



Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine

Issue 92

70 pence where sold



Inside this Issue:

New Vicar

Neighbourhood Develops Plan!

Ron Lymer Retires

Pitstone Heritage Park

See inside for more details!



The Quarterly Magazine of
Ivinghoe Parish Council

The Beacon Team...

The Beacon Magazine would not reach your door without the kind help of the volunteer band of distributors.

Many thanks to them all: Andy Beezer, Les Hyde, Pat Roach, Peter Miles, Geoff Travis, Albert Reynolds, Rob and Anne Cattle and of course our roving reporter Nigel Thomson – it couldn't be done without you!

If you have any skills that will help us to keep the magazine going or you would like to submit an article, please let us know as we are always looking for new and varied talents!



Editor: Christabel Boersma

Tel: 01296 661 532

Email: christabelboersma@hotmail.com

Advertising Manager: Ali Wade

Tel: 01296 662 446

Email: ali_wade1@sky.com

Design & Artwork: Laila Palfrey

Tel: 07979 945231

Email: laila@breezdesign.co.uk

CONTENTS

Councillors News	3-4
Neighbourhood News	6-34
Ecumenical Enlightenment	36-44
Sporting Scoop	46
Cultivation Clippings	48-50
School Stuff	54-57
Beyond the Boundary	60
Councillor Communication	68

BEACON MAGAZINE ADVERTISING RATES:

1/4 page	£38 per year
1/3 page	£45 per year
1/2 page	£75 per year
Full page	£110 per year

NB: Rates are for 4 editions.
Artwork must be supplied
as a jpeg or a pdf file.

Deadline for articles for the Autumn edition is 13 April 2015.
Please send contributions to christabelboersma@hotmail.com
Don't forget you can view this magazine in colour at:
www.ivinghoe.org.uk

Welcome from the Chair



Karen Groom,
Chair, Ivinghoe
Parish Council

Welcome to the first of our 2015 edition of the magazine. We're really pleased to say that the magazine is doing very well and the addition of an Advertising Manager, Mrs Ali Wade, has really helped to make a difference to the success of the magazine. In fact we have even extended our print run so that readers in Pitstone can also enjoy reading what's going on locally!

Although only in February there is a great deal going on in the parish. We have been discussing since last year a Bucks County Council initiative called the Parish Devolution project. Parish and Town Councils have been invited by Bucks CC to take on the responsibility for delivery of some services which were once the preserve of Bucks CC and AVDC. These include such activities as grass cutting on verges and footpaths, road sign cleaning and similar maintenance activities. Many parishes in the county are taking over the delivery of these services but Ivinghoe Parish Council remains unable to make a decision whether or not to proceed.

Last year we requested a full schedule of the works that would fall under our responsibility and also up to date maps of the roads and footpath network. The initial information pack we received was not comprehensive or accurate, meaning that we have been unable to go out to tender and therefore unable to make a decision based on accurate information. Despite continued and consistent requests for the correct data we have still not received the

right information. Some of our neighbouring Parish and Town Councils have already committed to undertake this work which has enabled them to apply for initial priming funds but we have been unable to take advantage of this. Without the right information about the scale of service delivery we cannot tender the work which and evaluate the financial short fall between the funds available from the County Council and District Council and the cost of the work. The inevitable and unfortunate down side of your parish council providing these services is that the parish precept would have to be raised. Consequently, we have added a sum to our next precept in anticipation of the work we may undertake while continuing to seek clarification about who is responsible for providing the information we need so that we can make a decision regarding our future involvement in providing these services.

On a very much more positive note, I am very pleased to tell you that our commissioning of a review of the Conservation Area in Ivinghoe has progressed very well and the draft Conservation Area Review document is now available for review. We have placed a copy of the document in the Library and a copy of it can also be found on the Aylesbury Vale DC website www.aylesburyvale.gov.uk, search for "Ivinghoe Conservation Area Review". Freya Morris, Conservation Area Officer, will be at our parish council meeting on 3 March, and will be taking questions ►

and comments, however, I would urge you in the meantime to email or send in your comments to **conservationareas@aylesburydc.gov.uk**.

We still have three major planning developments in progress in the parish, one in Ivinghoe Aston and two in Ivinghoe, all of which you will be familiar with. At present we are awaiting decisions from the planning officers at AVDC on the proposed development at Six Acres in Ivinghoe Aston and for 40 dwellings on The Bottom Park. Members of the parish council and Ivinghoe Together met with the architects and developer at The Hub on 31 January, following a public exhibition of their proposal. The developers wished to ascertain if any traction could be gained in terms of community approval for a smaller scale development on this site with the possibility of some of the land being given to the parish council. Both the parish council and Ivinghoe Together are of the view that no development should take place on this site as other more appropriate sites could be found. With regard to the 70 dwellings proposed by Gladman

Developments in Ivinghoe in the adjacent field to The Bottom Park, the decision on this application will now be decided at an appeal in the summer. We have no more information than that at present on the Gladman case but will of course keep you updated through our usual channels.

Finally, Sheena Bexson, parish councillor from Ivinghoe Aston has decided to step down from the council and I would like to thank her for contribution to the parish council over the past three years. This leaves a space on the council. This is an election year for parish and town councils too and so if you have an interest in joining the parish council please read the Guide to Parish Council Elections in this magazine, to find out how you can apply.

Please continue to engage with us at our parish council meetings or via our Facebook page, twitter and at **www.ivinghoepec.org**. Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place in April so do look out on the notice boards and the website for more details.

Karen Groom Chair, Ivinghoe Parish Council



Enjoy Home cooked food at the

Waterside Café

Pitstone Wharf, Cheddington Road, Pitstone, Bucks LU7 9AD
Breakfasts, Lunches, Soup, Sandwiches, Toasties
Homemade Cakes, Cream Teas plus a selection of
Hot & Cold Drinks

Open All Year **Nov to March** **Fri. Sat. Sun. - 10am to 2.30pm**
April to Oct. **Wed Thurs Fri. Sat Sun - 10am to 3pm.**
August open daily / Bank Holidays 10am to 3pm

On request for group bookings we can offer seating for 36 people.
Call 07769 961196 or Email: cafe@pitstonewharf.co.uk
www.pitstonewharf.co.uk

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

Email: christabelboersma@hotmail.com

PITSTONE MEMORIAL HALL & MILLENNIUM EXTENSION

The large Millennium Extension consists of a generous room with a capacity for 70-80 people and a smaller room with a capacity for 50 people



Bar facilities are available by arrangement with the booking clerk

For further details and revised prices please contact the Booking Clerk,
Mrs Sue Gregory, 4 The Crescent, Pitstone. 01296 661609

Parish Council Elections – 7th May 2015

The Parish Council is up for re election in May and you will be voting for your new Council members at the same time as you vote in the General Election.

Notices will be posted on notice boards and the Parish Council website with the dates for the return of nomination papers for those interested in standing. A quick guide to election procedures administered by Aylesbury Vale District Council as follows:

The Election Procedure

Elections take place on the first Thursday in May every four years.

Nomination

Prospective candidates must deliver or send by post to the Returning Officer a valid nomination paper. Forms are obtained from the Returning Officer

based at Aylesbury Vale District Council. The candidate's surname, forenames, residence and description (if desired) must be given. The candidate must have a proposer and seconder.

It is the responsibility of the candidate or his supporters to return the signed nomination paper to the Returning Officer on time; even where he has prepared papers for signature. He cannot accept any nomination which, whatever the reason, reaches him too late.

It is not the responsibility of the Returning Officer to see that candidates comply with the nomination rules.

For further details please contact:

Maxine Hayes Parish Clerk

Tel: **07960 605393** or email;

ivinghoeaparishclerk@gmail.com

Nominations papers are available from the Returning Officer at Aylesbury Vale District Council.

Latest date by which you must register to vote	20th April 2015
Publication of notice of election (Not later than the twenty-fifth day before the day of election)	30th March 2015
Delivery of Nominations papers (Not later than noon on the nineteenth working day before the day of election)	9th April 2015 (by 4pm)
Publication of list of candidates (Not later than noon on the seventeenth working day before the day of election).	10th April 2015
Delivery of notices of withdrawals of candidature (Not later than noon on the sixteenth working day before the day of election)	9th April 2015
Notice of Poll (Not later than the sixth working day before the day of election)	28th April 2015
Polling Between the hours of 7 in the morning and 10 at night on the day of election at nominated polling stations in the Parish. The Returning Officer has a copy of the electoral register, and the clerk of the local parish council also has one.	7th May 2015

Hawthorn

Garden Maintenance

for all your gardening needs

Pruning • Weeding • Hedge & Tree Work • Lawn care

Grass Cutting • Patios • Small Landscapes

Telephone : Roy 01296 625531

Mobile : 07906 398187

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

or call Maxine on 07960 605 393

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



Neighbourhood Planning News

Welcome to our first Neighbourhood Planning news! We are pleased to report that Ivinghoe Parish has recently been approved as a designated Neighbourhood Area. This is an important first step in establishing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for our community, so that local people can help shape development in the area through planning policy.

Our neighbourhood Area covers the parish of Ivinghoe which encompasses both Ivinghoe and Ivinghoe Aston and a small number of houses towards Ringshall.

The development of a Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the Local Authority Plan and policies within it will be used in the determination of planning applications. However it is a huge undertaking which will only succeed with your support.

A steering group, consisting of Parish councillors and residents from the parish has been formed and will start to create a development plan and critically will reflect the views and vision of you, the residents of the parish. The NDP will attempt to ensure that new developments are built to the maximum advantage of existing and new residents whilst safeguarding the special character, landscape and historical qualities of our Parish.

Our aim is to make the Ivinghoe Neighbourhood plan reflect community-wide comments and concerns about its future and we need your input to do this.



How do you see housing developing in the Parish over the next 15 years? What potential sites could be suitable for development in the parish? What level of development is appropriate and suitable....? What infrastructure is needed to support new development? We will be asking you many questions in the coming months but perhaps you have suggestions yourself of the type of questions that we should be putting to the community – if so do please get in touch!

We have a unique opportunity to shape our environment for future generations. All views are welcome and valued.

We plan to keep everyone up to date with progress and collate everyone's views. Watch out for a website, flyers, updates on Parish noticeboards, emails and questionnaires... We'll be hosting various events so you can get involved, have your say, and let you know how we're getting on – watch this space!

If you have any particular skills which you'd like to share or have any questions/suggestions on the NDP please email ivinghoechurchclerk@gmail.com

New Beginning...

Dear Reader, as I write I have completed my first week as Vicar of our villages. It has been an exciting and enjoyable week but it feels as if I haven't stopped since my induction service on Tuesday.

The Induction was a very moving start to my ministry here as was the welcome I received at each of the three churches on my first Sunday. I want above all to say 'Thank you' to all those who having worked so hard during the year without a vicar still had sufficient energy and enthusiasm to organise all that happened.

It was called a 'Service of Institution, Induction and Installation' and at the end I felt only a little less unclear about what the three 'I's meant but everything was made real by the symbols presented to me by members of the congregation:

Water for baptism for new Christians
The oil of healing for reconciliation and forgiveness
The Bible for study and proclamation
The prayer books of the church for our worship

Bread and wine for the Eucharist
A map of the benefice to picture our unity.

After receiving these I promised to care for the community, to share the Word of God, to celebrate the sacraments and encourage discipleship. All this was completely clear. There could be no better illustration of the saying that actions speak louder than words. John wrote in one of his letters *'Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action'.*

It is what we do rather than what we say that makes the bigger impact and certainly all that has happened to date has left me encouraged and excited about joining you.

All Saints have a new kneeler to mark my induction. To ensure that I am brought to my knees only for prayer and not by exhaustion I am planning to take Tuesday as my day off during the week.

Thank you all again, for the warm welcome.

Adrian

1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts Group.

Group Scout Leader. Keith Steers

Email; Ksteers@aol.com

Telephone; 0789-9696722



WaterMill Beavers, Monday
Leader Andrew Broad

6 pm – 7 pm.

Windmill Cubs, Wednesday
Leader Rob Haddock

6.30 pm – 8.00pm

Windmill Beavers Tuesday
Leader Keith Steers

Watermill Cubs Thursday
Leader, Rob Mercel

Scouts Meet Fridays at 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm Leader, Andrew Woods.

Ron Lymer retires



Ron, Ivinghoe's postmaster is retiring after 34 years service, having first come to Ivinghoe's Post Office in the High Street in 1981.

After his first posting on the High Street, Ron moved down to Devon only to return again a few years later, to take on the Post Office at the back of the Old School. Three years later he moved full circle, returning to the High Street, only three houses up from the original Post Office site.

Ron could be described as a lynch pin in our community. He has served as a member of the parish council and together with Brian Roger and Tony Jennings started the big November firework display. He also started the Summer Ball and formed an entertainment committee. As if that wasn't enough he set up together with Carol Corn the most famous of publications, The Beacon magazine.

So all in all Ron has kept the flag flying for public services in Ivinghoe for many years. We are lucky to have an amazing community served by tea rooms, chemists, pubs, restaurants, library and off course a Post Office.

Bearing in mind ten thousand sub post offices have closed since 1981, we are fortunate indeed to still have one. The big change Ron explained is the large diminution of letter post and a corresponding increase in parcel post.

During his time as postmaster, Ron has suffered two robberies. The first robbers got away with money, the second raid, the two robbers left with very sore heads, Ron having bashed them together! Needless to say they left empty handed if not empty headed!

Some of us have been overtaken by email and other electronic communications but we all need from time to time envelopes, stamps, sealing wax or the ability to send a parcel to Australia! So when Ron retires and the new refurbished post office opens let's hope that the great service we've had from Ron over many years continues. The present office will be closed for about two weeks for the refurbishment.

So it is goodbye and thank you to Ron and all the very best wishes for happy retirement!

Nigel Thomson Roving Reporter

Murray's Cleaning Services



The Cleaning Specialists

Service with integrity

- Carpet
- Rug
- Upholstery & Leather
- Patio & Driveway
- End of Tenancy Cleans
- Internal Window & Conservatories

01442 250679
07952 544666

www.murrayscleaningservices.co.uk

email: enquiries@murrayscleaningservices.co.uk

10%
carpet cleaning
discount for
empty rooms

**BOOK
NOW!**

Grebe Canal Cruises Ltd

DAY BOATS

Enjoy a relaxing day on the canals aboard one of our day boats. These self drive boats are licensed for up to 12 people. Please see our website for further details and our special winter rates.



PUBLIC CRUISES

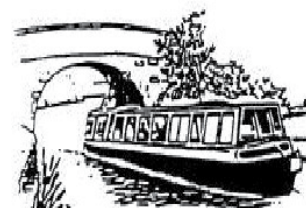
90 minute cruises weekends and school holidays from Easter through to end of October.

Adults: £8.00 Seniors: £7.50

Children: £4.50 Family: £20.50

(2 - 15 yrs) (2 adults + 2 children)

See our website or contact us for details of our Cream Tea, Roast Lunch and Evening Dinner cruises.



Website: www.grebecanalcruises.co.uk

Telephone: 01296661920

Old School News 2015!



It's snug in your Old School Hub! 'Wellbeing' support within our Community Hub at the Old School Ivinghoe continues with fun and friendliness in abundance! Our Christmas Market sparkled across Ivinghoe on a cold November night at the end of 2014, and with it the sound once again of Carolling voices and Bell-ringers enhanced by the smell of roasting chestnuts!

We start the New Year 2015 with very healthy accounts as our sustainable solvency formula is that of a thriving Café paying a yearly rental which funds our Community Spaces over its own utility bills. On top of that, the hiring out of those same spaces for all your cross-generational community social, educational, and health promoting activities means we can save for whatever repairs, furnishings or extras we need as the venue thrives and the activities on offer grow.

Day-to-day Hub-Running is balanced between Hayley Wesley's rota of café staff within CuriosiTEA Rooms and a group of volunteer trustees who drop into the Hub daily and prepare the spaces for your activity ideas, water the plants, clean the lav's and pay the bills!

As to forward planning – our Booking Diary is already filling nicely for this year, but there is always plenty of room for more social hiring and a few more clubs of all kinds to spring up. It has been requested that the Hub keeps the Village Diary in the café – to prevent too many timing clashes, and increase all our chances to attend everything on offer!

Upcoming Events – our Easter Market is planned for Easter Saturday 4th April, where again we will have an Easter Egg Hunt and

more Spring fun and shopping on offer from our stall holders.

We have new **Hub Signage** planned and is at present going before the planners. This will then allow us to de-clutter the other banner signage, most of which was there to fulfil our grant funders advertising rules, and this timing is now completed as is the initial alerting to the neighbourhood of our existence. If passed by the planners, our bespoke Victorian lamp-post with solar lighting and two discreet oval signs will cover all our future needs.

Valentine's Day 14th Feb is shaping up to be a tasty one via Hayley's café proposals...and we are especially celebrating as 'Hubbalubbers' so no need to be romantically partnered, just come along and feel the 'lurve'!

Pancake Races will be held here on Shrove Tuesday 17th Feb and we hope, as it is a holiday that many of you will come and join in! We remember well when our local WI used to race their frying pans and pancakes on the Lawn!!

Table Top Sales will continue on several Saturdays, and **Activity Days** will appear in the holidays for the younger creative.

Seasonal Celebrations and Saints days will be celebrated all around the year, there will be the next **Pop-Up 'Greek' Restaurant Night on Friday 20th March** and **Reunion Party** plans are afoot for ex-pupils of both Old School Ivinghoe and Pitstone Old School for 30th May 2015.

We will continue to generously support the Village Fete Day in midsummer, Ivinghoe Entertainments' Summer Weekend and also Bonfire night in whatever way enhances this for the village. Also, the Ivinghoe **Old School Ivinghoe**



Book plans are still active, so do bring in any contribution of your own to this, be it old photographs, or memories of a snippet of historical gossip!

Developing how we use the Community rooms in the Hub for extending Community well-being is always our interesting ongoing remit. So we are again now looking at our capacity as volunteers to introduce social, table top, health promoting and isolation combatting activities for the older villagers who welcome this. **Any fresh ideas/skills?** We plan Film shows, social events like the ex-pupil and family reunion, and any computer IT teaching which we can do bespoke and one to one with fun and care.

Carol is considering running some informal simple but fun printmaking and drawing classes in the Hub one morning a week for interested non skilled-up adults. We are asking around for what the older **village teenagers** need from us, and are still evolving an after school presence for the younger teens and juniors here. Messy hols Activity days here are in on-going plans for the junior kids in the village along with some **flicks and snacks**. We have had offers if wanted for a **Young Mum's Choir** –

and we are still asking around for something else relevant to **Parents and Toddlers**.

Any new ideas on age related activities?

We will support you to start something of your own, just call in to discuss this with a trustee volunteer after your research can confirm the need.

As some of our present trustees are at work daily, extra volunteers for any of these events are always welcome. Don't forget to **leave your contact email on our database** list by the cloakroom door to receive regular updates easily.

CuriosiTEA Rooms, open with its daily welcome, seven days a week with home-made fare is Ivinghoe's informal Old School venue for hanging out and being sociable. Do drop in and become part of this cosy village experience.

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

Our Hub website is: www.ivinghoeoldschool.com; Our email is: ivinghoeoldschool@btconnect.com; Our HUB direct phone number is:

01296 661666

CuriosiTEA Rooms **01296-663853**

Carol Corn

Not a lot happens in Ivinghoe Aston

This will be my 18th year of contributing my time to this space in the Ivinghoe Beacon News and my LAST. I'm looking to pass it on and many people have asked me why? Well this should be interesting, I'll publish this locally using MY own list but I've become stale and disillusioned with the process.

The history of this piece is that as a favour to the publishers, of 1997 at least, I publish exactly what people say without including the offensive language I sometimes hear. It's called FREE SPEECH. However the present publishers have taken it upon themselves to change my words and even remove complete paragraphs! This without talking to me and quite frankly it's unacceptable. Readers of the free world would agree. The final straw is the fact that the publisher taken it upon themselves to change my sign off from "Ketts" to my full name, without any without consultation with me. This sign off is my choice and I am not alone in publishing under a pseudonym name. Wasn't there a dog that wrote for this publication for some time, he was allowed to do so! Yes readers its bizarre.

Thanks to the readers of Ivinghoe Aston that have supported me and shared a laugh when tackling the most distressing of issues. News of my replacement, if acceptable to the publishers, will be published locally soon. Actually there has never been any restriction on this as everyone and anyone is able to contact the publication directly.

A visit from the North Pole!

For the 15th Christmas day in a row Father Christmas came to Ivinghoe Aston and gave out gifts from his overflowing sack of goodies. Santa arrives Christmas day with Chief Elf Albi and helpers Laura and Francesca. ►



F.R. JEFFERY & SON

Coal Merchant



Coal & Smokeless Fuel
Logs & Compost

Also spare parts for solid
fuel appliances

Delivered to your door
at low prices

Contact Us
on 01296 661258

LEARN TO RIDE

AT

ROCKLANE RIDING CENTRE

GROUP & PRIVATE LESSONS

FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN (from 4 years)



QUALIFIED INSTRUCTION (from £11 for children)

ORCHARD FARM, IVINGHOE ASTON

TEL: 01525 222402

Fully Licensed and Insured
Enquiries welcome

IVINGHOE TURF

Suppliers of

- Turf
- Bark
- Topsoil
- Grass Seed
- Fertiliser



www.ivinghoeturf.co.uk
01296 661939
sales@ivinghoeturf.com

GROOMS FARM SHOP



FRESH MEAT & POULTRY
FREE RANGE EGGS & VEGETABLES
CHEESE, OLIVES, PIES, PATÉS & NUTS
FREE LOCAL DELIVERY

OPENING TIMES

Thursday 9.00 - 12.30

Friday 8.30 - 5.30

Saturday 8.30 - 12.30

Orders can be placed outside
these times by telephone

WILLOWDENE FARM
IVINGHOE

TEL: 01296 668326

More activity at The Village Swan

The Village Swan annual Christmas Dinner was a success as was New Years eve. This from a resident that attended both.

"What a great evening was had by everyone who attended The Village Swan's village Christmas meal on the 14th December it was one of the best meals yet and the party at the pub on New Years Eve was much enjoyed by people of all ages with music to suit all tastes. The food was delicious and just kept on coming. As for the fireworks – London and Sydney – eat your hearts out. Ivinghoe Aston was definitely the place to be! Thanks must go to Paul Urycz for risking life and limb for putting on such a magnificent display on behalf of the pub. Many thanks must also go to Patrick and Fanny for all their hard work



over the last year and the festive season in particular and for making The Village Swan such a great place to visit again."

This sums up the feelings and views of everyone I've spoken to, the pub is buzzing and vital for the village in many

ways to many people. Sorry about the noise sometimes folks but you'll miss it if it has to close and the developers turn it into 'social housing'!

Ivinghoe Aston Summer Ball returns – 12th September

Ivinghoe Aston Events Team will be presenting 'The Roaring 20's & Fabulous 30's', Prohibition themed Black tie Ball. You are invited to come along and drink at the Speakeasy Bar, Dance to the wonderful, Georgina Jackson and her Band, (Resident performer at Ronnie Scott's London) Marvel at our fantastic compare and singer Marc Dillon.

Tickets £68pp (£63pp if purchased before 20th June 2015, Save £50.00 per table!). Your package includes a served three course meal with a roast beef joint at each table. This year's charity is yet to be decided but you are advised to book now as this even always sells out.

For info and tickets:
Maddie: **01525 221778** or email: **maddiet99@hotmail.com**
Sharon: **01525 221461** or email: **stuart564@btinternet.com**
Sarah: **01525 220876** or email: **oliverscc@btinternet.com**

See us on our facebook page. The Roaring Twenties & Fabulous Thirties Ball.

Ivinghoe Aston split over planning application

A year on from The 6 acres application it has been refined and re-submitted. A similar amount of distress followed with many objection letters being sent to AVDC. From the discussions I have had neither side is particularly confident of success. Why? Shouldn't planning be a

little bit more predictable than it is? Well from my experience it simply isn't. Yes there are rules but there is also politics, fear, jealousy and cowardly moves involved in the processing of planning applications. It's a mess and a stressful mess for all concerned.

What's the point and purpose of the Parish Council vote? I should end right there because I just do not know. As far as I understand planning applications are decided upon by AVDC councillors, I guess its better to have local Parish council support than not but when the count comes in it doesn't.

We say farewell to Donald

Donald Puddefoot was born at Diblocks (that was), Ivinghoe Aston, Christmas Eve 1924. Donald left us in late 2014 just prior to his 90th birthday. There is a dedicated tribute to Donald elsewhere in this edition but for me and many I will remember him always keeping the area around his house clean and walking down the hill after getting of the bus armed with shopping bags. Along with

everyone else I'd give him a lift and I wonder, did he ever make it to home with those bags or, as I suspect did he grab a lift every time! An historic loss to Ivinghoe Aston, RIP Donald Puddlefoot.

Keep Vigilant

As this is not related to the publication I will still allow the use of my list to notify folk of suspicious happenings. It's not perfect but has helped on occasion.

If you are not on my mailing list, where such sightings are often communicated then email me and I will add you, **ketts999@hotmail.com**.

A Load of Tweets

Thames Valley Police are on twitter and this is potentially a much better form of communication than my e-mail list. Its real-time and everyone with internet access can have access them directly. Follow them on twitter their name is **@ThamesVP** and tweet them if you see/hear of something you do not like.

All the best Ketts



Donald on the 1st combine harvester in IA

IvinghoeTogether

We continue to wait for a decision from AVDC about the application for 70 houses to be built on the field between Ford End Farm and the Park, which belongs to Mr Jellis. If AVDC does not arrive at a decision soon it will open the way for Gladman, who have made the application on behalf of Mr Jellis, to launch an appeal, as the outcome will be treated as a 'non-determination'. It remains unclear why AVDC have not arrived at a decision. Although the AVDC planning website has not been updated, it has now been confirmed that Gladman intend to launch an appeal, which will probably take place during the summer.

Many people attended a meeting at the Hub on 10th December at which DP Architects presented a proposal to apply for permission to AVDC to build a further 40 houses on the Park, which belongs to Mr Charles Randall. At the meeting it was made clear that the residents of Ivinghoe do not want any form of development on this field, which is in the centre of the village.

Since the meeting DP Architects have requested a further meeting with representatives of Ivinghoetogether and the Parish Council to seek a compromise on their original proposal. The meeting took place on 31st January. The architect wished to discuss a new plan to build nine houses on the Park, instead of forty. He has not yet submitted a new application to AVDC. The possibility of selling the land to the village was also raised. Should this become a realistic option it would clearly be the best outcome.

It remains the view of Ivinghoetogether that no development will ever be

acceptable on the land between the Lawn and Ford End farm, which includes the Park. In the circumstances it may be more appropriate for the architects to meet with the newly formed Neighbourhood Development steering group. In the meantime more than 100 objections to the proposal have been submitted to AVDC.

Some good news is that the Conservation Area Officer from AVDC, Freya Morris, has proposed that the Conservation Area should be extended to include the Park, Ford End Farm, an area off Wellcroft, the allotments and two small areas, one bordering the Windmill field and the other in the High Street. Freya will be attending the Parish Council meeting on 3rd March.

Please keep in touch and stay up-to-date by joining our email list – contact: ivinghoetogether@gmail.com or follow **Ivinghoe2gether** on Twitter. It is also important to remain vigilant about the progress of the Gladman appeal which will be published on the AVDC website in due course.

Andrew Dicker on behalf of Ivinghoetogether



Beacon Villages Community Library
Cordially Invites You to Our

Library Lunch

Speaker, Edwin Rye, former BBC Gardener of The Year will be talking about "Colour in the Garden"

Two course lunch (vegetarian option) is included

Tickets £15

Cheddington Village Hall



Wednesday, March 25, 2015

At 1pm

Please contact Linda on
01296 668582 or Janet on
01296 668341 or purchase
tickets in the library

In Memory of Donald Puddefoot

Donald was born at Diblocks and spent his whole life in Ivinghoe Aston. I think that, in itself is a piece of history and possibly only Bill can still say the same. Donald's life reminds us of times that have gone. He went to Ivinghoe Aston School – that closed in about 1967 – and then Ivinghoe School – that began as long ago as the 16th century but also closed in the mid sixties.

In 2008, at the funeral of Donald's older brother, Doug, Jean told me a little about the sort of childhood that the family enjoyed in those days: Jean remembered what a free and enjoyable childhood she and all Donald's brothers and sisters shared in Ivinghoe Aston, playing "Jack, Jack, shine your light" after dark with torches, running around in the fields and on the Beacon, sliding down haystacks and scrumping apples. It was a childhood to be treasured and one that children today can no longer have.

But it was a short childhood as Donald started work when he was 14, as was normal in those days. He went to work for Walter Ashby on Ivinghoe Aston Farm and started learning to plough – with the horses, of course – as that was before the time of tractors. The family remember one occasion when the horses bolted with Donald – and what a great talking point that was in the village at the time. And then the farm did get its first tractor. Donald didn't have a clue how to drive it but he soon mastered the art and was probably grateful that it was unlikely to bolt with him again.

After a while, of course, Donald's summer job was on the Combine Harvester and the village were fascinated to see him coming through the village on such a huge machine which they had never seen before. So Donald

moved with the times, as we all must, but he retained the old skills as well and was one of the best hedge-layers around. Hedge-laying requires great skill and it is one that very few people have nowadays.

He was very young in 1939 but he still did his bit towards the end of WW2. He and Doug were in the Home Guard and they would stand guard beside the office of the Lime Kilns. They had guns but we don't know if they ever used them. In his leisure time, Donald loved riding his motorbike and he and his friends, the local bikers, would go riding around together on Sundays.

Donald was a reliable and steady worker all his life on the Ashby's farm. His great service was rewarded when, at the end of his career, he received from Princess Anne, a medal for his 46 years of service to agriculture. He had a lovely photograph showing him receiving his medal and he said that was the proudest moment of his life. He always kept the medal and the photograph on display and he would show them to all his visitors, especially all the nurses and carers who came round at the end of his life.

He had very good care during the last year of his life and he enjoyed making friends with all the nurses and carers. When he was in hospital, he spent his whole day chatting to everyone around. He liked nothing better than making friends and they all loved having him there. He was lucky enough to be in good health right up to the final year and he and Bill took the bus in to Leighton Buzzard three times every week. I'm sure all the villagers, including myself, remember seeing them and greeting them as they waited for the bus at 10.30 most mornings.

The village has lost a valued resident and we will miss him.

A New Year's Moan

To keep my aged body fit I walk daily. I enjoy walking up the Beacon and Pitstone Hill but this winter, jaunts there have been less frequent because the weather has made the "going" very sticky. My exercise has been restricted to more use of the pavements and lanes in Ivinghoe and Pitstone for my walks; enjoying meeting people to chat to raise the spirits, or moan about the state of the paths as regards to fouling by dogs!

The path near Brookmead school was remarked upon in spite of the valiant efforts of some pupils of the school in the placement of posters on the fence to remind dog owners of their responsibilities. People of all groups use these paths and pavements daily by walking, pushing children in buggies, using mobility vehicles and children on scooters.

As a former dog owner I know that it is easy to be responsible for cleaning up after a pet. MOST owners comply with the regulations – it is to the forgetful ones I urge to help to keep our paths and pavements clean by:

- Always carry a plastic bag and a spare one to clean up after your dog.
- There are several red bins fixed at convenient points in the villages to dispose of you're bag and its contents.
- Keep your pet on a lead on pavements and train them to walk close to you.
- Keep a keen watch on your pet when it is off the lead.

Thank you all in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter and enjoy your walks with your dogs.

Mary Cook Ivinghoe

Womens Institute News!

The year 2015 will be a special year for the National W.I. as it celebrates its Centenary. We will be playing our part in the celebrations in April when the baton, which is currently travelling round the Country, reaches us. Apart from this we have a very full and interesting programme of speakers and activities throughout the year.

Members of the Knit and Natter group meet regularly and recently raised over £150 for the Rennie Grove Hospice at Home by knitting Christmas stockings which were sold for us at the CuriousiTEA Rooms.

The dining Club meet once a month in various local hostleries to enjoy good food and good company.

More active members meet up for Rambles on a regular basis to enjoy our beautiful countryside.

So there is plenty going on to suit all tastes. We meet on the second Thursday of each month in Ivinghoe Town Hall at 7.45pm, so if you feel you would like to join us ,give Tessa a ring on **01296 661562** and we will make sure that there is someone to welcome you to your first meeting.

Tessa Smith

Traffic in Ivinghoe

The continuing saga of Traffic in Ivinghoe. We've seen a fair bit of activity on the traffic front since the last issue of The Beacon and I'll summarise the various issues here. Regrettably there's little concrete progress, but the cogs of local government grind exceedingly slowly and we will continue to apply whatever pressure we can to the road issues of local importance.

Speeding

Firstly the Parish Council wrote to the Rural Neighbourhood Police Inspector asking for some clarification regarding the Police position on speeding concerned. To quote from his reply, "Speeding is, I am afraid, not resolved by enforcement – maybe it is for a day, a week or two but beyond that it is ineffective. Longer term schemes such as Community Speedwatch are generally the answer," and, "I hope you can appreciate that I cannot send local Police Officers to each parish to do two hours of speed enforcement based on someone's opinion. However, clearly MVAS or other technical data will certainly justify the use of my resources to do speeding operations." The Inspector does, however, acknowledge that our specific issue is perceptual only.

Your Parish Council has expressed disappointment that the speeding issue is still not being recognised important. We also explained how important Police support will be in order that Speedwatch volunteers continue to feel valued. Further details of the findings from the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)

were sent with our response and these appear within this report.

Dragons Teeth!

Following lobbying by the Parish Council and Local Area Forum we're pleased to be able to report that the entry gate and Dragon's Teeth at the entrance to Great Gap and within the 30mph section have been installed. It will be interesting to see what effect, if any, these have on traffic speeds and the MVAS has been set up to record speeds through this section of road which will give us before and after comparisons.

Repairs

Representations having been made general patching repairs have been made to the local road surfaces. There was a significant delay between the roads being surveyed and the work being carried out but we can be thankful that this has been done before the worst of the winter weather.

Trucks

On 20th December I wrote to Ruth Vigor Hedderly at Bucks CC regarding the increasing lorry traffic on our local and inadequate roads. To date I have received no reply, although Cllr Avril Davies (cc'd) contacted me to say that this matter is being debated within the Local Area Forum as there is recognition that the type of traffic on our more rural roads is often inappropriate. Additionally, by watching the flashing "30" sign on our MVAS we can confirm that many commercial lorries are ignoring the speed limit. In fact the Freight Quality

Partnership is again being talked about as a tool which could be used to encourage some sort of control on lorry traffic, although quite how this would work is difficult to say. There is discussion about a traffic survey so that there is some basis on which to carry the discussion forward and we await more details about this. In the meantime I have written to Stephen Walford, Director of Growth and Strategy at Bucks CC with some further proposals. However, Mr Walford comments "I should however caution you that, whilst we may consider new restrictions as a means to effectively manage traffic, we do start from the basic premise of public highway being public – so the presumption is against introducing new restrictions unless evidence suggests they will be beneficial." The greater the pressure we can apply the more likely will be a favourable outcome, and I encourage anyone who feels strongly about our road issues to contact County Highways to make their views known.

A New Approach

The Parish Council has commissioned Ben Hamilton Baillie, traffic calming consultants, to undertake a one day scoping exercise of our traffic issues. This company specialise in innovative traffic calming solutions that have been most effective, particularly in rural areas. Following a day of looking at the area a presentation will take place at The Hub on the evening on 14 April. We hope that as many residents as possible will attend, together with representatives of AVDC and Bucks CC. We will publish

precise details as soon as they are available. To cover the cost of this exercise we have applied for funding from our Local Area Forum to pay for a full survey following the initial over-view and we await their decision.

MVAS

At the time of printing we should be in possession of another shared MVAS unit to be immediately followed by practical training at the ground screw opposite Maud Janes Close and on our laptops in The Hub. We have volunteers for training from Ivinghoe, Great Gap and Ivinghoe Aston so will be in a good position to take advantage of this second unit.

The Evidence

Using the MVAS unit over 2013 and 2014, we have collected a significant amount of data summarised below (all figures are average) and all recorded at Great Gap:

- 2036 vehicles per day 5 Aug to 20 Aug 2013 Northbound
 - 2058 vehicles per day 22 Aug to 30 Aug 2013 Southbound
 - 2014 vehicles per day 4 Sept to 21 Sept 2013 Northbound
 - 2565 vehicles per day 22 Sept to 14 Oct 2013 Northbound (Maud Janes Close)
 - 2270 vehicles per day 7 Jun to 7 July 2014 Northbound
 - 2326 vehicles per day 14 July to 12 Aug 2014 Northbound
 - 2492 vehicles per day 13 Aug to 23 Sept 2014 Southbound
- These figures show that 75 – 80% of traffic exceeds 35mph and around ►

45% exceeds 40mph. Approximately 25% of all traffic is at 45mph or greater and we have records of traffic exceeding 70mph, typically around 10 or 11 per month. (Figures for Maud Janes Close, being closer to the centre of the village show a somewhat smaller percentage of traffic at really high speeds although the number of vehicles at 35mph or higher is not very different).

The latest data was downloaded on 11th January and covers the period from 12th October to 23rd November. It has yet to be analysed in any detail but average traffic movements appear to maintain levels. Excessive speeds recorded were 31 vehicles at 70-74mph, six at 75-79mph, three at 80 to 84mph and two at 85 to 89mph. There is no

consistency about the times when these speeds were recorded.

Which brings us full circle and begs the question of why the Police are failing to take our traffic speeds seriously, and why are AVDC so unwilling to do anything to control significantly increasing and speeding local traffic volumes? Although in the total scheme of things we are lucky in being able to say that the number of accidents is very small it will only need one incident of excessive speed when a resident is leaving their driveway and we will have a fatality on our hands. It will not be any comfort that we can say "We told you so!"

Brian Dale Ivinghoe Parish Council

The Village Health Centre

Yardley Avenue, Pitstone LU7 9BE
www.pitstonesurgery.co.uk

Dr J R Bell, Dr Tisha Patel

Dr Stephanie Johnston, Dr Kirsten Riemer, Dr Heather Counsell

Opening hours 9.00am-12.00pm 2.00pm-6.00pm (Fri 2-5pm)

The Village Health Centre serves Pitstone, Ivinghoe and surrounding villages.

Friendly, modern and spacious dispensing village Practice offering a wide range of health services including coils/implants, minor surgery, travel advice, in house blood tests, on-line appointments and repeat prescription ordering. Four nurse Practitioners offering acute clinics with same day appointments. Also, midwife, health visitors in attendance. Local District Nurse Service. Long established training Practice with a rotation of qualified doctors.

Large car park

New patients are welcome. Please contact our reception staff or visit our website for more information.

Telephone 01525 223211

www.pitstonesurgery.co.uk




- Flexible, weekly fully furnished lets
- Ideal for people working in the area, on holiday or needing a stop gap between houses

Whatever your situation, we can offer fully equipped self catering accommodation



**Town Farm • Ivinghoe
Leighton Buzzard
Beds. LU7 9EL
T: 01296 668 455
info@letsunlimited.com
www.letsunlimited.com**




**BELLOWS MILL
EATON BRAY**

Attractive short term and overnight accommodation in idyllic surroundings of old water mill. Licensed for civil wedding ceremonies and receptions for up to 80 guests. Small meeting room.


For details phone 01525 220548
or email reservations@bellowsmill.co.uk

TOWN FARM



Town Farm • Ivinghoe • Leighton Buzzard • Beds LU7 9EL

**A new campsite
right at your doorstep!**



T: 07906 265435
www.townfarmcamping.co.uk



W Roff Agricultural Services

- Hay & straw for sale
- Paddock maintenance
- Fencing

 **07909 680807**
ELSAGE FARM, CHEDDINGTON

Ivinghoe Town Hall... News!

At the time you are reading this publication you may already be aware that during March after years loyal of service to the community our Post Office owner **Ron Lymer** is hanging up his boots, for a well deserved retirement on Saturday 14th March.

Ron came to Ivinghoe in September 1981, taking over from Betty Gates with the intention of staying for no more than five years!

Ron says that after 34 years he feels that now the time has come for him to retire and hopes he has served our community well and he appreciates the friendship and loyalty from all his customers.

We all wish Ron a happy retirement as he sails off into uncharted seas!

Both the Post Office and the Shop will come under the ownership and management of Mr Sangera when it re-opens after a couple of weeks for re-modelling to comply with the Post Offices latest regulations.

The Town Halls regular and ad hoc bookings have been holding up well through autumn and into the New Year and our Community Library is going from strength to strength and getting busier and busier.

If you are already making your plans for your family or children's events in 2015, then now is the time to book and reserve the date for your Children's and Families Parties.

(Reservations are held up until 1 month before your planned event when full payment will be required to secure the date exclusively).

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

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

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

Tuesday: 7pm – Zumba Caroline
(07941 092673)

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

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

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

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

Also, please try the web site at www.ivinghoetownhall.org.uk where you can see regular activities and search for hall availability dates, or if you prefer to enquire in person then call Stephen Swinbank (The Booking Secretary) on **01296-660344**.

You can check on availability for particular dates and to view or book the hall contact Janet of Stephen on **01296 660344**.

Or via Email: spswinbank@gmail.com

Janet Swinbank Booking Clerk
Stephen Swinbank Secretary



Located in the centre of the village, with local shop, Post Office & Library. The Town Hall provides modern facilities for: Local groups, parties, and fund raising.

IVINGHOE TOWN HALL

www.ivinghoetownhall.org

Facilities include:

- Improved lighting, heating and newly upholstered chairs
- Music options including a quality electric piano
- Stage with specialised lighting, curtains & dressing room
- New kitchen with microwave, oven, hob, fridge, crockery etc.
- Chair lift & wheelchair for those with mobility problem

To View or Book contact Janet or Stephen
01296 660344



M. D. SPRING AUTOS

Martin D Spring
28 years established trading



For all your vehicle's needs
Servicing, Class 4 and 7 MOTs on site, Exhausts, Welding, Tyres and Brakes

Your vehicle can be picked up and returned free of charge
Call now for a competitive quote
Telephone & fax: 01296 662280
Mobile: 07860 847328



Unit 9, Airfield Ind Est, Cheddington Lane
Long Marston, Tring, Herts HP23 4QR



The Miller's Tale...

Firstly I would like to wish Nigel Thompson, one of our regular maintenance team, a volunteer at the farm museum, a roving reporter for this erstwhile publication and a thoroughly decent chap all round, all the best with a speedy recovery from his recent operation and spell in hospital. Best wishes from all your friends at the watermill.

It is this time of year that we are busying ourselves going around the mill and checking things over and making sure everything at the mill is as it should be and ready for our first milling session of the season. Alongside that there are opening and milling dates to agree upon, trying to make sure that they don't clash with any major national or world events and of course large local events, for instance this year is the rugby world cup and 800 years since Magna Carta. Then there is organising the design, printing and then the distribution of our promotional leaflets to other tourist attractions in the local area, as well as to other mills and anywhere that might bring us some much needed publicity and extra visitors.

Once the opening dates are decided we then need to organise enough volunteers to be wardens and guides and to help us out actually running the mill on these open days.

This year we have also got to give some attention to our yellow high visibility signs that we stick up on the main roads leading to the village during the week before we are open. These have served us well for several years but are getting a little sunlight faded and

are not so easy to read as you whizz past them in your vehicle, we have had to replace the odd sign now and again as they seem to be of great interest to some passers-by who like to break them, or kick them all down, or throw them over the nearest hedge, or just take them away completely.

One task that has recently been carried out in preparation for the coming season was to have the millstones 'Dressed' that is to cut a new grinding pattern onto the surface of the millstones (the 'lands') and shaping of the cut out grooves (the 'Furrows') to the correct profile. This has to be carried out periodically as the grinding surfaces wear down through use. Looking back through our maintenance record the last time the stones were dressed was in early 2006 and before that 1999 and 1993, so we thought they would probably benefit from some attention. Previously millwright, David Emperingham from High Wycombe, had dressed the stones the traditional way using a steel hand chisel called a 'Bill' which is held in a wooden handle called a 'Thrift' and he would steadily chip away at the stone much as a stone mason does.

However this time we had David's son along with another millwright, come to do the work and after helping them get setup and ready we left them to get on with it, the next thing we heard were grinding noises instead of a steady chip, chip, chip of the mill bill coming from upstairs, we quickly went up to see what was happening and found that being of the modern power tool



age they had promptly set about our millstones with angle grinders, we were a little apprehensive as we had never seen this being done before, and rightly expressed concern over our precious millstones, our concern was noted but we were reassured that this is how all the younger millwrights do it these days and that they had dressed many millstones this way with no comebacks, so we cautiously left them to it and when they had finished it looked like a good job.

Also whilst the stones are dismantled for dressing, we take the opportunity to remove, clean and inspect the main top and bottom bearings that the millstone driving spindle runs in, and if necessary

through wear, to repair or adjust these bearings, they were in very good condition and so they were just repacked with grease and replaced.

Therefore we should be well prepared for the coming season and look forward to welcoming visitors through the door again and giving them the experience of seeing wheat ground into flour with stones just as it has been for thousands of years before the recent invention of steel roller mills.

For further information please visit www.fordendwatermill.co.uk

Cheers all!
Chug (Chris Tugby) Mill Manager

Pitstone Heritage Park

Your fantastic local centre for history, arts and crafts, will open its gates to the public again for the first time this year on Easter bank holiday Monday 6th April. For those of you who have never been, you have been missing a gem of an attraction right at the heart of your community. For those of you who are regulars, there will be lots of new things to see.

Our loyal team of volunteers has been working hard over the winter months to build three new attractions. We have been lucky to have been given the entire contents of a private museum, comprising artefacts from all aspects of life from the last hundred years or so. The artefacts were collected by Colin Cook in Stopsley who displayed them in buildings in his garden. When he died last year his wife Gina kindly offered us the collection and we have converted the loft space of one of our old buildings, to house this fascinating display.

The second new room will be a model engineering workshop which will display and demonstrate some beautiful examples of miniature, working engines, many constructed by one of our longest serving volunteers, Peter Keeley, who sadly died last year but left us his workshop where he spent many hours on model engineering.

Finally, a more unusual exhibit will be a bookbinding shop where Roy our retired professional bookbinder will be demonstrating a craft that many of us know very little about. This should fit in well with our recently refurbished print shop, also run by professionals, demonstrating how printing used to



be done.

You can see our new video on youtube or check out our website www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk

All our usual attractions such as the Lancaster Bomber Cockpit, the 27litre Gas Engine, the huge rack saw and the 1940s room, will be back, along with an updated shop and our usual brilliant refreshment area. Have a go at pottery or lace making or watch demonstrations, bring your children and dogs or come on your own and make some new friends.

Pete Farrar



**50% off
Joining Fee**

offer valid at participating locations for new customers.

Other classes available in Tring, Halton, Wendover, Aylesbury & Weston Turville

jazzercise.

Fit, fun & fabulous!

CHEDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday 7.00 pm

Tuesday 9.45 am

PITSTONE MEMORIAL HALL

Wednesday 7.30 pm

WILSTONE VILLAGE HALL

Monday 9.30 am

Tuesday 6.00 pm Lo

Wednesday 9.30 am

Thursday 9.45 am Lo

Friday 9.45 am

Saturday 9.30am

- The 50plus -

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Handyman

- From small works..
- To larger projects

- Free estimates
- Friendly advice
- NICEIC & Gas Safe personnel
- Free 50plus HomeCare Club for discount always and great offers

0845 22 50 495

By the 50plus for people of all ages
Calling from a mobile? Use 01494 784 448

www.the50plus.co.uk



RGC

Agricultural &
Horticultural Engineers

Mursley, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK17 0SA



Tel:(01296) 720066

sales@rgcengineers.co.uk

www.rgcengineers.co.uk

Sales, Service & Repairs

Garden Tractors

Chainsaws • Strimmers

All Garden & Ground

Care Equipment

Compact Tractors, Quads etc.

Service & Repairs to most leading makes of machine.

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

Plumb it all

Professional Plumbing and Heating Engineer

Gas Safe Registered

Full Central Heating Systems

Gas & Oil Boiler Servicing

Bathroom Installations

Small Jobs happily undertaken

Ring Richard on:

01296 709961 or 07720 265645

email: rick@plumbital.eu



Tring Market Auctions

Independent Fine Art & Chattel Auctioneers and Valuers. Est 1832

**Auctioneers & Valuers of Fine Art,
Antique Furniture & Collectables**

Fortnightly General Sales of General Furnishings & Effects

Antique Furniture & Fine Art Sales

Total & Part House Clearance Specialists

If you can't find it here you won't find it anywhere!

Buying or Selling, contact us on 01442 826446

The Market Premises, Brook Street, Tring, Herts HP23 5EF

Website: www.tringmarketauctions.co.uk

Email: sales@tringmarketauctions.co.uk

ABLE

BATHROOMS

07891 449077

ableplumbing@hotmail.co.uk

John Able

REFERENCES
PROVIDED

- Plumbing
- Heating
- Plastering
- Ceramics
- Electrical

**Designed, supplied
and installed**

Look what you could have made!!

Many thanks to the four local families and two "Out of Townies" who supported the 2nd and last) Annual Christmas Craft Extravaganza in aid of Beacon Villages Community Library at Ivinghoe Town Hall on 20 December 2014.

I say last, because this meagre level of support barely covered the cost of the Hall hire fee, let alone the material costs, leaving the Library as the supposed beneficiary receiving nothing from this event. Sadly therefore I see no benefit in continuing in future years.

Those that did attend had a great time making an OLAF sock character, a fir wreath, fir cone Santas, Robins and Reindeer, Christmas Crackers, an OLAF melting biscuit, a decorated snowflake and various Frozen themed colourings and bookmarks.

Many thanks to our helpers on the day – Alex, Amelia, Christine, Georgina, Gill, Juliet, Kim, Sally and Stella, and of course a very special Thank You for her many hours of preparation and organisation work to Sally Needham.



THE ANNUAL JULY CONCERT

at

St. Mary's Church Pitstone

will be held on

July 18th 2015

at 7.30pm



PLEASE HELP

Does anyone have a laptop capable of running up to date versions of Windows that they could donate to the Watermill?

News from the Parishes

Family Friendly Informal Worship at:

Ivinghoe: 10am Sunday 1st February
Christingle service – an informal service with music group and activities for the children to mark Candlemas.

Slapton: 10am on Sunday 15th February
'Messy Church' and breakfast in the Village Hall.

Marsworth: 10am on Sunday 22nd February 'Messy Church' and breakfast.

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 22nd February.

Everyone is welcome and it's free.

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 gathering will be on **Sunday 15th February** at 10am.

Other messy activities at Slapton

Alternate Tuesdays:

Tots and Tiddlers for the under 5s.

Crafts, stories, action songs and

refreshments at 3pm, followed by:

After School Club for 3-11 years –
crafts, cooking and refreshments.
3.30-5pm.

Dates for After School Club in
February: Tuesday 10th February.

Contact Barbara on 01525 221080 or
speak to David or Wendy Mann on
01525 221202.

'Not Sunday, Not School' After School Club –

Alternate Thursdays at Ivinghoe Church

These sessions are held fortnightly from 3.30pm – 5pm. The children will be provided with refreshments and the sessions generally include craft activities, games and cookery. This club is 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.**

After School Club dates for February:
Thursday 12th February.

Church Activities for February

An Ash Wednesday service on
18th February will be at 9.15am at
St Mary's, Ivinghoe.

Lent groups:

During Lent our regular Bible study groups would particularly welcome anyone wishing to join them for this period preparation for Easter.

The Monday evening group will follow a course written by Archdeacon Karen on theme of 'horizons'. The Thursday morning

group will be reflecting on our ongoing spiritual journey in the second half of life. See below or contact group leaders for more details.

Lent is not about giving up chocolate. Fasting has been used by Christians since earliest times not as an end in itself but as a means to an end. The purpose has always been to deepen our relationship with God through focussing on our prayer lives. To commit time to meeting with other Christians to focus on our faith and pilgrimage would be much more true to the spirit of Lent than not eating sweets.

Bible Study Groups

We will be delighted to welcome you to our friendly meetings. 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.

Benefice Morning Prayer

Dates for Morning Prayer this month will be Monday 9th and 23rd February at 10.30am.

Men's Group

Detailed information on events is circulated by email; please contact **charles.e.thorogood@btinternet.com** to be included in the circulation.

New members and new ideas are always welcome.

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.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from a helping hand, please get in touch with **Barbara De Butts** on **01525 221080** or **Sandra Green** on **01296 668648.**

After a strictly confidential chat we will arrange for a box of groceries to be delivered to your door.

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

Funerals: We pray for the families of **John Horn** whose service and internment took place on 8th January at St Mary's, Ivinghoe.

Kathleen Coleman whose service and internment took place on 9th January at St Mary's, Ivinghoe.

Sheila Levy whose internment took place on 21st January at St Mary's, Ivinghoe.

Michael Tom Culley whose service at St Mary's Ivinghoe and internment at St Mary's Pitstone took place on 21st January.

Terence John West whose service and internment took place on 26th January at St Mary's, Ivinghoe.

	1 st Sunday 1 st February Candlemas	2 nd Sunday 8 th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	3 rd Sunday 15 th February Sunday Next before Lent	4 th Sunday 22 nd February 1 st Sunday of Lent
Marsworth	8 am BCP Holy Communion	4pm BCP Evensong	10am Holy Communion	10am Messy Church
Ivinghoe	10am Christingle	9.15 am Holy Communion	9.15am Morning Praise	9.15am 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

Regular Events:

Sundays	9.15am	Children's Church	Ivinghoe
Mondays	10.30am	Benefice Morning Prayer (9 th /23 rd)	Ivinghoe
	7.30pm	Bell Practice	Ivinghoe
	8.00pm	Choir Practice	Marsworth
	8.00pm	Bible Study for Lent	Pitstone
Tuesdays	3.00pm	Tots & After School Club (10 th)	Slapton
Wednesdays	9.15am	Holy Communion	Ivinghoe
Thursdays	10.00am	Bible Study for Lent	Ivinghoe
	3.30pm	After School Club (12 th)	Ivinghoe
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	Ivinghoe
Fridays	9.45am	Tots Praise	Ivinghoe

Ash Wednesday (18th February)

Wednesday 18th February 9:15am Holy Communion Ivinghoe

Sunday Services February 2015

	1 st Sunday 1 st February Candlemas	2 nd Sunday 8 th February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	3 rd Sunday 15 th February Sunday Next before Lent	4 th Sunday 22 nd February 1 st Sunday of Lent	1 st Sunday 1 st March 2 nd Sunday of Lent
Bible Readings	Malachi 3:1-5 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40	Proverbs 8:1:22-31 Colossians 1:15-20 John 1:1-14	2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38
All Saints Marsworth	8am BCP Holy Communion	4pm BCP Evensong Psalm 104:25-36 HOAN 103 HOAN 33 HOAN 532 HOAN 46	10am Holy Communion MP 111 MP 888 MP 617 MP 708	10am Messy Church	8am BCP Holy Communion
St Mary Ivinghoe	10am Christingle To be decided	9:15am Holy Communion HOAN 306 HOAN 701 HOAN 169 HOAN 344	9:15am Morning Praise HOAN 64 HOAN 60 HOAN 416	9:15am Holy Communion HOAN 173 HOAN 141 HOAN 368 HOAN 493	10am Worshipping Together To be decided
Holy Cross Slapton All hymns tbc	10:30am Morning Praise MP 28 MP 58 MP 85	10:30am Holy Communion MP 103 MP 149 MP 52 MP 119	10am Messy Church in the Village Hall	10:30am Holy Communion NEH 67 NEH 357 NEH 294 NEH 420	10:30am Morning Praise MP 161 MP 212 MP 248

Pastor Dave Calling...

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

I included this quote which is credited to John F. Kennedy in my article for the previous edition. Little did I know then how change would hit us a family. It is with sadness that I have to inform you that my family and I will be moving from Pitstone in July as my contract finishes with the Fellowship in June. It has been an enjoyable experience coming from a busy town setting to a small village which only sees a chip shop once a week! There's cholesterol hit on every street corner in Dudley. We have enjoyed the peace and quiet, the scenery, the different types of soup we've tried at 'Souperlunches', and whilst it is a sad time for us the change hopefully will do us all good.

The Chapel Fellowship has already begun to search for new pastor to take over the duties of preaching and looking after the flock. There was a strong feeling that it was not yet time to 'shut up shop' and activities we are involved in like First Thursday Friends will continue in the foreseeable future in some form.

The Car Scheme has proved very successful over the past few years and has been well received by those who have used it. I still think there are many others who do not avail themselves of what I think has become a lifeline for some to get to medical appointments, even if I have had to get up at six in the morning to get Day Procedure patients in to High Wycombe for 7.30! We will need a new Co-Coordinator, someone willing to have their name a phone

number scattered to the four winds of Pitstone. It is not an arduous task and there is a small team of drivers to help, it is more like fitting a jigsaw together pairing patients with drivers. And you will be pleased to know that there is NO EXTRA MONEY for doing it. Please contact me if you are interested.

Pitstone Surfers who meet on Wednesday morning for computer tuition is an uncertain proposition at present. I have had to cancel the last two terms because of the lack of interest which has meant room hire etc has not been viable. If anyone would like to take it on please let me know.

I hope that others will volunteer to assist Dave Nicholls with the monthly Film Club and Alex Wynne with Souperlunches, both are valuable events for the Ivinghoe and Pitstone Communities and would be missed should they have to cease through lack of helpers. Please think about it.

We have met some truly lovely people, and made some great friends in our time in the village. We hope that we have made some small contribution to improving life in the community both spiritually and practically. We pray God's blessing upon all who live here and may the village prosper in its sense of community and togetherness. Finally, as an outsider, cherish what you have here in the villages and surroundings, they are a blessing.

'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.'
(Ephesians 4:2)

Every blessing from the Fellowship.
Pastor Dave Clifford: 01296 668906.



'The Chapel Fellowship'

JOIN US! at the

MILLENNIUM HALL SUNDAYS at 10.30 a.m.

**Friendly, Informal
atmosphere for Worship.
Children Welcome!
Refreshments after Service**

Pastor Dave and Sheridan Clifford

12 Windsor Road

Pitstone

Leighton Buzzard

BEDS. LU7 9AY

Tel:- 01296 668906

Mob:- 07737 350183

Email: davidclifford954@sky.com

The Churches together SOUPER LENT LUNCHES

Will take place in Pitstone Memorial Hall
On Thursday February 26th 2015
at 12-1.30pm

Tickets at £6.00 (£3.00 for children)
From Margaret Cole **01296 668005**
Or Alex Wynne **01296 668336**

Gifts of Raffle prizes are welcome

Order your tickets soon as this is always a very popular event and is the only lunch this year. If you would like to join the team who prepare and serve the SOUPER LUNCH you will be made very welcome, please contact Margaret or Alex.

All the money raised will go to our local hard pressed charities as usual, watch out for the posters around the villages nearer the time. Put the date in your diary now and bring your friends too.



Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 15th May 2015

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2015 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2015 we want to make the batter matter and raise £40,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £20,000 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

1st Thursday Friends



CREAM TEAS
4th DECEMBER 2014
5th MARCH 2015
7TH MAY 2015

FRIENDLY CHAT AND
CREAM TEAS FROM £2.

!! NO MEETING IN JANUARY 2015 !!

FILM MATINEE
5th FEBRUARY 2015
2nd APRIL 2015
4th JUNE 2015

FREE FILM,
FREE POPCORN AND ICES!
DONATIONS WELCOME



*1st THURSDAY FRIENDS IS OPEN TO ALL AND ORGANISED BY
 'THE CHAPEL FELLOWSHIP' WHO MEET SUNDAY AT 10.30 a.m. IN THE MILLENNIUM*

ALL EVENTS START AT 2.00p.m.

Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub

Ivinghoe High Street

Ivinghoe

Leighton Buzzard

Bedfordshire

LU7 9EX



Spring Market

Saturday 4th April 2015 – 10am – 3pm

This is an indoor and outdoor event, indoor spaces are on a first come first served basis. We will contact you to advise if you are inside or outside.

Name _____ Business Name _____

Contact Number _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

☐ I enclose a cheque for £15.00 for my table

☐ I enclose £15.00 cash for my table

Table Content _____

How many chairs will you need? _____

Are you able to bring your own gazebo? _____

Do you have any special considerations? _____

For more information, please feel free to e-mail us at

Hayleywesley79@gmail.com or telephone 07775 831153. Forms should be returned to Miss Hayley Wesley, CuriosiTEA Rooms at the above address. Cheques made payable to Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub.

Set up will be from 9.00am.

Aylesbury and district ramblers walk programme February – May 2015



Date & Start Time	Brief description	Start gridref	Miles Grade	Longer description	Contact
Thu 05/02/2015 10:00	Marsworth Circular Walk Section 2	SP928148	7.5 M	Fairly flat canal & reservoir walk - similar to OAR Section 2 walks 2 & 3. Meet at Red Lion Pub (HP23 4LU) parking in car park for those taking a pub lunch, or in adjacent street.	Peter & Lesley 01296 651653 07432 572534
Sun 08/02/2015 10:00	Whipsnade and Surrounding Area	TL016180	7 M	Meet at Whipsnade Heath Car Park (nearest postcode LU6 2LL for Sat-Nav). Walk covers a variety of terrain to include Dunstable Downs and the Tree Cathedral. Bring Food and drink.	Ros 01296 434714
Tue 10/02/2015 10:30	Easy walk with no stiles from Ashley Green	SP978053	4.5 L	Meet at the Memorial Hall car park (sat nav HP5 3PN) on Two Dells Lane at Ashley Green for varied walk. Optional lunch at Golden Eagle pub. Numbers for lunch in advance please.	Lindsay 01296 613237 07905 484581
Thu 12/02/2015 10:00	A flat walk over open fields in the Dinton/Ford area	SP758108	6.5 M	Park at the Bottle and Glass Gibraltar for a walk towards Aston Sandford and Ford returning via Dinton. May be muddy. Lunch at the pub if you wish.	Ron & Jen 07800 720018 07969 008442
Sun 15/02/2015 10:00	Pitstone Circular Walk OAR Section 3	SP926162	10 M	Meet at Cooks Wharf car park by canal. Heading towards Pitstone, from Marsworth on B489 take 1st left to Cheddington, car park 1km on left. OAR Section 3 walks 4 & 5, fairly flat with slight hills and canals. Bring snacks for 2 stops en-route.	Peter & Lesley 07432 572534 01296 651653
Sun 22/02/2015 10:00	Walking in the area east of Chalfont St Giles, some hills	SU991937	8 M	Meet at car park by library off the High Street, Chalfont St Giles. Walking via Philipshill Wood, The Swillett and Bottom Wood. Returning via Chiltern Way. Bring refreshments for a short stop.	John T 07719 936463
Tue 24/02/2015 10:30	Through the Parishes of Weston Turville and Halton	SP853108	4 L	Meet at Chandos Arms PH in Weston Turville. Level walk through the village, across fields and by canal towards Halton village. Optional lunch at pub.	Stephen & Anne P 07443 501615
Thu 26/02/2015 10:00	Hughenden Valley walk with hills and lovely views	SU865955	7 M	Park in car park below church at Hughenden Manor. Varied walk with some good views (and hills!) Taking in Downley Common, Downley and the Disraeli monument. Optional pub lunch at end	Maurice C 07767 787413
Wed 04/03/2015 19:30	Social Evening Old Millwrights Arms 83 Walton Road Aylesbury HP21 7SN	SP826134	Nil !!!	Join John & Tina for another sociable evening at the Old Millwrights. Situated between the Walton Street gyratory and the Tesco, Tring Road roundabout. Plenty of parking either outside or nearby streets. Drinks to suit all tastes - everybody welcome.	John & Tina 07770 421889
Sun 08/03/2015 10:00	Haddenham. Sections of Wychert Way & Outer Aylesbury Ring including gates funded by Aylesbury Ramblers	SP744094	10 or 6.5 M	Haddenham. HP17 8LG. Meet at small green opposite the Haddenham Post Office in Stanbridge Road. Walking to Dinton, Ford, Aston Sandford and Chearsley enjoying the recently installed gates. Option to stop at 6.5 miles.	Jim Robinson 01844 291831 07768 700678
Tue 10/03/2015 10:30	Exploring a quiet stretch of the Thame Valley	SP717107	4.5 L	Meet at The Bell PH in Chearsley for an easy circular walk via Nether Winchendon and Cuddington. One gentle climb and lovely views. Optional lunch at pub.	Stephen & Anne P 07443 501615
Sun 15/03/2015 10:00	A hilly walk above Great Missenden	SP895015	8 M	Meet at the Link Road car park in Great Missenden for a walk on the 'Ides of March' beware Caesar! Climb up via Ballinger and Lee Common. Sit for lunch with a drink from the Cock and Rabbit on the green if you wish; walk or stagger! downhill and duck under the A413 for a second time for home.	Roger Powell 07768 118529
Thu 19/03/2015 10:00	Wendover Woods and part of the Ridgeway. Hilly and possibly slippery at this time of year.	SP898083	6 M	Meet in free car park near exit from Wendover Woods. Picking up a bit of the Ridgeway then walking parts of Pavis and other woods before returning in a loop via Buckland. Likely to be slippery and some hilly bits so at least one walking pole recommended to help with balance.	Stuart 01296 624766
Tue 24/03/2015 10:30	Wing Circular Walk	SP883226	4 L	Meet at the Queen's Head, High Street, Wing LU7 0NS for a wander around the historical sites & views to Chilterns based upon part of the Wing Circular Walk. No great hills but stiles and cows. Pub lunch at end.	Malcolm O 07985 064705
Sun 29/03/2015 10:00	A circular walk from North Marston across open countryside	SP777227	8.5 M	Meet at North Marston School, car share if possible for lovely walk taking in Granborough, East Claydon, Hogshaw and Quainton. Excellent views, could be muddy. Bring packed lunch.	Sheila 01296 748468
Tue 07/04/2015 10:30	Black poplar streams in the Vale. A leisurely level walk.	SP868078	5 L	Meet in the Wendover Library car park for flat walk via Stoke Mandeville in search of 'devil's fingers', that is, the red blossoms of the male black poplar trees.	Joe Garver 01296 623868

Sun 19/04/2015 10:00	A circular walk around Little Missenden, Hyde Heath and Holmer Green	SU921990	8 M	Park and meet by Little Missenden Church. An easy walk with glimpses of the River Misbourne, on tracks, woodland and fields around these villages. Bring packed lunch	Gill 01296 748045
Thu 23/04/2015 10:00	Circular walk from Wilstone, via Buckland and Aston Clinton	SP904141	7.5 M	Meet at the Half Moon PH in Wilstone for a level walk following stretches of the Aylesbury Ring and the Grand Union Canal walk. Optional pub lunch.	Stephen & Anne P 07443 501615
Sun 26/04/2015 10:00	Ashridge Estate and surrounds	SP971130	8.5 M	Park near the Bridgewater Monument, Ashridge Estate for a circular walk to include Ringshall and Little Gaddesden. Bring packed lunch.	Tricia 07762 204292
Sun 03/05/2015 10:00	Hidden bluebell woods along some unfrequented paths, starting from Wendover with hills and views.	SP868078	9 M	Meet in Wendover Library car park to walk through bluebell woods from Grim's Ditch to Old Brun's Farm and beyond. Brief pub stop for drinks only - bring provisions.	Joe Garver 01296 623868
Thu 07/05/2015 10:00	Chess Valley. A fairly easy walk along good paths with a couple of gentle hills.	TQ033967	7 M	Meet in Rickmansworth Road car park on Chorleywood Common. Walking across the common, through woods and along bridle paths to Chenies and returning along the Chess Valley. Pub to be arranged	Mary L 01296 748512
Sun 10/05/2015 10:00	Grand Union Canal, Marsworth and Wilstone Reservoirs	SP920141	10 M	Meet at pay and display car park Startups, Marsworth. Walk to include canals, reservoirs, Wilstone Village and Tringford Reservoir. Bring packed lunch.	Vicki 01296 336890
Tue 12/05/2015 10:30	A level walk from Ford with moats and a medieval village	SP776092	4 L	Park 300 yards down Chapel Road signposted Ford Farms and Aston Mullins HP17 8XE. Bridleways, paths and tracks with some stiles. Views of the Chiltern Escarpment. Seven Stars for optional lunch.	Stephen O'Shea 01296 625590 07917 450042
Sun 17/05/2015 10:00	Dunstable Downs. Hills and views but all ascents taken at a comfortable pace.	TL008198	7.5 M	Meet in NT pay and display car park on Dunstable Downs. Passing through Tree Cathedral and Whipsnade, down to Studham and back up to Kensworth quarry. Bring refreshments for two breaks.	Mary L 01296 748512
Tue 26/05/2015 10:30	Long Marston & Puttenham - an easy walk over fields and along canal.	SP898156	4 L	Park at the Queen's Head pub (HP23 4QW). A walk across fields to Puttenham, then back along the Grand Union canal.	Adele 01296 748826 07933 752219
Thu 28/05/2015 10:00	Circular walk in the Chilterns from Whiteleaf Hill to foot of Coombe Hill	SP823036	7 M	Start at Whiteleaf Hill car park - walk to Cadsden, then Ridgeway to Chequers - who will be there ??? - along base of Coombe Hill, Ellesborough, Beacon Hill, Pulpit Hill fort. Some ascents/descents and good views.	Alan & Stella 01844 292466
Sun 31/05/2015 10:00	Circular walk from The Lee picking up the Chiltern Link on the return	SP900043	7 M	Park around the green at The Lee for a walk to Chartridge, on to Braid Wood, passing through Ashridge Farm and then descending to Three Gate Farm. We will follow Arrewig Lane to Swan Bottom picking up the Chiltern Link back to The Lee. Bring refreshments.	Gwynne Jenkins 01296 623311

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 walking experience.

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

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

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

Please refer to

www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk

for full details Please refer to

www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk for full details.

Tales from the Compost Heap

From Christmas Tree to Catnip

Many of you will be wondering what to do, at this time of year, with your old and faded Christmas tree. There it is, still down the side of the garden shed – but how best to dispose of it?

Clearly, putting it in a skip is not an option; and dumping it at the roadside is most definitely out. Very usefully, some local authorities run a chipping service, which allows chipped trees to come to life again as valuable mulch and soil improver.

However, it seems those residents of Cambridgeshire who live near a certain zoo have another option; throw your unwanted tree to the lions. Said tree, an unlovely thing to most of us, is apparently viewed by big cats as a plaything, a source of great sport, the next best thing to catnip. Folk have taken

photos of lions apparently enjoying play fights with Christmas trees, positively hugging them to death. And any spare trees are used as fuel in the zoo's bio-burners.

Clearly, we cannot all set off for Whipsnade Zoo with our old trees; for all I know their lions may not even have discovered the fun aspects of such trees. Better by far to go for the chipping service; or, as an alternative for those who have the space, why not create an eco-pile of carefully stacked small branches in a shady corner of the garden? In the process of very gradually decomposing, it will provide a lovely habitat for slug-eating ground beetles and other useful inhabitants.

Barbara Cummings

www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk



- Hedge & Grass Cutting
- Tree Felling & Shaping
- Garden Maintenance
 - Stump Grinding
 - Rubbish Clearance
- Fencing
- Logs



01296 661508
 mobile: 07585 007109
 email: rmlservices@outlook.com
www.rmltreeandgardenservices.co.uk

Allotment update from the Parish Council

The front hedge has had its winter trim and any suckers or shrubs that could cause an obstruction to the footpath have been cut back.

The picnic area has also been trimmed and the hedges around it also trimmed. Any dead branches on the paths leading to the picnic area have also been taken down.

Work to the trees in Ragpit Lane is well under way. They include Sycamore seedlings which have got out of hand due especially to last years wet weather. Many are rotten and have been swamped by (the blessed) ivy and there is always the danger they could fall and block the lane. Although a private road, nurses and carers make daily trips to an

elderly resident who lives along there. It is the Parish Council's responsibility to ensure that trees on its land are well maintained and the lane is unhindered.

We have to say goodbye to one of our allotmenters who is leaving the area but welcome three new families who we wish well with their plots.

The allotment inspections will recommence in March.

The allotments look very sad at this time of year but the first snowdrops are through which makes us think Spring is just around the corner.

Happy gardening 2015 to all our allotmenters from the Parish Council.

Ivinghoe Parish Council



P. DYER ELECTRICAL

For all your Electrical & Testing & Inspection needs

- Re-wires
- Testing & Inspection
- Security Systems/Lighting
- LED & Low Energy Lighting
- Decorative Lighting
- PAT Testing
- Fuse Boards
- Fault Finding/Repairs

Fully insured, Part P registered, all work guaranteed.
Fast, friendly, reliable, local electrician. For a free, no-obligation estimate, call Paul on:



Tel: 01525 222109
Mobile: 07850 682815



MASONS
MINIBUS & COACH HIRE

25 / 48 / 51 / 53 / 57 / 71
Seat high quality vehicles

For all your travel arrangements
Local and long distance
UK & Continental

Tel: 01296 661604

2010 Brochure now available - please call for your free copy
email: info@masonsminicoachhire.co.uk
www.masonsminicoachhire.co.uk



Rainbows: Monday 4.30 – 5.30pm
Pitstone Memorial Hall
Guider: Elaine Thorogood
01296 661540

Brownies: Monday 5.45 – 7.15pm
Pitstone Memorial Hall
Guider: Elaine Thorogood
01296 661540

Girl Guides: Tuesday 7.00 – 8.30pm
Millennium Room, Pitstone
Memorial Hall Guider: Yvonne
Ashton **01296 660044**

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

Give Bowls a Go!

Open sessions for you

Every Tuesday at 2pm
Every Friday at 6pm

May to September

CHEDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB, your friendly local Club, is for everybody – all ages: beginners to experts.

Our Open sessions are an ideal opportunity to get to know bowls and refine your skills. Come with trainers or flat soled shoes. We will supply the rest.

Cheddington Bowls Club, The Recreation Ground, High Street,

Contacts: Nigel on 01442 824 679 or Sue on 01296 668 772



Sponsored by www.wisechoicewills.co.uk • 01525 220644

The Blindman

Curtain and Blind Specialists

Curtains . Poles . Tie Backs . Cushions

Roller . Pleated . Woodslat

Woven . Vertical . Venetian

**Huge choice of fabric
or supply your own**

Free friendly advice and quotation in the comfort
of your own home

01442 822 055 & 07767 783 955

www.theblindman.uk.com

Panache
interiors

- Soft furnishings for your whole home or simply one room
- Supplying bespoke curtains, blinds, loose covers, cushions, tracks & poles and lots more
- Complete service including design, fabric samples, measuring, making up and fitting

Sandra Ford

T: 01296 660868

E: sandra@panache-interiors.com

www.panache-interiors.com

Make a Will

AND LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

YOU DECIDE, who is to run your affairs, who gets what, guardians etc, not the State.

MINIMISE RISK of Inheritance Tax and the disinheritance of children.

Best Price Guarantee

from specialist Solicitors and professional Will Writers since 1999

**FREE
HOME
VISIT**

For a **DAYTIME** or **EVENING** appointment call

01525 220644

www.wisechoicewills.co.uk

Protect Your Home 100%

from
CARE FEES
and
PROBATE COSTS



Will Trusts
& Probate
Practice

A wise choice

James B Chadburn FBHI

Fine Antique clocks & Barometers

Specialist in repairs & restorations.

Valuations & clock finding service.

Advice & assistance on formation & disposal of private clock collections.

Quality clocks/barometers Bought & sold.



Telephone 01525 221165

Mobile 07790 000629

E-mail: info@jameschadburn.com

**DISCOUNT
GOLF
SHOP**

IVINGHOE GOLF CLUB

Wellcroft, Ivinghoe, Beds LU7 9EF

TELEPHONE 01296 668696

Windmill Pre-School

Happy New Year! We hope you had a great festive season and wish you all a happy and healthy 2015.

We are really pleased to be welcoming back lots of familiar returning children and their families and also opening the doors to many new faces. We've got some great activities planned for the children plus some great fundraising opportunities for you to get involved with. We hope you enjoy the forthcoming term with us and look forward to having your support.

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

Staff changes

We would like to welcome Melissa and Sue to the permanent team of staff and Louise to the team as 'Bank staff'. All are all very welcome additions to our great setting and we would also like to say 'welcome' to Donna. At the end of last term she was also 'Bank staff' but has now started the new term as a permanent member of our staff.

Dates for the diary and fundraising

For this second term of the year, we have organised a few little fundraisers. Fundraising is an important role for the Voluntary Management Committee as it allows us to invest in additional new equipment and fund some fun sessions run by outside organisations that other settings may otherwise have to ask parents to pay for. We hope that parents and carers will support us throughout

the year....

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

We will shortly be having another Textile Recycling session which is a great opportunity to have a big clear out of clothes, bags and shoes that are then weighed and turned in to cash for Pre-School. The collection will be taking place on Friday, 6th March and bags will be available to take home from early February.

At the end of March, we are planning on holding an Easter fun session over at The Pitstone Memorial Hall and this will be open to everyone who attends Pre-School and their parents and/or carers. Full details will follow shortly but we anticipate this being really fun with Easter themed crafts, treats, face painting and lots of yummy refreshments!

Slightly earlier than usual, in April, we will be having our annual sponsored walk around the villages and windmill field. This is open to all the children at Pre-School and we also invite parents and carers to join us as it's a great morning.

In May, back by very popular demand, we will be holding our regular spring-time Family Photo Session with ►

Ivinghoe and Pitstone's



Pre - School

Registered Charity Number 1032380

**If you have a child approaching pre-school age,
or are looking for a local setting, we would
like to invite you to our forthcoming**

**OPEN MORNING
Saturday, 28th February
10.00 am – midday
At the Pre-School building**

**We take children aged 2 to 5 years old
and are open 5 days per week 9.00am-3.00pm**

Please RSVP to:

admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk

www.windmillpreschool.co.uk



Photography by Carrie. This will take place on Saturday, 10th May and letters will go out in due course inviting you to pre-book your photo session.

At the end of February, we will be inviting parents and carers with children approaching pre-school age, or those looking for a pre-school setting, to our Open Morning. It will be a great opportunity to come and have a look around and speak to members of our Committee and staff. Leaflets will shortly be distributed and posters will be going up so please feel free to join us.

Thank you

On Wednesday, 17th December we held our annual Christmas Nativity at Pitstone Memorial Hall, followed by some Christmas fun and a visit from Father Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that came and supported the children and staff. It was a lovely performance and the children did really well. All the festive fundraising which included the children's uniquely designed Christmas cards, raffle, Nativity photos (which will arrive later this month), face painting and refreshments on the day helped raise around £400 which is a fabulous amount of money. This money will directly benefit all the children at Pre-School and shortly there will be a 'fundraising



barometer' in the foyer to demonstrate how your support at our fundraising events is spent throughout this academic year, so a massive THANK YOU from the staff and Voluntary Management Committee.

The staff would also like to say THANK YOU to everyone that gave them festive gifts and cards at the end of last term. They were very grateful and they wish you all a Happy New Year.

Parent partnership


Do you have an interesting job? Do you wear a well-known uniform to work? Or maybe you have an interesting hobby? We would love to hear from anyone that could come in and talk to the children about their job or hobby.

Also, could any parents spare a couple of hours to come and help out at Pre-School – either on a regular basis or just as a one off? Would you like to come and help out with some baking, messy play or gardening? Or maybe do some singing or reading with the children? We would love to hear from dads as well, so please do get in touch and speak to Kate.

Thank you for your continued support.

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





Brookmead School

Headteacher: Katherine Douglas

Bringing Learning to Life and Life to Learning

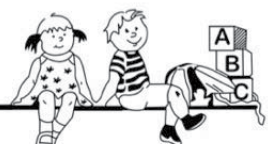
Our school is located in the beautiful Chiltern hills, which is something to be celebrated and shared. Established in 1967, Brookmead School provides a happy and stimulating environment that promotes an enjoyment and love of learning. We aim to enable all our children to reach their full potential, both as learners and as valuable members of our school and wider community.

Brookmead School is a Foundation Primary School for children aged 4 - 11 and serves the communities of Ivinghoe, Pitstone (including Castlemead) and Marsworth.

For further information or to arrange a visit please contact Mrs Kerr on 01296 668543 or email office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk.

Brookmead School, High Street, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EX
www.brookmead.bucks.sch.uk

Marsworth Pre School



Marsworth Millennium Hall, Vicarage Road, Marsworth HP23 4LR
Tel: 07506 179658 Email: enquiries@marsworthpreschool.org.uk

Marsworth Pre-School, held at Marsworth Millennium Hall, is a very popular village pre-school with an outstanding reputation, attracting children from a wide area.

Sessions available for ages 2 to 5 years, **FULL** or **PART** days:-

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Morning Session:- 9.00am - 11.30am
Lunch Club:- 11.30am - 12.30pm
Afternoon Session:- 12.30pm - 3.00pm

For further information, details of funding, session availability or to arrange a visit, please call 07506 179658 or visit our website
www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk

JTS DECORATING SERVICE & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

FIRST CLASS DECORATION WITH 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
ALL INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR DECORATION
COVING • WALL AND FLOOR TILING • PLASTERING
FLOOR STRIPPING AND RENOVATION

LOCAL REFERENCES AVAILABLE

Contact: **JOHN SARGENT**

Tel: **01525 240372** Mobile: **07809 113090**

Email: jts.dec24@gmail.com

FORD END WATERMILL IVINGHOE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The only working watermill to survive intact in the county. The mill, recorded in 1616 but probably much older, was in use until 1963.

Now restored by volunteers and run by Ford End Watermill Society, it retains all the atmosphere of a small farm mill of the late 1800s.

Visitors can work the sack hoist and mill wheat on a rotary hand quern. Stoneground wholemeal flour for sale on milling days.

OPENING TIMES 2015

Afternoons 2.00–5.00pm. 6th April – Easter Monday, 4th May – Early May BH Monday, 10th May – National Mills W/end, 25th May – Spring BH Monday, 14th June – Sunday, 12th July – Sunday, 9th August – Sunday, 31st August – BH Monday, 13th September – Sunday, 11th October – Sunday As part of Tring Apple Fayre.

MILLING DEMONSTRATIONS (water level permitting)
between 2.30pm–4.30pm approx

Last admission 4.30pm. Admission: Adults: £3 children (5–15) £1

Ample car parking – no toilet facilities Restricted disability access

School and other parties welcome by arrangement.

Contact: Mill Manager - Chris Tugby, millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk

or Telephone: 01442 825421. www.fordendwatermill.co.uk



LOCATION
Station Rd, Ivinghoe, Bucks LU7 9EA
600 metres from the church along
Station Road.
The B488 to Leighton Buzzard.



**Is your money working hard
enough for you?**

Your savings – are your investments performing as you expected? Why not try our **ISA Review service?**

Your insurance – is your life, critical illness or other insurance value for money? Why not try our **Premium Comparison service?**

Your retirement – are your pension plans on-track or are you are retiring soon? Why not use our **Annuity Search service?**

Your mortgage – are you on the most competitive deal? Why not try our **Mortgage Search service?**

**Why not contact Paul Pearce, a Chartered Financial Planner,
for a no obligation initial conversation?**

Email: hello@finpru.com

Telephone: **01525 220 480**

Financially Prudent (IFA) Ltd,
23 The Green, Edlesborough, LU6 2JF

Financially Prudent (IFA) Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority



IVINGHOE CONSTRUCTION

**for All your
Building
Requirements**



Ivinghoe Construction Ltd,

E: ivinghoebuild@gmail.com

Tel: 01525 221642

Mob: 07850452492



Ashridge Estate Spring News

We're open!

Don't forget the Visitor Centre and National Trust Shop is now open all year round 10am – 5pm (or dusk if earlier) with just Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Closed.

Wildlife at Ashridge

February is a great time to go for a walk on the Estate and try and spot some of our more unusual winter bird visitors. Wrap up warm and see what you can discover!

Many birds fly to the UK to spend the winter here, where the weather is warmer than in their Scandinavian breeding grounds.

In the mixed finch flocks look out for some of the more uncommon

species such as brambling. Similar to chaffinch, but with an orange rather than pink colouration, the bramblings are particularly fond of beech mast.

Another finch to look out for is the crossbill. You may find these amongst the conifer trees. Crossbills have specialised beaks which enable them to extract seeds from pine cones.

The numbers of ground-dwelling woodcock are boosted in winter by migrants from NE Europe. With their long bills, woodcock probe in the wet mud to find invertebrates to feed on. They are secretive and hard to see, but you may come across them in quiet corners of the woodland.

Get Involved

Are you interested in getting involved in volunteering at the Ashridge Estate and joining the team? Here are some of the opportunities we currently have.

Countryside Volunteers: Our rangers have two regular groups of volunteer who help with scrub clearance and other maintenance and monitoring across the Estate. They meet every Thursday and once a month on Sundays.

Maintenance Volunteer: Help us keep the presentation of the Visitor Centre and surrounding area in tip top condition.

Litter Pickers: Help us keep the Estate clean and tidy. This essential job takes place one Sunday a month.

Mobility Scooters: Help provide this valuable service to our less mobile visitors. Volunteers work in pairs to loan out scooters to visitors who want to explore the Estate but can't do so on foot or by bike. Training on how to use the scooters is provided.

If you are interested in any of the posts please contact us at: helpingashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk

Exciting New Events:

Candlelit Walk – This February half term we have an exciting new event at Ashridge. A Candlelit Walk. Friday 20th February 5.30pm – 9pm. £1 per person.

Follow a trail around the Meadley's Meadow lit by candles. At various points there will be feature lighting effects such as floodlit trees and Swedish candles. An event suitable for all the family. The route is on a surfaced track which is pushchair and wheelchair friendly.

You can also come along during the week to make your own coloured jam jar lantern at the Visitor Centre and then bring it with you to help light your way along the trail. Monday 16th – Friday 20th Feb, 10 – 4pm **£1 per child**.

Cadbury Easter Egg Trail

Friday 3rd – Monday 6th April 10 – 4pm

Put on your wellies and join us for our annual Easter Egg Trail. Follow the trail through the woods and answer questions along the way to earn your chocolate reward! **£3 per child**.

Dawn Chorus

Saturday 25th April or Saturday 2nd May 5am – 7am

Yes, we know it's early! But getting up to experience the dawn chorus should be on everyone's list of things to do. As a reward for your early start we will provide you with a cup of tea and a bacon sandwich at the end of the walk. **£15 per adult, £10 for children**.

For our full list of events please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge or to book your place contact the Visitor Centre on **01442 851227**.

Lauren Wise Visitor Services Officer

Launch party for beautiful music from a talented duo



Radiance Collection. Last year they hosted a party to officially launch this beautiful musical collection, at the rather lovely **The Other World Gallery** in Winslow, Bucks. The lady who runs the gallery, **Lauren Isherwood** was only too happy to let her charming premises be taken over for the evening. The Other World is a shop also, and stocks the Radiance collection that Kit and Jo have produced, under the name of **Synth Music Direct**. The ambience and relaxing atmosphere that one can feel in Lauren's gallery is very apparent to those who want to find it.

Also present were several therapists who have commissioned Jo and Kit to customise some of their music to fit exactly to what they need for administering their various treatments to clients in need of relaxing reiki, or massage, amongst other things. These included Rachel Weber of Time and Space Therapies in Pitstone, Karen Puttick who is an accomplished clinical hypnotherapist, Sam Allen who runs several stalls under the banner of Pagan Peace, in places such as High Wycombe and Uxbridge. Many others of similar ilk were present, including two ladies, Linda and Christine from Crystal House Wellbeing Centre in Leighton Buzzard.

Also, yours truly, a writer from Leighton Buzzard who finds this music perfect as a backdrop to writing, proof reading and anything related. Rachel, being an expert in holistic massage, pregnancy and post-natal reiki, and delivering bespoke treatments to suit

individual clients' needs, had Kit and Jo make up a mix of soundscapes from their existing library. Karen, conversely, had them create an original piece of music, with her input and her own voice, for use alongside her hypnotherapy treatments. Both have found this music to be perfect for their needs, while Sam stocks and sells the CD's from the collection on her Pagan Peace stalls. So this goes to illustrate how different people doing different things, having different needs, all find their own benefit and enjoyment through this innovative type of music.

As mentioned earlier, there are five CD's in the Radiance Collection, namely Black, White and Pointed, Poetrical, Book of Colours, The Moons of Jupiter and, my personal favourite, the fantastically put together **For a Breeze**. During the evening both Kit and Jo went on to explain a little more about how they create their music, with the significance and benefit that people can gain from it. Beautifully handmade little 'goody-bags' were gifted to those present, put together by Jo, who is also very talented as the creator of the artwork on the sleeves of all the CD's. Each bag contained a brass incense burner, three incense cones of differing fragrances, hand picked tumble stones and a unique 'mood tag'. The idea being that one would light the incense, play one of the soundscapes and hold the stones, allowing yourself to 'slip off' into whichever mood the whole thing creates for you. You can then jot down on the tag whatever it was that this created for you specifically, individually.

The green bag they gifted, with hand picked tumble stones, is designed to 'energise and motivate', with the purple bag selection tuned to 'relax and soothe'. There was a third, a blue bag, as a specific gift for the evening, minus the tumble stones, but with a small box of cinnamon cones. They also gifted us with a really rather good sample disc, containing one track from each CD in their Radiance Collection. As the sleeve notes say 'embedded with as much positive energy as possible'. Indeed they are, as the whole evening was filled with so much positive energy, in a relaxing, far from stressed, way.

For therapists, lovers of synthesiser music, those suffering from a lack of positive energy or inspiration, those who are able to administer treatments that help to find that positivity, and even those who merely find this music the perfect accompaniment to relaxing or working, you really must check this out. You can find their music at various outlets, including those already mentioned, as well as at soundcloud, **www.soundcloud.com/jana-oracle** and their brand new website **www.trixierecords.co.uk** or simply look for **Synth Music Direct** on Facebook.



Pastor Dave Clifford

'The Chapel Fellowship'

Tel:- 01296 668906 Mob:- 07737 350183

Email: davidclifford954@btinternet.com

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 £
TRING	£3.00
STOKE MANDEVILLE	£7.00
CHESHAM	£6.50
L & D HOSPITAL	£7.00
AMERSHAM	£8.50
HIGH WYCOMBE	£14.00
JOHN RADCLIFFE	£17.50
NUFFIELD, OXFORD	£17.50

**DRIVERS
NEEDED!**

**COORDINATOR
NEEDED!**

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.

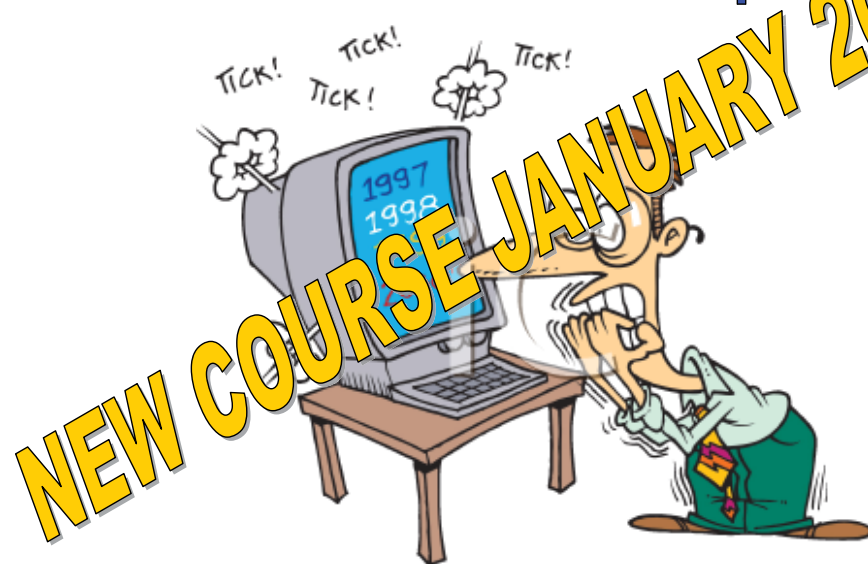
The volunteer will usually wait while the appointment is taking place, and then take the resident home. However, there may be circumstances where the return trip is much later or another day. In this case, each journey will be classed as return – as the volunteer will need to return to Pitstone using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

Is This Your Idea of Computers?



'I & P SURFERS'
Why not come and try
a session -

at THE MEETING ROOM, PITSTONE HALL

10.30 - NOON - WED. 21st JANUARY 2015

For further information Contact Pastor Dave Clifford on 01296 668906

The King's Head, Ivinghoe 01296 668388

Birthdays ?
Anniversaries ?
Getting married ?
Just getting together



Don't forget our
Bon Appetit Luncheon Menu
(Mon—Sat) @ £21.95
Perfect for ladies who lunch!

The King's Head is YOUR village's
fine dining restaurant.

Celebrate in style and let us make your
special occasion one to remember!

The King's Head
"Welcome Card"

15% discount Monday to
Thursday evenings and many
more benefits.
Call 01296 668388
to claim yours



www.kingsheadivinghoe.co.uk



Do you want a local reliable

PLUMBER

that you can trust?

*Installation of bathrooms, kitchens, washing machines,
taps, radiators, towel rails etc.*

Call John Byrom in Pitstone 07860 340 130

Email: john@johnbyromplumbing.co.uk

Looking for your next holiday?



We can find it for you

- Friendly, honest advice from an independent travel agency
- Extensive experience to arrange every detail
- Using fully bonded tour operators
- No Booking Fees



ACTIVITY & ADVENTURE
BEACH OR CRUISE
CITIES & SHORT BREAKS
ESCORTED TOURS
FAMILY HOLIDAYS
LUXURY & SPA
SAFARI & WILDLIFE
SNOW & SKI
TAILOR-MADE
VILLAS & APARTMENTS
WEDDING & HONEYMOON

Travel Impressions

A World of Experience

01442 890265

enquiries@travelimpressions.co.uk

www.travelimpressions.co.uk

Suite 4, George House, 64 High Street, Tring, Hertfordshire. HP23 4AF

Information entirely about Planning from District Councillor Avril Davies

Why are there suddenly so many big planning applications in rural areas?

In the last two years an unprecedented number of speculative planning applications for large numbers of homes on land not planned for development have been submitted to Aylesbury Vale District Council. This is because the new national planning policy introduced in 2012, and the scrapping of the South East regional plan which put a ceiling on numbers, means it is now presumed that planning permission will be given unless there is an overwhelming case against it.

Also encouraging locally to developers is that Aylesbury Vale has no longer got a required 5 year housing land supply, and the Council has failed twice to put in place a strong local plan to state local priorities which can interpret and adapt the national guidance to local needs.

Applications for mind boggling numbers are now accumulating across the Vale. For example as well as the approval in principle for 40 houses on land at Rushendon Furlong in Pitstone (not yet signed off) and 30 in Edlesborough in Cow Lane, 47 houses were approved on appeal in Aston Clinton on Stablebridge Road, their development currently delayed by the discovery of an Iron Age village on the site, plus another 47 on land



Avril Davies

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

off Chapel Drive, granted on an appeal with far reaching consequences for other decisions, leading almost directly to permission for 120 in Brook Street Aston Clinton. In Haddenham 280 were recently granted on the Glebeland, with still larger numbers applied for on other Haddenham sites. There are outstanding applications in Slapton, Waddesdon, Steeple Claydon, and many more.

Why are so many of these applications being allowed?

Many applications have been allowed because although Aylesbury Vale planners can still apply policies saved from previous plans, such as encroachment in to the countryside or detriment to the character of the landscape, a succession of planning

appeal judgements have given very little weight to these, stating instead that the benefits of supplying the houses needed for a five year supply of housing outweighs these considerations and the traffic growth. One of the first policies to be thrown out at appeal was the former limit on rural developments to 5 houses.

So planning applications are being judged on whether the 'good' in terms of providing a five year housing land supply outweighs the 'harm' as measured by the criteria in the NPPF for sustainable development. This is defined as building a strong competitive economy; promoting sustainable transport; delivering a wide choice of high quality homes; requiring good design; promoting healthy communities; conserving and enhancing the natural environment; conserving and enhancing the historic environment. When applications are submitted in outline only this is often hard to judge, which is why appeal judgements are so important in interpreting the guidance.

The two applications in Ivinghoe for 110 houses

The two planning applications for Ivinghoe are still not determined. The first application for 70 houses by Gladman has been referred to the planning inspectorate on the grounds of non determination by the planning authority within the statutory time limit, and the other adjacent one on The Park for 40 houses is still being evaluated at AVDC.

Ivinghoe conservation area revision

Meanwhile the long overdue revision of the 1971 Ivinghoe Conservation Area

has been published for consultation and can be viewed on line <http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/environment/conservation-listed-buildings/current-conservation-area-consultation/ivinghoe-conservation-area-review/> or in the Beacon Villages library. This proposes major extensions to the conservation area to include the Park and Ford End farm, and describes the significance of views in and out of the conservation area from all points.

Appeals won

It is not all bad news. What we think in Aylesbury Vale still holds some weight. On 26th January the appeal for three sites, Hampden Fields, Weedon Hill and Fleet Marston, totalling 5,800 houses, was dismissed. The inspector upholding in almost every detail the council's grounds for refusal. Even if these appeals had been allowed, The 5,800 would not have increased the 5 year supply as the sites would not have delivered any houses inside five years, as so much pre construction and infrastructure work as well as detailed plans would have been required.

Aylesbury Vale still one of the fastest growing areas

In Aylesbury the Buckingham Park and Berryfields developments, still being built out from an earlier plan, make Aylesbury Vale the fastest house building area in the country. In addition between Bierton and Broughton, 'Aylesbury East', 2450 houses have been given permission in outline and currently the detailed planning permission is being considered. A further 1560 between Bierton and Watermead are currently at appeal hearing. ►

Progress on a new plan for Aylesbury Vale

The new Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) was begun in May, and has just completed the 'call for sites' stage

<http://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/planning-policy/vale-of-aylesbury-local-plan/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-call-sites-response/>. These sites will all be examined for viability and deliverability, and consulted on next summer. The final plan is expected to be adopted in 2017.

Neighbourhood Plans

The third important strand for planning after the NPPF and the District plan is the Neighbourhood plan. Ivinghoe, Cheddington, Pitstone have had their respective neighbourhood areas

approved and the process of putting together a plan has begun, with Cheddington being further ahead having already held a public consultation. Slapton have made an application to designate an area for a plan.

Winslow has completed its plan and held a referendum as required. Wing, Marsh Gibbon Haddenham and Great Horwood are following closely behind.

Neighbourhood plans are intended to complement rather than contradict District Plans, so it is with interest we await the outcome of a judicial review brought by Gladman against the Winslow plan on the grounds it had no status without an overarching District Plan, as this will affect every neighbourhood plan currently being put together by hard working volunteers.



Tuesday 28 April 2015 IVINGHOE The Lawn, Station Road, LU7 9EB



The WI Baton will be taken on quite a journey before arriving at The Lawn at approx. 2.30pm. It will start on a Canal Boat during the morning, (by invitation only).

Then it will be transported by a Morris Traveller to the car park at the base of Ivinghoe Beacon. WI members and friends will walk to the top of Ivinghoe Beacon. Why not join us for a strenuous walk, we will be leaving the car park at 12pm. The WI Baton will arrive at The Lawn on a Vintage Tractor from Pitstone Museum at 2.30pm.

Parking on The Lawn is free.

There will be lots to do and see during the afternoon.

Refreshments from the Community Café will be available.

Stalls from various organisations, also lots of displays, craft, archives and more.

All the events will start at 2pm.

Singing from The Joyful Divas — Buckinghamshire's WI choir — during the afternoon.

Janice Langley, the NFWI Chair is coming to help us celebrate the WI Centenary, along with other guests.

The WI Baton will be handed over to Bedfordshire Federation at 4pm.

Why are we handing the WI Baton over at Ivinghoe? It is where the first WI was opened in Buckinghamshire, even before the Federation was started.

NHS

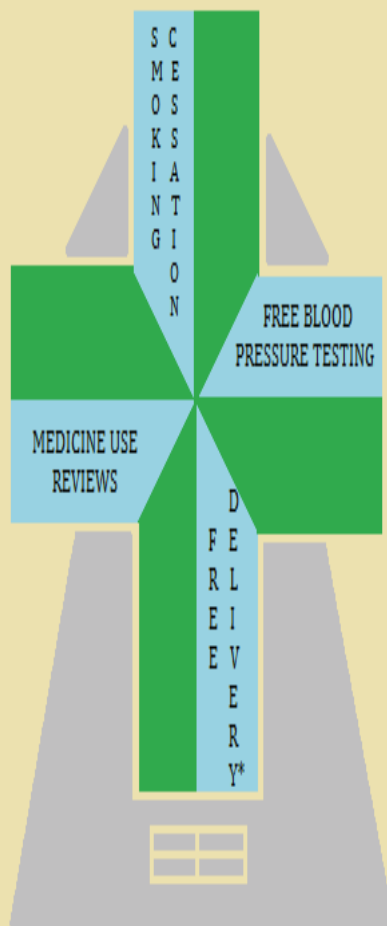
Your NEW Local Pharmacy!

NHS

WINDMILL PHARMACY

Are You Registered at any of these Surgeries?

- Little Rothschild House Surgery
- Yardley Avenue, The Village Surgery
- Eddlesborough Surgery
- The New Surgery



- Free Emergency Hormonal Contraception*

- Disposal Of Unwanted Medicines

- Pet Medicines

- Health Advice and Self-Care

- New Medicines Service

*conditions apply

We can now order and collect your prescriptions to save you time! Call or visit us today to register for this new free service

ADDRESS:

19 - 21 HIGH STREET, IVINGHOE, LU7 9EP

TEL/FAX: 01296 706 280

OPENING HOURS:

MON - FRI: 8:30am-1:00pm 2:00pm - 6:00pm

SATURDAY: 9:00am - 12:00pm

the
haldi
restaurant

**Wednesday Night
is Taster Night!!**

WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT?



MIXED STARTERS
CHEF'S SELECTION:
 LAMB
 CHICKEN
 KUFTA
 MIXED VEGETABLES
 RICE
 NAAN
 COFFEE

£12.95*
 per
 person

* Based on minimum of 2 people

80 Marsworth Road, Pitstone, Buckinghamshire LU7 9AS

Telephone **01296 662204 / 661223**

www.thehaldipitstone.co.uk www.facebook.com/thehaldirestaurant

Open 7 days a week including Bank Holidays

Sun-Thurs Noon-2.00pm • 5.30-10.30pm

Fri & Sat Noon-2.00pm • 5.30-11.00pm

Your local Councillors:

Cllr Karen Groom

Chair of Ivinghoe Parish Council,
Planning and Liaison Cllr for:
Beacon Villages Library, Town
Hall, National Trust and Windmill,
Beacon Magazine, Lawn Hire
and Allotments
Add: Willowdene Farm,
Ivinghoe, LU7 9EA
Tel: 01296 668 326
Email: karengroom@hotmail.co.uk



Cllr Gloria Snowdon

Footpaths, Planning, Lawn and
Trees, Chiltern and Beacon Villages
Society, Beacon Villages Library,
Lawn Hire
Add: 5 Ladysmith,
Ivinghoe, LU7 9EE
Tel: 07946 884 416



Cllr Peter Miles

Playgrounds, General Parish
Maintenance, Town Hall
Committee
Add: 56 Station Road,
Ivinghoe, LU7 9EB
Tel: 01296 668 471



Cllr Christabel Boersma

Vice Chair Ivinghoe Parish Council,
Planning Committee, Street Lights
and Highways, Schools, Local Area
Forum, Beacon Magazine and
Parish Council Website
Add: The Old Vicarage,
Church Road, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EH
Tel: 01296 661 532
Email: christabelboersma@hotmail.com



Cllr Carol Bennitt

Playgrounds, Footpaths (IA),
Local Area Forum, Ivinghoe Aston
Village Hall
Add: Beacon Farm Ivinghoe Aston
Tel: 01525 222 293
Email: carolbennitt@googlemail.com



Avril Davies

County and District Cllr
Ivinghoe Division
Add: The Old Bakehouse
Chequers Lane Pitstone LU7 9AG
Tel: 01296 668 152
Email: acdavies@buckscc.gov.uk



Chris Poll

District Cllr Eddlesborough Ward
Add: 43 Gooseacre
Cheddington LU7 0SR
Tel: 01296 663 737
Email: cpoll@aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk



Maxine Hayes

Clerk to the Council
Available the last Thursday of
every month in The Beacon Village
Library, High Street, Ivinghoe
between 2.30pm and 4.00pm
Tel: 07960 605393
Email: ivinghoe-parish-clerk@gmail.com



Brian Dale

Police Co-ordinator and Speedwatch
Add: The Old Raven Great Gap
Ivinghoe Bucks LU7 9DZ
Tel: 01296 661996
Email: oldravendale@yahoo.co.uk



Always:
Great Beer
Great Wine
Great Food
Great Welcome

And now:
Great Coffee
Great Tea
Great Cakes

Open from 11.00am Tuesday to Sunday

www.roseandcrownivinghoe.com



Ivinghoe Beacon Monument