IVINGHOE SUMMER FETE
PEOPLE FROM HISTORY
10th JUNE 2017
OFFICIAL OPENING 2:00PM

FLOATS: PITSTONE HALL AT 1:00PM
GRAND DRAW WITH EXCITING PRIZES
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TUG OF WAR - BOUNCY CASTLE
WINE RAFFLE - TOMBOLA
CAKES AND REFRESHMENTS
SADLY, FORMER IVINGHOE PARISH COUNCILLOR DOUG CLARK HAS PASSED AWAY. DOUG WAS A POPULAR MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND WILL BE SADLY MISSED.

BROOKMEAD SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STAFF AND CHILDREN AT BROOKMEAD SCHOOL AS THE SCHOOL CELEBRATES IT’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY. I WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PUPILS TO ATTEND THE BRAND NEW BROOKMEAD SCHOOL!

PLAY AREAS

THE FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND NEW VIKING SWING HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR IVINGHOE FROM WICKSTEED, INSTALLATION IS PLANNED FOR WEEK COMMENCING 15TH MAY.

IIVINGHOE ASTON HAVE RECENTLY WELCOMED TWO NEW ADDITIONS TO THE PLAY AREA, I HOPE THE TODDLERS ARE ENJOYING PLAYING ON THE TWO NEW RIDES.

OUR WI BRANCH CELEBRATES 100 YEARS IN MAY AND WE SEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM. TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION THE WI HAVE KINDLY DONATED A PICNIC TABLE WHICH IS BEING MADE LOCALLY AND WILL BE PLACED ON IVINGHOE LAWN FOR ALL TO USE.

ANNUAL MEETING OF IVINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

THIS YEAR’S EVENT WILL BE IN A NEW FORMAT! THE REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO READ AND THE FORMALITIES WILL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. WE AIM TO MAKE THIS A FRIENDLY, SOCIABLE EVENT AND HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE – THURSDAY 18TH MAY AT 7.15 AT IIVINGHOE TOWN HALL.

BUCKS BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY RESIDENTS TO ENTER THE BUCKS BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE CLEAN-UPS VARIOUS GROUPS DO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND MICHAEL OUR HARD-WORKING LITTER PICKER. PLEASE DO YOUR BIT AND HELP KEEP OUR PARISH LOOKING LOVELY.

Unfortunately, recently there has been an increase in dog mess on the footpath/verges especially in Great Gap and even on Ivinghoe Lawn, please remember to always pick-up after your dog.

The Christmas Tree has died, a new one will be planted later in the year and will be located on Ivinghoe Lawn.

WEBSITE

Please keep checking the website for updates and information www.ivinghoepc.org.uk or contact the Parish Clerk on 07960 605393.

Karen Groom, Chair
Ivinghoe Parish Council

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YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU...

Sunday 21 May 2017, 10am, The Hub, Ivinghoe

Ivinghoe has been put forward this year for the ‘Best Kept Village’ contest!

We are hoping to put together a group of village residents to help tidy up Ivinghoe in preparation for the competition judging in June.

If you can spare an hour or two or perhaps the day and put all our efforts together to pick litter, weed and tidy around Ivinghoe village please let our organisers know so that we can ensure we can plan working groups to tackle different areas around the village.

For all of those involved in the clean-up we plan to host a BBQ later in the day.

If you are keen to join in or want more information please contact Karen Groom karengroom@hotmail.co.uk or Carol Tarrant (Corn) thecorns@talk21.com, or christabelboersma@hotmail.com

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**The Horrorball, 16th September 2017**

Horror of horrors, it’s nearly two years since the last black tie ball. Don’t miss the next one! Tickets are £68 if booked before 31st July, £73 thereafter. This includes a seated three course meal, and great music from compere and singer Marc Dillon and Straight Eight Soul Band. Funds will be raised for Keech Hospice Care and research into Niemann–Pick Disease. Raffle prizes and donations would be very much welcomed, whether or not you are able to attend. Dust down those dress suits and beautiful gowns, and come along to the Haunted House (well, marquee!). Be there and be brave!

Contact Maddie maddiet99@hotmail.com; 07525 494117.

**Late News**

Yes, I know we’re nearly half way to next Christmas, but the previous article celebrating 100 issues left no room for current news, and I wouldn’t want Santa to think we were ungrateful. As usual he generously stopped off at The Village Swan during his very busy 24-hour round-the-world tour. Here’s the lovely becottonwooled fellow distributing all those goodies that couldn’t be entrusted to Father Amazon.

**Nobody expects the IA inquisition Nazdrave!**

Just as we were waving off Santa from The Village Swan, so we were also bidding farewell to Patrick and Fanny, whilst welcoming Kiril and Veronika to IA’s top job. They were, however, no strangers to the village as Kiril had previously been chef at the pub before swanning off to The Crow’s Nest, The King’s Head and The Greyhound. Now they’ve returned to manage The Village Swan and live there with daughter Katrin (22), son Alex (16) and cocker spaniel Jessica (10). They came to the UK from Bulgaria two years ago.

Rikki: I gather that you come from Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria with a population 30,000 times that of Ivinghoe Aston (I had done my homework), what brought you to our tiny village?

Veronika: We had friends in Tring with whom we had planned to go into business, but that didn’t work out. A friend of mine was Patrick’s accountant and that’s how the connection started.

Rikki: Were you a chef in Bulgaria?

Kiril: No, we ran a newspaper distribution business and had several small shops.

Rikki: What are your favourite drinks?

Kiril: I like all beers but especially Guinness, Kronenberg and Tring Brewery’s Moongazing.

**Veronika:** I’m drinking a glass of wine for me.

**Kratin and Alex:** Water – we are fitness fanatics. I [Alex] hope one day to run a fitness motivation business.

**Jessica:** A pint of puddle water, woof.

**Rikki:** Do you have time for any hobbies?

**Kiril:** Just cooking!

**Veronika:** What is your impression of Ivinghoe Aston?

**Veronika:** Everybody we meet is very friendly and helpful, we could do with more people coming to the pub.

**Rikki:** Do you have any new initiatives in mind?

**Veronika:** We have recently introduced afternoon tea from midday each day of the week except Mondays. We hope that this will attract locals and walkers. Also, we are happy to provide lifts (reasonably locally) for those who wish to drink a bit more.

**Rikki:** What’s on the menu tonight?

**Kiril:** Amongst other things, pheasant curry.

**Rikki:** See you later. Nazdrave!

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**Rikki Harrington**

Brampton, Ivinghoe Aston 01525 220625; harrington.ikki@gmail.com.

Please get in touch if you have any news or ideas!
Ivinghoe and Pitstone W.I.
100 Years Old

Our main celebration will be on 11th May 2017. Invitations have been sent out and replies received so we hope for a good evening.

Our Valentine Lunch was again well attended and thanks to everyone who helped on the day.

At our February meeting Rachel Gough gave an interesting talk on Pole Dancing Fitness. It is not as easy as it looks! A few members had a go, but getting your feet off the floor was impossible for most of us although a couple of very fit members did manage it!

The March meeting ‘Origins of the Grand National’ was an interesting talk by Stephen Williams. The first was across country fields from one church steeple to another and was held in Harlington in Bedfordshire.

Lots of our members have been busy knitting for the past 18 months under the guidance of Louise and by the time you read this you will have seen our Yarn Bombing throughout Ivinghoe and Pitstone. We hope to recycle the knitting into blankets and possibly sell some items to raise some money. We also hope to have the benches and seats installed in both villages by May.

Our W.I. is currently full at the moment, but you can put your name on the waiting list by contacting Sue on 01296 660436.

Our Knit and Natter group raised £150.00 for Rennie Grove Hospice at Home by making knitted stockings filled with chocolates – thanks to Hayley for selling them for us.

Another successful evening was organised by Lynn Entitled “Tears of the Dragon”, Frances Benton (a well-known speaker) described the myths, science and legends of the pearl.

On the 4th May, 24 of our members will be attending the Annual Council Meeting at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury.

We will be entering a float again this year for the Ivinghoe Church Fete. Thanks to Nigel and his tractor!

Sunday 25th June, the W.I. will once again run a Champagne Cream tea in the Marquee in Pitstone from 2pm-ish.

Sue Jones
President

Biggest ever stars at local literary festival

Self-publishing phenomenon Adam Croft, actor Hugh Fraser and Sunday Times bestseller Rowan Coleman lead a strong programme at our very own BeaconLit literary festival – now in its fifth year.

With more than a million books sold to date, Adam Croft is one of the most successful independently published authors in the world. His latest book, Only The Truth, is a worldwide bestseller and his books are now being adapted for TV. He was born just three miles from the festival venue.

Hugh Fraser is best known for playing Captain Hastings in Agatha Christie’s ‘Poirot’ and the Duke of Wellington in ‘Sharpe’ and has appeared in numerous films and theatre productions. He published his first book Harm in 2015 at the age of 65 and his third novel, Malice, is due out in June 2017.

Despite being dyslexic, Rowan Coleman has written fourteen novels including the bestseller The Memory Book. An active supporter of domestic abuse charity Refuge she is donating 100% of royalties from The Woman Walks Into a Bar ebook to the charity. Her latest novel We Are All Made of Stars is out now.

They will be joined by a host of established authors including Jean Fullerton and Christina Jones and rising stars Steph Broadribb, Harriet Cummings and Clare Swatman.

Steph Broadribb took ‘method writing’ to a whole new level by training as a bounty hunter in California to better understand the lead character in her debut novel Deep Down Dead. When not hunting fugitives she indulges her love of crime fiction by blogging and interviewing authors under the pseudonym Crime Thriller Girl. She also likes cowboy boots.

Harriet Cummings’ debut novel We All Begin As Strangers has strong links to the local area as it’s inspired by a prolific criminal known as The Fox who terrorised the Chilterns in 1984. He climbed Ivinghoe Beacon to see which houses had lights switched off. Given six life sentences, he was reportedly released from prison in 2012 under a new identity.

Orenda Books founder Karen Sullivan will talk about how small nimble publishers are transforming the industry.

The festival also has a strong local contingent. Crime writer Dave Sivers and Sci-fi romance author Hywela Lyn both live in Pitstone, as do Harriet
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Murder and Missing Girls
Feature in local author’s latest thriller

Pitstone author Dave Sivers’ latest crime novel has just been published in Kindle ebook and is the fourth and latest in his popular crime thriller series featuring detectives Archer and Baines and set in Buckinghamshire’s Aylesbury Vale.

In The Blood That Binds, the quiet Buckinghamshire village of Houghton is reeling. Soon after twelve year old Leanne Richards is killed by a hit and run driver, the two classmates who were with her that night disappear, one by one.

Jade and Becky said they couldn’t identify the car or the driver. Does someone want to make sure it stays that way? Or are other, darker motives in play?

As DI Lizzie Archer and DS Dan Baines search for the truth, buried pasts and secret loves begin to reveal themselves. But is time running out for the girls? Or is it already too late?

Crime Writers Association dagger contender Alison Bruce says the novel contains “Two intriguing cases – one twisted plot.” Sunday Times bestseller Sharon Bolton described it as “Stylish, skilful and packed with suspense.” And J J Marsh, author of the Beatrice Stubbs novels, says of the Archer and Baines series,’ “You’ll enjoy this if you liked Elizabeth George’s Inspector Lynley Mysteries, Gillian Hamer’s Gold Detectives series and Val McDermid’s Wire in the Blood.”

Dave was the Ivinghoe and Pitstone correspondent for the Bucks Herald and Leighton Buzzard Observer for some twenty years. He has published seven books, won prizes for his short stories and written plays and other material for the local amateur stage. He is also a founder of the BeaconLit literary festival, now in its fifth year.

The Blood That Binds is available now from the Amazon Kindle Store, and the date for paperback publication will be announced soon. You can visit Dave’s website at www.davesivers.co.uk.
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MUSIC ON PITSTONE GREEN

For the first time Beacon Community Choir will be hosting their summer afternoon of music on Pitstone Green. Bring your picnic baskets, gazebos, families and friends and chill out in the sunshine listening to the harmonies of the Beacon Community Choir and friends, featuring a mixture of jazz, folk and pop music performed by local musicians and ensembles.

* Teas and Scones available from the WI tent

DATE: SUNDAY 25TH JUNE
TIME: 1.00pm till 5.00
VENUE: PITSTONE GREEN
TICKETS: Suggested donation £5 for adults – children free
I am happy to report that the chairlift was successfully repaired and is once again in full working order.

We have a small team of people who look after the Town Hall and are seeking new members who would like to play an active role in our community by joining our committee and looking after the hall. If you are interested then please contact Andy Beezer on 01296 668802 or email andy.beezer@bardcode.com

Our AGM will be held on May 18th at 8pm at the Town Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

We continue to enjoy the support of a lot of activities (some ad-hoc) eg., Children’s Parties and other events in addition to our regulars (Ballet, Zumba, Morris (Moon) Dancing, Pilates, Chiltern Art Group, WI and various other Music rehearsals, etc.

Ivinghoe Town Hall regular events:
The Town hall is an ideal location for family parties or weddings so don’t to book early.

Also, have a look at the regular Weekly events held at the Ivinghoe Town Hall.

Why not try one of these regular weekly events

Monday: 4pm-8pm – Ballet
Lisa (07834 281434)

Tuesday: 9.45am – 12pm – Beacon Art
Marion (01296 661291)

Tuesday: 7pm – 8pm – Zumba
Caroline (07941 092673)

Tuesday: 8.15pm–10.00pm – New Moon Morris
Charles Thorogood (01296-661540)

Wednesday: 8.45am and 10am Pilates
Andrea (07855 138005)

Thursday: 7.30pm – 10.00pm
W.I. each 2nd Monthly Thursday
Sue Jones (01296 660436)

NOTE: We have ‘slot availability’, on Monday AM’s, also Tuesday and Wednesday PM’s, Thursday AM/PM’s and all day on Friday’s!

Also, please try the web site at www.ivinghoetownhall.org.uk where you can see regular activities and search for Hall availability dates, or if you prefer to enquire in person then call Stephen Swinbank (The Booking Secretary) on 01296 660680. Or via email: spswinbank@gmail.com

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Ivinghoe Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Since our last report we have lost our chairman Richard Freeman due to pressures of work. We would like to thank Richard for all his hard work in steering us toward a completed plan.

We are still awaiting the latest Plan from AVDC, which will hopefully provide revised guidance on the number of houses to be built in the Aylesbury Vale District. The latest version of the plan identifies a need for 5 houses in Ivinghoe Aston up to the year 2032 and 51 in Ivinghoe. The 5 houses in Ivinghoe Aston have already been built so no additional houses are considered necessary by AVDC.

We have received the opinion of the AVDC Conservation Officer on the only two brown field sites in Ivinghoe that we considered appropriate. His opinion is that the sites are unsuitable for housing development. This supports the AVDC planning officer’s opinion that the sites are unsuitable for reasons of coalescence between Ford End and Ivinghoe. In our opinion all other sites are green field, have views in and out of the Ivinghoe Conservation Area or the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, or are unsuitable for other reasons.

We are therefore going to return to our original proposal of producing a “Policy Lead” neighbourhood development plan. This means the plan will seek to guide the type of development which we believe, from the public consultation exercises, will be acceptable to the residents of the parish in terms of style, tenure, affordability and scale as well as the general acceptability of position (i.e. Brown field before green etc.). We are now waiting for a view from AVDC as to whether we still need a sustainability appraisal for a policy lead plan.

We believe that this delay, although frustrating, has been better than producing a plan which risks being unacceptable when it comes to examination and ultimately the referendum. It is worth noting however, that the neighbourhood plan does not have to wait for the local plan to be adopted to be considered to be in broad conformity. We are therefore aiming at presenting the plan to the parish by the end of summer.

Malcolm Stubbs Chair IPNDP
Malcolm.gstubbs@gmail.com

Have you ever thought about ‘growing your own’?
Growing your own fruit and vegetables can be a very satisfying experience and in Ivinghoe we are very lucky to have some beautiful allotments just off Church Road, overlooking St Mary’s Church.
If you are an Ivinghoe resident and would like some more information about availability of plots – we have them in a range of sizes – please contact the Parish Clerk at ivinghoeeparishclerk@gmail.com
NB: there may not always be an available plot but we do keep a waiting list!
We all begin as Strangers
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Published by Orion – available from Waterstones, Hive and Amazon

Hub News...

Big bumble bees are bumbling through the swaying Daffs as I gaze out of the Hub windows whilst writing this update, at the end of a blustery month of March!

We have celebrated Valentine’s Day with all that takes, followed by racing and flipping our pancakes on a downpouring Shrove Tuesday – inside of course! Right now we are in mid-plan for our upcoming Spring Market on Easter Saturday which by the time of reading this will be but a distant, hopefully happy memory, if all goes to plan! Easter Bunny hopefully provided an egg per egg hunter, a small Bouncy Castle on the grass next the Hub and stalls selling Candy Floss, and Easter bakery to take home for the weekend. Competitive children hopefully gave their parents some free time over the holidays by applying themselves to fashioning miniature Easter gardens; best decorated ‘blown’ or hard boiled eggs; most ‘egg-strawdinary’ Easter ears; Best decorated Easter titfers, etc. and our ‘egg-stremely’ chocolaty raffle. Arts and Crafts and Tombola were eggzactly what was required! Whilst the CuriosiTEA Rooms Café was rammed and left its users eggstatic!

On the same Easter Saturday we cut the ribbon on our Rosemary ‘Jane’ Elliott inscribed new bench, and Phil Elliott’s wife Karen made a speech about our sadly missed ex-shop keeper Jane. The Bench which now sits amongst the flowery tubs against our east facing brick wall overlooking all the ‘to-ing and fro-ing’ of the busy high street to enjoy hailing your passing friends and see what’s to do, all now awaiting your individual pleasure!

Our new Heritage book of Ivinghoe Old School memories and historical, sometimes hysterical, facts was also launched on the same day selling for £10 each copy! For those not at our Easter Saturday occasion, or who did not have chance to buy a copy, either come in and buy a copy from any trustee present, email us on ivinghoeoldschool@btconnect.com or phone 01296 661666 to reserve one to collect and pay on your next visit, or await the Church Summer fete where we will have the last of the 200 copies for sale in the Hub!

If you were at the Spring Market, you will have spotted local author Andrew Dicker promoting his own published short stories, ‘The Seduction of Celia’ and ‘Overlapping Lives’ somewhere near our trustees Book Stall.

Ivinghoe Aston Village Hall

Villagers are reminded that there is a hall at Ivinghoe Aston for hire at similar rates to Ivinghoe’s Village Centre and Town Hall. For details contact booking secretary Barbara Rayment 01525 220959 or email jackyparsons@yahoo.in
NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Community space for hire - of great Victorian character, recently refurbished by our Community, for this Community’s use.

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Carol Tarrant

Talking of the upcoming Church Summer Fete, the Hub being a static building on the Village Lawn, with all the services that implies, wants to take part fully and generously, for the community fun! Our Hub plan is ‘open-house’ for Village Fete day on Saturday 10th June! Also, the WI will be celebrating its 100th year all summer and taking part in the village fete – so the Hub will open all its doors for free for those that want to use the inside should it rain or if you just need some shade!!

We will shortly be painting up our Hub outside windows and barge boards and joining in the Ivinghoe clear-up day followed by a garden Bar-B-Q.

Watch our Hub Web, Facebook spaces and posters for news of summertime fun in and out of the Hub! We hope to use our location on the village Lawn to be the centre of all sorts of entertainment and scrummy refreshment sharing this summer, especially planning for daytime fun and pleasurable summery evenings. Our regular Monday Simply Walks group leaves the Hub each Monday morning at 10am sharp and returns around 11am to refreshments in CuriosiTEA Rooms. We walk the footpaths locally, finding ourselves in unspoiled countryside and open views within moments.

Our newish Simply Sing group started by chance when some of the walkers were confessing to the lost pleasure of just ‘singing-out’ now that most of us, not already in choirs, have frogs in our throats and don’t always hit the note required! We meet every first Friday in the month at 4-5pm, and just sit in a circle with the words to the most favoured traditional songs we can remember. The pleasure after just one hour of simply singing together unaccompanied and unjudged is astounding!! Do come along if you recognise the opportunity and don’t sing elsewhere – it costs £9 shared between us all – so around £1 each.

Reunion! Former scholars of the Ivinghoe Old School are invited to book a place with the Hub to come along to our Old Scholar’s Reunion on 22nd July – the fun starts at noon on the day!

Contact us on telephone 01296 661666; email: ivinghooldschool@btconnect.com web site: www.ivinghooldschool.com Facebook page: Ivinghoe Old School Hub HUB direct phone number is: 01296-661666; CuriosiTEA Rooms 01296-663853.

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I will miss those words inscribed into the bevelled edge. ‘DECUS ET TUTAMEN’ first appeared on coins in the seventeenth century to prevent precious metal from being clipped away. Today the inscription makes the coin more difficult to forge. Until recent centuries however, the value of the metal in the coin corresponded to the value of the coin so you didn’t want any shaved away by unscrupulous dealers.

Paper money was (and is) little more than an IOU from a trusted source. Our notes and coins work because we trust that they have a value other than the value of the metal used to make the token.

The intricate design of the new pound coin is intended to promote confidence that each is genuine. However there is a deeper level of confidence needed in our money. We need to trust the source, the Bank of England. There are many examples of governments printing money, genuine money, but worthless money because so much of it has been issued.

This underlying belief in the source is actually faith. Religion is what we see and experience. How, where and when we worship are important and we are uneasy about change. However at a deeper level, underneath our religious activity is faith, faith in God. If we get below the surface instead of seeming strange or archaic we will discover that faith is life changing. It is an opening to be as bright and shiny as one of those twenty-sided coins.

Revd Adrian Manning

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A note from the Editor...

I very much hope that you are still enjoying reading the Ivinghoe Beacon magazine, it has changed a little since the Parish Council took over the production of the magazine.

We really want the magazine to be something you get pleasure from reading as well as a useful reference tool for local events and advertising.

We are always looking for new ideas to keep the magazine an interesting read, so if you have something that you would like to be considered for inclusion, please do get in touch!

Many thanks and happy reading.

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The Editor
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On Sunday 26th March 2017, the clocks were set forward an hour signalling that British Summer Time has begun. The weather since then has been marvellous, good sunny days, cold but at and no sign of frost.

I personally think that it is a really great time of the ye odils, primroses and snowdrops were in abundance all around our village, including the planters opposite the Town Hall, which were provided by Ivinghoe Parish Council.

Now April is upon us we as allotment holders and gardeners regard it as ‘Let’s Go For It’ month! But proceed with caution. Hopefully we will all be feeling great with the longer evenings and warm sunshine but be aware that we could still get frost. If you are undecided, hold back, it is not the loss of young plants that is the pain, but the loss of your time which you will never get back. The plot will always catch up and will all being well reward you for your patience.

During April you can continue with planting your seed potatoes, but ensure you complete the job by the end of the month. Also, onion sets, beetroot, carrot, parsnips, lettuce (I tend to put them out in May), spinach, spring onions and early peas can also be planted. At this time you could also sow under glass runner beans, sweetcorn, courgettes, pumpkins and various squashes. You can see why April is a fairly busy month.

The month of May is generally looked upon as the first month of the summer, and signals the end of spring – this is the month that could go either way weather wise. We could experience a mini drought and heatwaves or it could be a complete disaster with frost, cold winds and heavy rain. Therefore, be prepared to take the appropriate action to protect your plants.

Between the 14th and 20th August 2017 it is the National Allotments Week and the theme this year is ‘Growing the Movement’. A celebration of all the hard work put in by voluntary associations, committee’s, plotholder volunteers and councils managing, creating, developing and safeguarding our sites. In this respect we are very fortunate to have a supportive parish council in Ivinghoe. We intend to have our allotment site open to the public on Saturday 19th August between 1.30pm and 4pm. All plotholders should have been informed by the clerk so no-one can say that they have not been informed.

Another date for your diaries is Saturday 9th September 2017 2pm until 4pm. Following on from last year’s successful show is the Flower and Vegetable Show. Look out for the schedule in this edition of the Beacon. Don’t be shy or nervous of entering in any of the categories on the day. You may have a large vegetable garden, several plots or a window box it is entirely up to the judges on the day!

Please forget about TV gardeners who make you think that everything will look great with a quick fit. Growing things is like a journey, it is absorbing and continuous at times. Like the best journeys, it has its challenges but at the same time gives you wonderful experiences on the journey.

I am sorry to end on a sad note. By the time you read this article the funeral of Doug Clarke will have taken place. He passed away on the 28th March 2017. Doug and Daphne had a plot at Ivinghoe Allotments situated next to my own for 10 years. During this time I got to know them quite well, often exchanging plants, ideas, cutting one another’s grass when the need arose (this is what I remember about allotmenteering) and getting a cup of tea in their shed. I recall saying in my previous article that Doug and Daphne are the type of people that allotments need to encourage younger people to take this wonderful activity up.

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A group that raises funds for Rennie Grove Hospice Care has launched its annual writing competition. ‘Rhyme & Reason’ is a fundraising group comprising local writers and they are requesting 400-word prose entries or poems of up to 20 lines on the topic of ‘freedom’ before 1 June.

Winning entries will be published in the group’s 2018 A5 desk diary, which is sold in aid of Rennie Grove. In the last 26 years, the group has raised nearly £60,000 for the charity – enough to fund a specialist nurse for almost two years.

To be in with the chance to see your creation in print, download the entry form from www.renniegrove.org/RhymeandReason and email your entry to wallisjill@hotmail.com before 1 June. Your contribution will be helping local families affected by cancer and other life-limiting illness.
Beyond the Boundary

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Pitstone and Ivinghoe Entertainments presents

The Summer Festival 2017

The big marquees have a new home this year on Pitstone Rec and the events have had a reboot too!

Friday 23rd June 7pm-1am
Posh Frocks and Sharp Suits
The weekend kicks off with Posh Frocks and Sharp Suits cocktail party. Put on your finery – which doesn’t need to be “black tie” if you don’t want to – and come and enjoy a delicious three course dinner followed by music from local band Isabelle. Pre–dinner cocktails will be available from our resident cocktail mixologist who will whip up some fabulous drinks and there will, of course, be the usual full bar. Dinner will be served around 8.00pm followed by dancing to the band until 1am. Tickets £50.00 are available online from the website.

Saturday 24th June
7.30pm-1am
Do You Remember House? Hosted by Housemouse
This summer a little slice of Ibiza is coming to Pitstone. Do You Remember House? is a club night, the likes of which is only usually seen on the White Isle. PIE talks to DJ Mark Scott about the event.

Who are Housemouse?
Quite simply we are a group of local friends who have been DJing, partying and promoting in Ibiza for 25 years. We LOVE dance music and we are on a mission to share that love!

Would people of any age enjoy the night?
Of course! If you like to party and your over 18 you’ll love it! There’s no upper age limit to partying is there? Bring it on. Life’s too short :)

What can people expect from the night?
Well, it’s a night club in a tent, on a lawn in a village in June…..with some really really funky, upbeat house music and an awesome sound system that will deliver crystal clear melodies and punchy bass. We all love to party, right? Hopefully the weather will be lovely and we’ll kick things off @7.30pm under a warm evening sun. The cocktails will be flowing, people will be in the mood for dancing and we’ll tease them onto the dance floor with some happy tunes. As the sun goes down, the lights will go up and we’ll take you on a lovely musical journey with cool electronic riffs and great basslines! We’ve only got until 1am so we will pack the tunes in tightly and keep the energy up high to make the most of the time. There will be a few ‘theatrical’ surprises along the way too to keep you entertained… this will be a really fun night.

What is house music?
The name ‘house’ music has its origins in the ware’house’ parties held in Chicago in the 1980s. The music from these parties came over to Europe and in the early 1990’s and became fused with more mainstream pop and dance music culture here. No more so than on the beautiful party island of Ibiza where the ‘Balearic’ sound emerged. Today that sound is everywhere. We all just know it as ‘cool’ dance music. You hear it every day on your car radio or on your Spotify playlists. We’re going to bring you the best of the last 25 years of Balearic house/dance music. Some tracks everyone will know, some tracks none of you will know, some tracks you’ll have heard before but never remixed in that way. We’re going to fuse them into one lovely big funky night and you’ll dance your socks off!

What’s your go-to track that’s guaranteed to get people on the dance floor?
Well, we’ve got lots of tracks that will get you on the dance floor and keep you there …We’re not giving away too much at this stage… it’s a live performance and completely fluid, but just to tease you a little…. how about The Matt Smallwood Remix of Inner City’s ‘Good Life’. It’s an Ibiza classic and we defy anyone not to throw some funky shapes to it at high volume!

What is ideal attire for the night?
There’s absolutely no dress code… anything goes… if you want to dress up and look super cool or super sexy then great… if you think you dance better in a bin bag then no one will judge you!

Any tips for releasing your inner Ibiza?
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Pitstone and Ivinghoe Entertainments – Entertainment By The Community For The Community

Tony Clare
Dear Dog Walkers of the Parish

The walks round here are nice, we think you’ll all agree,
And many people comment, on the views being so pretty.
But sometimes on the path you walk, you look and you do see,
A squidgy thing you stepped on, is something that’s sh**y.

So we kindly ask you, when Rover needs a poop,
You make a little effort; you simply bend and scoop,
And have a thought for fellow (wo)man, do not commit a sin,
You know you need to pick it up, and put it in the bin!

(The Dog Warden can be contacted on 01296 555605)
The 9th Mentmore Arts Festival will be held from Saturday 27 May to Monday 29th May 2017 from 11am to 5pm.

We are delighted that our favourite artists continue to support the event and are also very happy to make new artists a welcome addition to the team. We now showcase the work of over 60 contributors, twice the number from our opening year.

This, together with record numbers of visitors, has meant that we have been able to donate to charity the fantastic sum of £9,000 in 2016 and over £50,000 in total from eight events. The lead charity for 2017 will be our local Air Ambulance.

www.mentmore-arts-festival.co.uk

Mentmore Church

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- PHOTOGRAPHS
- SCULPTURE • GLASS
- POTTERY

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&
MONDAY 29

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Napoleon once called us a nation of shopkeepers, he was probably right but if you think about it, when did shops first appear? Originally, the main form of retail outlet would have been the market stall. Modern society seems to think that farmers markets are the latest thing but in fact they were the origin of shopping. Farmers and artisans making everything from barrels to baskets, would have met at a fixed time, in what became the market square, to hawk their produce. It wasn’t until the late 1500s that fixed, permanent buildings started to be used as what we now know as shops. The word shop seems to be derived from old European terms meaning a booth, lean to, or place of work or trade. By the late 1600s there were over 40,000 shops in Britain.

Sometime in the mid 1800s a shop was opened in the high street in Ivinghoe, opposite the church, round the corner from The Kings Head. The Elliott family ran this shop until sometime around 2000, when it finally closed to the public. Rosemary Elliott, the lady known to everyone as Jane, continued to occupy the premises until sadly, in 2016 she died. When sorting out her effects, a note was discovered, asking that the remaining contents and the fixtures and fittings of the old shop should be preserved at Pitstone Museum for future generations to appreciate. To these ends, the volunteers at the museum have stripped out the interior, carefully photographed and measured everything, inside and out and have started to build a replica of the old shop on the site of The Museum at the old farm at Pitstone Green. We are a bit short of suitable space, but have found a site that should do justice to this wonderful, unique piece of local history.

The project will take a while but in the meantime, pop along to the museum on one of our open days, (Bank Holiday Mondays and the 2nd Sunday of each month from June to October) to see how we are getting on with this and many other projects we have in hand. If anyone has any photos, articles, objects or anecdotes relating to the old shop please drop them in on open days or a Tuesday or Thursday when the volunteers are on site.

Pitstone Green Museum opens again on Easter Monday and is then open on Bank Holiday Mondays and the second Sunday of each month from June until October. If you would like to arrange a visit at some other time or would like to get involved in any way, get in contact via the website.

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<td>The subject of trains is always a popular one so, come and hear the anecdotes of a man who spent 42 years of his working life driving and working with trains of all shapes and sizes.</td>
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<td>Roger lives right next door to the museum and is a professional historian and has written many history books. As a follow on from the London Blitz come and hear what it was like in the German capital. His book “Berlin at War” gives an insight into the life of ordinary Germans as it became more obvious that they were losing the war.</td>
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<td>Our local celebrity antiques expert and keen supporter of the museum has kindly agreed to pay us a visit again, to assess and value our own personal family heirlooms. As usual we have cheese and wine included, so book early to avoid disappointment.</td>
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<td>Roger returns to the museum to explain how Women’s fight to get the vote came about and, presumably, why they didn’t have it in the first place. Today we take many things for granted but many of those things were very hard fought for. Roger has some amusing anecdotes as well as the facts.</td>
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<td>An author in her own right, Philomela is a leading light at Bletchley Park and we are lucky she has agreed to talk to us at Pitstone. Her knowledge of many aspects of WW2 should make for a very interesting and lively evening and give us some idea of the extreme risks that were taken on our behalf and how the planes were adapted for this very special job.</td>
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**PITSTONE MUSEUM PROVISIONAL OPEN DAY DATES 2017**

- Easter Monday 17th April
- Early Spring BH: Monday 1st May
- Late Spring BH: Monday 29th May
- Sunday 11th June
- Sunday 9th July
- Sunday 13th August
- August BH: Monday 28th August
- Sunday 10 September
- Sunday 8th October

**Google** - David Butler, Colin Oakes, Roger Moorhouse, Stephen Hearn & Philomena Liggins, you will find that we have some very interesting people coming to speak at our meetings.

**Become a member** - Pitstone & Ivinghoe Museum Society is always looking for new members. If you would like to join, it’s only £12 single or £18 for a couple per year and after the first year your membership gives you free entry to The Museum on open days.
WE’RE DOING IT AGAIN!
Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally
Sunday 18th June 2017
Startop Farm, Marsworth HP23 4LL
11am-5pm

And this years show promises to be bigger and better than ever!
This will be a great day out for all the family. See historic steam engines, vintage tractors, classic cars, motorbikes and trucks at this fun day out – arena entertainment, stalls, sideshows and refreshments, live music, beer tent with local real ales and Pimms, tea and homemade cakes, ice creams, fish and chips, children’s entertainment, bouncy castle and fairground, steam engine rides for children (of all ages) and much more.

Tickets: Adults £5.00, children £2.00
(All proceeds go to local fundraising and charities).

Treat dad to a fun day out on Fathers Day!

For more information visit:
www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk

We’re looking for enthusiastic people to help on the day. Can you spare a few hours? It would be very much appreciated.
Volunteering can be fun and a great way to meet new people. Register your interest via the form on our website.
MISA CRIOLLA ~ Ramirez
SONGS OF SANCTUARY ~ Jenkins

Performed in the stunning natural outdoor arena at Spring Meadow Farm
Beacon Community Choir
Beacon Chamber Ensemble
Judith Sheridan – Conductor

The Misa Criolla by Argentinian composer Ariel Ramírez (1921-2010) is an exuberant setting of the mass based on Latin-American folk genres, combining Spanish text with indigenous instruments and rhythms. Written in 1964, this colourful and joyful work became an international hit.

Welsh composer Karl Jenkins (b1944) early professional musical experience was with progressive rock bands and in jazz, but his compositions Songs of Sanctuary, “The Armed Man” and “Requiem” have entered the classical repertoire. His music is characterised by rhythmic energy, haunting melodies and a universal musical language. The opening movement “Adiemus” has become an international hit with classical and non-classical music lovers alike.

DATE: SATURDAY 15TH JULY
TIME: Doors open at 17.00 to enable you to enjoy the woodlands and meadows (bring a picnic)
Concert starts at 18.30
VENUE: Spring Meadow Farm, Whelpley Hill, Berkhamsted, HP4 2SX
TICKETS: £8 (£4 concs) including refreshments available from randmlaken@gmail.com or by post from the venue address

Pitstone Community Car Scheme
Servicing Healthcare Appointments

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Volunteer drivers always needed
PHONE: Klaus Ginda 01296 668911
Another June of Art, Nature and Cake... What more could you want?

College Lake Artists, an exciting, disparate group of Artists and Makers, are delighted to be exhibiting again at College Lake Nature Reserve near Tring, during Bucks Open Studios from 10-25 June.

This year College Lake Artists have even more wonderful artists and makers. They have 14 members, with several newcomers to the group: Lucie Smith - Glass Bead Jeweller, Lauren Walter - Free Motion Embroidery, Amy Saunders - Fine Art Student, and Damian Smith - Acrylics Artist.

The Artists and Makers are some of the area’s leading specialists in their fields. Niki Bell’s painting and print making is of British wildlife and farm animals, which are strong and have an element of wildness about them. Kerry Newth is an award-winning Contemporary Jeweller whose work is influenced by the natural world, growth patterns, seed formations but especially the sea. Linda Cavill’s paintings and ceramics are inspired by her native Scotland and her travels further afield, whilst Damian Smith’s acrylics specialises in dramatic, bold colour landscapes and still lifes. Nigel Thompson’s beautiful stoneware tableware has great depth of colour in blues and bronzes, and Shirley Jones is mad about textiles, working with fine fabrics such as silk and lace, including lots of embellishment with embroidery or beading by hand. Louisa Stobbs’s passion for outdoor photography is in the art she sees all around, her year-round love for colour, light and texture show in every picture. Hazel Godfrey is a contemporary willow weaver, inspired by the beauty and versatility of natural materials. Lucie Smith likes working with her home-land’s Czech crystals and beads, Swarovski crystals, Murano glass and silver. Her work is mainly inspired by the natural world. Jenny Hoole makes beautiful individual fused glass dishes, jewellery, coasters, studio glass and wall art, her inspiration coming from her fashion industry background. Paul Elliott’s sculpture uses traditional skills to hand forge hot metal to produce pieces with powerful structure, perspective, richness of character and surface texture. Amy Saunders is our first student and is studying Fine Art. She takes inspiration from books, films, music and places. Lauren Walter loves creating stitched pictures with her sewing machine, which combines her love of drawing with sewing. College Lake Artists are also delighted to include another outdoor installation from the pupils of Brookmead School.

Bucks Open Studios is the largest visual arts event in the country; over 500 artists and makers open their studios and run free exhibitions and events for the public to visit, in over 200 different venues across Buckinghamshire. BOS are offering the opportunity for one visitor to win a £100 prize to spend at a venue of their choice. College Lake Artists are open throughout Bucks Open Studios from Saturday 10 to Sunday 25 June, 10am to 4pm.

Don’t miss this opportunity to visit College Lake, soak up the wonderful atmosphere of the nature reserve, enjoy first class artists and makers, and round off your visit with some delicious home made cake at the excellent Badger Cafe!

For more information see www.collegelakeartists.weebly.com, www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk or contact Louisa at collegelakeartists@gmail.com
**Councillor News from Avril Davies**

It was great to see the replica fossil display restored at the College Lake centre in time for the Fantastic Fossils weekend at the beginning of April. Fossils from the Jurassic beds excavated at College Lake, designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest, are normally in storage at the Bucks County Museum Resource Centre at Halton. I have visited the resource centre twice recently as a member of the Select Committee for Transport, Environment and Communities which maintains an overview of the Museum Trust.

The centre is open to the public by appointment. College Lake is also a new venue for Active Bucks ‘simply walk’ on Wednesdays at 10.15 and I have enjoyed a walk with the group on a couple of occasions.

Since the new year I have been a member of the Health and Social Care looking to understand the NHS strategic and transformation plans for Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire, to be implemented in the next few years.

The Transport Environment and Communities select committee on which I am also a member has been looking at school travel planning across the County to see how the council can build on its record of reducing pupil journeys to school from 56% fifteen years ago to 26% now, and how this can be maintained with fewer resources than ever.

Work continues on school place planning in the Ivinghoe Division. Dagnall Church of England school is currently consulting on becoming a combined school taking pupils up to the age of 11, which is one of many measures in discussion to provide more places.

Residents will be receiving a small increase in their council tax bills this year. Unwelcome and inequitable as it is, there is no other way to pay for public services. By 2020 there will be no top up grant from government and we don’t know how the additional funds announced in the budget for adult social care will be distributed, although I don’t expect good news for Bucks and other counties.

About two thirds of the county council’s £350 million budget is spent on social care. Half of this year’s council tax increase will go into services for adults which supports increasing numbers of older people and adults with learning disabilities. By 2020 all County Council funding will be from council tax and possibly a small amount from business rates and none from government. Since 2010 the council has cut its budget by £100 million and is required to make further savings of about £30 million.

This leaves very little spare for roads and all other services such as public health, planning, environment, and education.

In the Ivinghoe division last year 12 local road repair schemes from Ledburn to Dagnall were completed. Work done ranged from patching to complete resurfacing, but there is still a list of urgent work, while other roads deteriorate as fast as repairs catch up. This is replicated across the county perceived in a recent survey as having the worst roads in Britain, not to mention some of the heaviest traffic.

The Dunstable North bypass is due to open in two phases in February and March, and the A4146 through Water End to Leighton Buzzard downgraded to B road status.

This corner of the County is particularly affected by HGVs finding alternatives to the A5 and M1 to reach the A41 and M25.

Without comprehensive signage keeping heavy goods and other through traffic on the motorway and bypasses this could get worse. The three Counties of Beds Bucks and Herts met recently to agree the new signage, but I am still waiting to get sight of it to pass on to the parish councils concerned.

The B488 is the only north-south road not to have a proposed weight limit, although a traffic count has already taken place to measure the number of HGVs using the route, and another is planned after the new bypass is open. If HGV numbers increase our case for a weight limit will be strengthened.

After many years of inaction, a launch meeting was set up in February to revive the County wide freight strategy. The Beacon Freight Quality Partnership set up by the Great Brickhill, Wing and Ivinghoe Local Area Forum a few years ago was unable to progress further without a county wide strategy for HGV routes being further developed and promoted to improve routes through and within the county and minimise the impact on communities.

In February a workshop for Parish, District and County Councillors, highways and planning staff, and representatives of the freight industry, met to define the key issues that affect local communities, to be taken into account in the County Council freight strategy, such as noise, road safety, damage to roads, lorry routing and congestion. The new strategy is expected to be finalised in 2018.

Avril Davies
County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division.
Good news on recycling in AVDC

Recycling remains between 50% and 55%. Service quality is excellent with missed bins now around 180 a month compared with 900 a month last year; with 75,000 residents in the Vale, that means a total of 300,000 bins collected each month (not including garden or food waste bins), so the percentage on 180 is minute. The improvement partly arises from the crews now being more familiar with their routes, following the re-organisation of routes after the opening of the Greatmoor EfW (Energy from Waste facility near Grendon Underwood near the existing Calvert landfill which is almost full up).

Food recycling in the district has now reached 58% which is extremely satisfactory compared with the national average of 30%. Bulky waste remains very popular, especially in the rural areas, and is at full capacity on two days a week operations. Garden Waste is increasing year on year and is now collected from 21,500 properties.

Waste Processing at Cheddington/Marsworth Old Airfield Site

AVDC Planning Application

Consultation 17/01064/ACC

The item in italics below is an extract from AVDC Planning Enforcement bulletin for November 2016. This was the subject of a significant appeal several years ago (10 years!) for a similar installation that was beyond the existing planning conditions for the Cheddington/Marsworth airfield site. The subsequent outcome was against the waste operator (not Waste King but a now defunct company called Cairns).

This application makes no reference to lorry movements per day or any local employment prospects. The previous application was refused and the subsequent appeal dismissed.

Cheddington PC investigations to support the respective objections to this development identified significant possible traffic movements made up of skip lorries and very large mineral trucks delivering waste from north London and beyond for processing.

Waste King Limited Unit 25 Marsworth Airfield North Site Cheddington Lane Marsworth Buckinghamshire

At present information is minimal but it does appear Waste King intend to establish a facility/hub to concentrate, process and re-distribute construction and demolition materials. The consequences of this could be experienced by local villages as an increase in lorry movements across all roads and lanes; possibly airborne pollution as dust from the ‘trommel’ plant; potential water pollution to the brook that flows along the eastern site boundary (is this another problem for Thames Water?). The fact is, as we all are aware, the roads in this district were never built for such HGV traffic, the condition re potholes is confirmation already to what is expected to become worse.

Parish Councils are responding to Bucks County Council (BCC Ref CM/17/17 for Consultation) notification that came out in March. Additionally all residents need to monitor and if possible take note of lorries in and out of the site and using routes through villages where they ought not to be.

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District Councillors for Pitstone and Cheddington Ward
The 37th FESTIVAL of ART, CRAFT and FLOWERS

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