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# Welcome from the Chair



**Karen Groom,**  
Chair, Ivinghoe  
Parish Council

## Firstly may I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year.

### Gladman Appeal

It was a very good end to 2015 for Ivinghoe Parish. The appeal for 60 houses on land off Station Road (APP/JO405/W/15/3002218) was dismissed. The full report of the planning Inspector can be read on Ivinghoe Parish Council website. I would like to thank Ivinghoe Together for all of their hard work during this process and everyone who commented and supported us along the way. A number of people gave up their time and attended the appeal for which I am very grateful. I would also like to extend our thanks to Pitstone Parish Council who gave much valued support and attendance throughout the appeal process.

### Parish Clerk

After four years of working with us we are unfortunately saying goodbye to our Clerk Maxine Hayes. She has been an excellent clerk and without a doubt an asset to our Council. We wish her well for the future. I look forward to introducing you to our new Clerk, in the next edition of The Beacon.

### Beacon Magazine

Albert Reynolds, a well-known resident of Ivinghoe Aston, is retiring from delivering the Beacon magazine. He has been associated with the magazine from its inception, more than twenty years. The Parish Council would like to thank Albert for

his hard work and dedication. The magazine will now be distributed by Madeleine Taylor and Joan Ward and we thank them for volunteering to take on this task.

Peter Miles, who has been delivering the magazine in Maud Janes Close, Ivinghoe is moving home. Once more, the Parish Council would like to thank Peter for all of his help with the magazine and all his help with tasks around the village.

If anyone would like to volunteer to deliver to this road then please contact me.

### Road Closures

Cheddington Station Road will be closed for nine weeks from the 15th February 2016 for essential work to the railway bridge.

### Parking

Parking in our village is a recognised problem and as a Parish Council we are very aware of this. The council are always trying to work out solutions. I would ask that you have some respect for our village and how it looks and not park on the grass verge between the hub and the bus stop. Due to the recent prolonged rain this now resembles a mud patch and the planted daffodils are almost certainly ruined. It also makes it very difficult to have a clear view of the road when trying to cross.

### Play in the Parish

Play in the parish was very well attended last Easter and the Council are going to host it again on 8th April 2016. This will take place on Ivinghoe Lawn and the ►

Hub and Town Hall will be available if the weather is unkind to us. Please look out for posters and information on our website for times nearer to the date.

### Ben Hamilton Baillie

Traffic in Ivinghoe is a big problem and the Council have appointed a traffic consultant to help try and alleviate some of the major issues that we face. We are working jointly with Pitstone Parish Council, who have similar difficulties and Bucks County Council. We are hoping to have a joint public meeting with Pitstone in May (date to be confirmed), where Ben will be giving a presentation as to how he suggests we can reduce our traffic problems. I hope as many of you as possible will attend to see the future vision of our community and it's road structure.

### Coronation

On a lighter note now, can any of you answer the following questions? How did Ivinghoe celebrate the Queens' Coronation and does anyone remember the little sweet shop in between The Kings Head and Pendyce House opposite the lawn? We think that the sweet shop was run by Mrs. Williamson. Any information or photographs would be gratefully received as we are trying to put together a heritage book. Anyone with any information can contact either me or Sylvia Simmonds on **01296 668056**.

Finally, **thank you to all our volunteers** throughout The Parish, who work tirelessly to make our community a better place to live.

**Karen Groom**, Chair  
Ivinghoe Parish Council

## Thank you and Goodbye

**I will be leaving Ivinghoe Parish Council as their clerk at the end of March after almost 4 years. I would just like to say thank you to all the lovely people I have met and worked with over those years both on the Parish Council and through my work as clerk and wish Ivinghoe Parish and the Council all the best for the future.**

**Maxine Hayes**



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# RikkIAbout

## Nobody expects the IA inquisition

My knock on Jacky Parsons' door was timely. As Acting Chair of the Village Hall Committee, she has been putting extraordinary effort into upgrading the venue, which will soon boast revamped electrics, drains, kitchen, loos etc. Whilst the hall hosts several meetings and functions, it is an underused resource, but one that has huge untapped potential. I live almost opposite and wanted to find out more.



**RH:** I remember seeing that the hall was opened by Lady Olave Baden-Powell. Was it originally for Scouts and Guides?

**JP:** No, but it was generously funded by the Leslie Sell Foundation, which was set up primarily to provide financial assistance to the Scouting and Guiding movements nationwide. The Sell family lived in IA and wanted to support their own community, although the village itself is too small to support a Scout Group or Guide Company.

**RH:** So who owns it and runs it now?

**JP:** The Leslie Sell Foundation has gifted most of its properties but still owns ours. We have a temporary lease. It is run by a small committee, which would very much welcome new members. The Foundation would like to gift our hall to the community and this would mean setting up a charity to run it. The work that has recently been done will help to make it more attractive to potential users and hence more likely to be financially viable. It needs some more modernisation but, with a good plan for its future, the Foundation might well consider providing the funding to achieve that.

**RH:** Gift horses and mouths come to mind. What are the next steps?

**JP:** I plan to send round a questionnaire in February asking what people would like of the hall. It is ideas to ensure its viability that we really need and, of course, any offers of help in running and maintaining it would be incredibly useful. We particularly need somebody who would be willing to set up and run a web site to promote it.

**RH:** From the plaque in the entrance I see that next January will be the hall's 40th anniversary. Let's hope that, by then, its future will be secure and we have a good excuse for a party!

## Claus for celebration

I was away over Christmas but on return heard tell of sightings of Santa in the village. So I emailed the North Pole and Father C kindly sent me a picture. I had a word with Rudolph the red-nosed Range Rover, sorry, Reindeer, too. He told me that he was a bit nervous flying over Ashridge but that Ivinghoe Aston was the most wonderful place he'd been. Amelie and Phoebe followed Santa, sleigh bells jingling and ho-ho-ho-ing, to The Village Swan, where they were delighted to receive a bag of sweets. "The candy canes were



the best" they said "and Santa even made it snow!" Very many thanks to Santa, reindeer and elves.

## The deer of Ashridge

Fallow deer have been a feature of Ashridge for a thousand years. In 1926 the Brownlow Deer Park was home to 500 red deer and 500 fallow deer in. The reds were rounded up and sold, but the fallows remained and escaped into the surrounding countryside when fencing fell into disrepair. In 1955 the need for management was recognised. The population today is probably around 1200, up from 800 or so in 1988, although precise numbers are virtually impossible to assess. Scientific studies show that the estate and the countryside around it could maintain around 600 without causing unacceptable damage to other aspects of the biodiversity. A carefully organised annual cull of the least healthy animals takes place in late autumn and early winter.

Not so long ago there were more than 100 road traffic accidents each year involving deer, but now there are only 20 or so. The reduction is probably down to

greater awareness in drivers as a result of publicity, and possibly a change of behaviour in the deer. Remember that they are herd animals and if one crosses a road nothing will stop the rest from following! The correct course of action in the event of an accident is to call the police. Rangers will help with injured deer if on National Trust land, but there is no out of hours service.

Ashridge is a priceless local asset.

Karen Groom and I are members of the Estate Committee and happy to field any questions you may have about the Estate. We are grateful to Lawrence Trowbridge, Head Ranger, for the information above.

## Fly tipping – correction from last issue

To report fly tipping the number is **01296 585235**. The other number mentioned is no longer in use. Alternatively e-mail: [communityspaces@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:communityspaces@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk).

## Rikki Harrington

Brampton, Ivinghoe Aston **01525 220625**; [harrington.rikki@gmail.com](mailto:harrington.rikki@gmail.com).



# News from Beacon Villages Community Library in Ivinghoe

Thanks to everyone who supported us with Waitrose tokens, we received £276 to boost our funds.

Planned for **10th February**, talk and book signing by local author Dr. Kat Arney to launch her popular science book on genetics "Herding Hemingway's Cats". Watch our website or Facebook/Twitter for up to date information.

Coming soon; Chatterbooks reading groups for young people. Information will be available on our website and social media soon.

**New Year, new hobby?** Whatever your plans, call into the library to see what's available.

**Janet**, Secretary

## Date for your Diary:

### Library Lunch

**Cheddington Village Hall, 23rd March**

**Gail Stuart** will speak about *"My father, Eric Morecambe"*

**Tickets £15 each which include two course lunch**

Available from the library or Janet **01296 668341** or Linda **01296 668582**

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 [ivinghoeclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoeclerk@gmail.com)

NB: there may not always be an available plot but we do keep a waiting list!



# Pitstone & Ivinghoe Museum Society Programme 2016

All meetings are held in the Meeting Room in the Pitstone Green Museum at 8pm and visitors are very welcome.  
Entry for members is £2 and for non members £3.

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January '16 \*\*\* Winston Churchill's Toyshop

Having become Prime Minister, Churchill knew of the red tape at the War Office so he appointed himself Minister of Defence and created one Department, MD1 at Whitchurch near Aylesbury, under his direct control via Lord Cherwell. This department created over 50 weapons that went into production and also paid a pivotal role in the creation of the atomic bomb - a fact that the authorities seem to want to hide. Five years ago our speaker Gordon Rogers decided to make his own PowerPoint presentation and decided to find some humour in this serious subject.

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February '16 \*\*\* The Challenge of Climbing Mt Kilimanjaro

Committee Member Mel Davis will give us a multimedia presentation on one of her charity challenges. This involved trekking to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro which, at 5,895metres (19,341 feet), is the highest free standing mountain in the World. Mel will explain how she prepared for this adventure and, using her own photographs and a video clip, will describe the challenge of reaching the summit at Uhuru Peak, "The Roof of Africa".

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March '16 \*\*\* The History of the Magic Lantern

Gordon Casbeard and Tony Brown have visited our Museum once before to give a magic lantern show. This time they are returning, having heard that we have magic lanterns in the Colin Cook Collection, to show us various pieces of equipment relating to Magic Lanterns and then they will conclude with a projection of some sets of their slides.

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April '16 \*\*\* An evening of music with Ron and his player Pianos

Ron and Barbara Hartwell have once again invited us to their home in Chesham to enjoy music from the collection of player pianos that Ron has accumulated over the years. This event will start at 7.30pm. Please book this by emailing [Sue.Lipscomb@btopenworld.com](mailto:Sue.Lipscomb@btopenworld.com)

**Sue Lipscomb**, Programme Secretary

# Hub News...

**H**appy New Year to all our **Ivinghoe Community** and our own building's **151st year of existence!** As we take down our sparkly Christmas decorations and plan our next trustees meeting, **Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub** is presently chewing on a newish phenomenon we might take part in – and we need to know what you think about it also. It works from two angles of giving time and receiving a 'Credit'. So, we would like to introduce you to the concept of **TIME CREDITS**.



We all need a little help sometimes, for lots of things. Our communities are no different, and this is where Time Credits come in. If you give an hour of your time to your community, your community can 'thank you' by giving you an hour back to spend on something you like to do, if you want, in any of the venues we show here. Everyone's hour is worth the same and everyone gets thanked. **We all like a thank you really, I find!** There is no limit to how many credits you can earn, and you can save them yourself, or share them with friends.



Our group of voluntary trustees will be discussing whether the Hub joins this volunteers scheme offering Time Credits, and if so, what we can offer back into the pot like the other venues below, to be enjoyed for free from your saved earned Time Credits...and so far, free computer use has been suggested.

**Some venues already part of the scheme are:** Places for People Leisure centres has joined the scheme giving Time Credits Countrywide for swimming, as has the Wycombe Swan which has offered theatre tickets on particular performances; Chiltern Music Therapy has offered workshops which look at 'creating change and improvements in communication, physical, social, cognitive and emotional wellbeing and mental health needs'. Other venues who have joined the scheme locally and in London include the Aqua Vale Swimming Pool Aylesbury, Swan Pool Buckingham, Better Leisure Centres Countrywide including Chiltern, Chesham and Chalfont Leisure Centres; the Wycombe Wanderers Football Club; Lords Cricket Ground; Amersham Museum; Adult Learning Centres across Bucks; Marlow Museum; British Museum; Museum of London; Tower of London; Tower Bridge Exhibition; St Paul's Cathedral; Keats House, London; and the Thames Clippers London...Room Hire at Bucks Mind, High Wycombe, for a start.

**Hopefully, this Time Credit scheme will inspire some fresh volunteers from amongst our community, to assist another plan that 'Prevention Matters' within BCC has been working with us to run, here in the Hub.** We want to offer a session a week of 'Movers and Shakers Club'. This is a three hour session centred around a **lunch club for the middle hour, a health promoting moving to music first hour and a social third hour of film, a speakers talk or a card game,** etc., whilst we digest our lunch!

We now have a projector to show film, and with the £800 monies we raised at our Christmas Market / 150th Birthday in late November 2015, minus the costly sudden wind the following morning tearing our two triple size tents to ribbons, as shown here... luckily we are still left with enough to buy our new projection screen and commission someone in the making of bespoke black-out-blinds for our complicated school windows.



After we have that preparation made and in use, we will work with Hayley's CuriosiTea Rooms café to prepare a lovely lunch for us each week and with our PA system we will lure someone in to run our music and movement session. Personally I would join in with line dancing if the

music was good and the atmosphere friendly and fun!

Then when all of this is in place we will be calling out for volunteers to be present to assist anyone who needs help from car to Hub, from chair to loo, and thence to lunch. Does anyone like the idea of this because volunteering will earn you Time Credits if you do?

Does anyone else even have experience to run such a club? Do get in touch please if you are either wanting to come to such a club; wanting to volunteer to help members of such a club with moving about; and indeed if you have the skills to run it yourself!

Lastly we are advertising for a cleaner, and asking for anyone interested to get in touch to thrash out a working plan and fee – contacts as below.

Meanwhile our community-run Hub of four Victorian classrooms is open seven days a week, voluntarily providing space to commune, either within our tenant's café **CuriosiTea Rooms**, whilst enjoying tasty and affordable home made food and drink; or by hiring out or joining clubs using our characterful **two adjoining rooms/hall size space**; or within our **IT space** where using computer space, or learning how to use computers in one to one tuition, or just simply copying documents and printing out takes place. **Here's to a great year 2016, for our community!** Do drop in and become part of this cosy village Hub experience!

Our Facebook page is a good source of related info at Ivinghoe Old School Hub

Our Hub website is: **www.ivinghoeoldschool.com**; Our email is: **ivinghoeoldschool@btconnect.com**; Our HUB direct phone number is: **01296-661666**; CuriosiTEA Rooms **01296-663853**.



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## Old School Community Hub , Ivinghoe

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**Contact us or come in for a booking form and our support for your plan.**

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Booking whole space for small conference or meetings etc. £10 an hour.

Personal tuition starting soon!

# Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2015



The magnificent amount of £5,550.00 has been raised so far in the villages of Ivinghoe, Ivinghoe Aston, Marsworth, Pitstone, and Slapton this year. This was made thanks to our dedicated team of door to door collectors, by Joe Marling at Mason's Stores, by static collections at many of the local businesses and at the school, and at the packed Church services. As usual everyone was extremely generous to this continually needy cause.

Very many thanks to all who helped to sell the Poppies and to the members of the R.B.L. who always help us to assemble the boxes, count the money

and support us in so many ways over the years. People came from far and wide to support Joe with his display at Mason's stores, they contributed nearly half the total amount, six stone weight of cash which took five people 2 ½ hours to count!

Next year will be the last year that I will be organising the poppy collections for our area and we will be looking for someone to take over in 2017. If anyone feels they would like to do this and could join us and learn the ropes next year, please can you get in touch with me.

**Owen Wynne 01296 668 336**

## CHURCHES TOGETHER SOUPER LENT LUNCH

We are holding another of our popular warming **Souper Lunches** this year at **Pitstone Hall, 12pm on Thursday February 25th** and the cost **£6.00** per person. There will be a raffle and we welcome contributions of prizes for the raffle.

This year's Souper Lent Lunch will be in aid of our needy local charities:

**Iain Rennie Grove Hospice at Home and Bucks Young Carers**

Tickets are available from:

Babs Byrom on **01296 668 352** and

Margaret Cole **01296 668 005**

We do hope that you can join us, so be sure to book in good time to ensure a place and we will look forward to seeing you in February.



# Ivinghoe Town Hall... News!

## Ivinghoe Together – Celebration

At the time you are reading this many of you will have already attended the Ivinghoe Together Celebration that took place on 16 January to mark the occasion of having successfully defeated the proposed development by Gladman Developments for 60 dwellings on the land just off Station Road.

A lot of hard work, fundraising and campaigning proved to be well worth and our special thanks should go to Kate Mackie for keeping us all informed and co-ordinated. The amount of interest on the last day of the Appeal at the AVDC offices was attended by 17 Ivinghoe people to listen in person to both sides making their respective cases, which we won!

**FYI:** Over Christmas the Hall was closed for 2 days while the floor was re-sanded and varnished which has brought it back to looking like new pine. Courtesy to RestoFloors who last did it for us 5 years ago when they grounded down the very old 'Gravy' varnish, which took them 4 days!

### Ivinghoe Town Hall regular events:

A New Year means good reasons (or poor excuses) for (not) trying one of our many varied activities and re-making acquaintances or new friends.

**Monday:** 3pm-7.45pm – **Ballet**

Lisa (07834 281434)

**Tuesday:** 10am – **Beacon Art** Marion (01296 661291)

**Tuesday:** 7pm – **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)

**Wednesday:** 1pm **Adult Ballet** and at 2pm **Vintage Fitness** contact (KaSo) Kate or Sophie (07985 048880)

**Thursday:** 9.15am-9.45am **Metafit – NEW CLASS** Graham Pepper (01442 827742)

**Thursday: W.I.** Monthly – each 2nd Thursday (Win: 01296 660755).

In addition to our regulars The Town Hall has enjoyed hosting approximately 15 'ad-hoc' bookings.

Also, please try the web site at [www.ivinghoetownhall.org.uk](http://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 660344**. Or via email: [spswinbank@gmail.com](mailto:spswinbank@gmail.com)

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**Stephen Swinbank**, Secretary



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### Pitstone Green Museum Opening Dates in 2016

Easter Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Bank Holiday Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Bank Holiday Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Bank Holiday August Monday 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>.



# Ivinghoe and Pitstone W.I.

**H**appy New Year to you all! Our WI continues to flourish and we are always happy to welcome new members.

We meet the second Thursday of each month at 7.45pm sharp in Ivinghoe Town Hall.

The third Thursday in each month is our diners club and we meet at local pubs for a meal and a get-together.

Our knit and natter is going great guns and again, last year we were knitting Christmas stockings in aid of Rennie Grove Hospice Care. We have raised £200. Our thanks go to Hayley Wesley for selling the stockings at the Hub.

We all had a very enjoyable evening for our Christmas party. With good food, readings by members and it ended with carols by the Ivinghoe Hand Bell Ringers – Father Christmas even paid a visit!

We were very sad to learn of the death of Joan Legg – one of our long standing members. We will miss her enormously at our meetings.

On Thursday 10th March 2016 we will be having an open taster evening for anyone who would like to come along

to one of our meetings. Our speaker will be Helen Armitage who will be talking about 'Behind the Scenes in TV News'. Please ring Sue Jones if you would like lift (01296 660436).

As our WI will be 100 years old in 2017 we are planning lots of activities already. The first is a table top sale on Saturday 23rd January 2017 to be held in the Pitstone Memorial Hall. The cost per table is £10 and setting up time is 9.30am. The sale commences at 10.30am and concludes at 12.30pm. Tea, coffee and cake will be for sale also. A date for your diary!

We are also having a Valentine's Lunch on Sunday 14th February in the Ivinghoe Town Hall. Doors open at 12.30pm. We will be offering a hot main dish and a dessert (with tea and coffee) for £11.00. Please call Tessa on **07702 598197** or Sue Jones on **01296 660436** for tickets. Don't cook Sunday lunch – come and enjoy it with us!

Please feel free to give Sue a ring if she can help you with any of the activities.

**Sue Jones**

## From Tracey and Mick Doyle

We would like to express heartfelt thanks to all those who have been so kind to us over the past year since our cottage in Devon was destroyed by fire. We moved back home just before Christmas, exactly a year after the fire, and will be re-opening our Bed & Breakfast on 21st March.

To celebrate the re-opening, and to say thank you; we would like to offer all our friends in Ivinghoe and Pitstone 25% off any bookings in 2016.

Please go to [www.stablesbnbdevon.co.uk](http://www.stablesbnbdevon.co.uk) and quote Beacon25. You can also find us on facebook [www.facebook.com/stablesbnbdevon](https://www.facebook.com/stablesbnbdevon)

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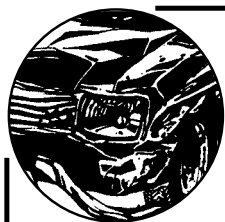


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# The Miller's Tale...

Our final opening for 2015 was for Brookmead school in mid November, we had approx 45 children and staff arrive early in the morning and as usual we enjoyed having them come to the mill and being able to show them how the mill works, and seeing their faces as they learn how wheat is turned into flour and having a go at hand milling on our hand querns and lifting sacks to the top floor using the sack hoist, judging by how quickly the samples of bread baked with Ford End flour were gobbled up I think they liked the end result too!

In my last article I mentioned that we were having a film made to help promote the watermill, I'm pleased to be able to say that it is now finished. The committee members from Ford End all met up one evening in late November for the first official screening of the film and we were all really impressed with the final version, so I would like to say a massive thank you on behalf of the watermill society to Andy Beezer and Roger Hillier fantastic job lads!

For those of you that have internet access you can watch it here  
<https://youtu.be/dJM1aiJ9ZHs>

When we started back at the mill after the xmas and new year break we were confronted by a doorway full of spiders web and it appeared as though the spiders had been having a whale of a time during the holiday period themselves. We usually have a good spring clean before the start of our open season but we decided to attack the place with brooms and a Hoover as it was rather cold and it would help to keep us warm.

Whilst we were busily cleaning away a lady who was interested in volunteering at the mill turned up, so I left the lads to it and started showing the lady around the mill. We are always looking for new volunteers and it's great when, like this lady, they are very interested and you can see the genuine enthusiasm in their faces as you tell them all about the mill and how it works and what we do there. The lady in question is keen to come and help out during our open days so it looks like we have hooked another member to our team.

We are just putting together our rota for volunteers so if you have ever thought about volunteering at the mill now is a good time to get in touch! It's not hard work and only takes up a few hours on a Sunday (or Bank Holiday Monday) and I'm sure our regular volunteers will agree we are all very friendly and it's very interesting and rewarding being at the mill when we are milling.

Preparations for our 2016 open days are under way, opening dates have been agreed and quotes for printing flour bags have been sent off. One thing that is usually straight forward is the wheat supply, which for the many years has been Hereward winter wheat. However Hereward wheat is getting harder to find as farmers are moving away from traditional varieties and growing more of the modern wheat varieties.

The farmer from Aston Clinton who has supplied us with Hereward wheat for the last few years did not grow any last year and has offered us a modern alternative. We would prefer to use Hereward if we could, so this means I'm having to

contact farmers and grain suppliers trying to find some Hereward, or a suitable replacement milling wheat and as we are not a commercial outfit and only need what is considered a small amount of wheat, suppliers have been slow in getting back to me, if they reply at all!

It seems we are not going to be able to source Hereward without travelling lots of miles, so we are going to have to change to another wheat variety. I have narrowed it down to two varieties, Skyfall and Crusoe, both are deemed good milling wheats, now it's just a matter of which

supplier has the best specifications for their wheat and at a reasonable price and not too far for us to travel to collect.

Anyway, here's looking forward to another good year at Ford End Watermill and we're hoping to see some new faces from the local area come down and see what we get up to on our milling days.

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Cheers all!

**Chug (Chris Tugby)**, Mill Manager





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## St Mary's Ivinghoe – Revd Manning

Is it really four years since the London Olympics of 2012? The years have flown by and 2016 is here. The Rio de Janeiro Olympics in Brazil are fast approaching.

On the same four-year cycle as the Olympic Games come leap years. Not all cultures have this same system for synchronizing the calendar with the rotation of the earth around the sun. The Hebrew calendar for example adds an extra month seven times every nineteen years to ensure the celebration of the Passover remains in spring.

This year at the end of February we gain an extra day, the 29th. This extra day will probably just pass by like any other. We might ask ourselves however how we would spend it if we were offered just one extra day at a late stage in life. Imagine that a bonus day came to us and for one extra day we could be

in our present state of health and with all the resources available to us at the moment. How would we spend it? What might seem important to us in this situation?

Many of us would choose to spend the day with those closest to us. Some might want to patch up a broken relationship or spend the time finding someone we have lost touch with. Others would make a visit to a place with special memories or fulfil a dream.

All time is a gift from God. We don't know how much each of us will have. Can we try and learn to use each today well in ways that matter. We will no doubt enjoy much time in front of the television watching sport this summer but we should reflect on what else could be a priority for us this year.

**Revd Adrian Manning**



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One of the most enjoyable jobs for our volunteers is to spend a pleasant afternoon in the church or sitting in the beautiful church yard awaiting visitors. We have a faithful band of Stewards who will open the church and welcome visitors. It is free to visit, although the Churches Conservation Trust which looks after the church is very pleased to receive donations for its maintenance. It is a pleasant situation and a very interesting church, so if you have not yet made its acquaintance do try to pay a visit this year.

### The Festival of Art, Craft, Flowers and Music 2016

The annual late Spring Bank Holiday Festival of Art, Craft, Flowers and Music will take place on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. This is always a very popular event and the delicious home-made cakes and refreshments will be available as usual. Make a note of the dates.

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm

Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am-5pm and at 6pm evensong with Ivinghoe church choir


Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> from 11am-6pm

If you would like to join the rota of Sunday Stewards or help with the Festival arrangements, we will welcome you. We are currently seeking someone to oversee the craft section of the Festival over the weekend. Please contact the Chairman of our local Friends of Pitstone church if you can help.


A key is held in Church Road for anyone who would like to visit the church when it is closed, please phone Jean on 662151 if you would like to visit. The church is still consecrated and can be used for weddings, funerals or baptisms when required. It is a beautiful location and can also be used for exhibitions or concerts.

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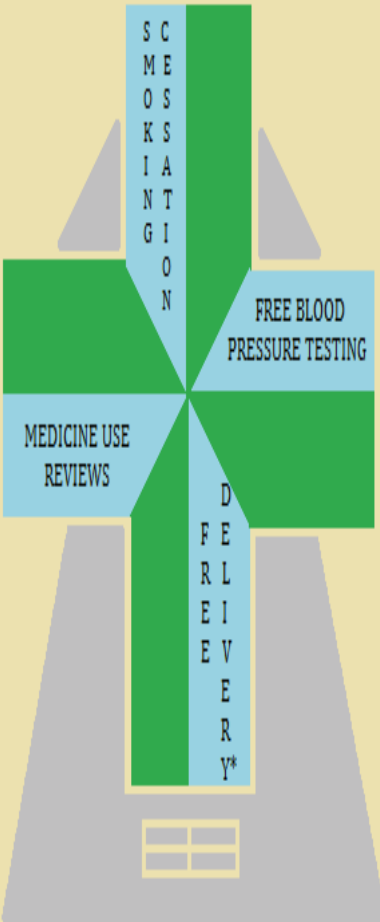


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Saturday 10 September

Ivinghoe Town Hall



Schedule & Entry Form

Submit entries at Ivinghoe Town Hall from 6-8pm on Friday 9 September or 9-10.30am on Saturday 10 September  
Entrants to set up their own entries (Items exhibited at owner's risk)  
Judging from 11am-12.30pm

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Children's entries free, adult entries 20p each, one entry per person per class

ENTRY FORM

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Mark in the grid below the numbers of each class you wish to enter

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NUMBERED CLASSES AS FOLLOWS

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Age 6 and Under:

1. Make a small clay model
2. Make a finger puppet
3. A picture of a sunny garden

Age 7 to 12:

4. Make a garden in a seed tray
5. Make a small bouquet
6. Make 5 muffins

VEGETABLES, FRUIT & PRODUCE SECTION

7. 5 white potatoes
8. 5 coloured potatoes
9. 10 culinary shallots – on a plate
10. 5 onions – individually tied
11. 5 cherry tomatoes
12. 5 tomatoes – one variety
13. 3 round beetroot
14. 3 carrots – one variety 3" tops
15. 5 runner beans
16. 5 broad bean pods
17. 1 marrow – max 15" (38cm)
18. 1 cabbage – any variety, 3" (7.5cm) stalk
19. Any other vegetable
20. Collection of vegetables – 3 varieties, min 2 of each type
21. Basket of mixed herbs
22. 4 pears
23. 4 eating apples
24. 5 plums
25. Any other fruit
26. ½ dozen eggs

FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS SECTIONS

27. Vase of mixed flowers
28. 3 annual geraniums
29. 3 dahlias
30. 3 stems of flowering shrub – 1 variety
31. 1 specimen rose
32. 6 fuchsia blooms
33. 1 flowering pot plant
34. A bowl of succulents
35. Memories of a summer holiday
36. A candlestick table arrangement
37. A wine glass arrangement – not larger than 9" (23cm) wide
38. A wildflower posy

PLEASE NOTE:

Classes 35, 36 and 38 to have a maximum width of 18" (46cm)  
Accessories are allowed for all classes

COOKERY & CRAFT SECTION

39. A Victoria sponge cake
40. A mixed fruit cake
41. A savoury quiche
42. A gluten free loaf of bread
43. A gluten free cake
44. A chocolate cake
45. 5 scones – any flavour
46. A jar of pickled vegetables (2016)
47. A jar of chutney (2016)
48. A jar of jam (2016)
49. A bottle of homemade flavoured spirit eg. gin/vodka
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51. An item of lace or crochet
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# Ivinghoe Allotments **from the Plot**



I hope you all had a great Christmas and wish you all a very happy and productive New Year.

The month of January on the allotment is a relatively quiet time but you can still dig if the soil is not too wet, which is very unlikely considering the weather that we have had over the last month or so. Despite this there are a few things that may be sown now; leeks and onions (if you are exhibiting at a show – more later about this!). Tomatoes can also be started now in a heated greenhouse or under glass indoors.

It is also time to think about chitting your seed potatoes, either in the greenhouse or shed so that the early variety will be ready for planting in the plot or garden, but do be aware that the ground may still be wet and cold.

Did you know that the potato is the fourth most important vegetable after wheat, maize and corn? It was introduced by the Spaniards in the 16th century. Sir Walter Raleigh introduced it to Ireland in 1563. And this is a fact for your pub quiz; Sir Walter Raleigh spent most of the reign of James I imprisoned in the Tower of London, as a result of an absolutely awful expedition to the Orinoco in 1617 while looking for gold. He was executed in 1618. Watch this space, you will always learn something new – if not a little useless!

There are potato days held in the UK by various allotment societies where they discuss blight or choice and there is always an opportunity to talk about potatoes with other like-minded people.

From my enquiries, the British potato variety database suggests there are 200 different types so please do not lose sleep or

get anxious about which potato you are going to plump for! You have plenty of choices.

Having an allotment can improve your mood and self-esteem according to recent research published by two UK universities. The results showed significant gains in mental well-being, fewer weight problems and lower levels of fatigue, depression, tension and anger. What a great advertisement for being an allotmentee! I hope that Ivinghoe Parish Council can deal with the rush for plots once people have read this article!

**Great news!!!** It is now official, and due to popular demand, the Ivinghoe Flower and Vegetable Show is back this year! A new cast is behind it, consisting of some lovely local ladies. Everyone is very enthusiastic about making it a roaring success, so pop the date in your diaries:

**Saturday 10th September 2016 – it is up to all of us to support it!**

All allotmentees, gardeners, crafters and cooks are welcome to enter. There is a category for everyone, including children. Please don't moan afterwards if you did not enter, it is up to you to do that and who knows what you may achieve – at least give it a go and participate in this fabulous event.

**Mind how you go.**

**Ernie Jones** Ivinghoe Allotmentee



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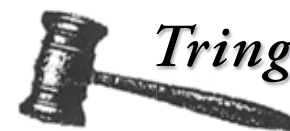
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# Windmill Pre-School



**H**appy New Year! We hope you all had a great festive season and are looking forward to a fantastic 2016. We are pleased have welcomed a number of new starters and their families in to our setting this term as well as welcomed back lots of familiar faces. We are so pleased that our setting continues to be a popular choice and as the year progresses, our waiting list continues to increase – so it's never too early to get your child's name down on the waiting list. For more information, please contact Claire our Administrator at [admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk).

We've got some great activities planned for the children plus an exciting fundraising opportunity for you to get involved with. We hope you enjoy the forthcoming year with us and look forward to having your support.

## Christmas Nativity

We held our annual festive performance at The Pitstone Memorial Hall on the last day of term. The children all did very well and remembered their words and fabulous singing voices. The staff set up some great festive crafts to keep the children occupied after their performance and the Voluntary Management Committee provided hot drinks and yummy refreshments along with face painting and a raffle. Father Christmas arrived and all the children queued up very patiently to tell him what they'd all like for Christmas before receiving a gift. It was a lovely end to a great first term of the academic year.

## Fundraising

Back by popular demand is our Quiz Night. It's being held on Friday 5th February at The Hub in Ivinghoe. It's guaranteed to be full of laughs, yummy food prepared on site by Hayley and her team at CuriosiTea and lots of brain teasing trivia. Teams are a maximum of 8 people or you can come along as an individual and join a team. Tickets are £11 per person and includes a hot supper. Bring along some liquid refreshments and nibbles to help stimulate those brain cells and help raise funds for our Pre-School. For more information, please contact [admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk).

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## Parent partnership

Do you have an interesting job? Do you wear a well-known uniform to work? Or maybe you have an interesting hobby? We would love to hear from anyone that could come in and talk to the children about their job or hobby. Last term we were very pleased to have been visited by a local dentist who came in and talked

to the children about the role of a dentist and how to keep teeth clean and healthy. We also had a parent who came in to talk to us about Diwali, Festival of Lights which is celebrated all around the world by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains each Autumn. The children thoroughly enjoyed both sessions and we look forward to more like these.

Also, could any parents spare a couple of hours to come and help out at Pre-School – either on a regular basis or just as a one off? Would you like to come and

help out with some baking, messy play or gardening? Or maybe do some singing or reading with the children? We would love to hear from dads as well, so please do get in touch and speak to Kate.

**Thank you to everyone for your continued support.**

**Lara Rutherford** Chair,  
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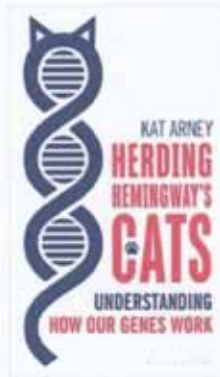




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# Beacon communitychoir

## Advance Notice

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Tickets are £10 (children free), and can be obtained nearer the date from Lindsay Hewlett – [lhewlett@btinternet.com](mailto:lhewlett@btinternet.com), 01296 660670.

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) is a true crossover artist. His early professional musical experience was with progressive rock bands and in jazz, but his compositions "*Songs of Sanctuary*", "*The Armed Man*" and "*Requiem*" has entered the classical repertoire. His music is characterised by rhythmic energy, haunting melodies and a universal musical language. Internationally known "*Adiemus*", the opening movement of "*Songs of Sanctuary*," has become a favourite with classical and non-classical music lovers alike.





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the thousands of plants that will be on display and the plant stock available from small visiting nurseries on a commercial basis. These nurseries kindly donate a percentage of their earnings to the National Trust Plant Fair.

The majority of our plants are from volunteer growers and private gardens. If you have any plants to donate to the Fair then we would love to hear from you. We are especially interested in vegetable plants, border plants and perennials, roses, climbers and herbs. The estate perimeter straddles three counties so plant enthusiasts come from far and wide to purchase the high quality plants on offer. To donate any plants, please contact the organiser; John Cartwright on **01442 864 984**. The Plant Fair is on **Sunday 15 May 2016, 11am till 4pm** at the National Trust Ashridge Visitor Centre, Monument Drive, Ringshall HP4 1LX. *We look forward to seeing you.*

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# From District Councillor Avril Davies

## Ivinghoe conservation area

Gladman lost the Station Road development appeal because it failed to meet one of the Government's criteria for sustainable development – the environment. The deciding factor was the high quality of the revised Ivinghoe Conservation Area policy and associated document. It was worth waiting for this to have been completed and adopted by the new District Council. It might be obvious to all who live in Ivinghoe that the open aspect from the lawn to Mentmore is unique, but the documentation shows that it is recognised by the whole district, distinguishing Ivinghoe's case from many others. For the very same reasons the Ivinghoe neighbourhood plan needs to be equally strong.

## County Council grant settlement

On 17 December councils were notified by government of their grant allocation for 2016/17. It is not news that the cuts have been far greater than expected and come on top of year on year reductions since 2010. Instead of the anticipated 30% cut for this year 2016/17, Bucks County Council received a 43.3% cut in grant, being allocated only £23.7 million instead of £28 million as expected. Next year it will receive £8.1 million and grants will cease from then on.

This should be offset to an extent by the council receiving a portion of the business rate previously retained entirely



**Avril Davies**

County and District Councillor  
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by central government, and permission to raise council tax by 2% over and above the 1.9% previous limit, specifically to meet adult social care costs.

However the government applies a funding formula called a top up grant adjustment which has reduced Bucks share of extra funding this year by £1.6 million, and in 2019/20 by £10.9 million, adding up to a total of £52.7 million reduction in the next four years.

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/documents/b22893/Draft%20Budget%20Report%20and%20Appendices%2011th-Jan-2016%2010.30%20Cabinet.pdf?T=9>

I could continue, but you get the overall gloomy picture of reduced budgets and services and increased taxes.

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## Tring Station and the London Midland Rail franchise renewal

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The West Midlands rail franchise document published on 15 December is now out for consultation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/west-midlands-rail-franchise>

It is vital that Bucks and Herts, Dacorum and Aylesbury Vale Councils work together to put their views into this consultation and include in their own local plans of the needs of local residents and the impact of future development.

I will be meeting the Director of Development and Strategy at Bucks County Council and the Cabinet member to influence the work on this. I have added to the case made by Aldbury Parish Council by reminding them that Hertfordshire is still sitting on money to construct a cycleway along Northfield Road and that Tring Station is restricted by Green Belt and Chilterns AONB designations which led to the restoration to farmland of the temporary car park created 10 years ago during the West Coast Main Line improvement programme. The bus from Castlemead to Tring Station was withdrawn when funds run out as only about seven commuters used the service regularly at that time.

**Avril Davies**

County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division.



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These charges are exceptionally good. The trips are being undertaken by volunteers so, at present, these cannot be extended to include appointments other than healthcare. Also, there is no guarantee of an available volunteer driver, but we will do all we can with the volunteer resources we have. Please give as much notice as you can.

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# The Vale Lottery from Sandra Jenkins and Derek Town



During the last seven months 2015 we have attended the four Parish Council meetings within the Pitstone and Cheddington ward to be impressed and humbled by the commitment of the volunteers who make up each council and associated committees. In addition is the impressive number of sporting and social associations and clubs all run or administered by unpaid individuals who add so much value to our communities. We would like to list all those groups but would probably miss out at least one, so to all you wonderful people who have contributed so much during 2015, thank you very much and please continue.

We would also like to congratulate the hard work of those involved in the successful appeal outcome of the development on land off Station Road, Ivinghoe.

Finally we would like to wish you all a successful 2016 and look forward to working with you.

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