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Welcome from the Chair



Karen Groom,
Chair, Ivinghoe
Parish Council

Welcome to our final edition of the year. As you will see it is rather seasonally themed and rightly so, as there is so much happening in our neighbourhood over the next few weeks.

I would like to start by thanking the pupils of Brookmead School for their wonderful colourful Christmas designs. We asked the pupils to design the cover for this edition and although difficult to choose we have settled on the drawing by six year old Maggie Goddard for our front cover. We also thought that the drawing by seven year old Ollie Harkness was worthy of printing too, so do take a look at the back cover of the magazine. Well done to you both and thank you to Brookmead School for your fantastic contributions to the Beacon Magazine!

Apart from the upcoming Christmas events taking place over the next few weeks, there is much more happening in our neighbourhood to occupy you. Our last couple of parish council meetings have been very well attended by you and understandably so. You should be aware that we are in the process of having the Conservation Area in Ivinghoe reviewed and a large amount of the work by our Conservation Area Officer has been completed. She has spent a great deal of time walking around the village, taking photos and talking to residents and is now at the report writing stage. Once a draft has been prepared the officer will come to one of our parish council meetings to present her findings which will trigger a public consultation period. Please check

the parish notice boards and our website (www.ivinghoe.org.uk) for our meeting agendas, so that you can find out when the officer will be coming to present her findings to us.

Ivinghoe Together, our local residents group, who formed to deal with the issues raised by the Gladman Development application in Station Road, have been working very hard over the last few weeks and months. At the time of going to press we are only able to tell you that the planning officer for this case has deferred the decision on this application to 5 November. This extension has allowed for Bucks County Highways to submit its' comments on the proposal which are now in. Bucks County Highways have recommended refusal of this application and I would urge you to go to the AVDC planning portal (<http://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/planning-building/>) to view their comments in full. By the time you receive your copy of this magazine the decision may be in, so you may still have time to submit your comments, but whatever the outcome of the officers recommendations, Ivinghoe Together are committed to following the case through. For their continued hard work and support, the parish council would like to extend its' gratitude to them.

Some months ago parish councils in Buckinghamshire were invited to attend some meetings with regard to the development of services. The plan is to give parish councils the responsibility for grass verge cutting and other associated street ►

maintenance. Bucks County Council (BCC) continues its' efforts to cut costs and to pass public service expense down the line. This particular issue is giving Ivinghoe Parish Council quite a headache. To date we are still attempting to obtain the correct mapping information of our parish from BCC that will adequately allow us to make an accurate financial decision as to whether or not this is the right course of action for the council to take. Many parish councils across the county have already taken up the offer to manage their own local maintenance services, which includes a number of services, such as gutter clearing and signage cleaning. Until we have been given accurate and up to date information from BCC we will not be able to make a firm decision on the matter. However, it is likely that ultimately the parish council will be responsible for undertaking this maintenance work across the parish and this will have an impact on our parish precept by loading substantial costs to our annual outgoings.

Finally, I am pleased to inform you that the parish council is to embark on a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Neighbourhood planning was introduced under the Localism Act 2011 to give people a 'hands on' role in planning development in their neighbourhoods. Neighbourhood planning enables local communities to choose where and when they want homes, shops and businesses to be built and to have some influence on the way that they look.

We have undertaken the first stage in the process which is for the parish council to apply to Forward Plans at Aylesbury Vale District Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area. We have applied for our Neighbourhood Area to be the parish boundary (as the majority of parishes undertaking this process have done) which takes in the village of Ivinghoe,

the hamlet of Ivinghoe Aston and a small number of homes and associated land in Ringshall. Once the application is received a six week public consultation is triggered giving you an opportunity to comment on the Neighbourhood Area proposed by the parish council.

A NDP is a shared enterprise that is managed through a qualifying body, namely the parish council, and the work of the plan is organised by a steering group. This steering group is made up of parish councillors and members of our community with the aim of developing a shared vision to deliver development for the future growth and enhancement of our community.

We are right at the beginning of this process. We will be hosting public events, leafleting, twittering and generally doing everything we can through the work of the steering group to seek your opinions, advice, suggestions and ideas. It is only through collaboration and community engagement that we will be able to create a document that accurately expresses your views and issues. If successful our plan will be translated into planning policy (see the recently adopted Winslow Neighbourhood Plan <http://www.winslowtowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/winslow-neighbourhood-plan/>).

There is a lot of information on NDPs on the internet but you can contact us if you would like to find out more. Additionally, if you would like to contribute to the process or have skills or experience that could be valuable to the development of the plan, please email the clerk at ivinghoeaparishclerk@gmail.com.

With all of that information to absorb I would like to finish by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Karen Groom Chair, Ivinghoe Parish Council

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.

Christabel Boersma The Editor

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Ivinghoe Beacon Christmas message John Bercow

As another year comes to an end I am – and I’m sure readers are – as always, caught up in seasonal contemplations. Once more, questions such as, “Where did the time go?” or “How come it only seems like five minutes since Easter?” and “Why did I leave the Christmas shopping until the last minute again?” are foremost in the mind.

Even with the last minute stresses that Christmas brings, it is definitely a wonderful time of year. As the Member of Parliament for the Buckingham constituency, I attend a good number of community events, such as Christmas fayres and parades. It’s always heartening to see people working together in such a way and, whilst I am sure that most MPs would argue that their area boasts the best in this regard,



I feel that ours is truly special.

I plan to spend Christmas with my wife and young family, and possibly eat more pate than is strictly necessary. I look forward to writing for the Beacon again in 2015 and would like to take this opportunity to wish all of its readers a happy Christmas, and a prosperous new year.

Rt Hon John Bercow MP



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Old School News 2014!



By the time of publication and delivery of this Beacon magazine, our Old School Hub will have begun packing away our well used outside café furniture, gathering in the last of our home grown summer salad vegetables from our kitchen garden, and started to hunker down for our more cosy inside autumnal activities. Hayley Wesley who runs her community café CuriosiTea Rooms as our Community Hub tenant, employing four local part time helpers, won the 'Best Loved Community Café in the Chilterns' award – well deserved! – this followed by the Leighton Buzzard Observer's 'Café of the Year' award, which shows how lucky we are to have such a facility in our village – rewarding Hayley's hard work for us all! Another Pop-up restaurant will have been enjoyed by over seventy diners – Hayley will be planning her next one for the 5th December, do come in and book a table for you and your friends. Also retrospectively, a Half Term ActiviTEA Day On 28th October making arts and crafts related to Autumn and Christmas presents; Poppy Sales up until November 9th, and MP John Bercow's visit on 24th October; 31st October – Face paint and fun; and our 1st November Indoor Car Boot Sale. We are planning many inside activities such as the WW1 exhibition of ephemera from our community, and Concerts over the Remembrance weekend – our upcoming Christmas market is also filling our minds with detail planning.

Gladman Developments plan to build 70 unrequested houses on our rural village central green space have taken much community time and skill by 'Ivinghoe Together' to refute and the result of this struggle may be out there by now. The



Old School Hub community continues to support this endeavour – printing out leaflets where needed – this support continuing for that team, whilst also welcoming the so-necessary community making together of our own 'Neighbourhood Development Plan' initiative. Time is of the essence, and we will do everything we can to support the engagement of each and every member of the community in communicating their views into this initiative, so that all the coming hard work on this NDP will truly enhance and protect our community's future village life.

WW1 Exhibition and Concerts

Firstly we invite you to take part in contributing to and viewing a WW1 Exhibition in the Old School Hub from the beginning of November, purchase poppies and come to a concert on **Friday 7th November**, by the Ridgeway Ensemble featuring the works of WW1 composers – with wine and nibbles at **7.30 for 8pm**. Secondly we welcome you all to a singing event with readings from the performance first experienced in March 2014 of 'Oh

what a lovely War' – this time refreshed with tea and cakes on **Sunday 9th November at 4pm**. Do let us know if you can come, and do bring your friends along – email ivinghoeoldschool@btinternet.com or telephone **01296-661666** and leave a message!

Christmas Market Friday 21st November

Christmas market will be bringing a sparkling set of seasonal stalls to the inside and outside of the Hub from 6pm till 10pm. Local Choirs, Bell Ringers and roasting chestnuts in amongst the sparkly stalls will be lit by a multitude of solar lights, and both mulled wine and warming refreshments will be brimming out of the café. Please put this date in your diary and come as a family to join in this launch into winter seasonal Sparkle. We are gathering prizes for our tombola and special raffle treats of the extra special kind as with last year. It hardly seems like a year since we were watching Rev Tracey Doyle cut our ribbon and welcome us in to the very first Ivinghoe Hub Christmas Gathering. There will be an Elf Hunt for our younger visitors, the receiving of entries to a 'Build us a Snowman' competition, and the launch of our Santa's letter box, on this night. Details of the last two activities will be explained to all on any visit to the café nearer the time, and also posted on our Ivinghoe Old School Hub Facebook page.

We have added an outside tap, a second hand water butt (thank you James and Kate Mackie!), and a garden hose to our kitchen garden. We are now saving for solar lights, new signage for the front gate, repair and maintenance of our roof, and the enhancement eventually of our surrounding playground with beautifying paver's.

Look out over the next months for invitations to wintry pursuits, such as small film shows, arts and crafts activities both

between and after school. Drop in for breakfast, elevenses', lunch or after school high tea, and check out what is coming up in the whole Hub. Book in for celebrations, or clubs, start your own or meet people here and plan one together.

The Hub is for this Community so please support and use it.

REUNION Party

We are also planning a **REUNION Party** at Ivinghoe Old School Hub in Spring 2015 of all 'Ivinghoe – and Pitstone – Old Schoolers'. So if you know anyone who was a pupil here in the past, please tell them our plans and give us their contact address to invite them along with their family.

To mark the climax of the exhibition on the weekend of Remembrance Sunday, Judith Sheridan will lead the Ridgeway Ensemble on Friday night at 7.30 with their 'Unsung Heroes' one hour performance from 8pm. Unsung heroes tells the stories and presents music by familiar composers such as Vaughan Williams and Frank Bridge, but also that of those composers whose music died with them in the trenches. Wine and nibbles will welcome you and suggested donation on the night is £5 – to Human Rights work by Amnesty International. Do let us know if you can come, and do bring your friends along – email ivinghoeoldschool@btinternet.com or telephone **01296-661666** and leave a message!

On the afternoon after the Sunday Remembrance Service in Ivinghoe Church, the Old School Hub will again host another one hour event at 4pm, wherein a selection of songs and readings performed from the Beacon Concert performed last March – this time inviting the community to join in the singing, refreshed by tea and buns. RSVP the above contact for this again please, so that we can estimate numbers to welcome.

Carol Corn

Gladman Development

The Ivinghoe Together working group is made up of a number of residents who are working together to ensure that the community remains at the heart of the village, now and for the future.

We joined together in response to the Gladman application for 70 houses at land off Station Road in Ivinghoe. We have worked together to develop an overarching objection document to this application that takes into account the wider planning issues that this unsustainable application raises. This has been submitted and is available on the AVDC planning portal, alongside a large number of other objections. We are extremely grateful to all those who have objected, leafleted and supported us along the way – **Thank You!**

At the time of writing (October 2014) the Planning Officer has delayed his decision until 5th November 2014, pending a report from the Highways Agency. The two options that could occur following this are either that he too objects and the application is refused, or

he is mindful to support the application at which point it will be passed to AVDC for decision at their Strategic Development Committee. Once we know this initial outcome we will need to regroup to work on the next steps. Even with a refusal Gladman are likely to appeal and our journey will continue. Gladman may also put in another, second, application. If this does happen the process will start again and we will need to ask for more personal objections to be made.

Ivinghoe Parish Council are leading the development of our own individual Neighbourhood Plan. This will enable us, as residents of the village, to determine our own development future. We will liaise and work with the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, helping wherever possible.

To be kept up to date, please visit www.ivinghoetogether.com or email ivinghoetogether@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list or follow us on Twitter @ivinghoe2gether.

Kate Mackie

1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts Group. Group Scout Leader. Keith Steers Email; ksteers@aol.com Telephone; 0789-9696722			
WaterMill Beavers, Monday Leader Andrew Broad	6 pm – 7 pm.	Windmill Beavers Tuesday Leader Keith Steers	
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Ivinghoe Entertainments



It is amazing how quickly the nights have closed in – British Summer Time coming to an end marking the commencement of the winter season.

Fireworks & Jubilee Beacon Saturday 8th November

Our next event will be the Annual Fireworks on Saturday 8th November.

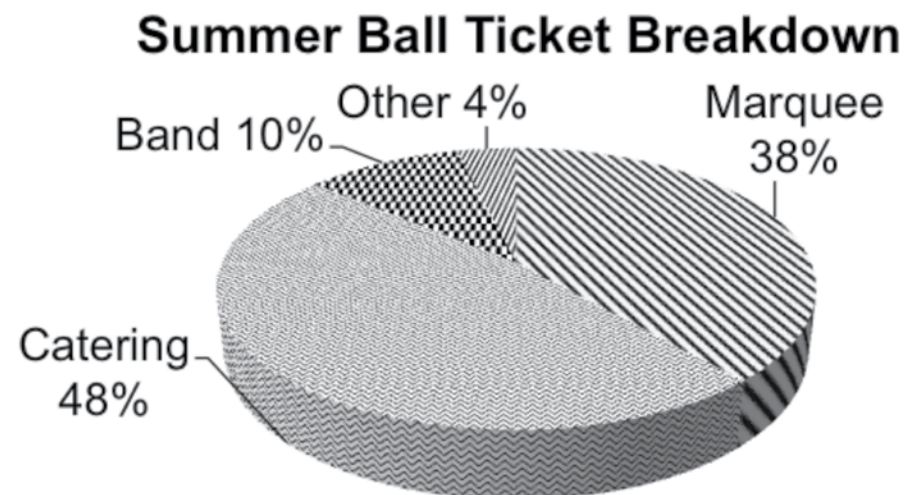
For safety reasons we will be using the Jubilee Beacon.

The event kicks off at 18:00 with the Jubilee Beacon being lit at 18:45 followed at 19:15 by a spectacular fireworks display managed by our team of trained pyro-technicians. As previous years we will have musical accompaniment to the fireworks

display provided by Dave Mann. As is tradition; there will be food concessions including hot and cold drinks, and a Fairground ride to entertain the children. Naturally we hope that the weather will be kind to ensure that the event will be a great success.

Please note that it is a condition of our insurance that no personal fireworks (including sparklers, etc.) are brought onto Ivinghoe Lawn.

Tickets will be available in advance from Masons (Pitstone), Post Office (Ivinghoe), Grooms (Ivinghoe) and The Rose & Crown (Ivinghoe) £15 Family, £5 Adult from mid-Oct. Tickets will also be available on the night.



Summer Festival 2015

The change in evenings for the Summer Ball and Laughter-on-the-Lawn was a great success and we received substantial feedback via our on-line survey. The feedback supported our decisions to change a number of elements of the festival which we will build upon for 2015.

We had a number of comments regarding the cost of the Summer Ball the following chart explains how the costs are made up. Please remember the Summer Festival has never been priced to make a profit merely to breakeven and indeed this year overall made a small loss.

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Our website has the latest details of our events <http://ivinghoeentertainments.org.uk/>



Graham Hollands

Chair – Ivinghoe Entertainments
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Not a lot happens in Ivinghoe Aston

Yes its that time of year HO HO HO...

News has arrived from the North Pole that Father Christmas will be arriving at The Village Swan to hand out presents to the GOOD boys and girls at approximately 12:20 Christmas Day. It is amazingly usual for Santa's sack to be brimming with small size presents with BIG clear labels with the childs fore and surname written on them. Vital for a dim eyed Santa who's glasses steam up on the special day.



Sarah Ketts Golf Shield III

A record number of players turned out to compete for this years shield the winners being Alan Bates and chums enabling the shield to remain on proud display in The Village Swan. Over £3,000 was raised for Iaine Rennie Hospice at Home taking to accumulated total over the 3 years to more than £7,000. Well done to Bingo Dave and Gel Boy for organising it, the generous sponsors and players and a special thanks for the new prize introduced this year, the woodern spoon, just what I needed/deserved despite hitting the ball too far apparantly.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

I don't suppose many know much about this, I don't either, but I believe it is supposed to be aimed at allowing locals to become involved in the development of their village. This made me wonder what do people of IA want for Ivinghoe Aston? I know from past events they didn't want travelers to take over Hill View Field or have nine houses built in parrallel to the High Street. Would they want to build opposite the pub and create a village pond? Maybe, maybe not, but unless we are represented in a Neighbourhood Plan who knows what might be decided for us?

What I like about IA is the diversity of people. I would rather stick pins in my eyes than live in a village made up of snobby "Mrs Bucket" types whose contribution comprises "doing lunch". No, what I like about IA is the fact that there is a vast spectrum of folk, old, young, single, married, with children, without children, trades people, farmers, artists, brain surgeons, window cleaners, computer experts, composers and even people happy to live in caravans while they build more permanent shelter. What brings these people together in one area is the range of housing and long standing family ties to the area. Imagine a village where the Neighbourhood Development Plan stated low cost housing only or high cost housing only, in my view either of these would lead to hell on earth as the diversity would be taken away.

What if 100% of the country's Neighbourhood Development Plans came up with the idea of retaining the ►

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status quo? Do nothing as that means change. That's not going to work is it. So accept change will happen and influence it is one way. If you think you could contribute to the development of this plan or would like more information, contact the Parish Council and see what you could do (ivinghoeaparishclerk@gmail.com).

Tarzan comes to Ivinghoe Aston

This field below, believe it or not, is a view of the African Savannah in a new film being made. The film makers took over this field for a couple of days shot a few frames and off they went. Quite a setup and an enormous amount of effort for just a few moments of the forthcoming film. So what with Batman a few years back maybe its time to twin with Hollywood after all...



Ivinghoe Aston flag Travels to Henley for the rewind fest

The rewind fest is about rewinding the clock and bringing out the nearly dead to sing to an aging crowd. Bands from the 80's spend the weekend rewinding and the substantial Ivinghoe Aston contingency shows the youngsters how to do it.



Second Vine Farm Barn Dance falls in-line

About 80 people enjoyed a night of line dancing, hog roast and socialising around the open fire back in August. Someone decided dancing in the fire itself was the way to go although after some criticism tried to say it was a trip. Either way he left the scene with a red face but thankfully not anything serious. Patrick put on an outside bar and the organisers didn't get left with a huge bill, so all in all a vast improvement on year one. Thanks Sharon and Maddie for organising the night of fun.



The Village Swan

There's been a few 'complaints' recently. Our Dutch landlord chums have transformed the place so well that one has to book ones fish and chips in advance! What a change Patrick and Fanny have made to The Village Swan! It's clean, spacious, tidy and the food is first class. Well done to you guys and lets hope for more good times over the coming season of goodwill.



The Village Hall gets a make-over

A dozen volunteers spend just a couple of hours clearing the overgrown plant life outside the hall recently. What an improvement in such a short time but not without a lot of effort. By the time this goes to print it's fate should be known, will it go or will it stay?

Keep Vigilant

There have been a number of break-ins and trespassing in the last few weeks in IA and surrounding villages. The Police are aware of most but cannot be everywhere so we need to look out for each other. If you are not on my mailing list, where we often warn each other of



Village hall – before!



Village hall – after!

suspicious activity, email me and I will add you, ketts999@hotmail.com.

Have YOUR say...

Would you like to mention something about Ivinghoe Aston in the next issue of the Beacon? Email Ketts999@hotmail.com or christabelboersma@hotmail.com – it's your village have YOUR say.

Clive Ketteridge

Ivinghoe Development

The proposed housing estate on the edge of Ivinghoe village clearly represents a conflict of interests on one hand of a straight forward business plan and on the other a personal spoiling, and general degradation of the village as it stands, at present a tranquil and delightful place to live.

Of course there is a need to house the massive influx of people but hopefully without irreparably damaging fertile agricultural land and the character of a small village.

Good news, Ivinghoe Parish Council voted to object to the Gladman development. So far so good, however the determination deadline has been put back some four weeks from the original date of 8th October. The position at the time of going to print is as follows:

Mark Denman Planning Officer at AVDC although possessing Ivinghoe Parish Council objection will wait for a response from the Highway Authorities. Then making a decision himself or referring it to the planning committee at AVDC.

A very welcome addition to the Parish

Council vote of objection is the formation of a strong organisation called 'Ivinghoe Together' to counter this development the scale of which could be considered as an invasion.

To continue this analogy the Chief of Defence staff, one Dr Andrew Dicker and his very able adjutant Kate Mackie plus Richard Wade, Jasper Boersma and Bob Corn have formed a steering committee; Their aim being to repulse this green field housing estate. This group have held open meetings at the Village Hub, the Old School. The meetings are chaired by Andrew and each time the hub is filled to capacity. As a result of these meetings a flood, 150 or more reasoned and cogent letters of objection together with a beautiful and poignant film made by Roger Hillier were sent to the Parish Council, AVDC, the House of Commons and Gladman by letter, Email and possibly even carrier pigeons.

These communications can be accessed on the AVDC Planning website. *Long Live Ivinghoe!*

Nigel Thompson Reporter

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Letter to the Editor

The Warren, Ivinghoe

Dear Editor

In Issue 89 of the Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine, Nigel Thompson reported that yet again, Church Road, Ivinghoe has been dug up by Anglian Water to repair a burst water main, necessitating the closure of the road. May I suggest a possible reason for the repeated fracturing of the water main?

The speed bumps in Ivinghoe and Pitstone, but especially between the entrance to Ivinghoe from the Tring/Dunstable direction and the Kings Head, are not only considerably steeper but also much higher than is the norm. The speed bumps through Marsworth are gentler while those between Aston Clinton and Western Turville are positively genteel but still effective.

The effect of the steep, high bumps, even if taken at a low speed, is to fully compress a vehicle's suspension – and more – causing it to momentarily 'take off' before thumping down on the other side of the bump. In the case of cars this causes not only a severe jolt, often painful to passengers spines but also damage to the suspension and especially tracking/steering on the front axle. Modern articulated lorries, which Church Road seems to attract normally, have five or six axles each carrying up to eight tons. Imagine the damage that repeated impact of up to eight tons could cause to a buried pipe.

However, it could be argued that the water mains which were laid at a time when traffic was much lighter both in terms of weight and volume were built at too shallow a depth for today's monsters.

Andrew Lord

PS – if Anglia Water were to draw a similar conclusion they might try to seek redress from Ivinghoe Parish Council and Aylesbury Vale DC/ Bucks CC.

Reply from Ivinghoe Parish Council

Dear Mr Lord

Thank you for your letter highlighting this frustrating problem. The Bucks County Council Guide to Traffic Calming for Parish Councils guidance document provides parish councils in the county with a guide to traffic calming measures that can be implemented to reduce traffic speeds. The particular speed bumps in Church Road, were installed many years ago and will have been subject to certain regulations to which Bucks County Highways are duty bound to implement. The guide states that 'Speed Cushions' have their height and frequency controlled by regulation and so it is extremely unlikely that Anglian Water could seek redress from Ivinghoe Parish Council for damage to the water main as we do not own the road and do not set the regulations for implementation of traffic calming measures. Also the humps would not have been created unless Bucks County Highways felt that the relevant justifications for implementing such a scheme could be qualified.

We have had complaints over the years regarding the noise in particular generated by HGV's going over these bumps but have lacked the support from Bucks County Highways in finding an alternative solution. The parish council are currently having our conservation area appraised and in line with this project, councillors are seeking funds from our Local Area Forum to fund a review by an independent traffic consultant with the prospect of having a low impact traffic calming scheme designed (not necessarily implemented – at least not all in one go) that can better and more suitably suit the problems associated with heavy traffic in the village.

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Community Speed Watch

Things have been quiet on the Speedwatch front since our last report. This has not been due to any lack of interest or declining concern, but simply because the equipment has been away on holiday. In fact the Palm Pilot had to go to Holland for attention as it would not hold a charge but I'm pleased to say that it's now back with us (on 12th October). Thanks to Chris Poll for organising this. We will now be booking some Speedwatch sessions. It's a shame that we've missed the best of the weather but we've carried out Speedwatch in the cold before, so no doubt we can do it again.

We have commented previously that, despite several approaches by the PC and residents to AVDC with suggestions for traffic calming taken from the Council's own publication regarding the subject all those proposed have been rejected as "inappropriate". Furthermore the additional road markings which have been put in place ostensibly to have an effect on traffic speed have not done so. It is the new 30mph limit through Great Gap which is the priority but the village provably suffers too. We have, therefore, identified an independent traffic consultant who will be able to give us a professional view of our situation and one which we can argue in the knowledge that our proposals are reasonable. We will be asking for proposals which are appropriate to our situation both financially and with due regard to the protocols for the Conservation Area as outlined by AVDC in their document Aylesbury Vale District Council, Conservation Areas – Highway Protocol.

The consultant to whom we have spoken is presently producing an initial scoping report for Prestwood, near Great Missenden. We have been invited to attend the presentation and one of our Councillors will be present.

Clearly such an exercise will have a cost and we have now made a formal application to the Local Area Forum for funds which will enable this survey to take place.

As background we have a wealth of evidence to support this application in the form of the downloads from the MVAS and data from our Speedwatch exercises. Our fully analysed MVAS data for Northbound traffic covers three separate spans of time in 2013 of 16, 18 and 24 days. As an example for the period ending 21st September 2013 over 77% of the traffic exceeded 35mph, and 45% was at 40mph or faster.

As a direct comparison we have data from the MVAS for a period approximately ten months after the set of data above, and with the installation of the additional ineffectual efforts to control traffic. The period assessed was 7th June to 7th July 2014, North bound. There were a total of 70,353 traffic movements, or 2,270 per day. Of these 53,020 movements were at above 35mph, 1,710 per day or 75.3% of the total. There were 33,467 traffic movements at above 40mph, 1,080 per day or 47%. There were 11 at between 70 and 75mph and 1 at 80 to 85 mph with one at over 100mph. Once again, thanks to Chris Poll for downloading the data, charging the MVAS batteries and locating the equipment where needed.

Throughout Ivinghoe the traffic volume and speed issue is becoming one which is putting the community at risk. Many driveways have exceedingly limited sight lines and it is only a matter of time before one of these speeding motorists collides with a car leaving a driveway. If the speeding vehicle is a lorry the results will be disastrous. Ivinghoe is also a mixed community with many young people but also some of more senior years and lack of any effective traffic controls put these people at particular at risk every single day.

The issue at Great Gap is the volume of traffic paying no heed to the speed limit in a potentially very hazardous environment. In fact on 19th May a speeding van collided with a parked 4 x 4 belonging to a local tradesman which was actually off the carriageway and wrote the 4 x 4 off. The white van took 83 yards to stop, indicating a speed of between

60 and 70mph. The police would not attend as the road was not blocked and there were no injuries although a passing PCSO stopped to investigate the reason for the people at the roadside. Also, as previously commented we have an ongoing problem with the traffic in Ivinghoe village and our proposal is for a detailed survey by independent traffic specialists to review the total traffic issue.

Once this is complete we will have an independent report of what is possible. There can then be no refusal on the grounds of any proposal being "inappropriate". Whilst this will not guarantee any corrective action by Bucks CC it will, at least, give us a range of options. At this stage it is difficult to suggest how these will be funded, but once we see a survey we can start considering appropriate action.

Brian Dale



Village Congestion outside Brookmead School

I think you will agree that the traffic passing Brookmead School at the beginning and end of the school day, during sports events and of course parents' evenings, assemblies and shows, causes, at worst traffic gridlock, and at least, frustration and delay.

Much of this can be managed with a bit of consideration on the part of people parking and driving, but I am not writing to lecture anyone. As someone relatively unaffected by the problem, even though I live close to the school, I have listened to others complaining, and I think it's time to do something about it.

You could help me. I need people to collect data outside school, connect with anyone useful, distribute leaflets, or have ideas or experience that might help, so please contact me. I hope to set up a small group to: a. liaise with the school, b. investigate and analyse and c. educate and inspire.

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In September the Town Hall Committee were sorry to have to say goodbye to David Cook who has been our Treasurer for over 15 years who has helped to keep us in the black!

Andy Beezer (Chairman) managed to persuade Jenny Ross to step into the breach (a lovely local Ivinghoe villager, from Australia) who the Committee were pleased to have the opportunity to meet with in person and welcome her at our recent Town Hall Management Committee meeting on 4th September.

Our Regular Bookings have been holding up through the Summer Holiday period where we would normally expect to see a dip.

The regular 'ad-hoc' children's and family parties continue too.

If you are already beginning to think about 2015 then now is the time to book and reserve the dates for your Children's and Families Parties. (Reservations are held up until 1 month before your planned event when full payment will be required to secure the date exclusively).

In 2015 why not come and try one of our varied regular events:

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Wednesday: 8:45am and 10am **Pilates**
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Wednesday: 1pm **Adult Ballet** and at 2pm **Vintage Fitness** contact (KaSo) Kate or Sophie (07985 048880)

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.

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Womens Institute News!

At our September meeting we bemoaned the fact that our August Picnic had to be held in the hall rather than on the Lawn. The ambience of eating a picnic in the evening sunshine surrounded by grass and trees is rather diminished when sitting in a hall defeated by the weather. Nevertheless, it was a great evening enjoyed by all. The business part of the meeting kept members up to date with National and County news. There is much to join in with, In particular an Afternoon Tea in Cheddington and a Fashion Show in Aylesbury in October which some of our members are attending. Next year is the Centenary of the National W.I. A Baton is being passed from County to County throughout the year. We are delighted to have been chosen to host the passing of the Baton from Buckinghamshire to Bedfordshire in Ivinghoe in April 2015 – more details nearer the time.

Our speaker for the evening was Tony Eaton who gave us a riveting talk about the disappearance of Amy Johnson and Leslie Howard. He was an excellent speaker and illustrated his talk with relevant slides.

As this is such a fascinating subject we opened the meeting to friends and family. It was a pleasure to welcome our visitors who all stayed for refreshments at the end.

Later this month we will be joining our neighbouring W.I.s for a Group Meeting in Marsworth. The speaker is Susannah Hill who is the daughter of Jennifer Worth of "Call the Midwife" fame. It

should be a good evening.

Our October meeting promises to be rather special as we are celebrating World War One. We have invited some members from other local W.I.s to join us for this. If you feel like dressing up in early 20th Century costume that will be great, but don't worry if you would rather not – we would love to see you anyway. The evening will hold a few surprises – you will have to come along to find out what these are.

Later in October we have our usual Quiz Night in the Town Hall. Make a note of the date – Saturday 25th October. Everyone is welcome to join us. Phone Betty on **01296 660561** for details.

Early in October a trip has been arranged to visit Stockwood Park where there is a Craft Museum and a Carriage Display. Naturally we will be calling in at a local hostelry for lunch.

We continue to visit local pubs with our Dining Club – always an enjoyable night out. The Knit and Natter group meet weekly with different members acting as host. You would be surprised at how many World problems we would solve if only we were in charge!! Needless to say – Messrs. Cameron, Obama and Putin are quite safe for the time being!! We do knit as well though so all is not lost.

If you feel you would like to join us, please ring Tessa on **01296 661562** Betty as above or Win on **01296 660755** and we will arrange to bring you to your first meeting. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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The Miller's Tale...

As I sit here writing this article we have just one more open day left this season, which is our annual collaboration with Tring's Own Apple Fayre, which by the time you read this will have been and gone, bringing our 2014 season to an end.

It has been a reasonably good year with visitor numbers just about holding their own with previous years, not our best year ever but bringing in enough income to keep the bills paid and the mill open for another year. If you have visited the mill this year, thank you for your custom and we hope you will consider visiting again and please tell your friends and family about us, and if you are local and haven't visited the mill before then firstly, Why not? and secondly, we hope you will consider a visit during our open season next year.

So with the opening season behind us we can start to get on with off season maintenance which includes lifting off the top millstone and cleaning and inspecting the millstones for wear and tear and making sure that the grinding surfaces are still sharp enough to last through next seasons milling sessions, and if the grinding surfaces are not good enough to last another season then we will have to call in our local millwright to cut them back into the right pattern so they grind the wheat properly into fine flour. This cutting of a new grinding surface into the millstones is termed 'Dressing' the stones and it hasn't been undertaken for several years now so it may well be time for them to receive some attention, but we won't really know until we get the stones lifted apart.

Also I should mention that as part of our attempts to publicise the mill and entice new visitors we approached some local film makers with a view to producing a publicity video about the mill.

After several meetings to discuss the type of video and image we wanted to portray and a basic working storyboard agreed, a date was arranged for us all to meet up at the mill and work our way through the filming of different scenes required for the video.

It is quite strange seeing and hearing yourself on film and having to 'act' your part naturally for the camera whilst doing jobs that you normally perform without several pairs of eyes and a camera following your every move. After initial nerves/camera shyness and discussion over who would do what were overcome we got stuck in and worked our way steadily through the different scenes to be filmed, with shouts of "All Quiet please", and "Camera, Action" being the words to listen out for. After several hours the main scenes had been recorded, and after the initial first few shots that needed several attempts we got into the swing of things and many scenes were done in 'one take'. Although at one point filming had to stop halfway through a shot as a shout of 'help' alerted us to the fact that one of our volunteers had crawled behind a machine he was working on and had turned around and then got himself stuck and couldn't get back out again! When we realised it wasn't really serious and was actually quite funny the cameraman turned and asked us if we wanted him to film the chap stuck



behind the machine, but we decided for his embarrassment sake that perhaps it was best not to.

After helping him to get out and having a good old laugh about it we carried on and finished the days filming. We all agreed that it went well and in an initial review of some of the scenes it all looked very good. We still have some short scenes to film, but after they are done and everything is edited and narration and voice overs are added we will be looking forward to seeing the finished version.

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Cheers all!
Chug (Chris Tugby) Mill Manager



Ride and Stride thanks

Thank you to Janice for the delicious sandwiches and cakes and to everyone who manned Ivinghoe Church on Saturday 13th September, providing a friendly welcome to the people taking part in the Ride and Stride. We had 31 people visit Ivinghoe and 18 people sign in at Pitstone Church.

A big thank you must go to Mary, Chris, Brenda, Barry, Steve, Liz, Charlotte, Chloe and Sophie for taking part by either walking, cycling or horse riding. I will let you know how much was raised in due course.

Izzy Robinson

Elf...

One sunny morning Elf and his good wife Safety were busy checking out the batteries on their smoke alarms. That's what Elves do when they are not harassing trouser-less chain saw operatives. Suddenly flames shot up in front of Elf whose hair would have been set alight, if on the insistence of Safety, he had not recently visited Mel at Vision for a haircut.

The cause of this ignition was a small battery, the type with two terminals (9v) together at one end, which had come

into contact with some wire wool.

The point that Elf wishes to make is that two common household articles could easily start a house fire such as a disregarded brillo pad and an old battery.

Elf knows a lady whose kitchen was burnt out from this very cause. So that's enough from Elf. It is now time for Elf and Safety to go back home and sit on their favourite toadstool, the red one with white spots, deadly poisonous!

Nigel Thompson Reporter

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News from the Parishes

Dear Reader

Well, autumn is truly with us now and the beautiful vibrant colours of the trees and hedgerows are becoming more stunning day by day. When I walk around and observe all this it makes me appreciate what a lovely area we live in and how we are so blessed to be living in these villages.

Tracey and family have been away from us for over six months now and I am pleased to report that they are very happy and settled with their new life in Devon. The comradeship during the vacancy has been overwhelming and all three churches have pulled together to enable the smooth running of all services and events happening within the benefice.

This doesn't just happen and it is thanks to people like you offering to take on additional tasks during this time. It is very much appreciated by all us church wardens.

We hope that God will lead the right person to us to fill our vacancy and we pray that this will happen in the near future.

A lot will be happening in the next couple of months leading up to Christmas and we hope that you will be able to join us in some of the services and fund raising events. I am sure that you will find there is always a warm welcome.

God Bless

Babs Byrom

Church Warden
Ivinghoe with Pitstone

STOP PRESS: We recently held interviews for our new priest but at the time of going to press are unable to share the outcome with the readers of the 'Beacon' magazine. We hope to be able to do this in the near future.

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Monday 22nd December at 6pm – Service of 9 Lessons and Carols at All Saints

Wednesday 24th December:

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December 24th at 11.30pm – Service of Midnight Communion at St. Mary's

December 25th Services for Christmas Morning: 9.15am at St. Mary's, 10am at All Saints and 11am at Holy Cross

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Pastor Dave Calling...

As I write this I look out of the window at a sunny crisp autumn day, the leaves rapidly changing from green to gold, or so it seems to me, I begin to think of the beauty of God's creation. My favourite times of the year are spring and autumn. The moderate temperatures, no factor 50 required, some still in shorts while others break out the overcoats. But there is something different about them, almost encapsulating the 'circle of life' experience. Spring with its budding, green shoots of new life, and autumn, the colour changing hue after hue, the falling of the leaves and bareness of trees as winter approaches. Yet there is a hope – we know that in a few short months we will be witnessing the rebirth again and so it goes on.

On October 5th we celebrated our Harvest Festival service with joyous music from Leighton-Linslade Concert Band who once again inspired our singing of hymns and songs both ancient and modern as we thanked God for his provision and celebrated the evidence we see of him day by day in his creation around us. The produce went to the Village Foodbank and we thank everyone for their generosity.

'First Thursday Friends' continue meeting on the first Thursday afternoon in the month at 2.00 in the Millennium Hall. We enjoyed a time of coffee and cream teas and good a good old chinwag. Believe me the world is always well and truly put to rights. It's a delightful time with good food and good company, about fifteen attending. October saw the first big screen 'Film Matinee' with twenty

people attending. In our alternate Film Matinees we have watched 'Chariots of Fire', 'Philomena', 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel', 'The Bucket List' and a real oldie 'Some Like It Hot' with Tony Curtis and Jack Lemon; complete with popcorn, sweets and ice creams at the interval. A good time was had by all. We continue on 5th February 2015 with 'First Thursday' Cream Tea, and March 5th with our Matinee – all are welcome. Notice boards have full details.

We shall, of course, very soon be into the Christmas season and this year we want to offer another Community Carol Service on December 14th with Leighton Linslade Concert Band providing the music for us once again. Keep your eyes open for that.

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Tales from the Compost Heap

Or how to make compost according to the Knights Templar

It was 40 years ago, there was great excitement in the gardening world in France. An ancient manuscript had been discovered, describing a unique method of making compost, as devised by "Les Templiers". These were, in English, the Knights Templar – and I can only assume that their order included some stay-at-home monks who did the gardening, as well as the actual knights who went off on crusades.

The text described a way of fermenting freshly-cut small branches, then spreading them out in a layer with the assistance of various signs and symbols of cultural significance. The method was as follows: submerge your freshly-cut branches in water for 24 hours; fish the "mash" out of the

water, pile up the branches and tread on them to squash them; leave the pile for 3 weeks, in which time fermentation begins and the heap starts to heat up; then crumble the contents of your pile, and form the result into a new triangular heap; leave this for 3 months, protected by more branches; finally, spread your compost out on the soil, and plant into it.

If you do not fancy doing all this, alternatively – and far more easily – you could make your own compost bin, or buy one, and fill it up with your household peelings, shredded paper etcetera! And leave out the bits about soaking, crushing, piling and shaping. History does not record how successful the Knights Templar were with their method, but the fact that it died out seems to speak for itself.

To make local gardeners' lives even simpler, David Green, churchwarden from St. Mary's Ivinghoe, has invited local folk to come and help themselves from the compost heap that is in the churchyard, on the right as you approach the church from the bus stop. All you need to do is turn up with your wheelbarrow or sack, and take what you need.

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Windmill Pre-School

In September, we were really pleased to have welcomed back lots of familiar children and their families to Windmill Pre-School, but have also opened the doors to many new faces for this brand new academic year. We've got some great activities planned for the children plus some great fundraising opportunities for the community to get involved with. We've also welcomed new staff member Nicke who many will know from her many years working in Reception at Brookmead. Staff have also been enjoying getting to know the new children and reconnecting with their previous key children.

For children leaving us at the end of the Summer Term to start school in September, we will be starting our annual Transition programme after Half Term. Full details will be available shortly.

We've now introduced a Manager's Weekly Blog which appears every Friday on our website. Our Manager Kate Worts updates this with news on what has been taking place in the setting each week and what is planned for following weeks. To keep updated, why not take a look at the website www.windmillpreschool.co.uk and click on 'Manager's Blog'.

Outside play areas

During the summer holidays, members of staff and the Voluntary Management Committee worked hard transforming the front garden in to a quiet nature space that can be used and enjoyed by the children at Windmill. We've also invested a significant amount of money on new outdoor equipment to help enhance their outdoor enjoyment. To accompany this, an agreement has been made with Miss Douglas, Head at Brookmead School that will enable us to make use of

their playing fields every morning between 9.15am and 10.15am – weather permitting. So as a result, we are pleased that Dan and the team at Football Fever have returned to run regular half-termly sessions. The first session has taken place and proved to be very popular with the children. We are very much looking forward to the next session.

Session availability and admissions

We have some sessions available in January and we will also be holding an 'Open Morning' for prospective parents in February. It is never too early to get your child's name on the waiting list – don't forget we take children from the age of two – so we strongly recommend that you do this well in advance of wanting a place – even if you don't plan to enrol your child until they become funded (the term after they turn three). This will prove favourable when there are children of the same age waiting for a place, especially when places will be offered to those who have been on the waiting list longer. To register your interest, please email our Administrator Claire Hose at admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk

Fundraising and events

Fundraising is an important role for the Voluntary Management Committee as it allows us to invest in additional new equipment and fund some fun sessions run by outside organisations that other settings may otherwise have to ask parents to pay for. We hope that parents and carers will support us throughout the year...

Our first event of the year took place on Saturday 11th October. Photography by Carrie came in to Pre-School for a day of family photo sessions. This was by far the most popular ►

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session we have held so far, and we have had Carrie visit us for a number of years now. Thank you to everyone that booked photo sessions, and thank you also to Carrie for donating a generous percentage of the total sales. The next photo session will take place in May, so if you would like some lovely photos taken of your family, please watch this space...

As this edition goes to press, we are currently organising our next Quiz Night. It's taking place on Friday the 14th of November at The Hub, High Street, Ivinghoe with hot food prepared on site by Hayley Wesley at CuriosiTea. We anticipate the event being really popular (if previous events are anything to go by!), and a very fun and entertaining night out. Tickets are £10 per head, teams of up to 8 people, lots of fun, amusing, entertaining and challenging rounds of questions posed by returning Quiz Master Sonya Aris.

Also, as this newsletter goes to press, we are looking forward to our first Textile Recycling initiative on Friday 24th October. Hopefully there will be lots of bags donated that we will be able to turn in to cash for Pre-School.

The children are currently busy designing their own unique Christmas cards which parents will have the opportunity to purchase. For each pack of 12 cards or gift tags bought, the Pre-School will receive a generous donation which we will be able to spend on resources to be enjoyed by the children.

In true festive tradition, on Wednesday 17th December we will be holding our annual Christmas Nativity performance at Pitstone Memorial Hall in the morning, followed by some Christmas fun and a visit from Father Christmas. The Voluntary Management Committee will be laying on some festive refreshments, face painting and crafts to keep the children occupied after the performance along with a raffle draw – so another great opportunity to raise money for resources.

And finally, you can help us raise funds for free when you shop online with Easyfundraising. It is a great way to raise money for Windmill Pre-School and doesn't cost you a penny! Shop online from over 2,700 retailers using the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk and they'll give a donation to us every time you buy something at no extra cost to you or the pre-school. With Christmas fast approaching and inevitably lots of things to buy, you really could help us make a difference.

Getting involved

Part of our success as a pre-school is the role the parents play within the setting. We currently have a small number of enthusiastic volunteers that come in and help out. This can involve helping with crafts and messy play, reading stories, baking or helping with tidying and clearing up at the end of a session. We would like to invite members of the local community (you don't have to be a parent of a child currently attending, but you would need to undergo a CRB equivalent check if you volunteer on a regular basis), who is able to spare a couple of hours – either on a regular basis or an ad hoc basis, to get in touch by emailing admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk. Maybe you are a performer, entertainer, musician or dancer who could come in and spend some time with the children to offer a little fun taster session. We also welcome dads, or people with interesting jobs to come in and get involved, so if you are good at sport, or are a fire fighter or you work in the police, maybe even a doctor, nurse or dentist and could spare some time to come in and talk about your job the children would love to meet you so please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lara Rutherford and Christina Reilly,
Co-Chairs, Voluntary Management Committee

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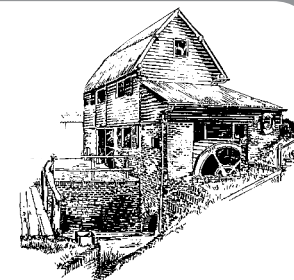
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Brookmead School

Learning outdoors is an important aspect of our children's experience at Brookmead, as is music, drama and sport.

Visitors to the Children's Centre and Windmill Nursery will I hope have enjoyed our sunflower meadow that simply went on growing through an amazingly warm September. The flowers were grown from seed which the children planted themselves in the spring. When we returned to school after the summer holidays there were one or two flowers that were taller than the children in Key Stage 1; by the time pupils in Year 6 were carrying out a detailed mathematical study later in the month, there were sunflowers that were taller than us all.

Our Sunflower Project has prompted a lot of interest across the school. They have provided a stimulus for art work, measuring, counting, looking for patterns, scientific observations and investigations, as well as a great place for games of hide-and-seek and chase. From dissecting a sunflower head pupils in Year 3 found that unripe sunflower seeds resemble small teeth – I'm not sure how many tooth fairies have been caught out by this discovery! Now the sunflowers have been harvested and the Yurt is being used as a sunflower laboratory before it is taken down to be dried out and go into hibernation ready to be reassembled in the spring.

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of sports teams continues to grow and more opportunities are created for children to represent the school at sporting events. Pupils are also keen to start the day by raising their heart-beat in Energy Club, a before-school club that gets children running around and enjoying being energetic. We are very grateful to the parents volunteers who work with our staff to support these activities.


The number of pupils learning musical instruments in school continues to grow; we are very impressed with the enthusiasm and persistence which is being rewarded by their excellent achievements in music examinations. Brookmead children will be singing at a number of events around the villages this Christmas. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information about Brookmead School please visit our website:

www.brookmead.bucks.sch.uk and follow our learning adventures on the Brookmead Blogs: **<https://sites.google.com/site/brookmeadblogs/>**

Katherine Douglas

Headteacher, Brookmead School



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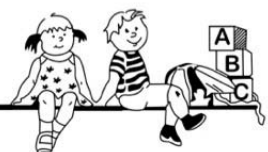
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Ashridge Estate Winter News



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News from the Estate: Juniper Propagation

Juniper is a native conifer species that is now very rare in the South of England. We have only two mature bushes and two young bushes on the estate. The plant itself provides vital habitat for different species and a food source for migrating birds.

We are undertaking a project to restore the current population and make it sustainable and healthy. This is vital for the biodiversity of the estate and the survival of the species in the South East. We are doing this by using the existing plants as a source of seeds and cuttings.

In October the rangers collected 50% of the viable berries from the one fertile female on the estate to be propagated and grown in the tree nursery currently under construction. This is a long term project as juniper berries take two years to mature. Then the seedlings will be grown for two years in a greenhouse and for a final year in the tree nursery before being planted out.

Early next year we will also take cuttings from both the male and female bushes which will be grown on for 2 years in the greenhouse, and a further

year in the tree nursery before being planted out. This method is quicker than collecting seeds; however the new plants will be genetic clones of the parent plant, leaving the population susceptible to infection and disease.

Hopefully through the two methods we can create a sustainable population within 15 years.

Pete Mills – Ashridge Ranger

Stuck for Christmas Present ideas? National Trust Shop

Enjoy a spot of Christmas shopping in the National Trust Shop, which is open 7 days a week 10am – dusk right through until Christmas Eve. There is a great range of gift ideas, pop in for a stress free shopping experience. We will also be open all winter from the 27th December onwards.

Ashridge Christmas Fair

Sun 7th Dec – 10am – 3.30pm. Fill yourself with festive cheer and your bags with festive goodies at our annual Christmas Fair. Stalls packed with unique Christmas present ideas and a great Christmassy atmosphere. **Free Entry.**

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Events at Ashridge:

Ashridge Uncovered – Commons

Sat 29th Nov – 1 – 3pm

Join us to discover the significance of the commons to the shaping of Ashridge's human and environmental history, and dispel some of the myths associated with commons. The walk will finish at the visitor centre in time for a scone and cup of tea.

£15 adult, £10 child. Booking required.

Ashridge Christmas Trail

Every day from 15th Nov – 24th Dec

Join us for a stroll through the woodland discovering more about winter and Christmas time at Ashridge and complete some of the 50 things to do before you're 11 3/4 on route. Follow your map; answer the questions and return to collect your sticker reward. **£1 per trail**

Visit Father Christmas at Ashridge

**Sat 13th and Sun 14th Dec,
Sat 20th and Sun 21st Dec**

Sessions at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. Visit Father Christmas at Ashridge. Each 45 minute session includes a visit with Father Christmas, a Christmas craft making. **£6 child, £2.50 adult.**

Ashridge Christmas Walk

Sat 27th Dec – 10am – 12pm

Enjoy a scenic post-Christmas walk through the Estate at this magical time of year. End at the Visitor Centre with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. **£7 adult, £5 child.**

To book your place on one of our events please contact **01442 851227** or pop in and see us at the Visitor Centre.

Lauren Wise Visitor Services Officer

Celebrate a traditional Chilterns Christmas



Winter is the perfect time to see the rolling Chilterns' fields glisten with crunchy frost and mist drifting through the trees. Christmas in the Chilterns evokes images of mulled wine and mince pies in a snug countryside pub after a hearty walk, exploring Bruce Munro's Field of Light, shopping for special gifts at a Christmas market, Christmas panto and buying a tree from Christmas Common. Located in London's Metroland and boasting superb scenery, intriguing attractions, tucked-away villages and market towns, there's always something more to be discovered this festive season with ideas and inspiration for new experiences and things to enjoy in the days between Christmas and New Year.

Waddesdon and nearby Aylesbury

Each year the **Christmas decorations at Waddesdon** have a different theme. For 2014 the decorations in the East and Bachelors' Wings of the house will reflect Lights and Legends – stories, myths and rituals from around the world,

some traditional, some exotic and some contemporary, which celebrate light at this festive time of year.

Light artist Bruce Munro has created a spectacular new trail of light works for Waddesdon in the gardens, including a special version of his iconic Field of Light. The darker winter evenings showcase these light works to perfection.

The Christmas Fair will be held on the South Front of the Manor this year from Wednesday 26th to Sunday 30th November and Wednesday 3rd to Sun 7th December, and will be a spectacular event combining both gifts and festive foods.

For more information about opening times, group admission rates and events please see www.waddesdon.org.uk or call **01296 653226**.

The nearby town of Aylesbury offers a good selection of Christmas and Farmers markets over the festive season:

Aylesbury Farmers Market Christmas gift special Tuesday 25 November



Aylesbury town centre Christmas speciality market from 11 until 3p.m. – Sunday 7 December.

Aylesbury Vintage and Craft Bazaar takes place every Tuesday from now until Christmas and Aylesbury main market – every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday also Monday 22, Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 December.

Christmas would not be complete without a visit to enjoy a pantomime and this year the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury presents the magical pantomime Cinderella! This classic rags to riches story sees Cinders transformed from a maid put upon by her wicked step sisters, to the belle of the ball – with a little help from her Fairy Godmother. With glittering sets, gorgeous fairytale costumes, big song and dance numbers, bags of audience participation and real Shetland ponies – fun and laughter is guaranteed for the whole family!

For more information please see www.atgtickets.com/venues/aylesbury-waterside-theatre/



Amersham and Chesham

Accessible on the Metropolitan Line from London for those looking to escape the city for fresh air and beautiful countryside, with plenty of inviting places to pause for refreshment,

shopping is a re-laxing pastime both in **Old Amersham** and its more modern counterpart on the hill, which grew up on the arrival of the Metropolitan Railway.

Find out how the Tudors celebrated Christmas, what decorations they made and how they feasted at the Amersham Museum, located in the oldest domestic building in Amersham, part of a Tudor hall house. For more information please see www.amershammuseum.org/whats-on/

Chesham Christmas lights will be switched on on Friday 28th November from 6pm in the High Street. The event includes a Victorian carousel and funfair rides for children, music, market stalls, food stalls and late-night opening of the town centre shops.

You will find **Chesham market** in Market Square, between 10am and 2pm on the 20th December with traders sell locally produced food, drink, crafts and plants, mostly from a 10-mile radius of Chesham. For further information please see www.chesham.gov.uk/Market/Stall_Holders.aspx

Enjoy a traditional Christmas weekend in the lovely setting of the **Chilterns Open Air Museum**. Special winter opening 29th November – 30th November (11am – 4pm). Watch Father Christmas arrive on his horse and carriage then meet him in the Toll House Grotto. Carol singers, traditional folk singers, Victorian Magic Lantern Show, watch the Blacksmith at work and lots of craft stalls and magical decorations. Kids can get stuck in and make their own Christmas decorations and Christmas biscuits. Tickets can be pre-booked on <http://www.coam.org.uk>

The nearby **Hill House B&B** in ►

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Tring and Ashridge Forest

Located in the pretty market town of Tring, **Tring Brewery** has made a name for itself offering Christmas seasonal beer and Mash Up tours on December 3rd and 4th. They'll be brewing Santa's Little Helper, their annual Christmas Seasonal beer as well as the December monthly special – Robin Red Breast and a well stocked shop full of beer-related presents and of course huge amounts of beer to help celebrate the season of goodwill. For more information www.tringbrewery.co.uk/brewerytours.html

On Friday 28th November, **Tring Christmas Festival** sees the High Street turn into a magical place for a winter's night.

From 6.30 – 9.30pm tickets are free.

www.tringtogether.org.uk/events.php

Enjoy a scenic post-Christmas walk through a lovely Chilterns forest at this magical time of year with a guided Christmas walk on the **Ashridge Estate** on Saturday 27th December at 10am. For more information call the Ashridge Visitor Centre Tel: **01442 851227**.

Henley and Marlow

Henley-on-Thames is the jewel in the Chilterns crown with historic centre, church, town hall and market square, just a few strides away from the river Thames

frontage that offers something really special over the festive season. Just like an advent calendar, you will know where the **Henley Living Advent Calendar** is taking place but not what is going to happen behind the window or door. The performance can be anything from a Rock Choir to Ukulele Players, jazz band, carols or poetry readings, anything goes provided it's a seasonal performance. It's great fun and brings lots of people out to see the performances every evening at 6.15pm between 1-24 December. For more information please see www.livingadventcalendar.co.uk/about-us-1.html

The Kenton theatre will be featuring pantos and ballets, including Cinderella and 'I've Seen Santa', a delightful family show. **Hobbs of Henley** will be running their ever popular Santa Cruises on the River Thames featuring Fred in the Shed along with the star attraction, Santa Claus himself. **The River and Rowing Museum** offers Christmas activities, ranging from Christmas decoration-making to a festive event on 13th December, with presents, songs and fun!

Set high above the Thames with far-reaching views, **Cliveden's impressive gardens** and majestic woodlands capture the grandeur of a bygone age. Open between Christmas and New Year (closed Christmas Day), on every weekend before Christmas, a fun-packed seasonal activity trail will lead you around the gardens to find some early stocking-filler gifts (£5 plus usual admission).

For more Christmas ideas and inspiration book www.visitchilterns.co.uk and follow us on @VisitChilterns

Mary Tebje MTA Tourism Leisure

Festive Arts & Crafts at Queens Park Arts Centre

As Christmas approaches Queens Park Arts Centres are offering some special workshops to get you in the festive mood and create your very own Christmas treasures.

Anita Osborne will be running four Willow Craft workshops on 6th, 20th, 27th November and 4th December from 6.30pm – giving you the chance to learn the basics of working with willow and create a willow present or decoration. Children are welcome to attend when accompanied by an adult.

Children can also get creative in two special workshops run by artist Pippa North in November, with a Christmas Workshop on 29th November at 1pm where you can make beautiful Christmas cards and tags inspired by Russian folklore, and a Panto Play workshop on 30th November at 11am, which takes inspiration from Queens Park's very own pantomime to create a Dick Whittington playset.

Full details on the costs of workshops can be found at www.qpc.org, or you can call the Centre on **01296 424332**.

It's Panto Season... oh yes it is!

30 years on from their very first in-house pantomime, Queens Park Arts Centre is proud to present its latest Christmas spectacular – Dick Whittington and his Cat.

Written and directed by Dan Clucas with original music and songs by Rob Schafer, the show is the perfect family pantomime, with plenty of laughs,

slapstick and sing-alongs. As ever, the dedicated team of volunteers at Queens Park have been working hard to create bespoke sets, props and costumes, making this community show a must-see production.

The cast includes regular favourites Malcolm Emms and Steve Davies as well as newcomer Rebecca Davidson as Alice Fitzwarren and Douglas Smith as the titular hero.

Tickets are available now from www.qpc.org, or call the Box Office on **01296 431272**.

Dario Knight





Knitters wanted for Festive Fundraiser

Rennie Grove Hospice Care is calling its crafty supporters to get knitting their special mini Christmas stockings and mittens to raise funds to help keep families together this Christmas.

The charity is looking for groups or individuals to get involved for the second year running with its festive fundraising initiative by knitting the stockings or mittens, filling them with seasonal treats and selling them at Christmas fetes, bazaars, coffee mornings, cake sales or any other type of get-together. The money raised will help fund the 24/7 responsive hospice at home nursing service provided by Rennie Grove which operates on every day of the year. Access to this practical nursing support throughout the festive season enables patients to be cared for at home and keeps hundreds of families together at this special time of the year.

Rennie Grove Community Fundraising Manager, Penny Crosswell said:

"The mini stockings and mittens are fantastic for festive chocolates or candy canes, mini pampering toiletries or even for treats for our four legged friends. The possibilities are endless! We'd really love people to get involved with this brand

new fundraiser and do whatever they can. If people are happy to knit but aren't able to stuff or sell the stockings, we'd still like to hear from them.

"We provide the pattern and the great thing about the stockings and mittens is that they are small, so they don't take too long to knit and can even be made with bits of wool left over from other patterns. We can also provide branded stickers to put on the front of the stockings so that people know that the money raised is going to a good cause."

Any individual or group taking part in the scheme can find out more by phoning the Rennie Grove Community Fundraising Team on **01442 890222**, emailing **community@renniegrove.org** or visiting **www.renniegrove.org**



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Pitstone Car Scheme



DO YOU have difficulty travelling to hospital or other healthcare appointments?

CAN WE help?

Pitstone Community Car Scheme is a new scheme offering a service for residents who have difficulty travelling to healthcare appointments.

The scheme is run by volunteers who use their own cars to drive residents to local hospitals or other healthcare appointments (for example, the opticians, dentist or physiotherapist).

There is a small charge for the service to cover the volunteer's petrol and car parking expenses. To make it easier, a set tariff has been worked out in advance for typical journeys to local hospitals. If you need to access healthcare in another town, eg Hemel Hempstead, the cost will be advised at the time of booking the trip.

Example costs (excluding car parking):

DESTINATION	COST £
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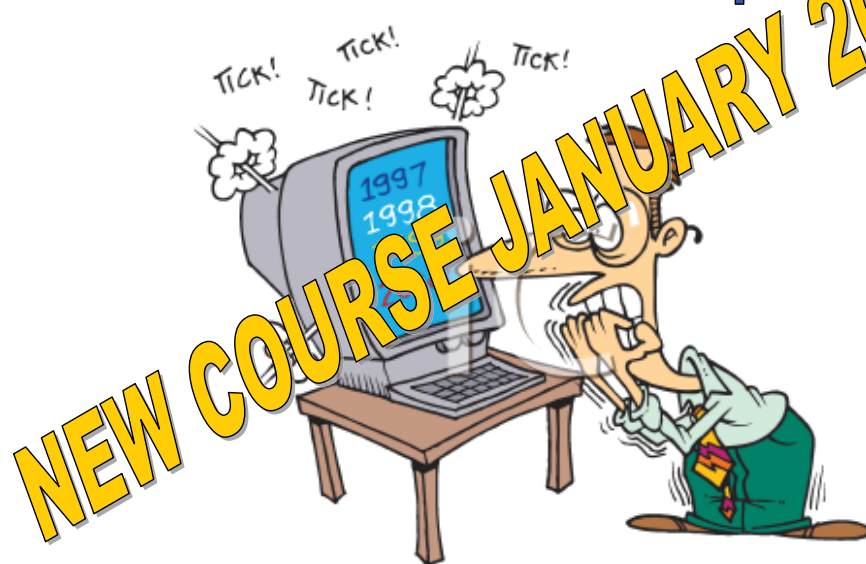
The volunteer will usually wait while the appointment is taking place, and then take the resident home. However, there may be circumstances where the return trip is much later or another day. In this case, each journey will be classed as return – as the volunteer will need to return to Pitstone using their own vehicle and petrol.

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.

If you have difficulty travelling and would like to use this service to help you get to a hospital or other healthcare appointment, please telephone

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Ivinghoe Beacon Planning decisions

The AVDC aimed to reach a decision on the proposed 70 houses at Station Road Ivinghoe by October 8, but as I understand it no decision is likely before the end of the month. When the decision has been made I and my fellow councillor for Cheddington ward Corry Cashman, will let people know through a short newsletter on planning.

The District Council elections May 2015 will be held on new boundaries, decided by the Boundary Commission, despite representation and alternative suggestions from the Council and local people. The current separate Pitstone and Cheddington wards will be combined into a single 'Pitstone and Cheddington' ward with two District Councillors. The new ward will include Pitstone, Cheddington, Ivinghoe, and Marsworth, but not Ivinghoe Aston or Slapton.

The General Election May 2015. If our MP John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons, stands again for election, as anticipated, it is highly likely that he will once again not be opposed by the three main political parties. (As speaker, he is not a member of any political party). Last time many voters were disappointed when they only discovered this on polling day. It is a longstanding convention that in respect for the office, the main parties do not oppose the speaker. Local Lib Dems have been lobbying the national party ever since our MP became the speaker, to ignore the convention and give voters a choice, so far without success.

County Council Children's Services were judged inadequate by OFSTED



Avril Davies

County and District Councillor
<http://avrildavies.mycouncillor.org>

this summer, particularly around social work practices. However processes for children who go missing or who are at risk from sexual exploitation were identified as strong, thankfully. In recent weeks a robust improvement plan has been drawn up and the council committed to additional funding, so far £4M overspend this year, £1M from contingency, plus another £4M still needed. The OFSTED report opened with the statement that Children's Social care is not in the two top priorities for the Council, limiting the effectiveness of those with lead responsibility for the service. I hope this hard hitting report is an opportunity to change that.

At last – £263M capital investment in Bucks roads for a four year 'preventative asset maintenance' programme. This is a stunning U turn from a council leader who has consistently rubbished my annual budget speech for the last three years which has emphasised the absolute necessity for investment. The new cabinet member for Transportation, Ruth Vigor-Hedderley has successfully

reorganised the delivery of highway repairs and gained additional revenue funding, the results of which can be seen in the spate of local roadworks.

National Heritage – risky business

The AVDC Heritage Team will soon be embarking upon a comprehensive Grade II Listed Building Survey across the District, as part of the National Heritage at Risk Grade II Project.

The aim of the project is to train local volunteers up to survey important historic buildings in their area, and to monitor those buildings to make sure that they are not falling into disrepair.

AVDC would like to invite all interested local residents, Parish and Town representatives and amenity societies to help with the project, which will be taking place between now and April 2015. To take part email buildingsatrisk@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Buckinghamshire County Council Budget Consultation 2015

Help us make tough decisions about the council's budget and our spending priorities for next year.

Your County Council provides many important services, including safeguarding children and supporting the elderly. However, the Council's budget is changing – with less money from the government, more people living longer and a growing population our job is more difficult than ever. More people need services from the council yet we are facing a budget gap of £12million next year.

Changes to reduce services are essential – even with an increase in council tax there will be changes that will affect you and your community.

Have your say

We need to make some tough decisions about the services we provide. We're asking you to give us your views on possible changes to

council tax and what's important for the Council to deliver for you.

Tell us where you think we should prioritise spending your council tax in this year's Budget Consultation online at www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget. Alternatively you can pick up a leaflet from your local library.

Join the debate on Twitter, [@buckscc](https://twitter.com/buckscc), and facebook, Our Buckinghamshire, using [#BucksBudget](https://www.facebook.com/buckscc).

Consultation Timeline

Deadline for responses to the consultation is 9th November 2014

Following this the results will be shared at the Cabinet meeting on 8 December 2014

Full Budget Decisions will then be made early in 2015.

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