stoke Convenience Store in Stoke Road, Aylesbury, was served with a one-month closure order at a hearing at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on 3/12/24. All three premises had been subject to

investigations by officers from Buckinghamshire and Surrey Trading Standards, having been caught selling a variety of illicit products including illegal vapes, counterfeit cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco in test purchasing exercises carried out by undercover officers. A number of operations involving tobacco detection dogs were also carried out at the locations. These specialist canines are trained to sniff out cigarettes and tobacco that is hidden from sight. At Smokey World the dogs were able to locate counterfeit goods concealed behind sophisticated false wall panels. Stoke Convenience Store was also caught selling both regular vapes and alcohol to underage shoppers.

The closure orders were sought under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, and mean neither of the premises is allowed to open for trade during the three month/one month period respectively. If the orders are breached, those involved are liable for arrest and could receive up to 51 weeks in prison, or a fine, or both.

### **Man caught littering sees penalty soar to more than £1,100 after failing to pay Fixed Penalty**

A man who failed to pay a simple £150 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for littering in March 2024 has paid a hefty price for his crime, as the costs rise to more than £1,100 in court. Ricardo Allen of Hawkins Road, London, was convicted of an offence of littering in his absence, at Wycombe Magistrates Court on 16 October 2024.

The court heard that on 6 March 2024, a vehicle was recorded littering on Broughton Lane, Aylesbury. The offence was recorded by a dashcam provided by another driver. The footage played a key role in the investigation, capturing the offence and an image of the litter being discarded from the window.

The vehicle was traced to Allen who attended an interview in Aylesbury, where he was shown the dashcam footage. The litter consisted of food waste, specifically takeaway packaging containing chicken bones. The driver received a £150 Fixed Penalty Notice for the littering offence, however, he refused to pay. In cases like this, Buckinghamshire Council gathers sufficient evidence to prosecute in the event of non-payment and as this happened in this instance, there was no

choice but to initiate court action.

On 16/10/24, the evidence was presented at a hearing held in the defendant's absence, as he chose not to attend the court. The court found Mr Allen guilty. Legal costs were imposed, totalling £798.96, which additionally included a fine of £220 and a victim surcharge of £88.00. Allen was ordered to pay the total amount of £1,106.94 within 28 days.

### **Company learns the hard way – NEVER pay cash to have your waste removed**

A waste company which paid another company to take away waste from their own vehicle when it broke down has been prosecuted in court after the waste was found dumped by the roadside in Buckinghamshire. Complete Waste Management Ltd, based in Essex, pleaded guilty to the offence of failing in their duty of care when transferring waste to a waste remover, when the case was heard at High Wycombe Magistrates' Court on 27/11/24.

The court heard that on 14 September 2023, a mixture of household and building waste was found dumped at Ibstone Road in Stokenchurch. Buckinghamshire Council's waste enforcement team carries out regular searches of the area, due to it being heavily blighted with fly-tipping. On this occasion, an enforcement officer found details amongst the waste belonging to an address in Fairlight Road, London.

Enquiries identified a company called Complete Waste Management Ltd who explained that they recognised the waste, and they had removed the waste from the property in London. Complete Waste Management Ltd explained that when they removed the waste initially, their vehicle broke down and was unable to move. In order for the recovery vehicle to take their van away, the waste on the back needed to be removed.

Complete Waste Management Ltd found a company to remove the waste from their van and arranged for its removal, explaining that this was the last they heard of it. Complete Waste Management Ltd said they paid £150 cash but did not do the appropriate checks and so when the waste was later found dumped illegally, they admitted liability. Magistrates at High Wycombe Magistrates' Court fined Complete Waste Management Ltd £600 and ordered them to pay a contribution

of £1546.71 towards the council's clean up and investigation costs. A victim surcharge was also added of £240 - making a total to pay of £2,386.71

### **Council produces balanced budget amidst financial challenges**

Buckinghamshire Council has published its updated medium-term financial plan which details how it will balance its budget for the next three years.

In a continuing acutely challenging financial context for local government, the Council has worked hard to identify the further savings needed during the next financial year to balance the books until 2028. It's also produced a detailed budget proposal for 2025/26 including how much it's planning to spend on major projects and services, following consultation with residents.

The current financial year has seen demand rise further still particularly in four key services, namely adult social care, children's social care, transporting higher needs children to and from school and providing temporary accommodation for homeless people and families. Cost and demand for these services mean they're considerably overspent, particularly where 'high needs' children's services are concerned as the cost to the Council is higher than the grant provided by government for these services. Given that nearly 80% of the Council's budget is funded through council tax, the budget proposals recommend raising the base rate of Council

tax by 2.99%, alongside a 2% rise in the Adult Social Care precept, meaning a total 4.99% rise in bills next year, which represents an extra £1.77 per week for the average Band D home in 2025/26.

The Council has worked extremely hard to find further savings, efficiencies and other mitigations to allow it to produce a balanced budget and is offsetting the rising costs by identifying £115.6 million in further savings and income. Alongside the savings made through becoming a Unitary Council, overall Buckinghamshire Council will have made savings of more than £230 million from the time it came into being in 2020 through to the end of this budget period in 2028.

The updated budget proposals for 2025/26 include a commitment to dedicate significant funding to key projects and priorities for residents. These include:

- \* Extra funding for our roads, taking the total investment to £120 million
- \* £24.8 million to support regeneration
- \* £10.7 million on climate change and flood management
- \* £24.8 million to support housing and homelessness
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Cllr Derek Town



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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 February !**

Pitstone Step-Up Grants have so far provided a laptop for a mature student undertaking an Open University degree, helped two young people with their university accommodation fees, assisted 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.

**Applications for the next round need to be submitted by the end of February 2025. You will need to attend an interview in support of your application on the evening of Thursday 20 March. You will receive notification of any grant offered by early April.**

**As applications are only considered quarterly, we encourage you to think ahead and apply early !**

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.



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# PITSTONE TOWN LANDS CHARITY

**Pitstone Town Lands Charity provides financial support to people who need help in our community. We offer grants to individual Pitstone residents, as well as local organisations who provide valuable services to them.**

- The Charity makes individual grants to local people who need financial support. Grants include the cost of transport to hospital or job interviews, support for further education or training (including books), as well as bereavement grants towards funeral costs.
- We regard people of pensionable age as among those most in need. We assist with grants for glasses, dental care and chiropody. The Charity does not make regular payments or fund a higher level of service than considered necessary by the NHS or other statutory services.

Pitstone Town Lands Charity has been helping residents of Pitstone since 1422. According to Gill Lowe, the current Chair of PTLC Trustees, “Years ago, settlements that were larger than a hamlet or with a church, used to be called a town. That’s why today villages often have a Town Farm or Town Hall and, like Pitstone, may have Town Land Charities. These charities owned strips of land that were used for the benefit of needy inhabitants in the town”.

Gill goes on to say that “Back in 1422, PTLC owned two acres of arable land. Then in 1625, documents held in the Buckinghamshire County Archive, showed the Charity also owned a cottage, barn, garden and an orchard. During the 19th century the charity’s assets fell into disrepair. Its buildings were only fit for housing ducks and in a sixty-year period it only earned £10 in rent”.

In 1912, PTLC was revamped, and the Charity Commission approved a new scheme allowing the charity to use funds for nursing tasks and associated travel costs. This operated until 1968, when the current scheme was adopted to widen the scope of benefits which the Charity could offer.

Today, PTLC owns four flats for rent to tenants with a strong Pitstone connection, two large fields used for agricultural purposes, and a 6-acre field rented by residents to keep their horses. The charity also receives dividends and interest from investments. We report our annual accounts to the Charity Commission, and these can be viewed on the Commission’s website.

**If you or someone you know needs help, please contact Gill Lowe (Chair of PTLC Trustees) in confidence on 01296 668809 or [gill.lowe@pitstone.email](mailto:gill.lowe@pitstone.email)**

The other PTLC trustees are Tracy Fuentes (Treasurer), Kate Smethers, Sue Gregory, Mark Robinson, Alasdair Russell and Eric McCashey. You’ll find more information about the Charity at [www.pitstone.co.uk/PTLC](http://www.pitstone.co.uk/PTLC).



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## Do you or someone you know need help?

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# HOUSEMOUSE

Mark Scott



On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 the HouseMouse team will return to Pitstone Pavilion with their Big Top to host their ever-popular Community Dance Music Event.

The 2024 event sold out 3 weeks prior to the event, and those who were lucky enough to get a ticket were definitely not disappointed. The party ran from 3pm until midnight on one of the

warmest and sunniest Saturdays of early summer.

During daylight hours the crowd danced in open air to fresh cuts and remixes of classic disco/house tracks whilst being entertained by aerial artistes (silk and hoop) and acro yoga performers. After a beautiful sunset, the giant screen and stage lighting in the big top kicked into life, generating spectacular visuals to accompany the superb sound system, over which the DJs delivered deeper, bassier house, techno and trance beats to an energetic crowd. HouseMouse attracts a wide demographic of young ... to not-so-young, good-spirited clubbers ... all united in a common desire to “release their inner Ibiza” in a safe, inclusive and happy environment.

As HouseMouse is run by a team of local volunteers who operate as a ‘not for profit’ collective, the wider Pitstone, Ivinghoe and Cheddington community all benefit from the 2024 event, with HouseMouse generously making donations totalling £2,250 to three community groups after the event.

These donations were split equally between the Ivinghoe and Pitstone Scout Group (who are purchasing new camping equipment with the funds), the Pitstone and Ivinghoe Junior Football Club (who are using the money to buy new pop-up goals and rebound nets for goal keeper training) and the Cheddington Scout Group (who have put the contribution towards renovations to their Scout hut).

The organisers of this year’s event on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> are promising to deliver another upbeat day of great electronic music with a happy vibe... and a “safe space for clubbers to dance like nobody is watching”!

So, keep a keen eye on HouseMouse Socials for ticketing information and grab yours before you miss out (FB @housemousemusic IG @housemousemusicclub). There is also a rumour that the Big Top may be hosting a couple of quieter evenings on the Thursday and Friday nights before HouseMouse... lovers of comedy and cinema take note and look out for further details to be announced in due course.

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Marion Jackson

The Beacon Art Group would like to thank all who came to their recent coffee morning in the Town Hall. We had a very pleasant morning explaining what we do on Tuesday mornings, and some very nice comments about the pictures and sketches shown.

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**Rikki Harrington (Ashridge Estate Committee Member)**

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# IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE WI

Kay Ison



Our WI has had an interesting 3 months. In the October meeting there were over 20 of us attending a talk in Ivinghoe Town Hall by Jean Yates on "Ladies of the Grand Tour, Intrepid wives, widows and mistresses". Jean told us that it was very unusual for women to venture on the Grand Tour in the 1700s and 1800s and only aristocratic women went with their husbands. Mainly women were seen as homemakers and there was even a book written on "The Art of Governing a Wife" in 1747! I can't see this one making the top 10 best selling books today!

One of the interesting facts that came up during the talk was that Lady Ann Fanshawe (nee Harrison) was married to the Ambassador of Portugal and then Spain. She made up a recipe for ice cream which was written down but which did not say how to freeze it. Lady Mary Wortley Montague eloped with her husband who was Ambassador in Constantinople. She brought back the smallpox vaccination and her friend the Princess of Wales had her own 2 children vaccinated. This vaccine was later attributed to British physician Edward Jenner! A lot of the 10 ladies Jean researched, were married at a very young age with 15, 16 and 17 years being very common.

Annette, our President thanked Jean for her interesting talk which we all enjoyed. What colourful and adventurous lives these aristocratic ladies led.

The cold autumn Thursday night in November did not deter our diehard members from attending our November meeting. Our speaker Adam Smith gave a talk on "Servants and the English Country House".

We soon discovered that the perception we have from television programmes like Downton Abbey that servants remained in post for many years was not true as in reality lots of the servants were young and moved on quickly rather than staying in the same position. This was particularly true of the indoor staff who started work in service in

their late teens to early thirties.

Outdoor staff who worked the land were much more likely to stay longer as they became tenants of the landowner.

A House Steward was in charge of the indoor staff and reported to the Mistress of the House. It was a difficult situation due to the staff being so young. Normally male servants were on show and so more important. They wore uniforms, served food and looked after the drink. The staff were given a beer allowance to stop them stealing the drink. The male servants were paid more than the female servants and up until 1930 the employer had to pay a tax for each male servant so you were considered wealthy if you had male servants. The Head Cook was responsible for all the food consumed so had to look out for any fiddles going on.

Although the wages for indoor staff was low, they did get their food, uniforms and accommodation for free. Staff saved money during their careers and many set up businesses later in life. An example of this was a married couple called Claridges who set up the now famous hotel. The lady of the house and housekeeper always had the worry of their staff becoming pregnant and any maids who got married had to leave service.

The talk was very interesting, particularly as some of our members had family who lived through this time and even had their names changed to one the lady of the house could remember! I for one am grateful that I could retire with a pension rather than relying on my family or employer's generosity or even working until I died.

We had our Christmas celebration in the Daisy Chain Cafe this month and Des and his team cooked and served 26 of us a lovely meal. Members dressed up in their Christmas finery and there were lots of sparkles to

dazzle us. It was fabulous that a long standing member, Win, who was our Secretary for 10 years was able to join us for the meal, dropped off by a family member. The tables looked lovely with their Christmas decor and each of us received a beautifully sewn tissue holder from the Committee made by Mandy.

It was great to see some culinary theatre with Des following tradition pouring brandy over the pudding and lighting it in front of us. Coffee and mints were well received at the end of the meal. Two members read monologues from the late Joyce Grenfell which were very amusing. There was also a free raffle and one of our newest members, Lyn, won a beautiful piece of fused glassware donated from a workshop held by the craft group earlier in the year. Two other lucky members won tins of the nation's favourite sweets at Christmas. There were lots groans from our table as we worked out the riddles and jokes from our Christmas Crackers and our table had a full complement of hat wearers. We then had a visit from Santa who distributed our Secret Santa presents. Members were able to catch up and chat with their friends and deliver their Christmas cards by hand.

All of our meetings included business items with updates from Federation and interest groups. Tessa and Betty attended Eddlesborough's WI's 95th birthday party where they were entertained by pirates and enjoyed delicious food and company. We will be having a resolution discussion early next year so that we can vote on a WI resolution before the February deadline set by the Federation. There was also an update on Annette's coffee morning and donations raised for the Women's Refuge in Aylesbury. We enjoyed drinks and cake provided by various member volunteers at the October and November meetings and Betty continued running the monthly raffle in aid of the Women's Refuge at Aylesbury.

Our interest groups have continued to grow in popularity. The Knit and Natter group put up the poppy swathe and poppies in both villages for the November Remembrance Service. How poignant and beautiful they looked. A big thank you must go to this group

who support our villages with this important event every year. They are continuing with both personal projects and knitting warm accessories to be sent to Ukraine. Random Readers met up monthly in Ivinghoe Library and discussed a number of books some of which were taken to our meetings for members to take home for a small donation. The Social Group met up several times in the Daisy Chain Cafe for chats and coffee on Friday mornings and Kate arranged a trip to see the BeeGees tribute show in Aylesbury with great memories of days gone by and lots of "Saturday Night Fever". Tessa is planning a lunch in January and a Gin tasting in February.

The Craft Group made some beautiful 3d decoupage cards in October and funky gonk bottle toppers which look great for Christmas celebrations at their next meeting. They then opened up their session to all WI members with a wreath making evening. It was a fun evening with 16 members attending. The mulled wine, shortbread and mince pies definitely got the creative juices going. By the end of the evening there were 16 different but beautifully crafted Christmas wreaths waiting to adorn doors in both villages. The Walking Group have had 2 lovely walks arranged by Pat and Kate. The first was a circular walk from Kenworth via Dunstable Downs and back to the Farmers Boy for a delicious hot meal. It was a lovely walk with great company and scenery. The next walk was a lovely 5.5 mile circular walk starting and finishing at Studham. It was a beautiful Autumnal day with lots of colour and dried leaves. Again it was followed by a tasty meal at the Bell.

January's meeting will be a musical evening with cheese and biscuits. In February we will receive a talk on Scott's trip to the Antarctic and March will cover our AGM. If any one is interested in joining our Group and would like a trial or further information, please contact our President, Annette Hutchinson email: [anneteipwi@btinternet.com](mailto:anneteipwi@btinternet.com)

Happy New Year to you all from all of us at the WI.

# IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE CRICKET CLUB

Will Ottaway



Following on from a very successful season, the club has been busy in preparing itself ahead of the 2025 Season. After winning the Mid Bucks League, this left the club searching for a new challenge and to test our skills even further. Through a lot of hard work from Ant Day and David Frankum, the club has successfully joined the Cherwell Cricket League for 2025. The team's squads have been placed into Division 6A and 9A for the upcoming season. This league involves traveling to new and different clubs that we haven't played against as well as playing a different format and regulations that will need different disciplines throughout the season. The club and the players are excited about what the season has in store!

In October 2024, the club hosted its End of Season and Presentation Evening at Stocks Golf Club in Aldbury. Below is a list of all the awards & winners from the 2024 season:

- 1st Team Top Run Scorer – Matt Dimpleby
- 1st Team Leading Wicket Taker – Greg Roach
- 1st Team Players' Player – Nathan Bandari
- 2nd Team Top Run Scorer – Puneet Kapoor
- 2nd Team Leading Wicket Taker – Deepak Narayanappa
- 2nd Team Players' Player – Ron Salins
- Sunday Top Run Scorer – Martin Nice
- Sunday Leading Wicket Taker – Wayne Nash
- Best Fielding award – Stanley Scott and Ron Salins
- 6 Hitting Award – Matt Dimpleby
- Cricketer of the Year – Nathan Bandari
- Young Cricketer of the Year – Jack Nash
- Most Improved Player – Theo Biehler
- Clubman of the Year – John Groom

In December the club held its AGM and Alec Henson informed the club that he was stepping down. The club would like to thank Alec for his service during this time and Puneet Kapoor was voted by the members to become our new Treasurer. Also, John Groom has withdrawn from the committee due to his very busy schedule. Three new members have joined the committee; Nick, Micheala & Wasiq bring with them different experiences, ideas and motivations to continue to drive the club forwards.

It is with great sadness that the club was informed of the passing of Steve Royffe. He was appointed as the Club Chairman between 2015 – 2017 after being a member for several years. During his time with the club, he had the passion and drive to make changes that we are benefitting from today. These include: rotation of the cricket square to how it sits now, achieving the Club Mark Status and leading a number of different social days for the club including the 175th Year Celebration. Even though he did all of this for the club behind the scenes, he continuously made himself available for selection and contributed where he could. A highlight being against Edlesborough where he turned the game in our favour with a bowling spell with figures of 3-24.

Finally, looking ahead for the next few months, we will be having our indoor nets at Kingsbrook School in Aylesbury. For more information about the club & nets, please email our secretary, Ant Day using [ivinghoepitstonecricket@outlook.com](mailto:ivinghoepitstonecricket@outlook.com) and keep an eye on our socials to keep up to date.



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## LOCAL INFORMATION

### LOCAL VENUES

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

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

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

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

**Pitstone Memorial Hall:** 2 various sized event rooms including large hall with integrated cinema screen and raised stage. 2 kitchens, Heroes—our modern refurbished bar, wi-fi, disabled access throughout, ample car parking. Contact: [pnhbooking@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com).

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

**Scouts:** 7-8:30pm, Friday, Leader: Andrew Woods. Contact: Andrew Woods (Group Scout Leader) by email: [Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:Ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:annetteipwi@btinternet.com)

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

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

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

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

**Ivinghoe and Pitstone Royal British Legion:** Chair, TBC

**Beacon Community Choir:** A choir which sings a wide variety of repertoire, and where all are welcome. Rehearsals Thursdays (term time) at 8.15 in St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe. Leader Judith Sheridan. Contact Lindsay Hewlett 01296 660670 [lhewlett@btinternet.com](mailto:lhewlett@btinternet.com)

**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. Bringing learning to life and life to learning.

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

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

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

## SPORT

**Cheddington Bowls Club:** The Recreation Ground, High St. LU7 9AA one of the best bowling greens in the area. Tuesdays at 2pm or Friday at 6 pm, May to Sept. [www.cheddingtonbowls.org.uk](http://www.cheddingtonbowls.org.uk) Contact: Diane Benford 01296 661381

**Pitstone and Ivinghoe Junior Boys' and Girls' Football:** School years 1 to 13. If you are interested in playing football, having fun and making new friends, get in touch, no experience needed. All our coaches are FA Level 1 or 2 qualified and DBS checked. Email: [development@pandifootball.net](mailto:development@pandifootball.net) [www.pandifootball.net](http://www.pandifootball.net).

## RELIGION

**Churches Conservation Trust (St Mary's Pitstone)** [visitchurches.org.uk](http://visitchurches.org.uk) or phone Jean Boothe 01296 661745

**St Mary's Ivinghoe:** Rev James Granger-Smith 01296 297915. 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](mailto: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](http://www.pitstonesurgery.co.uk) and 01525 223211

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

**Nifty Fifties Plus:** Keep fit for older folk followed by optional gentle sport. Not for profit. Cheddington Village Hall. Thursdays 10-12. Contact: Chris Hall, 01442 824350

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

## LOCAL CHARITIES

**PITSTONE STEP-UP GRANTS:** Tel: 01296767261 Email: [stepupgrants@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:stepupgrants@pitstone.co.uk) Web: <https://pitstone.co.uk/localinfo/pitstone-step-up-grants/>

**PITSTONE TOWN LANDS CHARITY:** Tel: 01296 668809 Email: [gill.lowe@pitstone](mailto:gill.lowe@pitstone) Web: [Pitstone.co.uk/ptlc](http://pitstone.co.uk/ptlc)

**WILLIAMSON TRUST:** Tel: 01296 668809 Email: [gill.lowe@pitstone](mailto:gill.lowe@pitstone) Web: <https://pitstone.co.uk/localinfo/the-williamson-trust/>

## 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

**Ashridge House:** Set in 190 acres of gardens, Ashridge House is majestically nestled in National Trust woodland in the rolling Chiltern Hills in Hertfordshire. Tours available. Find out more at <http://www.ashridgehouse.org.uk/about-Ashridge-house/>

**Pitstone Windmill:** This beautifully restored mill is a window into history and also a perfect location for some stunning walks. Part of Ashridge Estate, Pitstone Windmill is a Chilterns gem from the 17th century. More info: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/pitstone-windmill>

## USEFUL NUMBERS

**Report a Right of Way Issue:** <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/>

**Street light problems:** Last phase of Castlemead & business park lights – email: [CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com](mailto:CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com)

Marsworth Road, Westfield Road and phase 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](mailto:parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk)

**Report a pot hole, blocked drain or other highway problem:** Bucks Council online: <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-it-pothole.aspx> 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](mailto:trees.av@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

**Other nuisances causing problems e.g. smoke, air pollution etc:** Visit Bucks Council website: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/environmental-health-and-nuisance/>

**Bothered by aircraft noise:** Email Luton Airport [noise@ltn.aero](mailto:noise@ltn.aero)

**Need details of a planning application:** Details of all local applications are published online by Bucks Council: <https://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](mailto:passtrans@buckscc.gov.uk)

**Power Cuts:** UK Power Networks telephone 105

## DATES FOR TRING FARMERS MARKET

Twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Saturdays at the Market Place in Brook Street, Tring. Except in December when it is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays . Sign up to newsletter [www.tringfarmersmarket](http://www.tringfarmersmarket) or follow Instagram and Facebook @tringfarmersmarket to keep up to date with all the latest news and events.

## PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Pitstone is served by 3 Buckinghamshire Councillors - Derek Town ([derek.town@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:derek.town@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) / 07786720727 ), Chris Poll ([chris.poll@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:chris.poll@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) / 07736105959) & Peter Brazier ([peter.brazier@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:peter.brazier@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) / 07785384989 )

If you wish to view the plans for any planning application currently under consultation by Buckinghamshire Council, please visit <https://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications>

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- Stoke Mandeville Hospital £9.50
- Wycombe Hospital £18.50

For more information, or to request a trip, please contact Stephen on **01296 767116** email: [communitytransport@pitstone.co.uk](mailto:communitytransport@pitstone.co.uk)

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