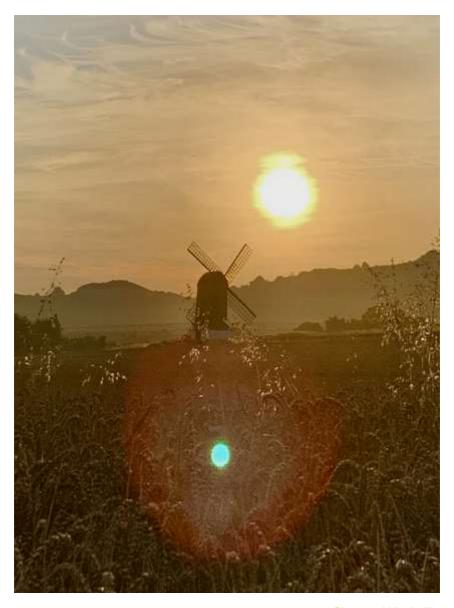
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#### PITSTONE PARISH COUNCIL Laurie Eagling, Parish Clerk

Final three public access defibrillators being installed thanks to Pitstone Town Lands Charity

We are delighted to advise that an additional defibrillator is now up-and-running at 1 Meadow Lane, opposite the junction of Church Road and Vicarage Road. This unit was funded by the Parish Council, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the resident who has granted permission for it to be located on their premises. This defibrillator is likely to be your nearest if you live at this end of the village or are taken unwell whilst visiting the church or whilst walking the surrounding rights of way.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Pitstone Town Lands Charity for awarding us a grant of £1,500 towards the cost of defibrillators for the remaining two sites in Windsor Road and Crispin Field. The Parish Council resolved to meet the remainder of the costs to complete this project, the units have been ordered and will be installed shortly. Both of these will be lamp post mounted.

Pitstone Town Lands Charity provides financial support to people who need help in our community. They offer grants to individual Pitstone residents, as well as local organisations who provide valuable services to them. Please see the advert within this magazine for full details

of how they may be able to provide you with assistance, should you need it.

Grant for the Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café



Our sincere thanks to the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board for approving a grant to fully fund the purchase of additional equipment for the Pitstone Repair Café.

Alex Razak says "The Repair Café volunteers have found this to make a significant difference. The power supplies have allowed more of our electronic engineers to tackle challenging repairs simultaneously, speeding up the repairs. Other tools have allowed repairers to repair items straight away rather than having to take them home. All of this benefits the visitors and the environment as we now see over 60 items during the 3 hours we are open and have an average success rate well over the UK average!"

The Repair Café operates from Pitstone Pavilion on a monthly basis.



#### <u>Suicide Prevention Bench – Legend on</u> <u>the Bench & PRS Office Furniture</u>

Please see the separate article in this magazine about the Suicide Prevention Bench on the Recreation Ground donated by PRS Office Furniture. We extend our thanks to them for this kind donation.

#### <u>Children's Art Competition to Design</u> <u>Road Safety Signs</u>

On Saturday 2 August 2025 it was our pleasure to present the prizes to the children who won our Art Competition to design road safety signs. The event was hosted by the Parish Council, Brookmead School and Thames Valley Police. Each child was awarded a copy of their artwork made up into a sign and a certificate by the Parish Council, and a goody bag of treats from Thames Valley Police. Copies of all the signs have been erected around the village to encourage motorists to slow down. Very many congratulations to all our winners for their bright, colourful and eye-catching designs.



Submit your nominations for Volunteer of the Year 2026 by 19 January 2026

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) so that they can be taken into consideration for the 2026 award. Please ensure all nominations reach us by 19 January 2026

# <u>Conclusion of audit for year ending</u> 2024-25

Our external auditors, PKF Littlejohn, have completed their audit and no matters were arising. The first layer is undertaken by members of the Parish Council and its staff. The second laver is an 'internal audit' undertaken by independent experts appointed by the Parish Council – in our case this is IAC Ltd. Finally, the accounts and supporting documents are submitted to an external auditor appointed to the Parish Council. As our income/expenditure exceeded £200k this year, the Council will be subject to an intermediate level review. Only following the third layer of audit, are the accounts declared 'audited'. All the information will remain available on our website.

#### Replacement Slide for Windsor Road

Quotations have been considered and a preferred option has been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council. We are awaiting their approval on our grant application for a release of some Section 106 funding towards the cost of this unit. We will update you as soon as we are able.

#### Improvements at the Pavilion

The Parish Council is working jointly with Pitstone & Ivinghoe United Football Club to install a pitch barrier around the senior pitch with mesh infill panels. This will allow advertising signs to be erected, creating a new advertising opportunity and revenue stream to help fund the ongoing pitch care.

#### <u>Ivinghoe & Pitstone Safety Scheme</u>

Buckinghamshire Council has advised that they have some highway maintenance issues to resolve before they can progress with any elements of the safety scheme along the section of Marsworth Road between Westfield Road and the roundabout. We continue to explore options and timelines with them for these works.

# Consultation on Buckinghamshire Council's Draft Local Plan – Have Your Say before 29 October

Buckinghamshire Council is consulting residents on the first draft of its new Local Plan. Once adopted the Plan will set the legal framework for making decisions on housing, green spaces and economic growth for the next 15 years — so it's a significant document which potentially affects us all. This is the first Plan since Buckinghamshire became a unitary council: in our case, it will replace the

current Vale of Aylesbury Plan (the VALP). The consultation period is open until midnight on 29th October and everyone is encouraged to respond (the Parish Council, through its Planning Committee, will also submit its own response).

The Draft Plan is a long document. There are two parts. Part A ("Spatial Strategies") sets out Buckinghamshire Council's vision for Buckinghamshire, its key objectives, and challenges. Importantly, it contains a section on housing which explains the challenge the Council faces in delivering up to 95,000 new homes (as required by Central Government policy) and it suggests ways in which different communities (including villages) might contribute to the growth target. There is also a section on economic growth (including proposals for potential expansion of existing employment sites).

Comments are invited on these proposals but at this stage the draft is very high-level. A second version of the Plan will be produced next year which will have more specific targets and site allocations (however, there is nothing to stop respondents from commenting on what they would like to see on these at this stage if they wish).

Part B deals with "Development Management Policies" – in other words, the proposed policies which will apply to ensure that the strategies in Part A meet a high standard. Eight topic-areas are covered in detail, including aspects of housing, transport, the local economy and the natural environment.

The Plan is drafted so that there are consultation questions after each

proposal. Consultees are then encouraged to use a link to an online survey to respond to them. (You don't have to respond to every question if you choose this route!) But you don't have to use the survey at all, you can also simply let the Council have your views by letter or email. A link to the Draft Plan, with full details of how to respond, can be found at https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/local-plan/ If you wish to copy in

the Parish Council on your response, then please do so. It would be helpful to know what you think about the Draft Plan, and we won't otherwise see your comments.

The Parish Council will have considered its own response at the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 16 October 2025.

#### Welcome!

If you are a new resident of the parish, we extend a warm welcome to you.

Please email us on pitstone.co.uk or leave us a message on 01296 767261 and we will bring round a New Home Welcome Pack full of useful local information to help you settle in.

It also includes a copy of Pitstone 2000, providing a wealth of information about the unique heritage of our village.

#### PITSTONE PAVILION





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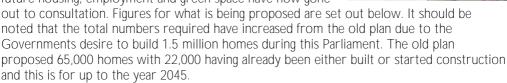
The Parish Council offers grants to local community groups and local charities that specifically benefit Pitstone residents. **Applications are considered quarterly.**Please visit www.pitstone.co.uk for more

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

# BUCKS COUNTY NEWS Councillors Chris Poll and Peter Brazier

#### Local Plan.

The latest proposals for the new plan for Buckinghamshire future housing, employment and green space have now gone



The proposed headline numbers are set out below.

- Brownfield sites within existing towns and villages 1,500-2,500
- Growth on the edges of existing main towns 23,000-28,000
- New towns 11,000-13,000
- Development at transport hubs 16,000-19,000
- Expansion near key employment areas 5,000-6,000
- Limited expansion of villages 13,000-15,000
- Expanding urban areas on the edge of Buckinghamshire 6,000-7,000
- Total 75,000-91,000
- Windfall 7,400
- Total housing supply + commitments 82,000-99,000
- Housing requirement 91,000
- with 5% buffer 95,550

What this means for us within Ivinghoe ward, with only villages and hamlets, is that the proposed increase would equate to 60 dwellings per parish. Obviously, for some smaller parishes an additional 60 dwellings would significantly increase their population. Therefore, my colleague Peter Brazier and I will put forward a proposal to place a ceiling on any increase to 10% maximum.

On top of this there is a proposal for the creation of new towns. These would be of at least 10,000 dwellings and would be additional to the numbers stated above.

Buckinghamshire Council are required to progress this new plan with a deadline of December 2026 to remain under the remit of the old system. Government have introduced a new way of calculating need and if we do not meet that deadline we will be working under the new scheme which will undoubtedly increase numbers which need to be provided.

Buckinghamshire Council have just published their draft documents on their website. They are very comprehensive documents.

The consultation is here: https://yourvoicebucks/citizenspace.com/planning/local-plan/ We would encourage everyone to complete the consultation.



#### **Buckinghamshire Archive.**

In March 2025, Buckinghamshire Archives Service was awarded provisional Accredited Status for two years by the National Archives, to be reviewed a year after the relocation to High Wycombe has taken place. The assessors congratulated the service on its strong community engagement offer and noted positive developments around digital preservation. The Archives Service has also been confirmed as an ongoing Place of Deposit, which means it can continue to hold specific records under Section 4 (1) of the Public Records Act (1958). The Accreditation Assessment is a rigorous process and achieving this award confirms the Service is performing well in all aspects of delivery. The Archives Service has introduced a Virtual Classroom offer, in addition to the Virtual Searchroom and 'Ask the Archivist' online offers. This will enable schools across the county to incorporate archives into their learning.

#### Fair Funding Settlement.

Whilst this may sound a bit of a dry topic it is in fact vitally important. Buckinghamshire Council receives its revenue, approx. £1.2bn, from council tax and business rates. The days of general grants from government ended some years ago and since then we have been wary of what is called Negative Revenue Support Grants. This would mean that we would give some of the revenue we had raised in this county back to Government for them to in turn give to another local authority elsewhere in the country. The latest proposal from Government is that this will indeed happen and is due to be announced sometime toward the end of the year. The figure being suggested by the County Councils Network is £40m which will bring pressure to our budget on an unprecedented scale. Central Government are still to confirm the actual figures but on the CCN figures we would be in the highest 2 or 3 councils negatively affected. Since inception, Buckinghamshire Council has made savings of £120m in its first 4 year term and has budgeted for a further £120m of savings in this term. An additional demand of 33% on top of these savings will bring difficulty in deciding what to cut from our non-core services. We really hope our MPs will lobby hard on this subject as it is unfair to expect Bucks residents and businesses to subsidise other parts of the country.



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

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#### Supporting people in need in Pitstone

Pitstone Town Lands Charity offer grants to individual Pitstone residents, as well as local organisations who provide valuable services to them.

- We make individual grants to local people who need financial support.
   Grants include help with transport costs, support for further education and towards funeral costs.
- We regard local people of pensionable age as among those most in need.
   The Charity can assist with the cost of glasses, dental care and chiropody.
- · We own four flats available for rent to tenants with a strong Pitstone connection.

#### Do you or someone you know need help?

Contact Gill Lowe (Chair of PTLC Trustees) on 01296 668809 or gill.lowe@pitstone.email

You will find more information about the charity at www.pitstone.co.uk/PTLC



#### Supporting Pitstone residents over the age of 65

The Williamson Trust provides financial support to any person aged 65 or older on 31 March. Grants are made in April each year and delivered as cheques to eligible residents.

- The Williamson Trust is a registered charity (number 266108) and was established in 1973 for the benefit of people over 65 who live within the parish of Pitstone.
- . Trustees maintain a list of eligible couples and individuals, and deliver grants as cheques annually.

# Do you know of an eligible person who has not received a grant?

Please contact Gill Lowe (Chair of the Williamson Trust) on 01296 668809 or gill.lowe@pitstone.email

You will find more information about the charity at www.pitstone.co.ulc/WilliamsonTrust

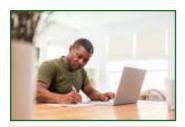
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As part of the last round of Pitstone Step-Up Grants, the Charity were delighted to provide funding for one resident to attend sign language training, supported by an interpreter; one young man to receive a bus pass to attend further education along with some necessary PPE for his course; an applicant to receive funding to access train travel to attend a Masters course in London: one young lady to receive partial funding towards university accommodation and a voung person received funding to join the Buckinghamshire Youth Orchestra and receive further musical tuition. The total value of the funds granted equalled almost £8,400.

Applications for the next round need to be submitted by 28 November 2025. You will need to attend an interview in support of your application on the evening of Thursday 18 December 2025. You will receive notification of any grant offered within ten days. 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



**Career Step-Up Grants** 



**Education Step-Up Grants** 



Pitstone Parish Charity, Registration Number: 261752

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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



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**Community Organisation** Step-Up Grants



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





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#### PITSTONE CHURCH EVENTS

#### **Bill Brassington**

As we come to the end of the summer of events at Pitstone Church it is time to look back and to thank all those friends and volunteers who have contributed to a very successful year.

The Church has been open on every Sunday afternoon and Bank Holiday from 2.30 – 5.00 pm from May to September. So many visitors came to enjoy the history and atmosphere of the church, and my thanks go to the Friends of the Church who opened it up and provided a friendly face to welcome all our visitors. Without your support we could not have shown the pride we have in our Church.

#### And what a year for our special events!

We opened on June 3rd with This Is My Theatre who returned to Pitstone church to bring an excellent rendering of the classic "The Three Musketeers". A very appreciative audience watched young D'Artagnan travel to Paris to join the Musketeers and uncover a plot to discredit Queen Anne in the eyes of King Louis XIII and the country. With Athos, Porthos and Aramis, D'Artagnan helped to defeat the evil Cardinal Richelieu and Milady de Winter, but their quest was not easy...

It was a dazzling rip-roaring, cloak and epée spectacular, an excellent evening with plenty of action, a touch of comedy and humorous songs, and the audience were thoroughly entertained.

This is My Theatre come back for another unmissable performance next year.

On July 4th we opened the Church for a Wine and Cheese evening to sample some excellent wines with sumptuous cheese. The doors opened at 7:00pm with a choice of selected wines, cheeses and fruits for those discerning wine lovers. Over 70 people joined us to share a glass (or two) of wine and relax in the convivial atmosphere.

As the sun sank slowly in the west on August 20th the Quill and Inkling Theatre Group performed Andromeda and Perseus. A story of gods, nymphs and heroes where Andromeda is chained to a rock as a sacrifice to a sea monster. Perseus, passing by, falls in love with her and saves her by turning the monster to stone with Medusa's head. They married afterward.

An excellent audience of nearly 50 people thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment, and their own picnics and the refreshments supplied by the Friends of the Church.

The Troup too had a wonderful evening, and reported that the audience really made the evening, and that they would love to come back again next year. We will certainly be inviting them back.

For the last bank holiday of the year on August 25th the Friends of the Church held a Bank Holiday Concert. Over 30 people heard excellent performances from Kat Arney on Harp, folk music from Warp, Wheft and Weaver and Firebird, the lyrical tones of Paul Culleton and The Ginger Cat Concertina Trio were joined by the entire ensemble for a rousing finale.

Tea and homemade cakes added to the success of the afternoon. My thanks to the Friends who baked an extraordinary selection of cakes and served.

The Oxford Fiddle Group returned on September 14th to play their own arrangements of jigs, reels, polkas, polskas, waltzes, hornpipes, songs and anything else that they like and which works well in a big band of fiddles. The OFG sound is built around massed fiddles, with a funky and creative rhythm and harmony section. The line-up included guitar, banjo, bass, English concertina, percussion, whistles, vocals and one or two other instruments...

And what an evening! The Oxford Fiddle Group gave a lively performance of Folk and Blue Grass music at Pitstone Historic Church on a wet and windy Sunday evening. The twelve musicians and an energetic Clog Dancer brought foot tapping and energetic music to the audience who bravely fought the elements to attend what was a very entertaining evening. We look forward to them visiting us again in the future.

Finally on September 28th a communion service was held to celebrate Heritage Week. The Friend of the Church committee will be meeting soon to plan our calendar for 2026; we hope that next year we will be able to offer all the old favourites and perhaps explore some new events.

If you would like to volunteer to help with events or to open our lovely Church on Sunday afternoons, you will be most welcome. Please ring Jean Booth 01296 661745 for more information.







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- Ivinghoe Parish and Pitstone residents or organizations: £15 per hour for ad hoc hires
- Residents/organizations not located in Ivinghoe Parish and Pitstone: £17 per hour for ad hoc hires.
- Discounts available for multiple bookings.

To make a booking either email **secretary@ivinghoehub.co.uk** or view availability and book online at Hallmaster.

Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub, 2 High Street, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EX.

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By Lynne Caulfield, Chair of Trustees



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

Vicar: Rev. James Grainger-Smith 01296 297915 (Please call to arrange Baptisms,

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

01296 668648

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

#### Our Usual Pattern of Services is:-

Every Wednesday 10:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month 10.00am Worshipping Together (All Ages)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month 10.00am Holy Communion

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 10.00am Morning Praise

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

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month 10.00am Benefice Communion

Because the Parish of Ivinghoe with Pitstone is part of a Benefice (i.e. shares a vicar) with the Parishes of Slapton and Marsworth, the venue for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice Communion rotates between the three Parish Churches. For the most up-to-date information please go to our website: <a href="https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/162/">https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/162/</a>. At the major festivals of the Church Year (e.g. Holy Week, Easter Day, Remembrance Sunday & Christmas) there may well be special services instead of the above pattern again, the website is the best place to find up-to-date information.

#### PRS OFFICE FURNITURE

Ellen Draper: Creative, CSR and Sustainability Lead

#### LEGEND ON A BENCH

We are incredibly proud to have sponsored a new community bench at Pitstone Memorial Hall. September this year marked our 25th year in business, twenty of which we have been based out of Pitstone. We are incredibly lucky to have our sites situated so close to an Area of Outstanding Beauty and steeped in history and we hope the bench installation will provide a place for people to enjoy the village green.

We believe in not only supporting the local community but in doing what we can to positively impact the community and environment around us, and the installation of this special bench is one way we are able to do this. Over the years we have quietly supported a number of community initiatives, from donation of furniture, sponsoring sports teams and funding a lollipop lady. In more recent years we have been more proactive with twice yearly litter picks in and around Pitstone Green Business Park. coordinating food bank donations with local schools and regular work placements from Pebblebrook School.



When we came across the charity Legend on a Bench we immediately knew it was a cause we wanted to support. We would estimate that 90% of our





employees, past and present, have been employed from within 10 miles of the office and we wanted to provide something more permanent in recognition and celebration of our roots and how the community has allowed us and our employees to thrive.

However, we are acutely aware that there will be many people in the local area who will be struggling and the aim of Legend on a Bench is to support people suffering from mental health issues. These benches will have plagues with QR codes, which will take anyone requiring support, directly to the website's help page. There are also contact telephone numbers on the bench to 24 hour support services with real people at the other end, ready to listen and offer the support so clearly needed to someone struggling with the impact of depression, bereavement, loneliness, anxiety and the many more reasons for the feelings of despair. We particularly like that these benches have also been built with integral lighting, so they are a beam of light for those in crisis at night, drawing them to the muchneeded help on the bench.

We hope the communities of Pitstone and Ivinghoe enjoy this new bench. If you or someone you know has a community or charity cause you think we could help with, we would love to hear from you. Scan the QR code or visit https://www.prs-officefurniture.com/about/prs-in-the-community/ to see initiatives we've already supported.

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# NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY Janet Page, Secretary, BVCL

Many people will already know that the library is undergoing a period of change. In the middle of August our long time manager, Michelle West, left us for pastures new. She has posted a farewell letter on our website with our AGM papers, at <a href="www.bvcl.org.uk">www.bvcl.org.uk</a>. We are sure all our library users will join us in wishing her the very best for her future.

At our AGM in July we also lost our chair, Avril Davies, another long time supporter of the library. We wish her the very best for her new venture and thank her for her many years of support.

This means the library committee is without a chair, and we also need some new committee members. It isn't an onerous task, but a very important one, as we steer the library through the transition stage and into what we hope will be a bright future.

and owing to a current shortage of volunteers we have had to temporarily reduce our opening times. We are no longer open on Wednesday mornings, and are closing at 5pm on Fridays.

The current volunteers have pulled together to ensure we can offer the best possible service but we would like to welcome more people to join the team.

If you think you can help by volunteering in the library, and/or being on the committee, get in touch with Janet Page, secretary@bvcl.org.uk, speak to one of the current committee members, or call into the library.

Opening times: Tues 2pm—5pm, Wed 2pm—5pm, Thurs 2pm—5pm, Fri 2pm—5pm, Sat 10am—1pm.

We are now a solely volunteer run library

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#### **BEACONLIT AND BEACONFLASH**

#### **Kelsey Edwards**

What a fantastic day! On Saturday 12th July, book-lovers and writers alike gathered in Ivinghoe Town Hall and the Hub for a celebration of all things literary. Playfully coined the 'Big Little Book Festival', BeaconLit 2025 lived up to its name: intimate, inspiring, and rooted in community fundraising. A heartfelt thank you to the authors, moderators, booksellers, volunteers, and wonderful audience who made it happen, and anyone else who has interacted with the festival. We're especially grateful to our new sponsors, AVT Design Studios Ltd and Creasey & Co, and to Daisychain Café for their delicious catering and generous collaboration. Every penny of profit goes directly to the Beacon Villages Community Library, an invaluable doorstop resource.

A central theme of the day was Place. The New Voices panel of debut authors explored how and why their settings came to life. Joanna Miller, author of The Eights, shared how walking the streets of Oxford helped her capture the authenticity of the university and the four women at the heart of her novel. For the crime writers, Place took a darker turn, with Abir Mukherjee joking that the best location for a murder is aboard a cruise ship in international waters. While we don't recommend testing that theory, it certainly sparked a lively discussion. Meanwhile, the Poetry Circle reimagined Place as an ideological launchpad, as the space where a poem takes flight.

BeaconLit 2025 offered a rich variety of events, and we're already dreaming bigger for 2026. In the meantime, we invite you to turn

your attention to BeaconFlash 2025/26, our 500-word short story

competition running from September to May.

This year brings fresh energy: two new judges, exciting prizes, and a new sponsor. Long-standing judge Morgen Bailey has passed the baton to Claire Steele and Jill Glenn of Constellations Press, who are passionate about bold, original voices. We're also deeply thankful to Roy Chapman Ltd for their history of support, and to Creasey & Co for now championing the BeaconFlash competition in their stead.

October's theme is *Out of the Mist* and November's is *Get with the Programme*. Each month invites a new submission, and writers are encouraged to respond to the brief. Entry costs £3 per story or £13 with critique, and prizes of up to £75 are up for grabs, alongside web publication, free festival entry and extended critique. Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting out, now's the time to get creative! Full details, including how to enter, can be found on our website: https://beaconlit.co.uk/details-%26-entry

And if you were at July's festival, you may have noticed something new... BeaconLit has a fresh look! We've revamped our branding to reflect the vibrant spirit of the festival, one we can't wait to share more in the months ahead.



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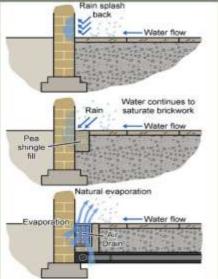


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#### **IVINGHOE AND PITSTONE WI**

#### **Tessa Smith**

The WI in Britain was 110 years old on the 15th September. The organisation's campaigns, its support for women and the friendship found by countless members makes it very worthwhile to belong to.

Our meeting in July introduced members to the poet laureate of Milton Keynes, Mark Niel. We had an absorbing evening listening to his poetry some of which was accompanied by his guitar playing. He told us of how he'd been working in finance and had forayed into performing, playing Widow Twankey for a local Am Dram group. He'd enjoyed the experience. Having written poetry for some time, he went with friends to open mic nights specially for poetry, travelling as far afield as Coventry and London. Eventually he came to the attention of the Mayor of Milton Keynes and after assisting her at several events, she wondered if he would accept the position of Poet Laureate that she, on her way out of office, had just created! His poems were amusing and kept members greatly entertained.

In August, Mandy showed us how to make cream cheese from full cream milk and a little cream and Tessa explained the basics of making sourdough bread. We then tasted the soft cheese on sour dough. Very tasty!

Our September meeting saw us entertain Evan Willison who had worked for Charlie Ross for 35 years at his Woburn Auction House. His Tales from the Auction House had us all laughing,

particularly the one about the lady going through a divorce, attending an auction and buying almost 500 of the 600 lots. When asked at the end how the lots she had bought were going to be collected or did she want them delivered, said, "Talk to my husband, it's his card I've been using!" He bought with him some interesting objects, too; one, a Chinese-looking item called a Cadogan teapot with no lid and a hole in the base. He proceeded to fill the teapot upside down, turned it over and poured from the spout. A

We've really looked forward to seeing Ruriko show us how to do Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging, in October. Our charity this year is the Rennie Grove Peace Hospice. We've all been sorting out good quality clothes we no longer wear and putting them ready to be taken by Angela, our contact who is a member, to be sold in their shops. We're also planning our Christmas Party at the Daisychain for our December

Craft group in September made dream catchers, our walking group has already done one walk and a second, at the end of the month is starting at Little Hay. We started a new group in

September to learn to crochet.

meeting.

really good speaker.

Towards the end of September we had a Fused Glass Workshop





and we'll be making Christmas Wreaths in November helped by a glass of wine and a mince pie. If you fancy visiting us, we meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month in Ivinghoe Town Hall at 7.30pm. For more information contact Tessa, email wiivinghoepitstone@gmail.com. Maybe we could have a coffee and a chat.

#### PACE CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Pace is a charity that works with babies, children and young people who have a neurodisability, developmental difference or diverse needs. We have a primary and secondary school and a therapy centre.

Sue and Barry Gregory have been fundraising for Pace for many years now, as well as volunteering at events.

Since April 2025, through their stall, they have raised £5,650.51, a staggering amount that will make a huge difference to the children and families that we support.

We would like to say a HUGE Pace THANK YOU to them for their continued support.

From Sue and Barry:

We would like to say thank you for your support and generous donations throughout 2025 at the Pace Charity Stall. We have raised an incredible total. But in addition to the incredible support this is to the children of the Pace Centre, we are also so very proud to have been able to supply the local community with fresh, organic, affordable produce and items from the community for the community.

We honestly couldn't do this without you all, and thank you doesn't feel strong enough of a sentiment.

With the added benefit of seeing people have a chat with one another. With heartfelt love and thanks, Sue and Barry Gregory.





#### **REPAIR CAFÉ**

**Dave Sivers** 

#### Repair Café Goes From Strength to Strength

On 25 February 2023, Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café launched in Pitstone Pavilion. A community-run venture, it brings together volunteers with a variety of skills for local people to bring along broken items in the hope of getting them fixed. The café was all about promoting sustainability, looking after the environment, and looking to reuse or fix items instead of throwing them away.

Not only is it still going strong, but it's gone from strength to strength. The volunteer repairers— from a wide range of disciplines, including engineering, sewers, woodworkers and generalists— see over sixty items in the three hours the café is open, and the repair rate success now stands at 80%. And that's not all, said founder Alex Razak.



"We have also become a wonderful community space where people bump into friends and chat to others they have never met, while enjoying quality coffee and homemade snacks, and waiting for their item to be fixed."



The café is not for profit, but visitors are encouraged to give a donation for their repair and for the refreshments. The generosity of the volunteers and donations from grateful visitors has helped fund equipment that helps make repairs easier and quicker. It has also enabled the café to donate £3,000 to local charities chosen by the volunteers.

Those donations were handed over at a special Repair Café celebration on Saturday 26th July. The Pavilion was the usual hive of activity, with repairs in full swing and coffee and delicious cakes on offer, and plates of homemade canapes were also circulating.

At midday, all eyes were on representatives of a diverse range of charities receiving cheques from Alex: Ivinghoe and Pitstone Food Bank, Ivinghoe and Pitstone Scouts, Aylesbury Food Bank, Workaid (which donates tools and other items to projects in Africa aimed at teaching people trades), CHUMS (providing a wide range of mental health and emotional wellbeing services: baby loss, mental trauma, suicide bereavement, recreational and therapeutic support, and friendship schemes) and the Hygiene Bank (where twenty volunteers in the Milton Keynes area provide help for people in need to keep themselves, their clothes and their homes clean

through donations of items at Boots and other companies' branches and JustGiving donations).

The café has established itself as an invaluable part of community life remarkably quickly, and everyone involved is

rightly proud of it and its contribution to saving items from the ever-growing landfill mountain. Everyone who attends fills out a form with their contact details, information about the item needing repair and their signature agreeing to the 'House Rules'. Further information is filled in by the Repairer. The information is then uploaded to the Repair Café Worldwide Foundation database, so that the café has a record of how many kg of items have been saved from landfill and the volume of CO2 emissions prevented.

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





#### **ASHRIDGE RAMBLINGS**

#### Rikki Harrington, Ashridge Estate Committee

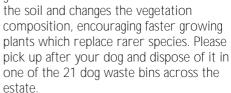
#### **FANCY AN EVEN LONGER ONE?**

In the last Ashridge Ramblings, I invited you to try the 17.5-mile boundary trail. 17.5 miles? Pah! How about 426 miles? That's the combined length of the newly named Great Chalk Way, which joins up the Wessex Ridgeway, the Ridgeway National Trail, the Icknield Way Path and the Peddars Way National Trail, with the Cranborne Droves Way and the Sarsen Way by-passing a section of the Wessex Ridgeway should you prefer. This combo starts at Lyme Regis in Dorset and ends at Holme-next-the-Sea in Norfolk, taking in spectacular views and historic sites including Stonehenge, the Uffington White Horse and Royston Cave. It is a recreation of what is thought to be England's oldest coast-to-coast route. Of course, it comes slap bang through our stamping ground and there is a swanky new interpretation board in the Beacon carpark. On 24th September there was an unveiling of the sign, with representatives of the lcknield Way and Ridgeway, National Trust, and local MP Laura Kyrke-Smith present. For more information, visit greatchalkway.org.uk.

#### **POOCHES**

In July, Dacorum Borough Council renewed and extended its dog control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to include the southern half of Ashridge Estate. This means that anyone failing to pick up after their dog, not carrying a poo bag, refusing to put their dog on a lead when requested by an authorised officer or failing to keep their dog out of an exclusion zone could be issued with a

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All professional dog walkers now need a licence to operate on the Ashridge Estate. Professional dog walkers can apply for a standard licence to walk up to four dogs or request an enhanced licence for up to six dogs. The licence ensures that all professional dog walkers operate responsibly on the estate, supports the protection of delicate habitats and helps look after the dogs and dog walkers, other visitors, and National Trust staff and volunteers.

#### NO FORAGING PLEASE

Autumn is a beautiful time to enjoy the woods as leaves turn vibrant shades and fungi add splashes of colour across the forest floor. However, as Ashridge is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), please remember that foraging isn't permitted anywhere on the estate. By leaving fungi where they grow, you'll be helping to protect the delicate ecosystem so that wildlife and visitors can continue to enjoy it.

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A new community engagement team has joined the Protecting Our Roots project. The team has been talking to visitors across the estate and at events such as the Great Big Green Week in Berkhamsted, Tring Summer Carnival and Box Moor Trust Autumn Festival. It is currently planning further ways of engaging with the wider community about the work happening at Ashridge. You can find out more by visiting https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/essex-

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Rikki Harrington (Ashridge Estate Committee member)

Dave Hornby (Project Manager, Protecting our Roots)

Josh Kyle (Visitor Operations and Experiences Manager)

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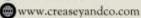
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**Beacon Community Choir:** A choir which sings a wide variety of repertoire, and where all are welcome.. Rehearsals Thursdays (term time) at 8.15 in St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe. Leader Judith Sheridan. Contact Lindsay Hewlett 01296 660670 lhewlett@btinternet.com

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

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

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

Hand Bell Ringers: Mondays at 2pm at lvinghoe 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, 01296 668543, office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk

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

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

#### **SPORT**

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

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

#### RELIGION

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

**St Mary's Ivinghoe:** 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.

**Tring and Berkhamsted SGI Buddhists:** Ā 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

**Pitstone Surgery:** The Village Health Centre, Yardley Avenue, Pitstone, LU7 9BE. https://www.edlesboroughsurgery.co.uk/ Telephone: 01525 223211 or 01525 221630 **Little Rothschild Surgery:** 71 Marsworth Road, Pitstone LU7 9AX Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 8am - 1pm and 2 - 4:30pm Friday 8am - 1pm closed in the afternoon Contact: www.rothschildhousesurgery.co.uk, 01296 662800

Nifty Fifties Plus: Keep fit for older folk followed by optional gentle sport. Not for profit. Cheddington Village Hall. Thursdays 10-12. Contact: Chris Hall, 01442 824350 Simply Walk: register at buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk and come to Pitstone Memorial Hall at 9.50am for a 10am walk each Monday. Free.

#### LOCAL CHARITIES

**PITSTONE STEP-UP GRANTS:** Tel: 01296 767261 Email: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 Web: Pitstone.co.uk/ptlc

WILLIAMSON TRUST: Tel: 01296 668809 Email: 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

**The Heritage Park—Pitstone Green Museum**: A fascinating blend of attractions from the past, based in the once redundant buildings of an old Victorian farm. It captures the spirit of a bygone age when life was harder but slower than it is today. Open 9 times a year, on Bank Holidays & 2nd Sundays of the month from June to October. pitstonemuseum.co.uk

#### **USEFUL NUMBERS**

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

Street light problems: Last phase of Castlemead & business park lights – email:

CCSouthMid@taylorwimpey.com

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

Other Pitstone lights - email: parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk

Report a pot hole, blocked drain or other highway problem: Bucks Council online: http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-it-pothole.aspx unless still maintained by a developer Missed bin collection or to find out about recycling: Bucks Council online: https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/report-a-missed-bin-collection/Dispute with your neighbours about their high hedge: Bucks Council offer more information and a complaint service. For more information go to: trees.av@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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

Bothered by aircraft noise: Email Luton Airport noise@ltn.aero

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

Want to know if you need planning permission? Visit: https://www.planningportal.co.uk/ **Illegally parked:** Report problem vehicles to Thames Valley Police on telephone: 101

Faulty electronic bus stop signs: 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 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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If you wish to view the plans for any planning application currently under consultation by Buckinghamshire Council, please visit https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications

# Pitstone Community Car Scheme



If you have difficulty getting to your medical appointments, our volunteer drivers could help

To cover volunteers' expenses, we make a charge of 45p + 45p per mile (Minimum £1.00). Typical return costs from Pitstone are;

- Yardley Avenue Surgery, Pitstone £1.00
- Rothschild House Surgery, Tring £4.50
- 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

# Windmill Pharmacy

19-21 High St, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EP (01296) 706280

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- Weekly Dossette Boxes
- NHS & Private Prescriptions

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