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# Welcome from the Chair

I hope you're enjoying the summer, it's a busy time for the council.

## Ruth Benton

Ruth has stepped down as Parish Councillor based in Ivinghoe Aston. I would like to thank Ruth on behalf of the full council for all her hard work and efforts working for the community, we wish her well for the future.

There is a vacancy for a new Councillor, ideally based in Ivinghoe Aston. Details on our website.

## Ivinghoe Lawn

It's great to see so many people using the new fitness equipment installed on Ivinghoe Lawn, it's proving to be a great success. Wicksteed have advised that the equipment is suitable for youths/adults with a minimum height of 140cm.

Ivinghoe also has a new Viking Swing to replace the faulty basket swing.

Thank you to AVDC for their Community Chest Grant and Bucks Playing Field Association for their grant which have contributed towards the purchase of the equipment.

## Ivinghoe Aston Play Area

Ivinghoe Aston have two new toddler rides, we hope the toddlers enjoy playing on these.

## Footpaths and Hedges

With the summer growth, the hedges and footpaths have grown and have been obstructing the rights of way/footpaths. Where these are on private



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

land (such as the Lower Lawn) we must contact the owner to cut these back.

## Bucks best kept Village Competition

The judges visited in June, we should hear soon whether we've been successful.

## Speedwatch

The Councillors hosted a training evening in June where volunteers were trained to use the Sentinel camera. The Councillors and trained volunteers have been successful in 'catching' speeding motorists. The results of the traffic camera sessions are posted on the Speedwatch page of the website [www.ivinghoeipc.org.uk](http://www.ivinghoeipc.org.uk)

## HGV's

You have probably seen Ivinghoe Parish Council featured on BBC South Oxford TV twice and on BBC Three Counties Radio to highlight the increasing problems caused by HGVs travelling through Great Gap and Ivinghoe. BBC Three Counties also interviewed ►



residents. If you missed the TV clips they are available through our website on YouTube.

Unfortunately, an HGV hit three bollards opposite the Kings Head, we would like to get more robust replacements.

### Broadband

As we are going to press Ivinghoe PC are speaking to BT about slow broadband speeds within the parish. By the time you read this full detail should be published on our website.

### Ali Wade

Ali has stepped down as Advertising Manager of The Beacon Magazine. Ali has done an amazing job and we would like to say a big thank you.

Please keep checking the website for updates and information [www.ivinghoe.org.uk](http://www.ivinghoe.org.uk) or contact the Parish Clerk on 07960 605393.

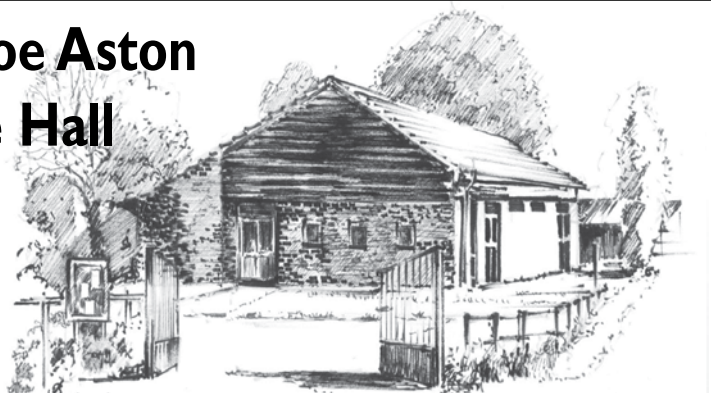
**Karen Groom**, Chair  
Ivinghoe Parish Council

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

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# RikkIAbout

## The Horrorball, 16th September 2017

At the time of writing, admittedly quite a while before the time of reading, there are just two tables left for the event of the year. There are also limited "entertainment only" tickets at £20.00. These can be used after 9pm. Please contact Maddie ([maddiet99@hotmail.com](mailto:maddiet99@hotmail.com); 07525 494117) if you would like these, and do check availability of the full tickets (£68) if you wish. Maddie would also be very grateful indeed for raffle prizes.

## Nobody expects the IA inquisition – The Laird of IA

"He's not in – go away", Vulcan barked in no uncertain terms. "Oh, leave it out" said Vulcan's mum, Spitfire, "he looks harmless enough to me". Moments later, my trouser legs still intact, Neil got back from the school run, and a wide-ranging conversation ensued. Rather than serialise it, I'll summarise it as best I can!

**Rikki:** Yours must be one of the oldest families in the village. How far can you trace the association back?

**Neil:** Records of the family begin in Aldbury. The family moved to Stilton in the late 1700s but returned to Aldbury and to Dagnall, where a wing of the family still lives. Ivinghoe Aston Farm was built in 1830 and my great grandfather was a tenant to the Ashridge Estate. The National Trust took over after WW1 and, as tenant, my grandfather, Thomas Ashby, had first dibs on purchasing, which he did. When the depression hit, he had the idea

of building the lime works. Ashby Villas were built to house farmworkers and kiln workers. Before the farm, the village was concentrated much more towards the north-west end and had almost died out. Half the kiln is still intact, near the layby – it has a heritage order on it. It's home to bats and a bloke turns up to check them out every now and then.

**Rikki:** What does your farming operation comprise now?

**Neil:** I now confine myself to sheep and landlording. I have 640 acres but all the arable is rented out. I used to do dairy but stopped that in 2001.

**Rikki:** So, being in agriculture, what's your take on Brexit?

**Neil:** I voted leave but it wasn't an easy decision. Every single rule comes from Brussels. Set-aside worked okay as a way of maintaining the economy whilst not overproducing, and I'm very much in favour in principle of payments for environmental stewardship, but the paperwork was horrendous and I now do pretty much all the environmental work off my own bat.

**Rikki:** What are your biggest bugbears as a landowner?

**Neil:** Fly tipping, without a doubt. Some of it, like wood and hardcore, I can make use of, but asbestos dumped on bridleways and leaky drums of waste engine oil in the brooks are no joke. The Council and the Environment Agency are usually no help, and

the (often considerable) costs fall on me.

**Rikki:** Changing the subject completely, I recall you once telling me that you are a Druid. I was hence a little surprised to see you and your family at the Christmas morning service at St Mary's. How does that work?

**Neil:** Actually it gets better! A couple of months back I had the Bishop of Oxford round. Adrian, the vicar, was hosting the Bishop, who said that he would like to visit a working farm. Adrian asked me, the "parish pagan"! My family have been heavily in tune with the Anglican Church. My grandmother and grandfather were church wardens and I'm still a member (but half expecting to get thrown out!). Christianity has much of its roots in paganism and I don't have too much difficulty reconciling the two. Five hundred Christian saints are pagan deities. I particularly like the story of St Bridget, an old Celtic god of fire and an important symbol of spring and renewal. She is now the patron saint of blacksmiths, firefighters and soldiers, so hasn't even changed her job! I have a strong belief in reincarnation and other worlds. My partner, Magda, is a Catholic, by the way.

*In the ensuing half-hour I learnt a great deal, including a clear connection between pagan philosophy and modern quantum mechanics theory on parallel universes and multiverse bubbles. There you go.*

**Rikki:** So back in our universe, how would you like to see Ivinghoe Aston develop?



**Neil:** I dream of Ivinghoe Aston as a self-sufficient community, with union flags flattering over everyone's individual veggie plots and orchards. As utopian and impractical as that is, I would like to see things slowly move that way. I believe that the more self-sufficient you are, the more freedom and liberty you have, as you lessen your dependence on wider society. So please, readers, support local business before others, rent an allotment, plant a tree, take time to talk to, and know, your neighbours, and we will all be happier.

**Rikki Harrington**

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*Please get in touch if you have any news, views or ideas!*



# The Yarn Storming



It must have been Summer 2015 when I walked into the Yarn Storming in Tring. I was so surprised and amazed that I stood and laughed. The colours were so riotous. Red, green, yellow and blue covered the bus shelter, the seats, the lamp posts, the bollards and the post box. It was such fun.

The bicycle was marvellous and I think it was this particularly that made me think we might do something similar. I still had a tricycle lingering in the shed and my daughter-in-law still had her pram. So I covered the tricycle with knitting and it was so easy and such fun.

When I suggested it to the W.I. members they were all immediately enthusiastic and so we began to knit lots and lots of coloured scarves. Easy knitting and friendly as you could talk at the same time! If you couldn't knit you could make a pom-pom or a tiger eye. The idea that we should all try and knit

a little dolly to represent ourselves also took off. Many of the dollies being made by our champion knitter Betty Crawford, mine included, Thank you Betty.

Thinking back to my school reports all those years ago, amongst the remarks about how she could do better, I am sure there was one remark saying 'she doesn't think the problem through to the end!'

My main aim was to create enough knitting to cover the area round the Town Hall where the W.I. has met continuously for 100years. When to take it down and what to do with it afterwards I stuffed away in my 'we'll deal with that later box'. So this winter I shall be bullying members to try and make blankets out of all our scarves. When I think back I shall remember the inside of the bus shelter and the wonderful bicycle outside the doctor's surgery in the Marsworth Road.

**Louise Emlyn Jones**



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# Ivinghoe and Pitstone W.I. 100 Year's old at last!

After a year of fundraising and organising, our 100th was upon us. Early in May, our member's attended the Bucks Federation of W.I.'s Annual Council meeting at the Waterside Theatre. Giles Brandreth was the main speaker along with two others. Our W.I. was presented with a certificate celebrating our 100th year and a surprise cake was presented by Jenny Street, our Chairman.

On the evening of 11th May we had a wonderful get together with village friends. Past and present presidents from our local W.I.'s and our Chairman Jenny Street also came along. Louise, our longest serving member, unveiled our new plaque to commemorate the occasion.

The yarn bombing was admired and we all enjoyed drinks and canapes served by Ali, Linda, Amelia, Annie, Elaine and Michelle – a big thank you to them! Carol, Bob and Louise did a wonderful job with our knitted dolls and Chris did all of the organising and displays of our archive material. Background music was provided by Eiluned. As Win has been our secretary for over 13 years we asked her to cut the cake. A big special thanks to all our wonderful W.I. members who have all worked so hard to make this a great year for our W.I.

On the 10th June we had a knitted float for the Church Fete and events coming up are:

**25th June – Cream Teas and Prosecco**  
at Pitstone Recreation Ground

**15th July – Boat cruise**  
(W.I. members only)

**14th September and 12th October – open evenings** for potential members,  
7.30pm

**21st October – Quiz evening**

A Felt day has been organised for the 11th November 10am until 3pm in Ivinghoe Town Hall. The cost is £20.00, bring your own lunch. A £10 deposit is required by the 10th August to secure your place. Please contact Sue on **660436** if you would like further information on any of the above items.

We have had some sad news; Stella Healey (our longest serving member) and Margaret Davies have sadly passed away. We will miss their happy faces at our meetings and send our love to their families.

**Sue Jones**  
President

# Ivinghoe Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Update July 2017

**At Last! A date for your diaries**

Although the Aylesbury vale local plan is still undecided, our own policy lead plan is almost complete. We are currently proof reading the document, adding photographs and collecting the huge amount of evidence we have gathered during the process of making the plan, which ensures that the plan is a considered and unbiased representation of the views of the residents gathered from the consultations and questionnaire exercises we have carried out to date.

This means that the plan outlines the development of the neighbourhood up to 2032 that we, the residents, would welcome, and those that we would not.

Once we have agreed with the district council that our plan is keeping with the

statutory guidelines we will present the plan to you, the residents, so that we can take into consideration any comments you might have before submitting the final plan for examination.

We realise that many people will be enjoying their well earned annual vacation during July and August, so we have booked:

- Village Hall, Ivinghoe Aston between 3:00pm and 9:00pm Tuesday 12th September 2017
- The Hub, Ivinghoe between 3:00pm and 9:00 pm Wednesday 13th September 2017

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**Malcolm Stubbs** IPNDP Chair



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

## Ivinghoe Town Hall regular events:

The Town hall is an ideal location for family parties or weddings so don't to book early.

Also, have a look at the regular Weekly events held at the Ivinghoe Town Hall.

## Why not try one of these regular weekly events

**Monday:** 4pm-8pm – **Ballet**  
Lisa (07834 281434)

**Tuesday:** 9.45am – 12pm – **Beacon Art**  
Marion (01296 661291)

**Tuesday:** 7pm – 8pm – **Zumba**  
Caroline (07941 092673)

**Tuesday:** 8.15pm–10.00pm – **New Moon Morris** Charles Thorogood (01296-661540)

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

**Thursday:** 7.30pm – 10.00pm  
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# The BeaconLit Festival



The BeaconLit Festival which has just taken place at Brookmead School was a gem. How lucky are we to have a literary festival right on our doorstep. The committee had arranged a stimulating and interesting group of speakers to come and talk to us. I was also amazed that we had such a wealth of writers who live in the two villages or connected through parents. The atmosphere during the breaks was relaxed and friendly with all participants chatting with each other.

The authors included Hugh Fraser perhaps best known for playing Capt Hastings in Poirot on TV. His third novel will be published this summer. He was in conversation with Adina Campbell from BBC South Today.

Adam Croft, who has sold more than a million thrillers, was in conversation with Dave Sivers. Rowan Coleman, who is a Sunday Times best selling author, took part in one of the panel sessions.



The last presentation of the day was a conversation with Karen Sullivan, owner of Orenda Books. I found this fascinating. Karen set up her own publishing business about 2 years ago. She now publishes about 20 books a year and she took us through the process from the manuscript to book. A lot of her books are in translation so she has to find translators as well. There is so much involved from designing book jackets to publicity and Karen oversees it all.

Next year give yourself a treat open your mind and do something different. You never know where it might lead.

## Dave Sivers



# Brilliant BeaconLit goes from Strength to Strength



Our very own literary festival, BeaconLit, took place on Saturday 8 July in Brookmead School and has been hailed as a great success by audience and participants alike.

The fifth festival included appearances by **Adam Croft**, one of the most successful independently published authors in the world; **Hugh Fraser**, best known for playing Captain Hastings in Agatha Christie's 'Poirot' and the Duke of Wellington in 'Sharpe', but also the author of three thrillers; and **Rowan Coleman**, whose fourteen novels include the bestseller *The Memory Book*.

BeaconLit's uniquely friendly and intimate 'village' atmosphere, coupled with its ability to attract an eclectic range of writers, broadcasters and publishers, have always made the festival special, and it is now established on the festival scene and going from strength to strength.

This year's event kicked off with the popular 'New Voices' panel, with rising stars *Steph Broadribb*, *Harriet Cummings* and *Clare Swatman*, who talked about their debut books, how they got published and what their immediate future holds. BBC TV 'South Today' presenter *Adina Campbell* conducted an entertaining interview with multi-talented *Hugh Fraser*, and then audience members could choose from an 'a la carte' menu of sessions, including a workshop run by author and blogger *Morgen Bailey*, local poet *Deborah M Hodgetts*, and freelance writer *Sandra Smith*.

After a break, *Adam Croft* was grilled by fellow crime fiction author *Dave Sivers* about his stunning success since his self-

published debut in 2011. He's now sold over a million books. *Rowan Coleman* led a panel of very different women authors – *Jean Fullerton*, *Christina Jones* and *Pitstone's* own *Hywela Lyn* – on 'What's in a Genre?' Apparently 80% of book buyers are women, yet some books are classed as 'women's fiction'. 'Why can't fiction just be fiction?' the panel pondered. The day ended with a lively 'in conversation' session with dynamic one-woman publishing house *Karen Sullivan* of Orenda Books talking to *Sandra Smith* about the fast-moving publishing landscape and what it takes for a small, agile publisher to succeed.

Throughout the day books were available from Chorleywood Bookshop, and there were beverages and snacks available. The day was supported by Bucks County Council, Orenda Books, The Haldi, Pitstone and Tesco, Tring.

A prime example of what our community is capable of, the festival is entirely run and staffed by volunteers and raises funds for our own Beacon Villages Community Library. **BeaconLit 2018** will again be held at Brookmead School on **Saturday 14 July 2018. Save the date now!**

Website: [www.beaconlit.co.uk](http://www.beaconlit.co.uk)

**Dave Sivers**

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 Since brass, nor stone, nor earth,  
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 But sad mortality o'ersways their power,  
 How with this rage shall beauty hold a plea,  
 Whose action is no stronger than a flower?

O how shall summer's honey breath hold out  
 Against the wrackful siege of batt'ring days,  
 When rocks impregnable are not so stout,  
 Nor gates of steel so strong but time decays?

O fearful meditation! Where, alack,  
 Shall time's best jewel from time's chest lie hid?  
 Or what strong hand can hold his swift foot back?  
 Or who his spoil or beauty can forbid?

O none, unless this miracle have might,  
 That in black ink my love may still shine bright.

In modern English the opening lines might read:

*Since neither brass nor stone nor earth nor the limitless ocean is strong enough to resist the sad force of mortality, how can beauty possibly resist death's rage when beauty is no stronger than a flower?*

In recent months we have faced terror and tragedies that have shocked us and reminded us of our human frailty. They bring to the fore in our hearts the love we feel for those we hold dear and our concern for them when they are away from us. And we wonder why these things happen.

These summer months and the Marsworth flower festival over the August holiday weekend are a time to enjoy the eternal qualities of beauty, faith, hope and love. These last for ever; time will not overcome them. The poem is full of questions; for the time being we must learn to live between the questions we ask and their answer.

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## 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.*

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# Ivinghoe Allotments

## Tales from the Plot



Welcome to the August edition of the Beacon magazine. I do hope that you have all enjoyed the glorious weather that we have had these last few weeks, but despite that you do hear moans of 'it's too hot', 'we need rain'. We can do nothing about it as we are generally not used to these high temperatures and that also applies to the various plants and vegetables that we grow on our plots.

It has been a strange growing season. Talking to other plot holders, some have their second early potatoes already lifted and stored away and it is only the middle of July as I am writing this article. Again, beetroot and broad beans are early due to the weather – which in one respect is great if you have a second sowing waiting.

Once again, this year I planted my first early potatoes under black plastic, Arran Pilot and Pentland Javelin varieties and I have not been disappointed. Medium sized potatoes with excellent taste with a knob of butter. I can recommend 'The Express' broad bean variety as it is true to its name. Great pods of tender tasty beans – they freeze well and do not discolour.

The garlic that I planted in early November last year turned out to be very disappointing, but as we all remember we had an overall mild winter, not a lot of frost which garlic need to generate the cloves. The only consolation is that the Elephant garlic lived up to its name!

One of the joys of growing your own is when it comes to the time of picking your peas off the plant. This year has been a good crop, full pods of tasty peas and they do not need a lot of space. What more do you need? A good lamb cutlet, your home-grown peas and first early potatoes with butter on.

The courgettes, yellow squashes and

butternut squash are all doing well at the time of reporting. They will make excellent soups for the coming winter months.

This year I decided to experiment with my leeks. Once they were established I put a plastic pipe over some of them, covering all the leaves and pushing it three inches into the ground. Hopefully I will have longer white stems when they're ready to harvest.

These last few weeks the Ivinghoe Allotment Site has been looking great; green and vibrant and well done to the plot holders for looking after their plots so well.

Please don't forget our Open Day on Saturday 19th August 2017 when the allotment site will be open from 1pm until 4pm for all to have a look and see what we do up there. You will be made very welcome and there will be a few plot holders in attendance to answer any queries you may have. The Open Day has been advertised for a few weeks now with notices on the site board, entrance and on the Town Hall notice board.

Please note another date for your diary. The Ivinghoe Flower and Vegetable Show on Saturday 9th September 2017 2pm until 4pm. Schedules and entry forms are available from the local shops, the library and the Ivinghoe Parish Council website.

Don't forget this a community event and if your vegetables are not perfectly straight or round then still enter because there may be a veggie buyer that would like to buy your lot! Last year was a great show – let's make this year's even better.

We are indeed very fortunate where we are.

**Mind how you go...**

**Ernie** Ivinghoe Allotmenteer

# Ivinghoe Allotments

## on Film

One Sunday afternoon in early June a gentleman was wandering about the allotments. I thought he was looking for a footpath so I went over to see if he needed help. It transpired he had passed the allotments while driving through the village and decided to come in and have a look. So I spoke with him for a while answering his questions about the allotments. I thought no more about it until my grandsons came to stay and said "Grandma, your allotments and hens are on U-Tube" It seemed he had been recording on his mobile.

He has subsequently paid a second visit with one of his fellow allotmenters from Watford and posted a second video. Just go on to

U-tube and call up Ivinghoe Allotments if you want to watch.

Better still come and see for yourselves. The Parish council have agreed the allotments can be open to the Public on Saturday 19th August from 1.00pm to 4.00pm in conjunction with National Allotments Week. So if you fancy walking off lunch come up and see us.

Those of you who know me will know how passionate I am about the allotments, the pleasure in producing home grown veg all year round and of course my hens. I am now coming into my 21st year on the allotments and hope there will be many more to come.

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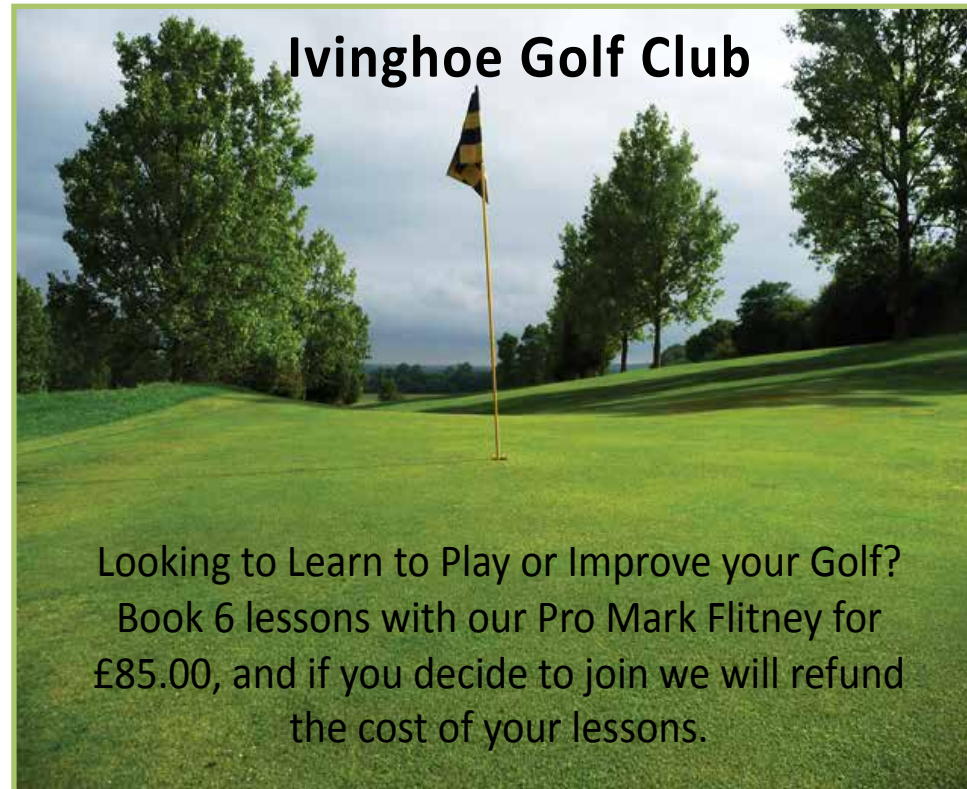
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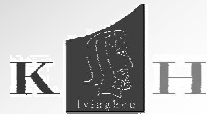
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# From District Councillors Sandra Jenkins and Derek Town

## Council tax scam calls reported

Residents are being urged to be on their guard against bogus officials offering council tax refunds as a number of people in the Vale have already been targeted.

People are being telephoned and told they may qualify for a refund and then asked for their bank account details so the payment can be made. In previous cases they have been asked for an administration fee too.

Jeff Membery, AVDC Assistant Director for Customer Fulfilment, said: *"We have reported these incidents to Bucks Trading Standards but are concerned that other residents could fall for this scam and lose money. We urge everyone to be vigilant and not to give out any sensitive information to unknown callers, either on the phone or in person".*

Residents who receive any such approach should contact Thames Valley Police – [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/contact-us/](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/contact-us/)

## Victims First – new website to support victims of crime

Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld recently launched a new website to support victims of crime. Victims First [www.victims-first.org.uk](http://www.victims-first.org.uk) is a new online resource for victims of crime which has advice on what to do and how to get help. It includes information and advice for victims including signposting them to services



to help them cope and recover from the impact of the crime. It also includes a section on the Victims Code explaining clearly what help victims can expect from the police and other criminal justice agencies if they report the crime.

The focal point of the website is a directory which allows victims to find relevant support in their area. Members of the public are able to use the website to refer themselves directly to the PCCs own support services or find information and contact details for other organisations. This support is available regardless of whether or not the victim has reported the crime to the police.

## Aylesbury – Thursdays children's events busting summer holiday boredom

Aylesbury's Market Square and Kingsbury will play host to an amazing array of different fun activities for the kids to enjoy over the summer holidays. Try exciting new activities each Thursday – from caving and tunnelling, bouncing to ball pits, laser quest to bungee runs,

human football to obstacle courses, arts and crafts and so much more. The events run every Thursday from 27 July until 31 August inclusive, between 11am and 3pm. Enjoy up to 4 hours of fun for just £2.50 (except on 3 August, where the amazing caving experience will test your skills for £2.50 per go). Each event will have a small ball pit for our younger visitors so that they can share in the fun. Town Centre Manager Diana Fawcett said: *"We are delighted to have such an amazing array of exciting activities on offer in Aylesbury this year. Whilst in town take the time to enjoy one of our many independent cafes and coffee shops and extend your day out with a visit the museum, cinema, theatre or Roald Dahl gallery."* Thanks to contributions from town centre organisations and businesses, Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership has fantastic **#AylesburyThursdays** events planned every Thursday during the 2017 Bucks County Council school holidays. Watch out for details of these and other events and attractions including the Roald Dahl Gallery, Aylesbury Library, Aylesbury markets and Bucks County Museum in the new Aylesbury Live Guide or visit [www.visitaylesbury.co.uk](http://www.visitaylesbury.co.uk)

## AVDC crews going for glory at National Refuse Championship

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) will be competing with waste collection teams from around the country in a competition to find out who is the best in the business! All proceeds from this fun but highly-competitive event go to the Alzheimer's Society.

Taking place in Weston-super-Mare on Saturday 10 June, the National

Refuse Championship provides a great opportunity to recognise drivers and loaders for their effort and hard work throughout the year. It also provides a chance for industry professionals to meet and share best practise to ensure residents are receiving a top service.

Participants will test their driving skills including tracking and manoeuvring, whilst the loaders are faced with weight-lifting and health and safety challenges. The loaders must work in pairs to fill a wheelie bin with stones and push it 50m to an awaiting truck to be emptied. This gruelling process is repeated numerous times as the truck moves in 50m stages towards the finish line. The race will start with a series of timed heats during the morning culminating in a final race between the two remaining teams in the afternoon.

Recycling and waste collection in the Vale throws up some unique challenges from the small villages and tight country lanes, to the busy growing urban areas. Ours crews always rise to the challenge and I'm confident they can bring the trophy home!"

You can see more on the event at [www.nationalrefusechampionships.co.uk](http://www.nationalrefusechampionships.co.uk)

## Cheddington Old Airfield – Waste King Retrospective planning Application – BCC planning ref CM/17/17.

Probably by the time you read this the decision will be known as the BCC planning meeting scheduled for Monday 19th June should have reached a determination. All villages impacted by this application have been invited to speak at the planning committee meeting along with our County Councillor. At present all Parish ►

Councils object to the application on the grounds of significant addition HGV traffic and potential pollution and litter/ load spillage from lorries and of course the inevitable damage to the unsuitable local roads.

### Annual Assemblies and Meeting of Parish Councils

The last month was the 'season' for the local parish councils annual sessions when residents are invited to attend for reviews, presentations and general engagement with their respective representatives. Some of these events are better attended than others. It is whilst attending the four events within the Pitstone and Cheddington ward that we have been able to appreciate the enormous amount of work that the respective councils do to implement the

necessary tasks that make our villages viable through the year. These tasks have become ever more difficult due to the withdrawal of district and county services; for example grass cutting and weed killing. These problems and how to finance the replacements has not been easy. So, we would like to thank all current and previous parish councillors for their efforts and achievements, also let us not forget they all give their time voluntarily – THANK YOU.

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District Councillors for Pitstone and Cheddington Ward



**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**

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THURSDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> 12.30 – 2pm Surnames A - M	WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> 12.30 – 2pm Surnames N - Z
THURSDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> 12.30 – 2pm Surnames N - Z	
SATURDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> 9am – 12.30 Surnames N - Z	

**We would appreciate it if you could come at these times in order to MINIMIZE YOUR waiting time. However, if you are unable to come at the allocated time for your surname, please feel free to attend any of the clinics above**

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# **Ivinghoe Flower & Vegetable Show 2017**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Saturday 9 September 2017 The Hub, Ivinghoe**

After the success of the Show in 2016, the organisers are hosting this community event again this year and hope that even more of you will enter your prize plants, creative crafts and beautiful bakes!

There are a wide range of classes for adults and children which are considered by a professional judging panel. We serve refreshments during the afternoon and finish off the show with a light-hearted auction of the produce, so even if you aren't entering please come and see the amazing produce and crafts that your friends and neighbours make

Entry forms with details of classes, the rules of entry and recipes for the cooking categories available from:

**The Village Swan, Ivinghoe Aston, The Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe (once re-opened), The Beacon Villages Library, Grooms Farm Shop and Windmill Pharmacy, Ivinghoe**

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