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# Welcome from the Chair



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

I very much hope that you are enjoying the summer so far. The sunshine seems to bring out everybody and everything and the parish is absolutely full of life and activity this summer. Fetes, concerts, the BeaconLit, the WW1 Commemorative exhibition at The Hub to name but a few have kept our residents happy and entertained. The Allotments are as bright and blooming as ever and The Village Swan in Ivinghoe Aston has new landlords who celebrated the World Cup 2014 in real style!

The Parish Council has been extremely active itself since the last edition of the magazine. Our Community Speedwatch volunteers have been out again, monitoring speeding traffic in the parish. Brian Dale our newest Councillor is proving to be an invaluable asset to our hard working team and is heavily involved with matters traffic in our parish. He is currently reviewing the appropriateness of a Sentinel speed camera system for use in the parish which could really improve our ability to record accurate traffic data. Parishes in our Local Area Forum group are being asked to submit proposals for new traffic calming schemes in their parish, although previous experience in this area does not encourage us to be hopeful in this matter.

It is however, planning matters that continue to keep your parish council busy and as you are aware I am sure by now, a proposal has been submitted by Gladman Developers for 70 new dwellings in the heart of the village off Station Road adjacent to Ford End Farm. Much activity has ensued in the parish and a group of local residents

called Ivinghoe Together have formed a small steering committee to look in depth at the planning application. They have held a public meeting with more proposed and also produced a leaflet for all parish residents with details of the planning application and information as to how you can have your say.

This is not the only major planning application to be on our horizon. Plans have been submitted for a 60 acre photo voltaic farm at Seabrook Farm in Horton. The parish council takes very seriously its responsibilities as best it can to represent the parish views on planning matters. It is unfortunate for us in the Aylesbury Vale that our planning authority's Planning Policy Framework was rejected by the Secretary of State and our planners are left until 2017 with old saved policies which leaves the planning authority vulnerable and policies susceptible to misinterpretation.

With regard to planning, the parish council would like to urge you to visit the AVDC planning website at: [http://eplanning.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/applications/planning\\_details.htm](http://eplanning.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/applications/planning_details.htm)

Your views on planning applications have a real impact on the decisions that planners make and given the scale and impact of these two planning applications that have recently been submitted, the parish council encourages you to make your views known to the planners.

I very much hope that no matter how active you are this summer that you all have the opportunity to take some time out and really enjoy all that this summer has to offer.

## 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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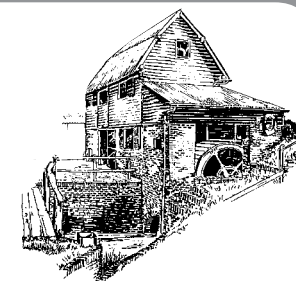
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## John Bercow

### August 2014

This is the first of what I hope will be many articles I write for the *Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine*, a publication which exudes community spirit. Whether it be the contributors, advertisers or the ensemble of enthusiastic volunteers who don their walking shoes to distribute the magazine, the magazine is a truly local effort and all of those involved should be applauded.

As you will know from some of the excellent articles in this month's magazine, July marks the centenary since the start of World War One. Up and down the country, communities will be marking the occasion with a variety of commemorative events and I am pleased that Ivinghoe will be making its own contribution given its connection to the war. The memorial statue, which sits at the entrance to the church, is a poignant reminder to all of us of the contribution so many ordinary civilians made to the war effort. There are only a few people still alive in this country who are able to remember the events of 1914, and it is important that future generations do not forget the sacrifice of a century ago; indeed, I make it an annual commitment to sell poppies for the Royal British Legion in and around Ivinghoe every November.

As we enter the school summer holidays, many readers who are parents or grandparents will find themselves with additional childcare duties and – in the spirit of this year's commemorative



events – you might like to visit one of the many attractions which will show our younger generations why the war is still relevant today. Just up the road at Waddesdon Manor, the *Waddesdon at War* exhibition looks at the Estate during the war from the perspective of the Rothschild family. At the County Museum in Aylesbury, a special exhibition *Duty and Service: Bucks Lives in the Great War* looks at the experiences of war from a county-wide perspective and, if you fancy venturing further afield, the recently re-opened Imperial War Museum in London always offers a rich insight into the enormity of the First World War and is a valuable experience for visitors of all ages.

However you are spending the summer months, I wish you well and I look forward to writing for the *Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine* in 2015.

**Rt Hon John Bercow MP**

# First Thursday Friends

New 2014 dates for your diary!



**CREAM TEAS**

**DATE:** Thursdays - 3 April, 5 June, 7 August

**WHERE:** The Millennium Room at Pitstone Memorial Hall

**TIME:** From 2 p.m.

Do come and join us for friendly chat and cream teas from £2.



**FILM MATINEES**

**DATE:** Thursdays - 1 May, 3 July, 4 September

**WHERE:** The Millennium Room at Pitstone Memorial Hall

**TIME:** 2 p.m. tea / coffee then film

Film free - contribution for refreshments and venue welcome.

'First Thursday Friends' events are open to everyone and are organised by the Chapel Fellowship - a Christian group who meet in the Millennium Room each Sunday at 10.30.

# Ivinghoe Together

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

Many of you will have received a leaflet from Gladman regarding the potential development of land off Station Road in Ivinghoe. This leaflet stated that they would be seeking outline planning permission for 81 residential homes. We feel that this development will irrevocably change our village alongside destroying the view out of Ivinghoe towards Mentmore and Cheddington Hill.

We recently held a village meeting to discuss how to respond to this speculative approach. Over 110 individuals attended the meeting that took place in the Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub to work out how best to protect our village and its surrounds. An application has now been lodged with Aylesbury Vale District Council and the working group have been pulling

together the valid arguments that can be used within objections. We are also investigating long term proactive methods of combating intrusive changes, through the development of a neighbourhood plan.

To be kept up to date, please visit [www.ivinghoetogether.com](http://www.ivinghoetogether.com) or email [ivinghoetogether@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoetogether@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list.



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# Old School News 2014!



**L**ike several other generous community spirited people before him, you might have seen **John Cutler has donated his skilled work for free** – taking apart and reassembling our Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub front wall, so desperately in need of restoration. Thanks John, you did this in heat wave conditions, yet we are volunteer trustees are so busy in the Hub these days that it seems only weeks since our very popular Easter egg hunt here in the cold and windy Hub's kitchen garden.

However, spring has sprung into high summer now and our kitchen garden is fulsome with fresh salad growth, herby garnishes and soft fruit, and our Community spaces are in daily active use. Our flexible spaces can either be divided by their screen to work as two small rooms or with the screen rolled back to work as one larger space which has supported many a celebration, Baptismal party, Birthday or Wake. Other weekly group use includes classes for babies, toddlers, children and adults in all things physical and health promoting, recreational and entertaining. **Some younger classes have run their course and made way for other ideas you might wish to bring**, and also older children's needs are now coming to the fore. Pilates for adults and later for Mums and babies on a Thursday, and Yoga on Wednesday evenings are very popular, and we have the pleasure as we do our admin in the IT room where hot-desking and PC teaching is our plan, to hear the variety of choirs practice and groups of musicians do the same. Why not start a class here yourself?

**In early May we suggested a shared Art Maker's Fair** could work better by splitting a large group of artists with their wares to display for sale between our Ivinghoe Community Hub venue and the Old Town Hall. This happened with great success as the artists generously shared their aims, skill hints and methodology with us the browsers, and forged (literally) what could be an ongoing successful partnership with our village. **We have another group Artist's Network Bedfordshire exhibiting on 20th/21st September, preceded by a Saturday workshop on 6th September.**

Then suddenly we had arrived at 19th June – our Hub's tenant Café owner Hayley Wesley's **CuriosiTEA Rooms first Birthday!** This café has been the focus for so many of our Community coming together informally to enjoy lovely home-made refreshments seven days a week, so we all celebrated with gusto! The same week we had co-joined with the WI to refresh the village on the day of the lovely church fete and exhibit a range of Old Ivinghoe photographic prints that continue to prompt the community to help us



answer some searching questions on details of our anecdotal history, all leading to an eventual book!

Continuing the theme of the fete day's WW1 – the British Legion's display kick started our invitation to this community to bring in their **WW1 memorabilia** and copies of their personal photographs and ephemera of the time, to join in an exhibition to last until its climax with poetry and song led by Judith Sheridan, here in our Hub over the Remembrance Sunday weekend in November 2014. Please come in to look at and add to our growing exhibition. **Our AGM date is now fixed as 27th August** at which we will also share a myriad of Hub activities and plans for the future.

Typical of a village that knows how to pull together – our Public Meeting last week here in the Hub was packed with 120 people interested in finding a solution between us. **For those interested in progress on the Gladman proposal of a development of 81 houses in the field in front of Ford End Farm in the centre of our**

**Ivinghoe village should please email: ivinghoetogether@gmail.com to be kept up to date.**

**Dates to look forward to include:** our two coming **ActiTEA days** with lunch included for primary school age children on first Tuesday 5th August and September 2nd (TBC).

We also have another popular **Psychic Evening on 12th September**. Please come in and make your bookings with our onsite Trustees or Hayley in her café. Beyond all this we are also exploring sharing our creative skills; drama; after school / homework clubs; line dancing, summer fun on the lawn, small film clubs with refreshments, good neighbouring initiatives **what else would interest you?**

**Our Community Hub is here for your use**, and run by volunteers. Do come in and imaginatively engage with the spaces, and use them to enhance all of our lives.

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**Kate Mackie**



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## Old School Community Hub , Ivinghoe

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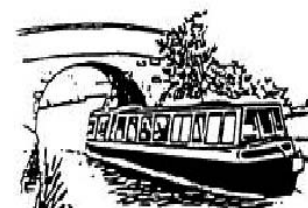
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# Ivinghoe Entertainments



After all the hard work the Summer Festival weekend was over! The change in evenings for the events was well received and in many respects made it easier for the committee to deliver the Festival Weekend of activities.

Laughter-on-the-Lawn featured John Moloney, Tammy Stone and Mick Ferry compared by Kevin Day although to the majority unknowns delivered a fantastic evening of comedy – how many recall John Moloney's cat Edward ("moaw")?

The Summer Ball was re-vamped with new caterers (Hansons) and The Collection featuring Keavy Lynch (Bewitched) it was

fantastic to see so many new faces at the event.

If you did attend one of our Summer Festival events we would really appreciate your feedback what we have executed well and could improve via a short survey (no personal information is collected):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DNYCNYS>.

I would like to thank Universal Event Productions (<http://www.u-e-p.co.uk/>), The Rose & Crown (Ivinghoe) (<http://roseandcrownivinghoe.com/>), and the Get Stuffed Comedy Club (<http://www.get-stuffed.biz/>) for their continued support and assistance.



## Saturday 8th November Bonfire and Fireworks

Our next event is the Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 8th November from 18:00 planning has already started. We are hoping to repeat the success of last year by providing a musical accompaniment to the fireworks. Naturally, we are hopeful that the weather is favourable and we can have another exciting evening. Tickets will be on-sale from mid-October from the usual village outlets – more details later.



### Graham Hollands

Chair – Ivinghoe Entertainments  
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# Not a lot happens in Ivinghoe Aston

## **Golf – Friday 19th September – Sarah Ketts Golf Shield III**

Diary date – Sarah Ketts Golf Shield III event will take place Friday September 19th. Register your place at The Village Swan.

## **Ivinghoe Aston Goes Football Crazy!!**

**L & L do the double!! CHAMPIONS!!**

**IA U11 make History.** Two IA girls Laura Kennell and Lauren Burchell were part of the EB Lions girls team that won their league. The first to do so in the clubs history. A few weeks after this they won the cup with the school team. More history and more success. Well done girls Ivinghoe Aston is proud of you . Maybe you can let the England mens senior team know your secret.



## **Charlotte Gets Award**

Charlotte won the best improved player for the season. Her improvement was indeed noticeable now being one of the few I have watched that look around before passing the ball. A skill many premiership players seem to have forgotten.



## **Ivinghoe Aston Flag Travels to Brazil**

It was a close shave but we managed to get the flag to Brail here photographed on the way to the match in the 'jungle'. The mood was later dampened by the teams efforts but a great time overall was had by all. ►

## **They didn't stop there!**

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## The 7th 'Kamp Ketts' Goes with a Swing

About a dozen dads and twice that number in off-spring camped out at Vine Farm for the seventh year on the trot. A hog was consumed and the fire ran for the entire weekend. The weather encouraged activity in the lake and for some that meant staying up all right to see the sun rise. Photo on page 20 is Tom, and Matt seen here at 5am having stayed up to welcome the sunrise. Tom Anderson later sat an entrance exam and I am pleased to confirm he passed and his Dad was forgiven for not putting him to bed at 10pm.



## The Village Swan

Throughout the World Cup the Village Swan was a busy hive. While the St. Georges flags came down after a week the new Dutch landlord enjoyed flying the Orange of The Netherlands right through the tournament with The Netherlands taking 3rd spot.

On the final night Rob and friends gave a free concert in celebration of his 50th Birthday. He was joined by many West End stars and of course our own local starts Chris and Tiara. A great world cup night, we never even noticed England were out...



## You Saw it Here First!! '466 Sixty-Four' – A tribute to Mandela

Chris and Tiara's company, HINGED have won sponsorship from The Arts council of England to create and perform a new show about the life of Mandela. I have had a few conversations with them both and I predict this is going to become an international hit. Follow their progress and book tickets via this link – <http://466sixtyfour.com/>

## The Village Swan gets a Touch of Dutch

Patrick and Fanny Dirks are from The Netherlands and have opted for a 'change of lifestyle' and have taken a 3 year tenancy at The Village Swan. Their aim is to bring a little bit of Holland to Ivinghoe Aston while maintaining ►



the English feel of the pub. Together with our children we arrived in this lovely village and we are very keen on becoming part of the village. The kids go to Dagnall School and we are already feeling English I took the opportunity to ask them a question or two.

## Ketts: Hello and welcome to Ivinghoe Aston. What made you want to take on a challenge like this?

After many years in the financial industry we were looking for a change. We want to spend time together as a family and be part of a nice community. What better than running a pub, the hub of the village? The many different visitors with all their stories is great. We also like to create nice dishes with a bit of Dutch flair.

## Ketts: Why The Village Swan?

My aunt who has lived here for many years brought us in contact with The Village Swan. From there things moved rather quickly, a lovely village near to the big city but just remote enough to enjoy the country side.

## Ketts: What are your first impressions of Ivinghoe Aston and the surrounding area?

It is so beautiful. To wake up and look out the window and see the horses and the Beacon is just fantastic. A small village with a lot of stories!!

## Ketts: What changes can we expect to see?

We would like to create a nice pub with good food for a fair price. The biggest change is that the pub should be attractive to locals and destination visitors. The people make the pub. We are only capable of creation a nice environment for our visitors. Our customers will do the rest. Simple food but high in quality will attract new visitors.

Fresh fish from Billingsgate Market and local meat from LOCAL free range farms is what we use. Our bread comes from a nearby bakery and we just had some nice courgettes from villagers from there allotments. Use the community for our business is our motto.

Some of our meals are very well known in Holland. Pancakes and Poffertjes are Dutch sweet treats. Don't forget our Dutch Satay on Friday and Saturday. We would like visitors to enjoy our Dutch nibbles (Dutch café snacks) in the garden with a nice drink. Bitterballen and Vlammetjes are here to stay!! We hope to welcome you soon.

Well I can report the atmosphere is the best it has been for many a year and the flow of people from all around is very noticeable. I wish our new Dutch friends all the best and just as soon as I can pronounce those snacks I'll give them a try...

## 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 suspicious activity, email me and I will add you, [ketts999@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Ketts999@hotmail.com) or [christabelboersma@hotmail.com](mailto:christabelboersma@hotmail.com).

Clive Ketteridge



## W.I. and WW1

This years' church fete was marked by the centenary of the commencement of World War I. The traditional procession of floats, and this time a war horse, proceeded as usual from Pitstone Memorial Hall to the Green at Ivinghoe led by the W.I. in full World War I nursing uniform riding in the trailer kindly provided by Irene Jellis.

To back up the theme Joe Marling joined in behind the nurses with his jeep bristling with military equipment.

To commemorate the start of such a dreadful event it was however from the perspective of Ivinghoe W.I. a jolly affair although its significance was not forgotten.

The tractor and trailer were standing quietly in the museum (Heritage Park) when suddenly the W.I. members all turned up together and began putting on their uniforms which they had made to the pattern of the period. They all looked not only authentic but attractive as well. The N.H.S has lost a trick here.

All this activity was going on under the watchful eye of Matron Louise in her splendid blue uniform. Woe betides any one

out of line. In the meantime, Joe Marling had found a wounded soldier on a stretcher which was placed on top of the trailer.

Soon everyone was on board and it was time to go. It seemed appropriate to start with an explosion, so a cartridge start for the tractor. The strong vibrations of the tractor made it look as if the "wounded soldier" had come to life which pleased the nurses no end. They had a real patient who was not best pleased with the ride and treatment and may well complain to the G.M.C.

So many happy people lining the route; there was much waving and banter. Simon managed the traffic with his usual aplomb – it's never an easy task. Apologies for the frustrated motorists, but that's war.

On arrival at the green the nurses were welcomed in by Russell, Master of Ceremonies and Wing Commander of a squadron of cardboard bi planes piloted by the scouts. There was so much activity going on and even an exhibition of historic photos in the Hub.

A great and memorable day.

**Nigel Thompson** Reporter





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# Onwards and upwards for BeaconLit

A new venue, a bigger cast of authors and a full-day programme of activities to enjoy saw a strong turnout at Brookmead School on Saturday June 28 for the second BeaconLit festival of books and writing.

The event included local authors Teri Terry and Dave Sivers, as well as former Marlow resident Anya Lipska and an array of authors that was studded with best sellers and award winners.

Activities included talks, workshops, panel discussions and an engrossing session with Mandy Kirkby, talking to former soldier and romantic novelist Catherine Jones about her book, *Love Letters of the Great War*. The session marked the centenary year of the outbreak of World War One and included

readings from the letters that were sometimes moving and sometimes hilarious.

"The feedback from the day has been excellent," said festival committee member Dave Sivers, who chaired the crime and young adult fiction panels. "We will use it to continue to develop the festival year on year. We are delighted with its progress from last year's half-day pilot."

For more information about BeaconLit, visit the website at: [www.beaconlit.co.uk](http://www.beaconlit.co.uk) or contact Dave Sivers on: 0797 486 4592, email: [davesivers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davesivers@hotmail.co.uk)

**Dave Sivers** BeaconLit



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**Top:** *Letters of the Great War*: Catherine Jones, Mandy Kirkby

**Bottom:** Crime panel (L-R) me, Jane Isaac, Anya Lipska and Stephen Booth.

**Opposite page:** Emma Huxley welcomes delegates watched by YA panel (L-R) me, Teri Terry, Hilary Freeman and Caroline Green

## Ivinghoe Aston Village Hall



Villagers are reminded that there is a hall at Ivinghoe Aston for hire at similar rates to Ivinghoe's Village Centre and Town Hall. For details contact booking secretary Barbara Rayment 01525 220959 or email [jackyparsons@yahoo.in](mailto:jackyparsons@yahoo.in)

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# Fantastic Fete

The annual St Mary's summer fete proved to be another resounding success this year. The weather held out and enabled a colourful and exuberant procession to make their way from Pitstone to The Lawn at Ivinghoe without a hitch.

The stalls, bbq and games kept many entertained. Paul Young from Pitstone was the lucky winner of the Red, White and Blue Balloon Race. His balloon reached Portsmouth a massive 65 miles away! Thanks again to Colbree for sponsoring the race.

The Scouts ably won the Procession with The Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines, with Brookmead School coming second with Brookmead School Never Forgets and St Mary's Children's Church and their interpretation of War Horse coming third. All of the participants really entered into the spirit of the Fete theme – World War One Centenary Commemorations, just look at the fantastic photos!!

Thanks go to all of the wonderful volunteers and visitors to the Fete for making it such a success!

**Christabel Boersma** Editor





# Ivinghoe Town Hall... News!

## Chairman's AGM Report 4th June 2014

**A**ndy Beezer thanked Terry Jennings for his many years service on the committee and noted that the new BVLC Beacon Village Library was thriving under Emma Huxley's leadership. He also noted that the Town Hall bookings remained good for the previous year and thanked Carole Wesley for her service as bookings secretary. He also thanked Stephen Swinbank for his excellent work as secretary and David Cook for his work as treasurer. Thanks were also extended to Colin Arney for his work as treasurer on the Library Committee. Special thanks went to Brian Rogers for his consistent help with maintenance issues (especially emergencies) and to Lyn Cato for cleaning. Our regular committee supporters include: Karen Groom, Lorna Harvey, Stella Heley, Louise Emlyn-Jones, Geoffrey Legge and Peter Miles.

The Town Hall continues to appreciate the many Beacon Villages' users supporting the Post Office, Shop and Beacon Library.

At as we were going to press last time, Ivinghoe Town Hall and PCC together with the Old School (HUB) and Cafe all pulled together to support a two day "Artists and Makers Fair" over Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May. We received a lot of positive feedback and Sally Evans (Organiser) is considering making the event a repeat possibly in November this year, or in the Spring next year. Watch out for more news!

Regarding the web site, as most people prefer to call the Booking Clerk (01296

660344) the 'web site' has been simplified (but can still be used 'on-line' to search for date availability). Once a date has been chosen an email will be sent automatically to the Booking Clerk who will then email or call the booker to confirm the booking.

The website shows Hiring Rates and Terms and Conditions.

The website also shows a list of our regular users, (below).

**Monday:** 3pm-6pm – **Ballet**  
(07834 281434)

**Tuesday:** 10am – **Beacon Art** (01296 661291) / 7pm **Zumba** (07941 092673)

**Wednesday:** 8:45am and 10am **Pilates**  
(07855 138005)

**Wednesday:** 1pm **Adult Ballet** and at 2pm **Vintage Fitness** (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.

If you would like to have a look around or book the hall for a party, meeting or other event please contact our Booking Secretary or myself, on **01296-660344** or visit **www.ivinghoetownhall.org.uk**.

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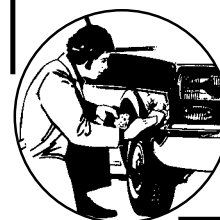


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## Womens Institue News!

We've had a busy few months, in April, as the bluebells were out early, some of our members had a ramble up to Ashridge. The sight of the bluebells in full bloom was ample reward for the walk.

At our May meeting, we discussed the resolution being put forward to the annual meeting and had great fun swapping plants.

In June we heard from Mary Russell and her absorbing hobby of

accompanying a friend on his microlight plane. The talk was all about her trip to Lundy Island.

July will see us embarking on a mystery trip with only the drivers knowing where we are going. In August we will be picnicking on the lawn at Ivinghoe with tea in the Town Hall once it gets dark.

If you would like to try out the W.I. and meet new friends, come an join us. Give me, Tessa, a ring on **01296-661562**.



Have you ever thought about 'growing your own'? Growing your own fruit and vegetables can be 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)

or call Maxine on 07960 605 393

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



## Ivinghoe Speedwatch Report



We held four Speedwatch sessions in June, all at Great Gap. Sadly the patterns of behaviour followed those of previous sessions and there seems to be no evidence of reduced speeds. We've recorded some trucks and far too many vehicles overtaking at excessive speed. In fact I have been in correspondence with the Chief Executive of AVDC regarding this issue and made some proposals, including marking up double white lines, but these are regarded as inappropriate in the circumstances. I will be contacting the Chief Executive again.

We are continuing Speedwatch sessions in July, and whilst nothing is yet booked in August I'm anticipating further similar exercises. Anyone available to help in the future please let me know. As ever I'm happy to arrange sessions in Ivinghoe and Ivinghoe Aston subject to the availability of volunteers.

The MVAS has been set up again in Great Gap. It is recording traffic speeds

of vehicles travelling towards Leighton Buzzard. Due to battery failure it was not working for a period but is now operating again. We'll download the data in due course which will provide further evidence of the ongoing situation. Sadly any corrective action is unlikely to take place in the short term. In the meantime our action is limited to carrying out exercises which are designed to educate.

I'm pleased to be able to confirm that the police have also carried out an enforcement exercise in June. They prosecuted seven motorists in a period of about one hour and are planning further similar exercises in the near future.

Finally I'm pleased to be able to confirm that a "Sentinel" speed "camera" has been purchased by the Local Area Forum for use by local villages. This is in addition to the equipment which we currently borrow from Cheddington. The equipment we normally use relies on the observers to record details of the vehicle, and it can sometimes be difficult to recognise vehicle types and sometimes even colours. The new "Sentinel" equipment records an image so that the details can be downloaded after the event and this gives a guarantee that the data recorded is correct. In the event of a subsequent dispute it also allows for confirmation of the data. The new equipment will otherwise be used in a manner similar to the current equipment in that it will not be operated remotely, but only when attended by properly trained members of the Speedwatch team.

**Brian Dale**



# The Miller's Tale...

We are now roughly halfway through our open season and visitor numbers have been about average, as a voluntary organisation we rely very much on getting people through the door to cover our overheads. But the number of visitors we get can depend on several things, firstly, whether we are actually milling or not, secondly, dry weather always helps, and thirdly if there are any major events taking place at the same time, things like large local events/shows, or Wimbledon, or the Grand Prix formula one racing, or the Olympics, or as we have this year, the World Cup.

But we never really know how many visitors will turn up until we are actually open, its fine if we are busy because the day just seems to fly past and before we know it the day has gone and we are closing, its great to be really busy with lots of visitors but also very tiring. On the other hand if we have a quiet day with a low number of visitors then the time seems to drag by and this too seems to take it out of us, and we leave the mill feeling nearly as tired as if we had been rushed off our feet, although we do have chance to have a good chinwag and catch up with what other people have been up to lately and to find out about any local news and gossip.

We also had a slight problem the last time we were open and milling, we had two of our newer millers on duty and they are still quite new to milling wheat so I said I would pop in to see how they were getting on. They said they were not happy with the way things were going and explained to me that the flour was

really hot and everything was running slowly, all attempts by me to try and rectify the problem failed, so as it was towards the end of the afternoon when most of the visitors had left and there were only a handful of people left in and around the mill we decided to stop and call it a day.

A few days later we tried milling again and we had virtually no flour coming out although there was plenty of wheat going in, so we stopped and dismantled all the millstone cover and fittings and lifted the top millstone away from the lower millstone.

Then we could see what was causing the problem, the stones were completely caked in hardened flour, so hard that it needed a screwdriver and scrapers to remove it and was hard work! Then we decided to brush it with water and leave it to soak in which along with a steam gun made it much easier to remove. But we were puzzled as to why it had happened in the first place, it was suggested maybe the wheat had become damp, but moisture testing ruled this out as it was well within spec.

So we scratched our heads a little and then talked to some 'professional millers' who said the hot flour and slow running suggested that the stones may have been too close together, therefore generating friction heat which had baked the flour onto the millstones, another suggestion was that because of the slow running there may not have been enough centrifugal force to propel the flour to the edges of the stones so it built up and added to the friction heat and baking effect. Hopefully we have

found the problem and have learned what happens if you run the stones too close together.

Cheers all!

**Chug (Chris Tugby)** Mill Manager

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**10th August** – Sunday

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# News from the Parishes

## Family Friendly Informal Worship at:

**Ivinghoe:** 10am Sunday 3rd August 'Worshipping Together' – an informal service with music group and activities for the children

**Slapton:** 10am on Sunday 17th August 'Messy Church' and breakfast in the Village Hall

**Marsworth:** 10am. Sunday 24th August 'Messy Church' and breakfast at All Saints

## Bible study groups

There will be no meetings during August but we will be delighted to welcome you when we re-commence in September. Our evening study meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 1 Queen Street, Pitstone at 8pm; our daytime study is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 5 Windmill Close, Ivinghoe at 10am. Everyone is welcome no matter what age or stage you are on your Christian journey.

## Special Services for August:

**Sunday 10th May 3pm at All Saints, Marsworth: A commemorative service to mark the outbreak of World War 1.**

## School Holiday Messy Mornings – Thursdays:

These sessions are held weekly from 10am – 11.30am. The children will be provided with refreshments and the sessions generally include craft activities, games and cookery for children aged 3-11 years. Parents, why not come along, relax and have a cuppa and a chat while your children enjoy themselves under friendly supervision. If you would like to know more information please contact

Sandra Green on **01296 668648**.

## Messy Morning Dates and Venues for August 2014:

**7th August:** Slapton Village Hall

**14th August:** Ivinghoe Church

**21st August:** Marsworth Church

**28th August:** Slapton Village Hall

## Messy Church at Marsworth

Messy Church is a fresh new way of experiencing church. It's for all ages, its fun and its family friendly. Every session is built around a theme with activities, celebration and breakfast. The next one will be held on: **Sunday 24th August at All Saints Church at 10am**  
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**Contact: Sandra 01296 668648, John 01296 662252 or Richard 01296 661725**

## Messy Church at Slapton

Slapton Church family would like to invite you to join them on the 3rd Sunday of each month in Slapton village hall at 10am for messy church. This includes bacon butties, croissants and beverages; craft activities for everyone concluding with a short act of worship.

Our next messy church will be on **Sunday 17th August.**

## Men's Group

Events for the next few months are as follows:

**August** – An evening walk and pub visit.

**September** – visit to RAF Uxbridge.

**October** – Ashridge House.

Detailed information on events is circulated by email; please contact **charles.e.thorogood@btinternet.com**



to be included in the circulation.  
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## Food Bank

We have a regular collection for a food bank. There is a box at the entrance of each church to place gifts of food. There will be a list of items that are needed for your guidance. Please give generously.

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## St Mary's Music Group New members always welcome

At the 'Worshipping Together' Service each month a friendly collection of musicians play the worship songs. The group also play for a few other events; we even played at a wedding by special request.

The group includes violin, clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet, piano and oboe; we would be very happy to

welcome any new musicians of any age and ability and any instrument.

If you would like to know more, ring Jeanette on **01296 660194**.

## From the Registers

**Burial of ashes:** We pray for the family of Edith Louisa Coombs whose service took place on 26th June at St. Mary's Ivinghoe.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the church family **Edward Kilby** and **Aiden Ryan Gull** whose service took place on 22nd June at Holy Cross, Slapton.

**Edie Joy Scott** whose service took place on 4th July at All Saints, Marsworth.

**Posey Irene Elsie Wheeler** whose service took place on 19th July at St Mary's, Ivinghoe.

**Marriages:** Many congratulations and blessings for the future to:

**Mark Scott** and **Katy Prince** who were married on 4th July at All Saints, Marsworth.

**Stuart Saunders** and **Kathryn Baxter** who were married on 5th July at St Mary's, Ivinghoe.

**Simon Wheeler** and **Laura Hickman** who were married on 19th July at St Mary's, Ivinghoe. ►

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Marsworth	8 am BCP Holy Communion	3pm WW1 Commemoration	10am Holy Communion	10am Messy Church
Ivinghoe	10am Worshipping Together	9.15 am Holy Communion	9.15am Morning Praise	9.15 am Holy Communion
Slapton	10.30am Morning Praise	10.30am Holy Communion	10am Messy church in the village hall.	10.30am Holy Communion

- Benefice service rotating round the three parishes

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday; 31<sup>st</sup> August; 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity;  
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#### Regular Events:

Sundays	9.15am	Children's Church	Ivinghoe
Mondays	7.30pm	Bell Practice	Ivinghoe
	8.00pm	Choir Practice	Marsworth
Wednesdays	9.15am	Holy Communion	Ivinghoe
Thursdays	10.00am	Bible Study	Ivinghoe
	10.00am	Messy Morning	Rotating
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	Ivinghoe
Fridays	10.30am	Benefice prayer group	Ivinghoe
	9.45pm	Tots Praise	Ivinghoe



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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at St. Mary's Church, Ivinghoe

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August at All Saints Church, Marsworth

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at Slapton Village Hall

Sessions are free – so come along and get messy!

For more details contact Sandra on **01296 668648**

# Interview for a Vicar

Let me explain where we are now as we seek to find a new vicar to replace Rev Tracey to minister in our three churches of Ivinghoe, Slapton and Marsworth. The churchwardens of the three churches and our two Licensed Lay Ministers have been meeting regularly during the last three months to produce what is called a "Parish Profile". This in fact is an application pack which any priest can look at to help them decide if they would like to apply for the vacancy here. In essence, the Parish Profile is a description of our churches and villages and what sort of personal attributes we would like our new Vicar to have to be successful here. We have just finished this Profile and it has been approved by the Archdeacon of Buckingham who is the most senior member of the clergy hereabouts.

We have decided to advertise the job in the "Church Times" newspaper

and also on church websites in early-September; we have been advised that advertising in late-July or August is not advisable because many clergy will be taking holidays then. Shortlisting of candidates will be done in early October and interviews will be held on Monday 20th October. We pray that we find the right person to serve here on this day.

In the meantime, the work of our three churches is continuing, and so far we seem to be coping adequately with no resident vicar. Services in the three churches remain the same and there are, for example, lots of Baptisms and Weddings taking place this year. If you want to contact the church for any reason the Vicarage phone number **01296 668260** remains in use, or else do use our website: [www.ipsmchurches.co.uk](http://www.ipsmchurches.co.uk)

**David Green**

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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PITSTONE

### NEWS August 2014

The 34th Annual Festival took place over the May Bank holiday attended by an increased number of visitors, and pictures and pottery sold. This may have been the result of our new advertising notice boards and banner which was a costly investment. We are very grateful for the generous contribution from Pitstone Parish Council towards the cost of these. The teas were particularly well supported with many people reported as telling the stewards that they had heard that they would get delicious cakes at the church. Ivinghoe Church Choir sang at the Sunday evensong which was well attended amongst the beautiful flowers and pictures.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the generous people who contributed pictures, pottery, cakes (40 were eaten!) or took a turn at stewarding, making music or serving the refreshments, all of which contributed to the very successful weekend.

The Group of Local Friends who look after the Church were visited by the Chief Executive of the Churches Conservation Trust, Crispin Truman, in March. He presented Joan Bolton-King and Vanita Patel with gifts and long service certificates in recognition of over 30 years of outstanding service, caring for the church. They will continue to serve on the committee but the role of Chairman is now undertaken by Mrs. Gill Arney and that of Secretary by Mrs Jean Booth. We are very grateful to them both for taking on this work.

If anyone would like to join the group of Friends of St. Mary's Church Pitstone or would like to help in any way please ring 01296 668123.



## Pastor Dave Calling...

Summer is a-Comin' In', as the old folk song goes, although I'm not sure whether anyone has informed Mother Nature or the meteorologists with this important information. When I was a kid fifty years ago you knew where you were with the weather. Bank Holidays – rain; Christmas – snow or at least a good frost; Summer Holidays – hot and boring after the second week as there was no daytime telly or DVDs' and you'd probably lost all your tennis and cricket balls in various hedges and canals by this time.

These days as the youngsters finish for the 'big holidays' as we used to call them, there are more activities on offer in town centres and parks than ever. All part of the ever changing tapestry of life in the 21st Century and I guess this will continue at an even faster pace to keep up with technology.

Everything organic lives in a state of change, even our Fellowship. No chapel building anymore; moved into the Millennium Hall for Sunday services; changes in those we see in the congregation. The Apostle Peter tells us we are like 'living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood' (1Peter). It's nice to have a building you can call home, but the building is vessel in which the church worships together, the real church is the people and their 'bodies are a temple' (St. Paul) in the everyday world in which we live and come into contact with others. Our physical bodies are always changing through age and maturity, and we all feel the effects of that sooner or later.

In the six years we have been here in

ministry, it is my prayer that things and people at the Fellowship have changed for the better, despite the ravages of time on some. Our Sunday mornings are usually fun, challenging and a meeting point with God and we welcome anyone who would like to join us week by week or now and then. John F. Kennedy is credited with this quote:

*'Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.'*

We hope you all have a happy and restful summer break. Our 'First Thursday Friends' will continue throughout August and September, as will our Sunday Services at 10.30am. We hope you will join us at some time.

Look out for – **First Thursday Friends** dates. It's a good time for chat and cream tea, and a good matinee film with free popcorn and ices!

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# Aylesbury and district ramblers walk programme June – September 2014



Date & Start time	Brief description	Start gridref	Miles Grade	Longer description	Contact
Thu 07/08/2014 10:00	A pleasant walk in the Hertfordshire countryside some undulations	TR170123	8 M	Park for free on Nomansland Common. We shall be going through Bocket Hall and golf course with some stunning scenery. On to Colman Green where John Bunyan stayed in a cottage only part of which still stands. We will gather at Elephant & Castle pub at Amwell for those who are thirsty!!	Brian Sale 07930 835911
Sun 10/08/2014 10:00	Cockshoots Wood. Undulating walk with lovely views	SP871042	5 L	Park at Cockshoots Wood picnic area, Cobblershill Lane. Undulating walk, including woods and panoramic views, along the South Bucks Way, Prestwood and Little Hampden.	Mary Goss 01296 613803 07773 767602
Tue 12/08/2014 10:30	From Agriculture to Horticulture in a square mile of Great Kimble	SP825058	4.5 L	Start in layby south of abandoned Bernard Arms for 6,000 year walk through 1 square mile of the Chilterns. Chance to see Iron Age Fort, fish ponds, moats, 2 Motte & bailey castles, medieval churches with wall paintings, deserted medieval village, ridge & furrow and much, much more. Optional Lunch.	Brian Bowman 01844 292466
Thu 14/08/2014 10:00	1300 ft ascent plus stiles in Pishill and Stonor Park area	SU725900	8 M	Circular walk from The Crown Inn PH (RG9 6HH) at Pishill via Stonor Park & Warburg Nature Reserve. Optional pub lunch at end of walk	Helen & Keith Horlock 01296 631069 07759 420206
Sun 17/08/2014 10:00	A fairly flat walk around Mentmore, through fields and along canal path.	SP907197	7.5 M	Meet outside The Stag pub (LU7 0QF) at end of Mentmore village green. Limited parking by Green, car sharing recommended. Walk includes part of OAR and at least 2 stiles! Bring snacks for two short stops.	Sarah 07746 056500
Thu 21/08/2014 10:00	Waddesdon via HS2 Route and Doodershall	SP743169	10 M	Meet in Waddesdon Village, park opposite Village Hall. Note you will need drink and packed lunch for this 10 mile walk because no pubs en route. Walk goes from Waddesdon via Westcott and Doodershall Estate and follows HS2 route near Doodershall House. Registered assistance dogs only please.	Stan Goss 01296 613803 07773 767602
Sun 24/08/2014 10:00	Circular walk from Aldbury via Northchurch Common and Ashridge	SP965125	9 M	Park in the village of Aldbury (HP23 5RT). Meet by the Duck Pond. Steep hill at first to Northchurch Common, Frithsden Beeches and Ashridge. Bring drink and snacks.	Marie Jones 01296 630062 07733 412295
Tue 26/08/2014 10:30	A gentle circular walk from Wilstone across fields, by a leaky canal and round a reservoir.	SP904141	4 L	Meet in car park of The Half Moon pub in Wilstone village for circular walk via Drayton Beauchamp and Wilstone Reservoir. Some short but steep steps. Optional lunch in Half Moon. If not lunching parking at Village Hall until 1.15pm	Stephen Putman 01296 612336 07443 501615
Thu 28/08/2014 10:00	A typical walk in the Chiltern Hills with several ups & downs	SP846015	6 M	Meet in car park at rear of Hampden Arms, Great Hampden (HP16 9RQ) for circular walk through woods and pastureland. Visiting Speen and Prestwood via Denner and Nanfans farms. One steep ascent and some stiles. In the pub (or garden) afterwards to recover if desired.	John & Tina Wood 01296 625215 07770 421889
Sun 31/08/2014 10:00	Circular walk from Wendover Woods to Cholesbury	SP898083	9 M	Meet at Wendover Woods Exit Car park, walk via Hastoe to Cholesbury Ancient Camp returning via the Hale. Bring snacks /lunch for 2 stops en route.	Pete & Les 01296 651653 07432 572534
Thu 04/09/2014 10:00	Flattish walk around villages, fields and lakes of Bucks border country	SP904141	7.5 M	Meet at the Half Moon pub in Wilstone, to walk round Long Marston, Puttenham and Marsworth reservoir. Optional lunch afterwards in the Half Moon	Stephen Putman 01296 612336 07443 501615

Sun 07/09/2014 10:00	Ashridge Estate	SP971130	7.5 M	Park near Bridgewater Monument. Circular walk around the Ashridge Estate including Golden Valley. Bring snack for two short stops.	Tricia 01296 624967 07762 204292
Tue 09/09/2014 10:30	Pavements and footpaths from Tring up into the Chiltern hills	SP925115	5 L	Park in the car park at the east end of Tring High Street (HP23 5AH) for a walk from Tring up into the wooded Chilterns and back through Tring Park.	Adele 01296 748826 07933 752219
Thu 11/09/2014 10:00	A walk covering both sides of the Hughenden Valley	SU865955	7 M	Park in car park below church at Hughenden Manor. We will walk to edge of High Wycombe and then on to Widmer End, Great Kingshill and Hughenden Valley. Definitely some hills. Optional pub lunch at end.	Lyn 01296 613417 07514 259713
Sun 14/09/2014 10:00	Archaeological walk around Wittenham Clumps and Dorchester	SU600936	9 M	Meet at The Green, Warborough, for a chance to see an Iron Age Hill Fort, Dyke Hills, a Roman Town and Road, and Dorchester Abbey. Some hills.	Brian Bowman 01844 290346
Thu 18/09/2014 10:00	Cookham. Up Winter Hill and back along the river.	SU892853	7 M	Meet at Cookham Moor (NT) car park for circular walk which ascends chalk ridge of Winter Hill and returns beside the river.	Penny Ginger 01296 630383 07552 628985
Sun 21/09/2014 10:00	A walk through woods with two hills from Tring	SP924115	8 M	Meet at pay and display car park by Church in Tring [HP23 5AG - nearest postcode]. Walk to encompass woods, and two hills, with a lovely oak tree lined field. Bring snack/lunch.	Vicki 01296 336890
Tue 23/09/2014 10:30	Almost level walk around the environs of Princes & Monks Risborough	SP819043	4.5 L	Meet at Red Lion P.H. at Whiteleaf. Park on road opposite or in rear car park if luncheoning. Follows a number of lesser walked (i.e. more overgrown) paths round the town. Some steps and stiles and could be muddy in places.	John & Tina Wood 01296 625215 07770 421889
Thu 25/09/2014 10:00	High level walk on Berkshire downs, from Blewbury, visiting Churn Hill	SU525855	7.5 M	Meet at public car park at Bohams Road. West end of Blewbury, off A417, opposite garden centre. Circular walk, some hills, with pub lunch at the end	Malcolm Paul 01844 290697 07526 222632
Sun 28/09/2014 10:00	The Ridgeway, Grim's Ditch and Dancer's End Nature Reserve.	SP868078	12 M	Meet at Wendover Library car park for walk to Wendover Woods via the Ridgeway, Grim's Ditch and Dancer's End Nature Reserve. Lunch stop in Wendover Woods at the Cafe in the Woods (or bring picnic). Returning via canal.	Joe Garver 01296 623868

**PLEASE NOTE** – when taking part in any of the walks listed on this programme you do so entirely at your own risk.

**Strenuous (S)** Suitable for experienced country walkers with an above-average fitness level.

## Walk Grading Definitions:

**Leisurely (L)** Suitable for reasonably fit people with at least a little walking experience.

For all walks suitable boots and available warm waterproof clothing essential.

**Moderate (M)** Suitable for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness.

Please refer to [www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk](http://www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk) for full details.



# Five Top Tips for Composters

**1 The golden rule** – you can compost anything that once lived. Only a few things are best left out – cooked food scraps, and perennial weeds for instance are better dealt with separately.

**2 Be kind to the worms in your heap.** They are accommodating creatures, and whilst they do not have to be talked to nicely, they do appreciate a good mixed diet. So put in all those items you might be wondering about, such as egg shells, citrus peel, tea bags and so on. They can all go in.

**3 Observe the 50:50 ratio.** That means, half your heap should be made up of green material (soft and sappy kitchen peelings and so on) and the other half of paper and card (I tear up and use cereal packets, toilet roll middles, printer paper and so on – it all composts down a treat).



**4 Make sure your heap is not too wet and not too dry** – just slightly moist is about right. Water it with your watering can if too dry, and make a lid of some sort – maybe a square of old carpet.

**5 Make it easy on yourself.** Put your bin in a handy spot, near the kitchen door if possible, so that emptying your kitchen caddy does not involve a trek over a muddy lawn.

**6 Give it time.** You have to have patience, but your heap will get there in the end. **Oops, that seems to be 6 tips!**

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## Ivinghoe Allotments **from the Plot**



First of all, a big thank you to the Ivinghoe Parish Council for providing a stand pipe at the top of the allotment site. It is certainly appreciated by the plot holders at the top, and I quote: "Makes watering my plot much easier."

I would also like to welcome Councillor Karen Groom and Councillor Sheena Bexson our new Parish Council Allotment Officers and at the same time, thank Gloria Snowden for her efforts in the past.

A meeting was held on Sunday 13th July; sitting on deckchairs on Alex and Owen's plot with tea, coffee and cakes provided, 10 allotmentees (with five apologies) discussed the formation of the Ivinghoe Allotment Club with the intention of joining the National Allotments Society which will be of great benefit to all of us as plot holders.

It was agreed that this would be classed as a club rather than an association, with the purpose of creating more social activity among allotmentees and becoming more involved within the community. All allotment holders are welcome to join, and if you have not expressed an interest to date, then please contact Michelle on **668992** for more details. The sooner we know how many members we have the application to join the NAS can be sent off. I think it's fair to say that the Parish Council support our application.

The village show was also discussed and it was agreed that in view of the time that it would not be possible to hold a show this year as it would be too much of a rush and not possibly up to the standard that we would be proud to be associated with.

The allotment site looks great with all sorts of various lush looking green plants on all the worked plots. On a personal note, my shallots and onions have not been as good

as I would have expected. Wilted rather early, I lifted them all, got rid of the affected leaves and left them to dry out. The result is that it has not been a wasted crop, slightly smaller than usual, but good colour and most importantly, they are edible!

I complain about the onions and yet we have nothing to complain about really. On a recent visit to Cambodia, Sue and I visited an island renowned for its silk weaving. With every house built on stilts and a loom underneath. The ladies earn approximately two US dollars a day for an eight hour stint and yet they freely gave us a plate of completely fresh sliced mangoes and a gift of 10 mangoes as we left (we gifted them some dollars in return). These people are poor – it was a real eye-opener for us. If our planted veggies do not come up to our expectations please think before moaning and count ourselves as being extremely fortunate.

The first early potatoes were extremely tasty although yields not very high. They are like gold nuggets! Salad crops are doing very well with lettuces good and firm. It has also been an excellent year for peas, the pods bulging as a result of the good weather. Did you know that the UK is Europe's largest producer of peas? Growing about 86,000 acres each year, Bird's Eye reps may be about next year... in Ivinghoe!

Finally, just to let you know, there are two vacant plots on the site at the moment. So if you are interested please contact Maxine Haynes, Parish Clerk for more information or visit the allotment site at **www.ivinghoeepc.org.uk**. You will be made very welcome! **Mind how you go...**

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## Ukraine comes to Ivinghoe for horticultural exchange

Saturday 19th July was a glorious summer's day, most plots looked really lush after the rain the day before; as usual I had chosen one of the hottest days of the year to transplant my leeks. The allotment gate opened and a family came in and asked if they could look round, they had spotted the allotments in passing a magnet for any allotmenteer. Knowing the Parish Council are keen to promote the allotments I invited them to go ahead.

The family were Mr and Mrs Denysov with their son Andriy and were from Ukraine. Andriy has lived in England for the last 13 years and is currently working in Tring, his parents Raisa and Aleksander were over for a holiday they explained they live close to where there has been fighting in the recent conflict. Andriy said his father has an allotment plot close to the airport where he not only grows vegetables but also 40 different varieties

of grapes. With Andriy translating Mr and Mrs Denysov asked many questions: *why did we have all the netting? why had I planted courgettes under sweetcorn?* I explained this was based on an American Indian method called the "three sisters". Mrs Denysov said likewise she also grew French marigolds in between her carrots. Mr Denysov was very knowledgeable and offered excellent advice especially regarding the care of my fig tree and hopefully following his instructions I will at last be able to grow tomatoes on my plot.

Mr and Mrs Denysov said they thoroughly enjoyed walking round the allotments but where was everyone on such a fine weekend? I said I sincerely hoped they found their plot intact on their return to the Ukraine. A truly international horticultural exchange!

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**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Venue:** Ivinghoe Scouts Hut

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For more Information or to offer your help contact Group Scout Leader, Keith Steers on **0789 969672** or email **Ksteers@aol.com**



## Annual General Meeting

We at 1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts Group would like to invite you all to our Annual General Meeting.

Over the last year we have gone through many changes here and we are now moving forward bigger and stronger, with some major changes on the horizon.

We are still looking to recruit one more Cub leader for our Wednesday Cub section. This is a good time to get involved and help move our group forward.

We are also going through the process of looking at our headquarters as the building has developed some structural damage.

We have had a survey carried out and we are looking to local professional and trades people to work with us in maybe developing a plan to relocate and fund raise / apply for grants etc. In the first instance we need a Quantity Surveyor and support from the local Community as a whole.yourself

What we get up to, please give me a call or email me for more information. Keith Steers (Group Scout Leader) **0789 969672** or **01296 662781**. email **Ksteers@aol.com**



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# Windmill Pre-School

As we close our doors on this academic year, it's probably a good opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months at Windmill Pre-School. There have been some challenges which we can happily say with hard work, commitment and determination from both the staff and committee, we have overcome, and there have also been some great positives. We've welcomed Kate, our new Leader to the setting who in partnership with our team of staff, has reintroduced the 'fun' element to our everyday routines and the children have enjoyed lots of varied activities and experiences. We look forward to the next academic year with positivity and enthusiasm.

## Session availability and admissions

We have some sessions available in September and we will also be holding an 'Open Morning' for prospective parents. 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](mailto:admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk)

## Fundraising and events

During the final term of this academic year, we have had some great events which have helped raise funds for Pre-School. Thank you to everyone that was involved in organising

them and to the parents and carers that have supported them. Back in May we held a family photography session with 'Photography by Carrie'. The results, as usual were stunning and very affordable. In June we took part in the Ivinghoe church fete taking on the theme of 'poppies' to mark the Centenary of WWI. We also held our annual sponsored walk around the villages which was very popular and the weather was very kind to us this year. As this edition goes to print, we are looking forward to receiving lots of donations towards our Textile Recycling initiative as well as our annual Sports Day to mark the last day of the academic year. We will also be holding a short Graduation Ceremony to bid 'farewell' to the children leaving us to continue their educational journeys.

Thank you to everyone that donated Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Next term the children will be enjoying lots of new equipment.

## Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 13th May 8pm

At the recent Annual General Meeting, we were pleased to welcome four new members to the Voluntary Management Committee – Emma Newman, Julia Goddard, Emily Maynard and Dawn Carter. We also saw a few members step down, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people:

Gail Dodsworth who has been Chair of The Voluntary Management Committee for the last two years has stepped down. We would like to say a **special thank you** to Gail who has spent many, many, many hours at Windmill supporting staff during some very challenging (and rewarding) times, and for her hard work, commitment, blood, sweat and tears over

the last couple of years. However, we are pleased that Gail has decided to stay on the committee for another year as an ordinary member of the team. Taking over from Gail as Chair – or rather in this case are Co-Chairs Lara Rutherford and Christina Reilly. Both ladies have been on the Voluntary Management Committee for some time, so understand how the setting is run, the guidelines and policies that govern the way in which Pre-School services the community as well as the way we have to work with Bucks County Council, Early Years and Ofsted. Both parents have a wealth of professional experience – Lara has a background in Recruitment, Staffing and Headhunting and Christina in Facilities and Office Management as well as Human Resources and Employment Law.

Justine Bryson has also stepped down as she will be starting a new teaching job in September after taking a break from the classroom to have her two children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Justine for her commitment to seeing the Pre-School through a quite challenging time over the last few months and for providing the staff with additional support over and above what is expected of a voluntary member of the team. We wish Justine and her family best wishes and happiness for the future.

We'd also like to thank Sallie Harkness, our 'outgoing' Secretary for all her hard work and commitment during the time her two sons attended the setting. The Secretary position has been filled by Lisa Freshfield who has also been a committee member for some time.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Join the team

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our brilliant staff for their hard work and commitment as well as the parents at Windmill Pre-School for their support during this academic year. There have been some quite challenging periods with lots of changes and we have really appreciated your support. We would like to wish all the children leaving us every success in all their future endeavours as they move on to the next level of their education and thank their parents and carers for their support. We look forward to welcoming lots of new families to Pre-School in September. We hope you all have a fabulous summer.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

## Choose the Chilterns

Explore the beech woods of the National Trust (NT) Ashridge Estate this summer holiday and enjoy the chalk downs with great Chilterns' views along the Drover Walk way.

Inhabited since the iron age, the extensive estate has been home to Iron Age farmers, the Romans, Tudors, Bodgers and soldiers preparing for the D-Day invasion. The remains of a hill fort, which once guarded the area against attack, can still be seen at Ivinghoe Beacon – the trailhead for the long-distance Icknield Way that traverses the estate, along which many ancient tumuli can be seen.

Ashridge House was popular with Royalty from 1290 when Edward I held a particularly long parliament in the monastery, his stay caused great inconvenience to the locals who were legally obliged to keep the king and his court for over five weeks! King Henry VIII held court here and loved to hunt and made sure the forest was well stocked with game.

The NT has managed this landscape since 1926 as a working estate, continuing 3,000 years of tradition; by using livestock to help look after the diverse habitats on the downlands and foresters fell timber to ensure the health of the woodland.

This lovely walk follows the network of ancient sunken green lanes so typical of the area that were once used over hundreds of years for driving livestock from the villages of Aldbury, Ivinghoe and Pitstone to graze on common land. Once open but nowadays a mixture of grassland, ancient trees and relatively

young woodland, Aldbury, Pitstone and Ivinghoe Commons are all within the Ashridge Estate and are just three of the 200 commons across the Chilterns.

The area supports an amazing diversity of rare butterflies, orchids and birdlife including the goldcrest and the lesser-spotted woodpecker. Wild fallow deer are a common sight and muntjac deer, badgers and the rarely found dormouse are also local residents. The main focal point of the Ashridge Estate is the granite Monument erected in 1832 to the 3rd Duke of Bridgewater, also known as the Canal Duke. There is limited opening during the summer and it's worth the climb to the top where you can enjoy the views across five counties.

There is a 4 mile circular route option or a longer 6 mile route and can be downloaded here:

[http://www.chilternsaonb.org/uploads/files/Walks\\_and\\_Rides/Ashridge%20drovers%202014.pdf](http://www.chilternsaonb.org/uploads/files/Walks_and_Rides/Ashridge%20drovers%202014.pdf)

Please share your top picks for local places to see and experiences to enjoy all year round. We are on twitter [@VisitChilterns](#), Pinterest [pinterest.com/visitichilterns](#) and Instagram [instagram.com/thechilterns](#) and if you use the #Chilterns hashtag we'll share the best of your contributions.

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# Summer News from the estate



## It's playtime for all ages at Ashridge this summer

Summer is the time most likely to bring out the inner child that lurks inside us all and the National Trust team at Ashridge believe you're never too old to come out to play.

## Find out about wildlife on the Maleficent trail

This summer families can explore Ashridge with Maleficent's Enchanted Forest Trail. Inspired by the nature-loving fairy folk from the film, the Maleficent trail reveals the wildlife that calls

Ashridge home, including rare butterflies and songbirds, as well as fungi and mini-beasts. The Trails cost £1 per child, with every penny going towards managing this special place.

## The Wild about Ashridge Club

Join us at our Wild about Ashridge Club every Wednesday and Friday during the holidays 10.30am – 3pm, providing outdoor fun adventures, whatever the weather with the National Trust team.

## 50 things to do before you're 11 and three-quarters

To help children get outdoors and closer to nature the National Trust has come up with a list of 50 things to do before you're 11 and three-quarters; things we all did as children such as climbing a tree, building a den and flying a kite. There are loads of things on the list that you can do at Ashridge so pick up a scrap book when you visit and see how many activities you can tick off.

## Ashridge at War Exhibition

Discover the effects of the First World War on the Ashridge Estate and surrounding villages at our exhibition being held in the Visitor Centre from the 4th August to the 31st August.

**Local stories:** We would like to include local stories, experiences and information, if you think you have anything that might help please contact us at [admin@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@nationaltrust.org.uk)

## How do you mark the passing of a giant?

As most of you will know by now the most notable tree in Frithsden Beeches

died, as it had lived, in a most spectacular way. We had been told there was a problem and when we investigated, half of the tree had split away and fallen to the ground. Whilst we pondered what to do, the other larger half decided it couldn't stand without its counter-weight and crashed to the ground.

Many of you may be thinking well that's that then another old tree bitten the dust – but as the great storms of the 1980s and 90s showed us, there is life after death. The amount of 'timber' that has now been made available to those myriad of deadwood munching insects and fungi is quite staggering and the vast space left in the canopy will allow light to flood down to the forest floor, which has been starved of light by such a dominant beech tree, and allow all sorts of dormant plant life to flourish. There will be a rush to be first to fill the space and for a while provide it will be a natural area that will stimulate peoples imagination for years to come.

If we could transport ourselves forward, say 50 years, there will be a thicket of trees in a roughly circular shape and a few lumps of moss covered rotting logs. Hopefully it will be alive with lots of buzzing insects and chirping birds, this new vibrant woodland will be a good way to mark the passing of a fallen giant.

If you have a story or memory you would like to share please contact us via: [ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk)

For our full list of events please visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge) or contact the Ashridge Visitor Centre on **01442 851227**.

**Bob Davis** Ashridge Head Forester

Pastor Dave Clifford

~~Pitstone Community Car Scheme~~

Tel:- 01296 668906 Mob:- 07737 360183

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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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In some circumstances, we may be able to undertake hospital trips to the John Radcliffe or Nuffield hospitals. Please contact the number below if you are having difficulty accessing transport to these hospitals.

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

Dave Clifford on 01296 668906.

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## Ivinghoe Beacon August 2014

### Land at Rushendon Furlong – Pitstone

The AVDC planning committee on 18th June agreed by 5 votes to 4 that they were minded to approve an outline application for 40 houses behind Rushendon Furlong subject to conditions to be agreed by officers, despite Pitstone Parish Council and local residents making a strong case with high quality presentations to the committee, to uphold the policies still relevant from the old local plan, followed by a long debate on the value of those policies, the footpath, drainage, and landscape.

The committee resolved 'that the application be delegated to the Development Management Manager to determine, subject to the satisfactory completion of a Planning Obligation Agreement to secure on site provision of affordable housing, financial contributions towards off site leisure, education and public transport provision, the provision and maintenance of an on site open space and a suitable SuDS scheme (drainage) and to secure a travel plan. Any approval to be subject to such conditions as the Development Control Manager considers appropriate or, if this cannot be achieved, refused for such reasons as considered appropriate'.

At the same meeting a controversial application in Aston Clinton was also approved by 5 votes to 4 and I have since also learned that since then applicants have won an appeal for 40 houses at Stoke Hammond.

Several other similar planning applications have been received – 40 houses on the edge of Edlesborough and 40 on the edge of Great Horwood, and a further application for 90 houses has been



**Avril Davies**

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

submitted in Aston Clinton.

No application has actually been registered yet for proposed houses in Ivinghoe, at the time of writing.

#### **Ringshall Road closed by badgers**

The road has been closed since mid June and is due to re-open mid July as the carriageway outside Trust Cottages collapsed into a badger sett! Not sink holes as some might think.

A license to repair the subsidence is needed from Natural England and an expert will be on site for the repairs.

#### **Is this another first for Ivinghoe Division?!**

##### **Prevention Matters – a little bit of help to stay independent and active.**

This is a Bucks county Council service for all adults, but mainly older people, who may be wondering how long they can maintain their independence, maybe after an illness or longer term, are feeling anxious, lonely or isolated, or find it difficult to get out and about.

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## Have your voice heard...

I am pleased to report that, partially at least, I have been successful in my campaign to rationalise the AVDC planning committee. I did mention that I would hopefully have more to say on this and now I can.

When an application for planning is opposed by the Parish Council or your AVDC local member and this is against the recommendation of the officers of the council it will go to a committee which is held in the presence of elected members. In order to speak one must register to do so and give the name of the person attending. This has been found to be unfair and obstructive. I have attended these meetings with your Parish Council representatives whom have been denied the chance to speak due to meetings overrunning. I am delighted to say that this pointless rule has been changed to allow the name of that person no longer being so restrictive. The unwieldy size of the committee has also been reduced which should hopefully speed up proceedings without restricting supporters or objectors being given the chance to have their say.

The other matter I have been working on, in partnership with other parishes locally, is inappropriate speeding in the villages. You will probably have noticed the flashing sign on Station Road or further down toward Great Gap which collects data. This information is useful for the police when they decide where to position their limited resources. A new piece of equipment will soon be used in the area which will work along similar lines to the Speedwatch which is

operated by volunteers. This equipment will record infringements and is then passed to the Police. Letters warning drivers will follow. It is expected that this will be extremely useful in our attempts to combat the incidents of heavy goods vehicles speeding along Station Road. It will be shared by parishes in the area so will not be working all the time but it is another tool to combat what you have identified as a major concern.

Due to the failure of our local plan there have been a flood of applications for development across the Vale and indeed across the whole country. Some will be inappropriate, some not. It is of course true that we need to build more houses in order for our communities to remain sustainable and to provide somewhere for our young people to live where they grew up. Rest assured though that I continue to represent my area to oppose any development that is unsustainable.

**Chris Poll** District Councillor,  
Edlesborough Ward (for Ivinghoe Aston)



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