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Welcome from the Chair



Karen Groom,
Chair, Ivinghoe
Parish Council

By the time you receive this magazine hopefully the summer sun will have made an appearance.

Planters

You will all of notice the planters which the Ivinghoe Parish Council have sponsored for the Queen's 90th birthday in June. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to help maintain these please contact myself or Stephen Lott.

Parking

The Parish Council have had many complaints with regard to parking on the footpaths. If this obstructs the highway please contact 101 and report the incident.

Picnics on the Lawn

It is so wonderful to see so many enjoying picnics on the Lawn, but can I ask you take all your litter home as it is becoming costly to the Parish Council to clear up.

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)

I urge as many of you as possible to read the documents on the VALP, especially those for Ivinghoe and Ivinghoe Aston, and send your responses to AVDC and the Parish Council. This can be found on the AVDC website.

Flower Show

I am looking forward to the return of flower show on 10 September in the Town Hall, and hope to see as many entries as possible.

Website

Exciting news! The parish are launching their new website soon and I will keep you posted.

Enjoy the summer months ahead And, **thank you to all our volunteers** throughout The Parish, who work tirelessly to make our community a better place to live.

Karen Groom, Chair
Ivinghoe Parish Council

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www.ivinghoeipc.org.uk

Neighbourhood Plan UPDATE



Firstly, thank you to all of the Parish residents and business owners who completed the recent Neighbourhood Development Plan questionnaire. In total, 187 surveys were submitted via either the online system or hard copy. We have now had the responses professionally analysed, providing a wealth of detail across the eight objectives that were identified following the initial consultation events that were held in the autumn of 2015. Unsurprisingly, some objectives received more detailed feedback than others with a particular focus on traffic, parking and housing, including dwelling type, numbers and design.

The Steering Group are now using this information to write the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. It is our intention to have this ready for a review by the Parish Council by the end of the summer prior to sharing it with

the Parish in the autumn.

There will be an opportunity to provide comment and feedback on the plan at this stage before it is submitted to Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC). The plan will then have to be approved by both AVDC and an independent examiner who will ensure that the plan reflects the views and opinions that have been received through consultation with the Parish.

It is intended that a referendum will take place in the spring of 2017 when everyone in the Parish will have the opportunity to vote on whether the plan should be adopted.

If you would like more information please contact Richard Freeman on **01296 660894** or rffreeman@btinternet.com.

Richard Freeman, Chair
Ivinghoe Parish Neighbourhood
Development Plan Steering Group

Have you ever thought about 'growing your own'? Growing your own fruit and vegetables can be a very satisfying experience and in Ivinghoe we are very lucky to have some beautiful allotments just off Church Road, overlooking St Mary's Church. If you are an Ivinghoe resident and would like some more information about availability of plots - we have them in a range of sizes - please contact the Parish Clerk at ivinghoeaparishclerk@gmail.com

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



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Guider Yvonne Ashton 01296 660044

To join us, please visit our website at Girlguiding.org.uk



Ivinghoe Town Hall... News!

Departures & Arrivals:

The Committee are indebted to over 20+ years of loyal hard work by Lyn Cato for cleaning the Hall and more recently the Library too. Lyn is taking a very well earned rest and retirement which the Committee will recognise with a suitable leaving gift at the end of July.

Karen Bailey has kindly offered to step into the breach and take over Lyn's duties, (which Karen has done on Lyn's behalf in the past) and we are very grateful for her kind offer.

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

Ivinghoe Town Hall regular events:

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

Monday: 4pm-8pm – Ballet

Lisa (07834 281434)

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm – Beacon Art

Marion (01296 661291)

Tuesday: 7pm – 8pm – Zumba

Caroline (07941 092673)

Tuesday: 8.15pm–10.00pm – New

Moon Morris Charles Thorogood
(01296-661540)

Wednesday: 8.45am and 10am Pilates

Andrea (07855 138005)

Thursday: 9.15am – 9.45am Metafit –

NEW CLASS Graham Pepper
(01442 827742)

Thursday: 9.15am–9.45am W.I.

each 2nd Monthly Thursday
Win (01296 660755).

NOTE: We have a lot of 'slot availability', especially on Monday AM's, also Tuesday and Wednesday PM's and all day on Friday's!

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Stephen Swinbank, Secretary



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OPENING TIMES 2016

Afternoons 2.00–5.00pm. 28th March – Easter Monday, 2nd May - Early May BH Monday, 15th May - National Mills W/end, 30th May – Spring BH Monday, 19th June - Sunday, 10th July - Sunday, 7th August - Sunday, 29th August - BH Monday, 13th September - Sunday, 16th October – Sunday As part of Tring Apple Fayre.

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600 metres from the church along Station Road.
The B488 to Leighton Buzzard.



Hub News...

We at the Hub have had a really exciting few months since the last issue of the Beacon!

Our external paving has completed, which we hope you will agree, really adds something to the Old School and to the centre of our village – we thank everyone for their forbearance while the work was carried out, although the contract became somewhat stretched because of worn out drainage, unrecorded ancient plumbing, tree roots and other problems. From the Hub's point of view, everything has been really positive apart from the theft of a contractor's dumper truck on a Tuesday early evening – this left a bad taste in our contractor's mouth during what he had felt was a very worthwhile project.

We were very pleased to support the contractor's Site Agent – Sven Tonks – who is doing a sponsored walk in December to raise awareness of the very debilitating complaint 'Trisomy 13' <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/Sventonks> is the link to the 'justgiving' donations page, or Hayley has a donations box in CuriosiTEA Rooms.

You may have noticed also that we have a 'mini' Victorian style lamp-post by the rear gate – to match that at the front – which gives much needed ground level safety illumination around the gate and rear entrance way – we are not hoping for it to grow bigger to match the one in the front, though!

A very enjoyable Jazz evening was held on 4th April, and we hope this will be the first of many – it is suggested that a summer musical evening would be able to spill out onto the rear paving area to enjoy



the sunset lit summer evening space!

We volunteer trustees for the Hub and our hard working CuriosiTEA Rooms tenant and team, are **intent on fulfilling our remit for Community wellbeing** by running this welcoming Hub venue. We always throw it open seven days a week to offer its rooms for hire, and the Café to offer refreshment. On special Lawn event days we warmly extend that welcome to offer support in whatever way we can...just come in, in good time, and plan with us... because it all adds up to welcome village entertainment and wellbeing for us all.

When the Church fete did its lovely Queens 90th Birthday Celebration in early June, the trustees hung up union jack bunting, and hung a special Royal Photography wall exhibition around our welcoming 'hall' space. Hayley extended the café into outdoors ice cream selling and withdrew her cakes, so that the WI could sell their own either inside in the cool of the exhibition space or just in case it was wet, or – as it was a lovely day – they chose outside in the open.

CuriosiTEA Room's 3rd Birthday on 19th June Birthday coincided with the Beacon Choir 'Singing on the Lawn' which was really lovely – challenges still raise their heads, though, in that just as we were singing 'Happy Birthday to You' and hanging up surprise Café bunting, someone rushed out of the café loo

saying the loo was flooding clean water everywhere! Somehow, someone had managed to prize the loo away from the back and up from the floor by some kind of in-loo athletic challenge of their own! We hung a notice on the door and a signposting to our two other loo's but are still scratching our heads as to the unexplained feat of our anonymous heavy lifting visitor!

We have hosted two elections recently, the Police Commission first, then the European 'Remain' or 'Leave' vote, still all too fresh in our memories! This utilises our flat access, giving everyone the ability to use the voting venue.

'Simply Walk' for 'shamblers' as well as ramblers, is promoted by Bucks County Council and will be heading out from the Hub soon – following a training session in our IT room on 18th July, where volunteer walk leaders are met and trained... all who are interested can email abparveen@buckscs.gov.uk

Movers and Shakers is the well-known name of a 3 hour pre- and post-luncheon group event, which we are hoping to bring to the Hub this autumn. Starting at 11.30am on Wednesdays, it warms us all up with some gentle exercise to music for an hour, followed by an enjoyable shared lunch together, prepared by CuriosiTEA Rooms, for an hour, and lastly an hour is spent digesting that lunch whilst playing cards, listening to a speaker, or perhaps watching a film. Please look out for posters to announce the start of this event this September.

We would like to make a Call-Out to stallholders to put forward their willingness to be part of our seasonally sparkly November Christmas Market – which is less of a fundraiser and more of



a community shared opening experience into Midwinter festivities to follow! Email ivinghoeoldschool@btconnect.com

The **new bins** you will find near our gates are to be used please by all who purchase refreshment containers in CuriosiTEA Rooms as take-outs and who just MIGHT have otherwise left them as litter in and around Ivinghoe, in some careless moment. We know you are usually better than that, but somehow this is blighting our impact of wellbeing on Ivinghoe's beauty, and endangering animals. **Go on, be a hubberlover and bin it! THANKS.**

See you in the Community Hub some time. Our Hub website is: www.ivinghoeoldschool.com; Our email is: ivinghoeoldschool@btconnect.com; Our HUB direct phone number is: **01296-661666**; CuriosiTEA Rooms **01296-663853**.

Carol Tarrant

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Email : ivinghoeoldschool@btconnect.com

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

CuriosiTEA Rooms is our pivotally important permanent tenant within our building and serves home-made affordable refreshments and hot meals seven days a week. Special arrangements for space hirers who do not wish to self-cater for their own events can be arranged with Hayley Wesley on – 07775-831153 Facebook Curiosity Rooms

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Question Time (part 1)

Friday the 13th, and 13 teams took part in the IA Village Hall quiz. I guess the most superstitious teams had the least luck with the questions! The team I was part of (*Here's Albert*) came 5th, with which we were well-pleased bearing in mind the emphasis on popular culture, which increasingly passes us by. Mind you, when a natural history question did come along, I blew it. *Name one of the two longest poisonous snakes*. Albert rightly thought of black mamba (the other was king cobra). I went for rattle snake and the team was persuaded. Doh! We would have been propelled into 3rd place. Still, no doubt every team had a few "if only" and "told you so" moments. Top of the class was *Parsons Knows*, second *Ivor Notion* and third *How's That!* It was an excellent event in aid of the Village Hall and community spirit, and huge thanks are due to Jacky, Maddie, Joan and Sheena, and to quizmaster Martin Kelly.



Question Time (part 2)

This time the questions were on the move. Phil Jones (or J. Pinholes, as he probably calls himself) must be a puzzle addict judging by the fiendish anagrammatic clues he set for the IA Treasure Hunt. His mind was

read successfully by winners Ahmed, Alex, Sophia, Alistair, Randell and Liz. More than 70 people enjoyed an excellent morning, rounded off with a free barbecue thanks to funds remaining from previous events. Many thanks to Phil, Pip, Claire, Jacky, Maddie, Shiela and all at The Village Swan.



Weeding Time

The annual Village Hall battle with Nature saw an army of a dozen or so despatch the excess foliage in a couple of hectic hours. Prize find this year was a giant iron cartwheel. Whether it had been in the hedge for a hundred years or whether the tipper hadn't noticed that they can fetch a hundred quid on eBay, I don't know.



Nobody expects the IA inquisition

Titanium Pro

On 16th July a massive party was thrown by one of IA's best known residents to

celebrate his sixtieth. This article had to go to press before the big day but I suspect that the event will have been memorable. If you could drop me a line with your stories and pictures from the party, I'll include them in the next edition.

I tried to accost Lofty at The Village Swan on the one night in the last 40 years that he didn't show up. It was useful, though, because everybody at the bar was very willing to spill the beans. "He's pretty much made of titanium" said Sean. If half of what I was told is true, it's amazing that he has made it to 60. The following week I tried again, this time successfully. Turns out that, if anything, I had been fed understatements.

RH: Everybody knows you as Lofty. Is that your real name or do you sing like Don Estelle?

L: My real name is Paul. The nickname came from my similar good looks to Lofty in EastEnders.

RH: I gather that you could also be nicknamed "Metal Mickey" as a result of the injuries sustained from your passion for grasstrack motorcycle racing as a sidecar rider. (*Lofty had brought two props with him. One was a list, provided by a hospital to support an insurance claim, of injuries sustained during the Wimborne Whopper: "Broken both arms, both legs, collar bone; fractured skull; punctured lung; pins and plates inserted". The other prop was a photo of an extraordinary array of 150 or so trophies.*) **Wow!** Were you a pro? Did you reach the dizzy heights?

L: I won over 80 nationals and have raced all over the world, winning the "Ace of Aces", the premier event in the world, in 1980. I was semi-professional and could make up to a grand in prize money for a weekend's racing.

RH: You presumably gave up this malarkey a while back; what do you do these days



that keeps you so lean and fit? (*I noticed during our chat that he never sits down!*)

L: I do clay shooting here, in the USA and Germany and I go fishing in Norway every year. I'm also a keen England supporter. I've just got back from the Euro 16 match against Russia in Marseilles and I'm off to Lilles tomorrow for the "Battle of Britain", England v Wales. (He lifts up his left sleeve to reveal one helluva bruise.) Got that from a ballbearing fired from a Russian black widow catapult in Marseilles. (*A few inches higher and a bit to the left and he may, indeed, not have made 60!*)

RH: Any more injuries to report?

L: I did once fall on a log splitter – straight through the front of a lung and out the back – just skimmed the heart. I had 150 chain-mail stitches and two titanium ribs.

Somehow all of this doesn't quite square with the charming, opera-loving, generous, community-spirited chap that is Lofty.

Happy 60th – and take care!

(I had just finished writing this article, but hadn't given it a title, and went to help with the washing up. I noticed that the frying pan was called a "Titanium Pro". *Perfect!*)

Rikki Harrington

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

St Mary's Church Ivinghoe, Annual Village Fete

Despite being a bit blustery, it remained dry for this year's annual fete and it was so wonderful to see so many of our local residents and those from further afield joining in the fun and games on the Lawn.

We were lucky enough to be honoured with a royal (with a small 'r') presence as her majesty Elizabeth II and her grandson HRH Wills arrived as part of the float parade (although both looked a little two dimensional – must be all that celebrating of the Queens 90th!).

Floats and fancy dress were in abundance and the efforts made by all were as usual superb. This year our magnanimous, judges were Karen Groom, Bob Saintey and David Holloway. Despite being an enjoyable job, it is always tough for the judges to pick out a winner. Bob Saintey gave a judges commendation to the W.I., commenting, "I've grown up with most of you (on the float) and you don't look any older than when we were at school." Flattery will get you everywhere! Eventually though decisions had to be made and were as follows:

Floats

1st: Windmill Pre School

"We're going to a birthday party."

2nd: St Mary's Kids

A birthday party for the Queen

3rd: 1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Beaver, Cub and Scout Group
'Hats off for the Queen'

4th: Women's Institute
The Queen and the W.I.

Fancy Dress

0 – 5 yrs

1st: Spencer Hose

King in his carriage

2nd: Joshua Ineson

A Prince

3rd: Joanna Clark

A Princess, on a scooter

6 – 10yrs

1st: Erin McGuire

Union Jack Princess

2nd: Sophie Butterson

White Queen

3rd: Jack Reilly

A hat for the Queen

11 – 16yrs

1st: Luke Peisley

Prince Harry

A huge amount of work goes into organising and preparing for this annual event, and regular church goer or not, if you think you could be of some help or would like to get involved, please contact the Revd Adrian Manning at The Vicarage, Ivinghoe.

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Ivinghoe and Pitstone W.I.

Our W.I. is flourishing at the moment with new members joining.

We held a very successful Valentine's Day Lunch at which sixty villagers were served with a wonderful selection of food all cooked by our members. A big thank you to all who cooked or helped in any way. Possibly we can repeat it next year.

Our May meeting was a Resolutions and Plant Sale evening. All W.I.'s were asked to vote on the two resolutions to go forward to the Annual Meeting in Brighton. Christine and I went and the two resolutions; 'Avoid food waste, address food poverty' and 'Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia' were carried forward by a large majority.

The morning speaker was Rona Fairhead, the BBC Trust Chairman and the afternoon speaker was Baroness D'Souza (the Lord's Speaker) – a very interesting day.

We held a 'Champagne and Cream Tea' event on the Lawn on Sunday 19th June and thanks to the Ivinghoe Events Committee for allowing us to share the marquee with the Beacon Choir!

Our speaker for the June meeting was Christine Morton, she gave a very interesting talk on 'Digging for History in Norfolk'.

Our July meeting was a mystery outing and a meal. A very enjoyable affair and thanks to Lynne and Lesley for organising this!



Our thanks also to Annette for agreeing to help Lynne with the Programme and Mandy as a spare pair of hands when we need it!

We are having a table sale at the Party in the Park on the 16th July. We will be selling crafts and cakes for our funds for next year's celebrations – please come along and visit us. It will be a fun day!

If you are interested in our activities and would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Sue on **01296 660436**.

We hope to see you soon!

Sue Jones, President



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Branch

BUFFET LUNCH

(The hall bar will be open or you may wish to bring your own drinks!)

Sunday 18th September 2016

at

Pitstone Memorial Hall

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All churches with lead roofs are protected by a system called Smart Water. This is a chemical painted on that gives the lead from each church a unique indelible code. Any dealer buying the lead could identify where it has come from so it is unlikely to be sold in this country. What was stolen might raise about £500 if taken abroad.

We might not have stopped to think that how we use money is spiritual matter. There is a need deeply embedded into human nature to give and share what we have. We discover, as we grow older, that we get more pleasure and joy when

we give presents to others than when we receive. We are made in the image of God who is generous; all we own and all we are is his gift to us. People of faith find that in giving to charity we learn about the nature of God. The same can be said about giving time and using our abilities for the benefit of others. These are all ways of sharing our gifts.

Jesus had plenty to say about money. There are the parables of the talents, the dishonest steward, the rich young ruler, the widow's mite and others. He was more concerned with faith-raising than fund-raising. We need to get on with both but they are closely linked. Many situations of need are much more urgent and bigger than the holes we now have in our church roofs but they present an opportunity for us to become more fully the human beings we have the potential to become. As we learn to give we grow spiritually.

Revd Adrian Manning Vicar of Ivinghoe, Pitstone, Slapton and Marsworth

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

Saturday May 28th from 2-6pm

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

Monday May 28th from 11am-6pm

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

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

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Aylesbury Ramblers Walk Programme for August and September 2016

Walkabout

News, Plans, Information and Participation with our Group



This is the Group's 50th Birthday Year

We will be celebrating with a choice of walks and a party lunch in a canvas roofed lodge at Green Park in Aston Clinton on Saturday 8th October. Whether you walk with our groups or other people or if you just support all the work we do **please do come and join in** with your fellow members in celebrating half a century of walking, route creation, social events, holidays, footpath clearing and representing all walkers. More details will be on the web site later but please put the date in your diary now.

We love our walk leaders and holidays

Each year we organise over 100 guided walks so we always need more walk leaders so that walks do not get too overcrowded. We now have walks almost every Thursday and Sunday and on Tuesdays twice a month for less energetic walks. We can help new and potential leaders with map reading and way finding.

The two holidays run by Maurice and Vicki this year are fully booked, they do a tremendous job - thanks to you both. Maurice led 26 members on lovely walks in the Mendips in April. If you go on a Ramblers Walking Holidays please remember to tell them you are an Aylesbury member when you book because their donations amount to **nearly half our income**.

And our volunteers

Maurice has nearly completed his handover to our new webmaster Stephen Putman who also is one of our walks organisers. Path clearing is going well, run by Roy Johnson. Many thanks to both workers and organisers.

Welcome to our New Members

We have a great, and deserved, reputation as a friendly group and we welcome new members and guests. If you have any questions or would like to join in then please contact me, Stephen O'Shea at secretary.aylesburyramblers@gmail.com.

Date & Start time	Brief description	Start gridref	Miles Grade	Longer description	Contact
Tue 02/08/2016 10:00	Path Check & Maintenance Walk - Ludgershall 1	SP660173	6 M	Meet and park in Ludgershall on roadside in High Street by Pear Tree Farm. Spend about 3 hours or so checking and clearing footpaths as you enjoy the countryside in this parish.	Roy J 01296 486350
Thu 04/08/2016 10:00	A flat walk at Otmoor	SP570126	7.5 M	Park at RSPB car park (OX3 9TD) for a flat (hopefully dry!) walk taking in the Nature Reserve, Islip and Beckley. Pub lunch optional.	Malcolm P 01844 290607 07526 222632
Sun 07/08/2016 10:00	A hilly walk from Ley Hill through fields and woods.	SP990019	7.5 M	Park on common at Ley Hill, 2 miles east of Chesham. Walking through Flaunden and Bovingdon mostly on good tracks through fields and woods with a few moderate hills, Bring refreshments.	Mary and Stephen 01296 625590 07917 450042
Tue 09/08/2016 10:30	Walk to a view of Thornborough and back along river through nature reserve.	SP734320	4 L	Park in picnic area 100 metres North of Brightmoor Farm MK18 2EA. Walk through open fields to the hill above Thornborough. Bypass the village and return along an attractive stream through a bird reserve. Drive to optional pub lunch.	Mary and Stephen 01296 625590 07917 450042
Thu 11/08/2016 10:00	From Stewkley on field paths towards Hoggston and back on Cross Bucks Way.	SP852261	6.6 M	Park outside romanesque Stewkley Church LU7 0HH. Walk field paths over gentle hill towards Hoggston. Good views over North Bucks. Return along Cross Bucks Way which is often muddy. Short drive to optional pub lunch.	Mary and Stephen 01296 625590 07917 450042
Sun 14/08/2016 10:00	Hills to and from West Wycombe with the Sands Nature Reserve on route.	SU827948	11 S	Park and meet by old Garden Centre CP on Chorley Road, West Wycombe. Walk to Sands Nature Reserve and around, in fields and woods with wonderful views over West Wycome area. Bring packed lunch.	Vicki 01296 336890
Thu 18/08/2016 10:00	Challenging walk from Bledlow Ridge	SU793982	7.5 S	Park at Boot pub HP14 4AW for challenging walk from Bledlow Ridge to Radnage returning via Slough Bottom. Pub lunch	John D 01844 201336 07531 814198
Sun 21/08/2016 10:00	Flat walk from Thame towards Lobbersdown Hill	SP695058	7.5 M	Park at Thame Leisure Centre (OX9 2BB) for walk by Cuttle Brook nature reserve to Moreton and then on to Oxfordshire Golf Club before returning to Thame. Bring packed lunch.	John D 01844 201336 07531 814198
Tue 23/08/2016 10:30	Postcombe, Copcourt and Chalford. Rolling farmland and lovely views	SU709996	4.5 L	Park at the England's Rose pub, London Road, Postcombe (OX9 7DP). A walk across mainly flat or rolling farmland, passing some historic houses and taking in a wonderful panoramic view. Optional lunch.	Beryl 01296 422203 07742 290535
Thu 25/08/2016 10:00	Pishill, circular walk. Total ascent 1200 ft including two short steep hills.	SU 725900	7.5 M	Meet at The Crown, Pishill (RG9 6HH) for a beautiful walk with some hills to Northend, Ibstone Common & Turville Heath. Optional pub lunch. If not lunching park near the church (RG96HJ/SU726898).	Helen & Keith 01296 631069, 07759 420206
Sun 28/08/2016 10:00	Hilly walk from Little Gaddesden to Studham and Dagnall	SP994136	8 M	Park near village hall and/or school in Church Road, Little Gaddesden (HP4 1NX) or by the church further on. Bring snacks and drinks. Some steep hills en route.	Marie J 01296 630062 07733 412295
Thu 01/09/2016 10:00	Up, down and around the Waddesdon estate	SP742169	7 M	Meet at the Lion PH in Waddesdon High Street (HP18 0LB), for a walk around the Waddesdon estate via Upper Winchendon and Westcott. Some climbs, great views and interesting architecture! Optional pub lunch. If not lunching park nearby.	Stephen & Anne P 01296 612336 07443 501615
Sun 04/09/2016 10:00	South Bucks. A walk along the Thames to Henley, looping away from the river through woods and villages.	SU785854	10 S	Park and meet at public car park at Mill End. Crossing Hambleden Lock to walk along the river to Henley. We turn off the river on the Oxfordshire Way towards Fawley, returning through Hambleden. Bring snacks and lunch.	Jan W 07791 789949
Tue 06/09/2016 10:30	A fairly flat walk round RAF Halton Camp with one short ascent	SP876082	4.75 L	Meet at private parking area off Beechwood Lane, Wendover (HP22 5QD). Take B4009 to Tring from Wendover and at the mini roundabout turn right into Old Tring Road. At first bend, take sharp right in to Beechwood Lane. At end of fence line on left take immediate left entry towards garages. The walk is around the perimeter of RAF Halton and the airfield. Optional lunch in village afterwards.	John & Tina W 01296 625215 07770 421889
Thu 08/09/2016 10:00	A hilly walk around Granborough	SP766252	8 M	Meet at the Crown Pub, Granborough, MK18 3NJ Park in the car park if lunching, otherwise please park on Hogshaw Road at the side of the pub. This is a mildly challenging walk which includes Quainton Hill followed immediately by a slightly smaller hill	Ian and Viv 01296 713901 07808 174021

Sun 11/09/2016 10:00	Wendover Woods via Ridgeway and Dancers End.	SP868078	8 M	Meet at Wendover Library car park. Ridgeway and Dancers End to Wendover Woods. Lunch stop at Cafe in the Woods but bring picnic as cafe probably packed. Returning via Boddington hillfort.	Joe G 01296 623868
Tue 13/09/2016 10:00	Path Check & Maintenance Walk - Ludgershall 1	SP660173	6 M	Meet and park in Ludgershall roadside in High Street at Pear Tree Farm. Spend about 3 hours or so checking and clearing footpaths as you enjoy the countryside in this parish.	Roy J 01296 486350
Thu 15/09/2016 10:00	Undulating walk from Bryants Bottom through woods and pastures with some lovely views	SU856994	7 M	Meet at The Gate Inn, Bryants Bottom, HP16 0JS. After a short steep climb out of the valley the walk undulates through woods and pastures with some lovely views. Optional pub lunch at The Gate Inn. If lunching double park at the RH end of the car park when facing the pub. Car share if possible.	Peter & Sue R 01296 425015 07913 308369
Sun 18/09/2016 10:00	Circular walk around Kimble area	SP826062	8.5 M	Park and meet in lay-by in dip between Little Kimble and Monks Risborough. Walk takes in Kimblewick, Ellesborough and some of the Ridgeway. Bring packed lunch.	Geoff 07745 786615
Tue 20/09/2016 10:30	Gentle hilly walk circling Coombe Hill.	SP868078	5 L	Meet at Wendover Library for an undulating walk circling Coombe Hill via unfrequented paths. Parking at adjacent council car park at small charge.	Joe G 01296 623868
Thu 22/09/2016 10:00	Hilly Chiltern walk with Wine Tasting from Luxters Farm	SU769890	8 M	Meet at the car park opposite the Vineyard and Brewery on Dudley Lane, off the road south of Skirmett village (RG9 6JW). Walk to Stonor Deer Park and back via Southend. On return to Luxters Farm a wine and ale tasting session to complement a picnic in the grounds of the vineyard. BRING PACKED LUNCH.	Jim R 01844 291831 07768 700678
Sun 25/09/2016 10:00	Walk east of Banbury promising good views and castle scene	SP431394	9 M	Meet at Broughton Road picnic spot on B4035 about a mile out of Banbury. An interesting walk with vistas and valleys taking in Wroxton, Balscote and views of Broughton Castle. Bring packed lunch. (NB suggest using old A41 not the motorway to Banbury).	Jerry 01296 481900 07923 536372
Thu 29/09/2016 10:00	Flat walk from Cookham heading south along the Thames	SU894854	7 M	Park in public car park on B4447 at Cookham. Flat walk along the Thames Path to the outskirts of Maidenhead and around some gravel pits. Water everywhere but hopefully dry underfoot in September. Optional pub lunch at end.	Lyn 01296 613417 07514 259713

Please note, when taking part in any of the walks listed on this programme you do so entirely at your own risk. Details are supplied by leaders long before any walk takes place, making it impossible to accurately predict the weather, conditions underfoot and other factors affecting safety, comfort or the degree of difficulty you may encounter. In really adverse weather, please check that the walk is on with the leader. Members in group photographs taken on walks need to be aware that any of these photos may be used for publicising and promoting our Group and the Ramblers

Walk Grading Definitions

Leisurely (L) Suitable for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended. Terrain: Includes unsurfaced country paths that may be narrow, muddy or overgrown and obstructions such as stiles and narrow bridges. May be hilly with a few ascents and descents. Pace: Slow or moderate pace.

Moderate (M) Suitable for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing essential. Terrain: As in leisurely walks but with some sustained climbs and perhaps some moderate walking on open hillsides or moorland in the warmer months. Pace: Moderate pace; could include walks taken on leisurely terrain at a brisk pace.

Strenuous (S) Suitable for experienced country walkers with an above-average fitness level. Walking boots and warm waterproof clothing essential. Terrain: Includes rough country and mountains, a few long or lots of short ascents and descents on rough paths and across open country. Pace: Moderate or brisk pace; could include walks taken on moderate terrain at a brisk pace.

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What Causes Honey Bees to Swarm: Honey Bees have a natural instinct to survive by sending out new colonies. They may also swarm through overcrowding or because an old queen is thought to be failing and they wish to raise a new one. Honey Bees usually swarm in early spring just as the colony is building up numbers in anticipation of the upcoming honey flow but swarming can happen through to late summer. It is difficult to predict if weather conditions will lead to a large number of swarms in a particular year.

If You See a Swarm: Declining Honey Bee numbers make the collection of swarms an important part of the work of bee keepers. You should never interfere with a swarm and pest control companies will not kill a swarm unless absolutely necessary.

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Ivinghoe Allotments

Tales from the Plot



I missed the previous deadline as I was sunning myself in Australia – while there, we visited the Royal Show held in Sydney's Olympic Park, and one of the exhibitions had some of the largest pumpkins I have ever seen – weighing in at around 160kg each! Apparently, they are not for eating, but for cattle feed!

The allotment site looks really great at this time of year, with plots showing various colours of green – healthy looking plants – so well done everyone! The one plant that really shows up this year is the potato plant. It looks so healthy, good green colour, plenty of flowers – much taller than usual! I grew my first early potatoes under black plastic (a first for me) and so with no earthing up the results have exceeded my expectations – really good sized potatoes!! The peas are now starting to get going but could the owners not let their pet mice go out in the evening!!

The onion bulbs are now swelling nicely. Shallots are beginning to show signs of wilting and will be ready to be lifted in a week or so – then the clusters can be split up and in about two month's they'll be ready for pickling.

The weather that we have been experiencing; sunny and lots of rain is ideal for courgettes, pumpkins and courgettes – they thrive on it!

It will be National Allotments Week between the 8th August and 14th August. The theme this year is 'Growing Together' with the hope that it draws people's attention to the nature of

allotmenting and that it appeals to all aspects of the community. While on this subject, it is always worthwhile to remember another plotholder, especially if you notice it has been unattended for a brief while – it does not take long for a quick trim. We don't always appreciate everyone's circumstances.

It would appear that we do not make full use of the noticeboard which was kindly given to us by the IPC. It is there for our use, so if you have any excess plants, produce, something to sell or any forthcoming even then stick a note up on the board!!

I understand that there are no vacant plots just now, but if you are interested then please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk. We do, however, have some new plotholders! Great news and you are most welcome – please make yourselves known as we are a friendly bunch always happy for a natter about most things vegetable/fruit based!

It would appear that I have a potential vineyard next to my plot – very interesting. All I need to do now is get a plastic pipe underground and connect the two plots and I will have Vintage Red on tap! While I am watering my plot, all the very best to Rob in his efforts – I will swap you a lettuce for a bottle of Red!

This bit of info is rather useless (really I hear you cry!). In Germany, allotments have gone from being tacky to trendy. Fashionable Berliner are leaving the nightclubs and heading to the countryside to get gardening. People

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feel that having an allotment is a political statement and a form of protest against mass produced food. A 3000 sq ft allotment together with a 22 sq ft house costs £290 in rent for one year, plus water and electricity costs. How many of you lovely readers knew that!?

This could definitely be classed as the 'year of the slug'. I cannot recollect seeing so many slugs in and around the allotment beds, and in the garden at home – extremely frustrating to pick a plump strawberry and find a slug on the other side enjoying a good meal. Some garden centres have apparently run out of slug pest controls!

But despite the slugs, weeds and weather – all challenges we face as

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Windmill Pre-School



As the academic year comes to a close, it seems like the perfect opportunity to reflect on the activities and initiatives that have taken place over the last ten months at Windmill Pre-School...

Fundraising and highlights

As this edition goes to print, preparations are underway for our annual Sports Day which takes place on the last day of term. After the activities conclude, we will also be holding our Graduation Ceremony where the leavers will be presented with their certificates and leavers frames. The Voluntary Management Committee will be holding a raffle with prizes kindly donated by local businesses. It's the final opportunity of the academic year to raise some additional funds.

Our Pre-School was recently one of Waitrose in Berkhamsted's chosen charities of the month and as a result we received a very welcome cheque for £301. Thank you to everyone that shopped at Waitrose and popped the green tokens in to our charity box.

In October and May we held two family photo sessions with Photography by Carrie. This has, and continues to be a very popular activity and we have raised over £100 from sales and fee sessions this year. Carrie will return in October so watch this space for details.

By the end of term, we will have held three Textile Recycling initiatives. We anticipate the third collection to bring the total to over £120. This is a great

achievement so thank you to everyone that donated unwanted items.

Our Annual Sponsored Walk back in April brought in a record amount of £900. We are completely bowled over by the generosity of everyone that took part and supported our pre-schoolers as we walked around the villages and the National Trust Windmill.

Our amazing Nativity event and festive visit from Santa, which was supported by the Committee by providing refreshments and a raffle raised over £200. Another great achievement by everyone involved.

As always, 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. This year, we have received a cheque for £24.

With the additional funds raised through Committee fundraising, we are pleased to have been able to purchase additional resources for the children to benefit from. This year, this has included a sandpit, a bridge for the outside space and storage sheds. We have also been able to redecorate the interior of the building as well as replace the flooring in the main room.

We have also been able to fund additional activities on a regular basis. These are things that other settings

would usually charge parents for, but we have been lucky enough to be able to cover the additional external costs. These activities have included Michaela's Music and Rugby Tots.

Last month, we were very honoured to win the annual St Mary's Church Fete float competition. We would like to thank all the parents and children for taking part and entering in to the spirit of The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. The staff and children made flags and suitable accessories then walked, scooted and 'buggied' from Pitstone Memorial Hall up to The Lawn in Ivinghoe. We were very lucky with the weather and a fun time was had by all.

Parent coffee mornings

We have recently introduced sessions for parents with children at Windmill. The objective of the sessions was to provide a forum for parents to meet on an informal basis as there is not much opportunity to drop off and pick up.

The feedback has been very positive and everyone seemed to find it beneficial to meet other pre-school parents. We are hoping to make them a more regular occurrence moving forward in to the next academic year.

Parents Evenings

This year, we have held two Parents Evenings. This has given parents and carers the opportunity to find out how their child is progressing at Pre-School, understand their learning next steps and ask any questions that they may have. These sessions proved popular and we will be running these sessions again next year.

Transition sessions

We have continued to run our twice weekly transition sessions for children leaving the setting to go up to school in September. This has proved to be a very valuable opportunity in helping them with their independence and basic skills required for Foundation Stage. They have been visited by the Foundation teachers from Brookmead and have also had a couple of settling in sessions at the school. We would like to wish all of our leavers every success and happiness as they continue on their learning journeys.

Gas central heating

During the summer holidays, we will be having gas central heating installed as the current system is no longer adequate. We are really pleased to be having this new system as it will be a lot easier to maintain and should be more cost effective to run.

Annual General Meeting

Following the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 10th May we are very pleased to announce that Emma Newman and Carolyn Wright have become the new Co-Chairs of our Voluntary Management Committee. Both ladies have been on the committee for a while now, and in Carolyn's case, has served on the committee for a number of years previously when her older children attended Windmill.

Thank you and well done

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous Chair Lara Rutherford for her huge contribution over the last ▶

few years. With Lara's leadership, Windmill has been handed over to the new committee in a great position in terms of our fabulous staffing and enthusiastic committee. We would also like to say a big **'Thank You'** to our previous Treasurer Ann Broadbent who has held the role for around six years and who has also helped steer the Pre-School in to a very positive financial position. We will miss you both but wish you well in your new endeavours.

We would also like to say a **big thank you to all our amazing staff** who work really hard to provide our pre-schoolers with a safe, stimulating, nurturing and caring environment. Without them, the setting would not thrive and continue to be so popular within the community. We would also like to congratulate Louise Ward on passing her Level 3 qualification, to our amazing leader Kate for completing her BA Honours Degree and Joe Coleman for obtaining her Early Years Teacher Status.

Ofsted

We were pleased to announce back in the spring that following our OFSTED inspection on 6th January we were awarded a Good rating. We are delighted with the report and its contents and are looking forward to continuing to improve our pre-schoolers' experience with us.

Waiting List

We are so pleased that our setting continues to be a popular choice – our sessions for the Autumn Term are almost at capacity and the waiting list continues to grow. As we are so popular, it's never too early to get your child's name down on the waiting list. For more information, please contact **Claire** our Administrator at admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and we wish you all a lovely summer.

Lara Rutherford Chair,
Voluntary Management Committee,
Windmill Pre-School



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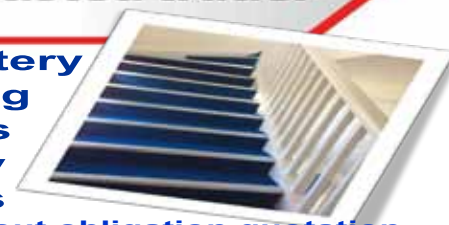
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in its most authentic form. One thing we have to decide is what era should we represent, as the shop was operating for more than 100 years.

This year, despite bad weather, The Museum has proven as popular as ever and is open to the public on the second Sunday of every month. We recently benefitted from 3 hours on the brilliant Nick Coffey show on BBC 3 Counties radio who is a keen supporter. Come along and see what you're missing, check us out on www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk

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Councillor News from Avril Davies

Home to School Transport Policy Review – consultation closed 15th July

Although the proposals in the review may not affect Pitstone residents, where the proposed policy is already applied, this will affect Ivinghoe and Ivinghoe Aston unless responses to the consultation and my own representations block the changes. It means that free transport is proposed to be no longer provided to Cottesloe school automatically, only to the nearest school, which is Tring. Free transport will be provided to Cottesloe only if a place has been applied for at Tring as first preference, but is not available. No changes will take place until September 2017 at the earliest.

The changes proposed are to remove Section 2.2 Additional Entitlements Provided in Buckinghamshire

Those living closest to a non-Buckinghamshire school:

In addition to the statutory entitlement to transport to the nearest school, qualifying pupils will also be offered transport to the nearest Buckinghamshire School unless in a particular locality there is an existing admissions arrangement or significant pattern of parental choice for a non-Buckinghamshire school.

Section 3 Eligibility for free travel

Your nearest qualifying school is an out-of-county school.

The policy includes four out-of-county secondary schools as 'virtual' Buckinghamshire schools for transport purposes.



Avril Davies

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

For 2014/15 they will be: Icknield School in Watlington, Lord Williams School in Thame, Tring Schools and Wheatley park School, and for the areas in Buckinghamshire where one of these schools is closest and where there is a 'significant pattern of parental choice' for the out-of-county school then free transport will be provided to that school.

Where these schools are closest but there is 'significant pattern of parental choice' for a local Buckinghamshire school that is further away, then free transport will also be provided to that school as well. This particularly affects Tring School as currently Marsworth and Pitstone have a 'significant pattern of parental choice' for Tring School and transport would be provided there whereas Cheddington, Dagnall, Ivinghoe Aston and Edlesborough all have a 'significant pattern of parental choice' for Cottesloe School and are provided with transport there. The schools included at this point will be reviewed annually.

The following section is not proposed to be changed.

Free transport will still be provided (subject to conditions) if you could not be offered your nearest qualifying school even though you applied for it.

If we could not offer you your preference nearest qualifying school then we may assist with transport to the next nearest qualifying school if you expressed this as a lower preference.

Active Bucks – Keeping active is the key to staying healthy – FREE exercise and activity classes on offer

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"At the moment, we're simply not active enough, with only 1 in 5 young people in Buckinghamshire reaching the level of activity needed to see benefits, and the proportion of active children actually falling. With adults, only 6 out of 10 are reaching the recommended guidelines, and 1 in 5 are completely inactive – with activity levels generally reducing with age.

'Active Bucks' launched in June has brought together all the opportunities for fresh air and exercise throughout the County on to a single website, enabling you to search for all activities by distance from where you live, and offering a free taster first class or session.
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In addition a new scheme of free walks will soon start from Ivinghoe, with walk leader training taking place on 18th July and walks launched soon after, and you can already participate in an open air adventure scheme in Ashridge.

England's economic Heartlands

The Bucks, Oxfordshire, and Northamptonshire alliance to promote economic infrastructure projects including East-West rail and Silverstone has been joined by five other local authorities to complete an Oxfordshire to Cambridgeshire arc. In a very short space of time this group of councils has gained the same status with government for investment as the more publicised North West powerhouse and the Midlands powerhouse.

www.englandseconomicheartlands.com

Bucks County Council is also putting together a business case for a single unitary authority for the whole of the county, except Milton Keynes which already is a unitary authority. The Bucks Districts are also working on their own business cases. All will be put to the government minister in December for an early decision.

Finally – Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)

This plan is now going through its first round of public consultation, and is certainly testing the robustness of the Neighbourhood plans already subject to referendum and accepted. To have your say go on line at: <http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-draft-plan> or attend any of the up coming events, including the Bucks County Show on 1st September 2016.

Avril Davies

County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division.

From District Councillors Sandra Jenkins and Derek Town

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

If you are not already aware the AVDC Local Plan is now at the Draft stage and the DC are presenting the full document to the residents of the district for review and comments. This consultation will be from Thursday 7th July to Monday 5th September. You should have received a leaflet through your door giving details of how to access the plan. Hard copies will be made available at Aylesbury Friars Square on Thursday 14th July and Friday 5th August supported by council officers to answer any questions.

How to make comments

In addition to the opportunity at the events identified above you are asked to feedback online using the link on AVDC's website: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/localplan

What you can comment on

You can comment on anything in the plan or tell AVDC about things that you think should be in the plan but isn't. Look for things that you have concerns; you need clarification; you would like further detail etc.

The Local Plan Document is made up of 221 pages and will take a considerable time to read, I have tried to identify some of the contentious points that we as residents may wish to have further justification/clarification. The main theme of my listings below is housing development because I have assumed



(right or wrong) that this will be the immediate interest. Also, although this listing is by no means definitive it is aimed at what I consider the high profile 'points'.

Para 1.10 Page 11: Duty to Cooperate

This is the reason for the additional "12,000 additional houses identified as unmet needs".

Para 1.14 Page 12: Housing

Here the DC describe the Garden Town aspiration's.

Para 1.26 Page 14: Neighbourhood Plans

Why the numbers are not the same for the Neighbourhood Plans and the AVDC Local Plan!

Para 2.4 a. Page 21: Green belt will be protected. Not a lot in Aylesbury Vale District (AVD), see map on page 19.

Para 2.4 i. Page 23: A new settlement, (the first in Buckinghamshire since Milton Keynes in the 1960's)

Para 3.11 Page 29: "Following uplifts, the number of new houses required across the housing market area is 50,000, with 21,300 required in Aylesbury Vale. Although other councils have not yet completed their capacity assessments, there is likely to be an element of unmet needs required to be met by Aylesbury Vale. At present we are estimating a figure of 12,000 to meet unmet needs from Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks. Further capacity work within the housing market area may mean that this will change, so a definitive housing number cannot yet be established."

Para 3.16 page 30 and 31: Spatial Strategy for growth identifies the percentage growth for all settlements; 19% for Cheddington and Marsworth as medium villages; 22% for Ivinghoe and Pitstone as larger villages.

Page 33: 5 Year housing Plan explanation. Para 3.22 and 3.23 page 34 "Windfall allowance" ie one off builds etc, this is not clear!

Page 35: and following tables – **Settlement hierarchy** and cohesive development, these tables are interesting in that they do not agree with the neighbourhood plans.

Page 41: Green Belt, this section describes the changes to the green belt within the AVD.

Para 3.5 page 45: Infrastructure, worth reading.

Page 49: Gypsy, Traveller and travelling showpeople provision,

informative but no specific changes to existing arrangements locally.

Page 54: Delivering through the neighbourhood planning

Page 65: Delivering a new settlement, interesting because Cheddington was considered (twice it seems ! table page 66) Would this have meant a 6000 new dwellings somewhere between Cheddington, Ivinghoe, Marworth and Pitstone ? Short list currently are Haddenham and Winslow. This needs to be watched and questioned.

Page 78: Delivering the allocated sites larger villages, ref to neighbourhood plans etc, table shows requirements and the requirements, see paras 4.72 and 4.73.

Page 83: Delivering the allocated sites medium villages, ref to neighbourhood plans etc, table shows requirements and the requirements, see paras 4.82

Page 107: Aylesbury town centre redevelopment, aspirations, parking shopping etc

Page 113: Affordable housing on open market sites, to buy or to rent! States the percentages ie 31% on sites of more than 11 or more dwellings.

Page 115: Affordable housing on rural exception sites, these are house aimed at keeping local villages within their home village, and example in Cheddington is the Partridge Close development.

Page 123: Self/custom build housing "The plan will expect all larger ►

developments to provide a percentage of serviced dwelling plots for sale to self/custom builders”

Page 124: Housing mix: housing for older people and housing with specific needs, contains percentages and rooms numbers etc.

Page 144: Vehicle Parking. Gives the number of parking spaces per rooms. Also see Para 7.4 “Research has also shown that most residents use garages for domestic storage rather than for vehicle storage, which subsequently reduces the available off street parking for individual dwellings. It is therefore proposed that these structures will no longer be allocated as parking spaces within new developments.”

Appendix A Potential sites to be allocated: Pitstone page 208; Cheddington page 209 (Croft Meadows); Marsworth page 210 (Marsworth Glebe, Lower Icknield Way), Ivinghoe page 207 (no sites identified at this stage)

Page 212: Glossary, this is useful and may be worth printing out if you want read the whole document.

- NB:**
1. The text above in italics are from the local plan.
 2. We have noted that there is no reference to any unmet needs from Luton, South West Beds, Dacorum or London, so we are specifically concerned that this requirement can grow.

Conclusion
It is essential that as many residents review this draft AVDC Local Plan and feedback to the council their views and request clarifications where appropriate.

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District Councillors for Pitstone and Cheddington Ward

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