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Welcome from the Chair

I would like to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year.

Parish Play Areas

The Parish Council has been successful in gaining a grant from AVDC New Homes Bonus and are pleased to confirm this enables us to make improvements to the play areas.

Ivinghoe Aston playground will have a new accessible roundabout and the worn playground surfacing will be repaired and the whole area will be cleaned. The encroaching trees and hedges will be cut back. Ivinghoe Aston will also have a new accessible entrance installed to allow easier access for wheelchair and push chair users.

Ivinghoe Lawn play area will have a new accessible roundabout and the playground surfacing will be replaced. Our external safety assessors have frequently asked us to consider fencing off the play areas and have now made it clear that this is essential. Therefore, the Parish Council conclude that there is now no choice but to enclose this area.

The Parish Council will also, due to public demand, install a new pedestrian gate adjacent to the vehicular access opposite the Kings Head restaurant.

Community Bus Survey

In this issue you will find a Community Bus Survey Questionnaire, residents are encouraged to take part in this survey. You can follow the below link or complete the survey in the magazine. This is a joint initiative with Pitstone, Cheddington and Marsworth Parish Councils and the replies should be sent to Pitstone Parish Council.



Karen Groom,
Chair, Ivinghoe
Parish Council

The closing date to responses is the 6th March 2020. The link to the online survey: <http://pitstone.co.uk/community-bus-survey/?fbclid=IwAR1L0x39LLVS7uFhmKopnyt2fBe1v4IZE1zUzzes9ah9JiAlKYolq3WtOek>

Nectar Trail and Trees

At our January meeting an Ivinghoe resident suggested a Nectar Trail for the parish where wildflowers are grown to encourage the bees and other pollinators, the plans are being made to create Wildflower areas in the parish.

The Parish Council is pleased that our application has been granted by The Woodland Trust and we will be receiving 270 tree saplings over the next couple of months. The saplings are a mixture of species and include wildlife friendly hedge packs. The saplings should grow and add colour, replace lost trees and provide an important habitat for the wildlife as well as providing environmental benefits.

These exciting projects will include the whole parish and are just starting. If you would like to get involved please contact Ivinghoe Parish Council.

As always please check our website www.ivinghoe pc.org.uk and Facebook page for updates.

Sometimes we just need someone to listen...



Life throws all of us many challenges in our busy world of family, work and relationships the ups and downs of life can sometimes leave us feeling unable to cope and manage our feelings. Counselling offers a safe, confidential place to feel truly heard, sometimes for the first time ever. Together we will work on solutions in finding a way to live life in a happier and more fulfilling way.

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I have experience dealing with such issues as depression, low self-esteem, addiction, self-harm, disordered eating, stress and anxiety, intrusive thoughts, trauma, loss and grief, abuse, anger and many other presenting issues. If you would like to know more about how counselling may help you then I can be contacted by phoning **07843488783** or by emailing **hello@lynnmcgillcounselling.co.uk**

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



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RikkIAbout

Nobody expects the IA Inquisition

I was leading a butterfly walk on Ivinghoe Beacon and one of the participants kindly asked me if I'd like a lift home. She knew where I lived but I hadn't knowingly met her before. It was Mary Draper and, on discovering that she had lived in IA all her life, I nabbed her for this column.

Rikki: Did your parents also live in IA?

Mary: Yes. Gran lived in Diblocks and Mum and Dad at Orchard Farm, where I was born. I loved playing in the fields and brooks with my brother. We used to make boats out of bits of wood and bridges to get into Diblocks. I remember catching tadpoles and seeing them through to frogs. Dad was born in Star Street, Paddington where, believe it or not, he had a dairy with eight or ten cows. The cows were reared at Cheddington and, once they were old enough to be milkers, they were moved to Paddington by train. Dad would fill up the churns and wheel them round on a trolley to sell the milk. When he moved here, Dad grew vegetables to sell in the village to supplement his income from Vauxhall.

Rikki: You've seen a few changes, then!

Mary: Well, yes. For a start, when I'm walking my dogs, Pip and Mim, I don't see much frogspawn any more. Perhaps the biggest change was the demolition of Swan Street and the building of Swan Close. There used to be a shop and a pub, The Carpenters Arms, at what is

now Beacon Farmhouse (see picture on opposite page), before the Post Office and its shop opened, I think. It was run by Mr and Mrs Maxwell. Arthur and Marie White had a dairy there and delivered milk. I went to the village school where I was taught by Mrs Lynham. There were only 15 or 20 pupils. The juniors were at one end, the infants at the other and there was a stove in the middle. Mrs Lynham taught the lot. I went to Sunday School at the Old Chapel and I remember outings to Wickstead Park and the like.

Rikki: Did you work locally?

Mary: I worked as a home carer for Bucks Social Services. Before I got married, I trained at Hampden Hall Horticultural College in Stoke Mandeville and then worked at Wallace's Nursery at Eaton Bray. I cycled there in all weathers and sometimes arrived looking like a snowman!

Rikki: What do you particularly like about IA?

Mary: I love living in the countryside and I've got wonderful neighbours. What more do you need? I volunteer with the Thursday conservationists at Ashridge, where I help clear scrub, build ponds, fences, tree boxes and so on. It's such a beautiful place and I enjoy anything to do with nature.

Rikki: If you could have one wish and change something in IA, what would it be?

Mary: The footpath to Orchard Farm. It's a right mess. Perhaps we could get a

working party together and do something about it. The playground could do with a bit of a clean-up, too. The equipment is covered in algae.

Rikki: Do you miss the Village Hall?

Mary: Yes, I do, but I can see that the community is too small to keep it going. Way back, many villagers worked at the lime kilns and on the farms and smallholdings, so we knew more people and did more together. I remember the previous village hall, or village hut I should say. It stood on brickwork feet and the floor used to bounce. There was a youth club, WI, Christmas parties for the kids and so on. Mr Groom provided entertainment and I remember racing pedalled tortoises up and down the hut!

Rikki: Thank you Mary. As a relative newcomer to IA it is a real joy to talk to a lifer. The reason I like writing this column is that it is one way of recording such memories for posterity.

Mary's Wishes

Seems like Mary, and the rest of us, are in luck. A reliable source tells me that the playground is being sorted soon. There will be new disabled access, the hedge and trees will be pruned, the specialist playground surface repaired, then everything jet washed. The footpaths and verges are currently the responsibility of Bucks and AVDC, although this may change with the Unitary Authority going forward after April 2020 and hopefully maintenance will improve.



Rikki Harrington

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WI News...

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Women's Institute



A new year and new decade, certainly with a lot being planned, particularly for 2020. Some of the highlights for the early part of the year are below.

Yet another centenary to celebrate. This year our County Federation is 100 years old, many congratulations. Our County Federation is made up of volunteers from WI's from across the county and provide support, etc. to all the individual WI's. To celebrate, our walking group are walking The Chiltern Way, not all at once but in easy 10-mile stages at various times across the year. The walking group are pictured below.



Coming Up

February – A Fashion Show, charity shop special

March – North Bucks Way by Feet and Stitches by Daphne Preece

April – The Accidental Salesman by Michael Kerry

May – Birthday Meeting

Visitors and Guests are always welcome.

Further details are available from **Sue Eyre 01296 709281 / 07742 138955**

St. Patrick's Day

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Sunday 15th March

St Patrick's Day lunch at the Town Hall

Tickets £12.50 per person
For a delicious two course meal with traditional Irish music.

Tickets available from
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Christine Linley – I+PWI Correspondent

Simply Walk

We are looking for new faces to join our simply walk group. We meet every Monday morning at the Ivinghoe Hub around 9.45 for a 10.00 start.

We are a friendly group with a wide range of ages and our walks last for between 60 and 90 minutes.

We are guided by fully trained leaders and back markers but please be aware that you will be responsible for yourselves.

Afterwards we go back to the hub for coffee/tea and a chat, it's great fun and the exercise is a great tonic for our health so why not come and join us? You will be made most welcome.

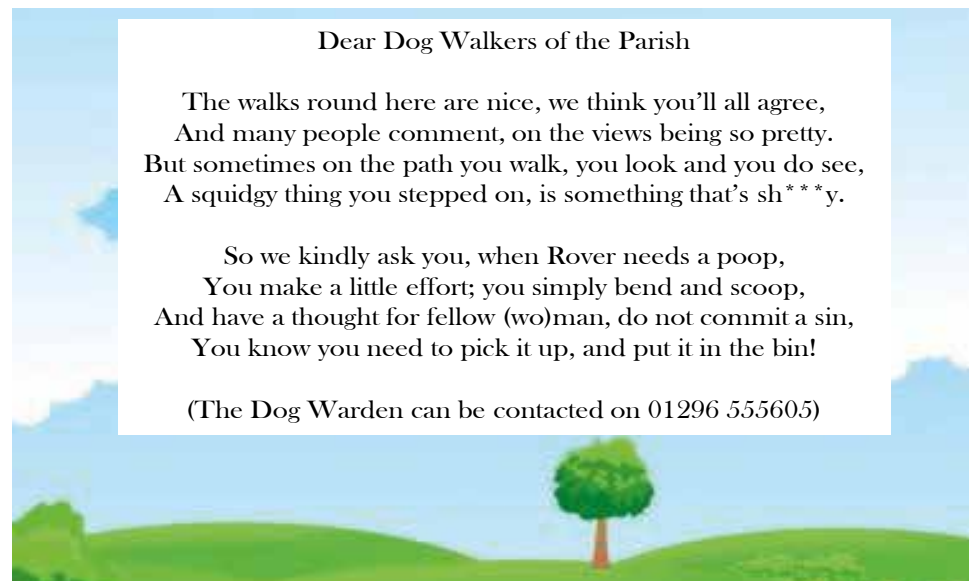
Please contact **Norma Leighton** on **07831524286** or **Sue Mulvey** on **07871502210**

Dear Dog Walkers of the Parish

The walks round here are nice, we think you'll all agree,
And many people comment, on the views being so pretty.
But sometimes on the path you walk, you look and you do see,
A squidgy thing you stepped on, is something that's sh***y.

So we kindly ask you, when Rover needs a poop,
You make a little effort; you simply bend and scoop,
And have a thought for fellow (wo)man, do not commit a sin,
You know you need to pick it up, and put it in the bin!

(The Dog Warden can be contacted on 01296 555605)



Ivinghoe Town Hall... News!

As this is our first Beacon report of the year, I hope that it's not too late to wish you all a very healthy and happy New Year.

A new decade! I wonder what it will bring!

The Ivinghoe Town Hall Committee meets every three months or so, to discuss lettings, the physical condition of the Hall, issues affecting the Library and general management issues, including the forthcoming external works which will be undertaken by Bucks CC.

Bookings remain good with a new regular Zumba class on Thursday mornings and birthday party bookings in the diary for 2020! Hirers should note that the Terms and Conditions document has been updated.

Brian Rogers came to our rescue yet again and has fitted new emergency exit lights. We are also looking into Wi-Fi for the Hall.

We have exciting news about the Library! Ivinghoe library will become a Community Access Point; this means that during current library opening hours members of the public will be able to contact Bucks CC for all manner of queries beyond what is currently available, without travelling to Aylesbury. New software will be needed together with a new telephone line and staff and volunteer training, so it won't be immediate but is definitely something to look forward to.

Useful tel no's and email

The Beacon Villages Community Library
Tel: **01296-87890**
Email: **info@bvcl.org.uk**

The Ivinghoe Post Office and Shop
Tel: **01296 660682**

Ivinghoe Town Hall regular events:

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

Monday: 8pm – 9pm – **Boxercise**
Josh Thompson (07456 574405)

Tuesday: 9.45am – 12pm – **Beacon Art**
Marion Jackson (01296 668429)

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

Tuesday: 8.15pm – 10.15pm – **Morris 'New Moon' Dancers** Martin Lindridge (07803-149490)

Wednesday: 9.15am – 10.15am
Natural Pilates Andrea (07855 138005)

Wednesday: 7pm – 8:30pm **Yoga**
Sally Craig (07753-985155)

Thursday: 9.30am – 10.30am **Zumba Fitness** Joanna Read (07912 644654)

Thursday: 7.00pm – 10.00pm **W.I.**
2nd Thursday of each month
Sue Eyre (01296 709281 or 07742 138955)

To Hire Ivinghoe Town Hall:
Stephen Swinbank (The Booking Secretary)
on **01296 660680**.
Or email: **spswinbank@gmail.com**
Web: **www.ivinghoetownhall.org.uk**



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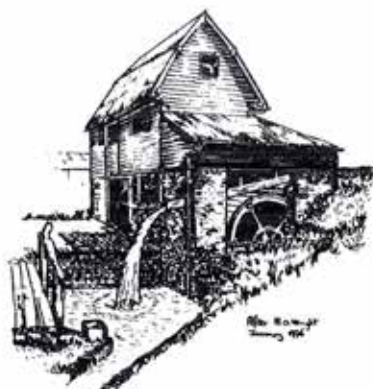
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Would you like to join our team of volunteers?

We would welcome volunteers who can:

- help maintain the mill through this Autumn, Winter and Spring in readiness for next year's openings.
- help us welcome our visitors as they arrive for one of our openings each Summer - on Sundays and Bank Holidays; and/or
- guide visitors around the mill describing how we use the power of water from our millpond to drive our waterwheel, our gears and our millstones to produce our sought-after wholemeal flour.

There are opportunities for individuals with a variety of skills. So whether your preference is to meet our visitors, to explain all about the mill to visitors or to get to grips with the mill building and its machinery – the choice is yours. We can provide you with the necessary training and we have all the relevant information about the mill – how it works, its history and how it has been restored.

We are a friendly group. All of us are committed to conserving this priceless resource for future generations. We can provide new volunteers with the satisfaction that comes from showing how the sustainable power of water can be used to produce flour for the baking of bread.

So, if you are interested, please telephone:

John Wallis on **01296 661997**;
Chris Tugby on **01442 825421**; or
Stephen Booth on **01296 661745**.

You can also contact us by email at millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk

Stephen Booth, Chairman, Ford End Watermill Society

Our Hub run by this community for all

HOW TO BOOK HUB SPACE: Booking space within the Hub is easy but needs to follow through by the Hirer who:

1. Approaches café team who man the Hub Diary 7 days a week at café counter or the Hirer approaches Trustee team via phone **01296-661666** or email **ivinghoeoldschoolcommunityhub@btconnect.com**
Half space £9/£7 per hour or whole hall £12/£10 per hour. (or an element of the IT Room after negotiation)
2. The process is explained by obtaining from either source a **vital Booking Form** which includes the extra special options bookable, the insurance cover and awareness of the hirers cleaning up obligations – to be filled in and returned within 7 days and the fee paid – if not then – no later than 3 days before the date booked.
3. By this returned form and fee, the booking is made **formal and then penned into diary** which means it cannot be over-ridden or double booked – This booking then translates to our 'digital diary' graphically – charted monthly by Bob to ensure visual awareness of all bookings- posted on Facebook Page, web-site and email data-base, hard copy on Notice Board for Public viewing.

Join in with your DIY skills please! You are all so welcome to join in!

Hub News...



Belated 'HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020' to you all out there in our community, and may we all have many happy 2020 gatherings together throughout the colder first months; **Spring Market and Easter egg Hunts**, then on through the basking summer to follow with its own **Summer Market on the Cafes Birthday in mid-June**; and then on into the Autumn with its harvests **celebrating its Hub and Town Hall Veggie Show on our Autumn Market day**, showing off all your own Flowers, Veggies, Crafts and Produce; later preparing for Midwinter again. **We the volunteer trustees are hoping that your New Year's resolutions include supporting all the community run offerings in the neighbourhood which depend on that support and were created for your own and everyone's wellbeing whilst living in this rural community.** Your own positive support is the key ingredient otherwise we all disappear, sadly!

Our Hub hall bookings welcome your use for parties, wakes, meetings, teaching and learning spaces in a variety of subjects like Crafts and Music and fitness translated into several exercising classes throughout the week. **The rental for this whole Hub hall space at £12 first hour, then £10 for each hour after or for a screened off half Hub Hall space its £9 for the first hour and £7 each following hour.**

This rental fee pays for all our **replacement furniture, Computer and Café Kitchen equipment, structural**

replacements, re-decoration and volunteer DIY, whilst the Café rent pays for our utilities. **Volunteers are always welcome to offer their own donated time, to work alongside the Trustee crew in undertaking this DIY on your behalf.**

To start the year 2020 Quizzes in the Café are planned we hear, and we the Hub Volunteer trustee back room crew plan, a **lively pancake flipping Shrove Tuesday and a loving Valentine Day** whereat love for our neighbours, friends, family, pets and each other is celebrated all day 14th February.

By the end of February the expensive replacement of all our original 1867 ancient and now battered and shredded well used and loved floorboards will have been replaced by strong but suitably matching aged boards all paid for by a Grant which we had won!

The Best Kept Village Competition judging comes around every June, so May would be a great time to join together to have a Hub led **Ivinghoe Village Clean-Up, so we proposed a Sunday afternoon 2-5pm on May 10th? Suit you all?** Ivinghoe will need you all to join in of course because leaving these tasks to the same half dozen people in this community without any recognition or thanks, is unsustainable and bad for our community of course.

In our initial proposal to BCC in 2011 to rescue this building for a Community

Hub, our plan was to run a people carrier to bring the disabled from their home to the Hub and High Street facilities. So when recently the Hub found out about delayed news of a **COMMUNITY BUS SURVEY**, it quickly got involved in assisting increased communication of this great new initiative to solve our local transport problems when the time comes! This could enhance all our lives as we become non-drivers so I am hoping that this survey is being displayed in full by our Parish Council for all to complete, elsewhere in this magazine. Marsworth, Cheddington and Pitstone have already been fully canvassed and completed their surveys, so we are on catch-up in Ivinghoe and should ALL join in with gusto to declare our present and future needs and claim some of this self-help!

<http://pitstone.co.uk/community-bus-survey/?fbclid=IwAR1L0x39LLVS7uFhmKopnyt2fBe1v4IZE1zUzzes9ah9JiAIKYolq3WtOek>

Email: ivinghoeoldschoolcommunityhub@btconnect.com

Facebook: **Ivinghoe Old School Hub**

Website: ivinghoeoldschool.com

Thanks Carol Tarrant Chair of Hub

Vegetable & Flower Show 2020

Craft challenges to get working on this winter ready for September Show 2020!

- Design and arrange ribbons to form a **'wearable'** bouquet.
- Sew, Crochet something practical that becomes an art object too. 20cms cube max.
- Cross stitch a framed addition to any Nursery. (A4 max.)
- Knit a wearable necklace – free choice of materials to knit with.
- Cut, fix and build up a pop-up Card to delight someone. (A4 max.)
- Make a fascinator to wear – out of beads, wire and feathers
- Photograph an unusual portrait of a living being and frame it. (A4 max.)
- **'Skyward looking'** – any size and medium, unframed.

Would you use a Community Bus?

Hello, the parish councils know that for many residents (especially those who don't drive), accessing social activities in neighbouring villages, going to the shops or even visiting loved ones in nursing homes, can be really difficult given that we have a limited public transport service.

So, the local councils (Pitstone, Marsworth, Ivinghoe and Cheddington) are gathering information about the types of activities and places that you feel you would like to be able to reach, to assess whether a community minibus service in the local villages would help to break down these barriers. It may be able to offer some services where it collects residents from their homes, or some set routes.

We need as many people as possible to complete the survey so that we can investigate providing the most suitable service. You can complete the survey online here: <http://pitstone.co.uk/cbsurvey> or you can fill in this paper survey and **return it to the contact details at the end of the survey, by Friday 6th March 2020.**

1. Name of the parish you live in : Pitstone, Marsworth, Cheddington, Ivinghoe (please circle)
- 2.

	How many people in your household in this age group?	How many of these people have a disability?
<18 years		
18-59 yrs		
60-79 yrs		
80+ yrs		

3. How many journeys does everyone in your household make (add them all up) by public transport each week :
4. How many journeys do you estimate that everyone in your household might make (add them all up) each week, getting to activities, if a community bus was available :
5. Where would you like to go, but can't reach via public transport at the moment? (please circle)

Day Centres, Sheltered Housing, Nursing Homes, Local hospital / health care / physio appointments, Community activities like Nifty Fifties / Health Walks /

Over 60's Clubs / Dementia Clubs, Markets, Shopping, Library, Theatre, Day trips, Leighton Buzzard, Neighbouring villages, Other (please state):

Or, tick this box if you can reach everywhere you need by existing public transport: ☐

6. How many people in your household would need to be collected from home? Eg if you can't walk very far

7. If you can walk to a local main road, please say which road you would like to catch a community bus from:

8. A community bus for our villages would need a large number of volunteers to get started up and keep running successfully. If you would be interested in getting involved in the committee, helping co-ordinate the bus, as a driver or assisting with maintenance, please give us your name, phone number and email address, and tick the box below confirming we have your permission to contact you regarding this project.

I (name)
would like to help the community bus project. ☐

Please contact me on the details below:

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Email address

Your local parish council will provide details of the results, and any updates on the project, via your parish magazines and/or their websites.

Please return your completed form to: The Parish Clerk, Pitstone Parish Council, 9 Warwick Road, Pitstone, Beds, LU7 9FE or email it to parishclerk@pitstone.co.uk. Alternatively, you can complete this survey online by visiting <http://pitstone.co.uk/cbsurvey>

Thank you for your help.

[Pitstone, Marsworth, Ivinghoe and Cheddington Parish Councils](#)



Date for your Diary – Friday 8th May 2020

The Ivinghoe and Pitstone Branch of the Royal British Legion are holding an event themed around **VE Day on Friday 8th May 2020** at the **Pitstone Memorial Hall**, Pitstone for 7pm.

Further details including a supper menu will be available nearer the time. It will be a hot supper and followed by sharing memories that people may have of the VE Day Celebrations.

Please note this date in your diaries and come along to add your support to this worthwhile evening.

The Ivinghoe and Pitstone Branch Poppy Appeal 2019 raised an amazing £9,000 for such a small branch, so a very big thank you to all for your generosity. **Thank you**

News from Beacon Villages Community Library in Ivinghoe



BVCL 100 CLUB

New for 2020 – an opportunity for all readers to share their enjoyment with others by reviewing and recommending a novel or non-fiction title.

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- What is the book about (avoiding plot spoilers);
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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.

Bridget Knight The Editor
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Early Bird tickets released for local Hospice's Midnight Walk...

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's annual Midnight Walk is back for 2020 on **Saturday 27th June**.

The Midnight Walk sees hundreds of men and women walk through the night around the streets of Aylesbury to raise money for the Hospice, which provides support to terminally ill patients and their families across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire.

"The sight of hundreds of flashing bunny ears, day glo outfits and beaming smiles is something that just has to be seen with your own eyes!," says Lee Lloyd, Head of Fundraising at the Charity. *"It is such a privilege to be part of this amazing night each year which sees so many people from across Buckinghamshire, and beyond, come together to raise money in memory of loved ones and to support their local Hospice."*

Walkers can choose from 5 mile or 10 mile circular routes – both **starting from Aylesbury College at midnight on Saturday 27th June**, with refreshments at pit stops along the way.

Anyone registering before 29th February 2020 can take advantage of the Early Bird Offer at just £17 per entry (from 1st

March it will be £20). Walkers receive a free souvenir Midnight Walk 2020 T-shirt, as well as a medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the Walk.

For more information and to sign up, please visit www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk or call **01296 429975**

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Florence Nightingale Hospice is located at Stoke Mandeville Hospital and provides first class specialist palliative care which is accessible and free of charge to those with a life-limiting illness in Buckinghamshire. The Hospice also provides other services such as their new **FNH@Home services**, providing end-of-life care for patients in their homes, **Florrie's Children's Team** respite care for families, the Day Hospice and Bereavement Support.

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity commits to raise over £1,000,000 annually to ensure the continued funding of local in-patient and at-home palliative care services.

The Midnight Walk is the Charity's single biggest fundraiser, **last year the walk raised over £55,000**.

For more information, visit www.fnhospice.org.uk



Queen Victoria's Bicentenary Celebration

Completing their festival to celebrate the double bicentenary in 2019 of both Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, the Ridgeway Ensemble present **'Victoria and Albert – a musical romance'**. Originally planned for October 5th and cancelled because of illness, the concert will now take place on **Sunday February 9th 2020 at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Potten End.**

The programme brings to life the musical world of the royal couple, through readings from their letters and diaries, contemporary accounts and music by composers such as Mendelssohn, Bellini, Elgar and Sullivan. At the heart of the programme are three songs by Prince Albert himself for voice, cello and piano, which have remained unpublished and unperformed until now, and also noteworthy is the inclusion of works by three women composers – Fanny Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann (whose bicentenary we have also celebrated in 2019) and Pauline Viardot.

The Ensemble (Judith Sheridan, voice, Margaret Richards, cello, Daniel King Smith, piano, and William Winfield, reader,) performs regularly for music clubs, churches and other organisations throughout the country and abroad. If you missed our concerts in 2019 come and join us in February as we celebrate the tastes and musical achievements of Victoria and Albert, opening a window onto the musical life of Victorian England.

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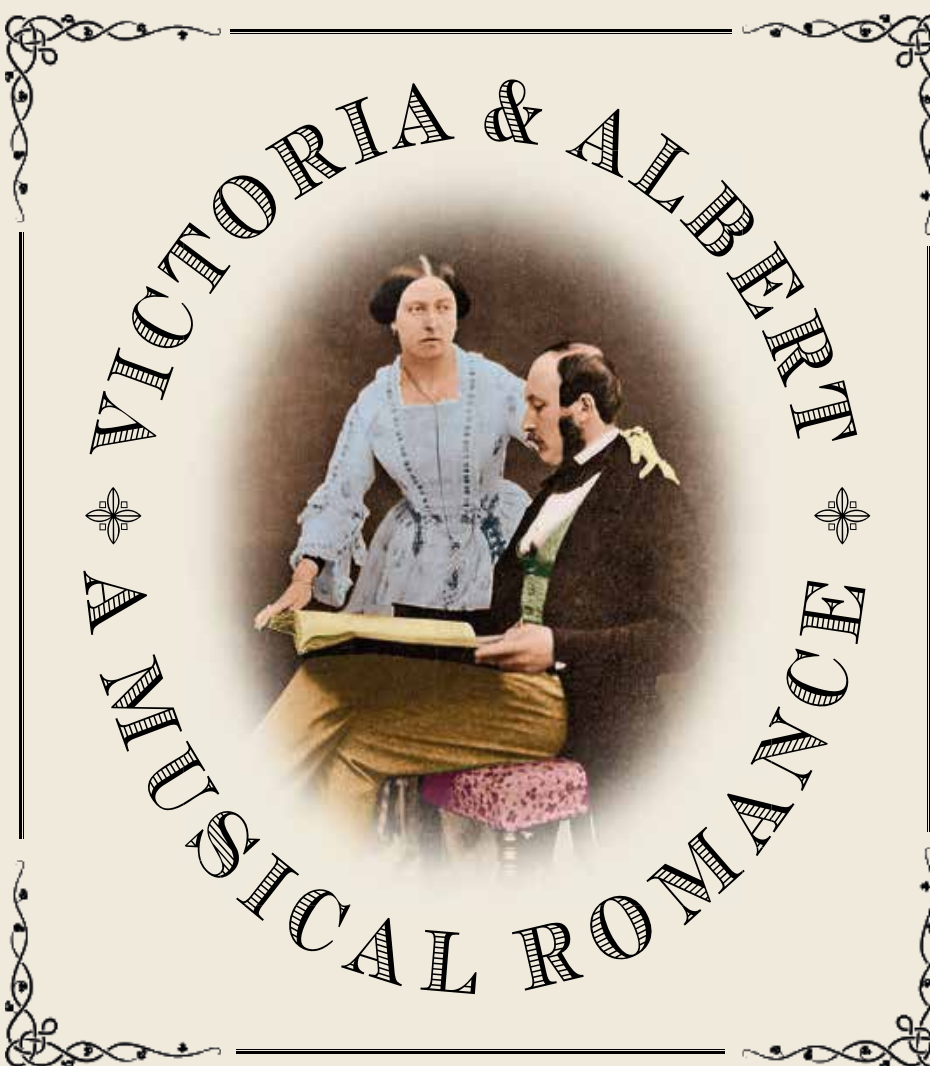
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VICTORIA & ALBERT – A MUSICAL ROMANCE

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The Ridgeway Ensemble brings to life the musical world of the royal couple, through readings from their letters and diaries, and contemporary accounts of meetings with composers such as Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann, Liszt, Grieg and Sullivan. At the heart of the programme are songs composed by Prince Albert for voice, cello and piano, which have remained unpublished and unperformed until now.

The programme reflects the tastes and musical achievements of Victoria and Albert, including music by Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann, Bellini, Elgar and Sullivan, opening a window onto the musical life of Victorian England.

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Judith Sheridan (voice) studied at the RNCM and Lancaster University before completing her studies at the opera school in Hamburg. After working as a soloist in theatres and concert halls on the continent, she returned to the UK to continue her career as a soloist and conductor. Judith regularly sings with ensembles in the UK and the USA, combining this with a busy schedule as a choral conductor, and is MD to the Berkhamsted Youth Theatre and guest conductor and vocal consultant to the Amade Players.



Margaret Richards (cello) is a graduate of Girton College, Cambridge and the Royal Academy of Music. For six years she played in the orchestra of the Staatstheater Darmstadt, Germany, before returning to London to pursue her interest in baroque music in particular. As both cellist and viola da gamba player she has performed internationally with many ensembles, including the Hanover Band, London Festival Orchestra, New London Consort and Florilegium. She plays regularly with the Holborne Players, and with the Apollo Consort she has recorded works by the 17th-century composer John Jenkins.

Daniel King Smith (piano) performs internationally as both soloist and accompanist. A finalist in the BBC Young Musician of the Year, he went on to win the Harold Craxton and Max Pirani prizes as a student at the Royal Academy of Music, and prizes for both solo and accompaniment at the Haverhill Sinfonia competition. Formerly staff accompanist at both the Royal College of Music and Royal Academy of Music Junior Departments and at the Purcell School, he has performed at the Royal Festival Hall and Wigmore Hall, and now works entirely as a freelance chamber musician. Daniel has recorded a number of CDs, including releases with Anna Hashimoto on the Meridian label.

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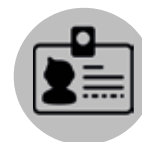
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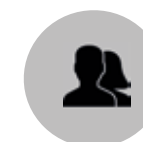
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We are also raising money to rebuild the village a purpose built scout hut and are selling bricks to supporters for £10 each. Please email the above address for details.

Thank You from the Beacon Art Group

Beacon Art Group would like to thank all who came to our Coffee morning last November. It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning. Thank you so much for your very generous donations. Including takings from the sale of our cards, the total collected was **£269.36** which we have forwarded to **Brain Tumour Research**.

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Celebrating 800 years at St Mary's Church in Ivinghoe 2020 – setting the scene...

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Before the church was built, the Beacon was an Iron Age hillfort. Later came the Saxons and they called it "Ifa's Hill Spur". In 1086 The Domesday Book recorded the village as "Evingheliou" and stands beside possibly the oldest road in Great Britain called the "Icknield Way". This name is Celto-British in derivation and may be named after the Iceni Tribe, of Boudica (or Boadicea) fame. This would have been quite a busy road that went from Norfolk to Wiltshire, passing by Ivinghoe village.

This is just a taste of the history of the church and each month throughout the

year the Church Parish News Magazine will contain further information about the church and its history.

Embroidery for the 800th celebrations

There is going to be a large canvas in church, the design being one of St Mary's wonderful angels, and everyone, of any age, is invited to make a few stitches and add their name to a sheet of paper showing who has contributed to it. The embroidery will be put to use on the altar. The names will be framed and later displayed in the church.

Rev Adrian Manning..

Vicar of St Mary's Ivinghoe with Pitstone



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BEACON COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

To mark the 800th anniversary of St Mary the Virgin, Ivinghoe, the Beacon Community Choir will be performing STABAT MATER by the popular and engaging Welsh composer of "Adiemus", Karl Jenkins on Good Friday, 2020.

Based on the 13th Century poem, the title is an abbreviation of the first line, "Stabat Mater Dolorosa - the sorrowful mother was standing..." This text, one of the most powerful and immediate of medieval poems, meditates on the suffering of Mary, Jesus Christ's mother, during his crucifixion.

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Pitstone Church

Pitstone Church Committee (Friends) would like to thank everyone who came to the Christmas Memory Tree in December. We raised £137 towards the maintenance of the our beautiful church.

Programme for 2020

May 23rd – 25th 2020 The Late May Bank Holiday Festival of Art, Craft and Flowers. This will be our **40th and final festival** in the current form. Like many organisations we have a shortage of volunteers particularly flower arrangers and artists available on that weekend. We would welcome anyone who would like to organise a replacement event

on that or any other weekend during the summer.

Friday 26th June This is My Theatre Company are presenting Jane Eyre. It should be a most enjoyable production. Further details will be on their website **thisismytheatre.com** in due course.

Saturday 18th July 7.30pm. The Icknield Sixteen will be presenting their annual concert of varied choral music. This is always a most enjoyable event.

We also hope to hold a heritage service in September and a celebration of Christmas in December.

Further details to be announced.

Gillian Arney



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Ivinghoe Allotments

Tales from the Plot



I hope that you all enjoyed a happy Christmas and wish you all a very happy, prosperous and, most importantly, a healthy New Year.

As I am writing this article the sun is streaming through my office window and from the inside of the house looking out one might think that it is summer. We certainly can't say that we are having a bad winter yet, but we still have February and March to go through.

At this time of year, it is quiet on the allotment front. I have only garlic plants on my plot which I planted in November having started them off in my shed and they seem to be coming along nicely – but they will need a frost at some stage.

In the next few weeks or so allotment holders and gardener's alike will be sowing their onion seeds, tomato seeds can also be sown in heated greenhouses or propagators.

During the month of February, it will be time to get your seed potatoes and put them in trays or egg cartons to encourage sprouting. The next few months are always an exciting time, either planting seeds in the greenhouse or propagator. The varieties available to us are always getting bigger.



National Allotments week this year will be the **10th – 16th August** and the theme is **'Growing food for health and well-being'**. A reflection of the many benefits of growing, cooking and eating your own fruit and vegetables. As we all know allotments have many benefits – physical exercise, social interaction and they bring people together and unite them through their shared love of low cost, healthy, fresh vegetables.

As I mentioned earlier it is a quiet time of the year on the plot and in a few weeks the black plastic will be lifted off the beds and I will give the soil a good turn over ready for another season of growing. This is the life!

I wish you all a very fruitful year ahead with all your efforts in the garden or allotment.

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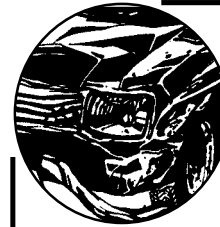
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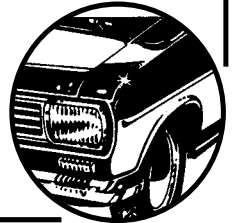
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Ashridge Ramblings – On the Fly

Rikki Harrington

I was at a meeting recently on “**entomological outreach**”; that is getting the word out to the public about the importance of insects. One of the speakers was Erica McAlister from the Natural History Museum, who has made it her mission to convince people that flies are fascinating and generally good news. There are about 7,000 species of fly in Britain and Ashridge is home to hundreds of them, including a few that are extremely rare. Some are pollinators, several are decomposers, many are incredibly beautiful and have extraordinarily interesting behaviours. Erica has written a great book on the subject: *The Secret Life of Flies* in which she complains that they are much maligned through phrases such as “*fly in the ointment*”, “*no flies on me*” and...

Fly-Tipping

Unfortunately, Erica’s two-winged friends can’t decompose fridges. I wrote briefly about fly-tipping in this column six months ago, but incidents have taken a turn for the worse. A few weeks back I was on my usual Wednesday wander when I came across the most extreme example that I have seen. It was opposite the wooden barrier at the foot of the Beacon on the bend of Beacon Road, blocking a track that leads to a reliable Duke of Burgundy butterfly colony. Killing Eve fans will recognise the track as the one at the bottom of which Villanelle got extremely trigger happy with a machine gun (and then reversed over her “friend”).

In a separate fly-tipping incident, a member of the public took a surreptitious

photo of the culprit, who got his name in the papers and ended up £1,160 poorer as a result. One of our rangers said to a reporter: “Our job is to look after the estate so that nature and wildlife can thrive and visitors can enjoy the beautiful landscape, but we have to divert considerable resources to clearing and preventing illegal dumping. We much appreciate the support of our visitors in keeping an eye out for these criminals, and we thank Buckinghamshire County Council for taking cases such as this to court – every successful prosecution is a warning to would-be fly-tippers”. Couldn’t have put it better myself. A spokesman for the Waste Partnership for Buckinghamshire said: “The Ashridge Estate is a much-loved beauty spot where many people go to relax and enjoy nature – which makes it shocking when it’s treated like a waste tip. Our thanks go to the member of the public who took the pictures which were key to the prosecution of this case. Public vigilance plays an important part in catching fly-tippers, though I’d remind people to ensure they don’t put themselves in danger while obtaining evidence”.

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Local Beekeepers Need Your HELP! Honey Bee Swarms Are Very Important

Following the long winter of 2017-2018 and the late Spring, colonies of honeybees are under tremendous stress. In the wild the survival chance of a honeybee swarm is about 20%. Collected, and housed in a hive by a beekeeper, the survival rate triples. The MBBKA needs the help of everyone in the area to ensure we collect as many swarms this year as possible. If you see a swarm of bees please contact the MBKA on the swarm-line number below. We will send a beekeeper to collect the swarm and provide it with a new home.

Honey Bee Swarms: Swarms such as the ones pictured are merely Colonies that are in transition. Normally these Swarms are found hanging from tree branch, fence post or any place where the swarm can gather around the Queen while scouts are sent out to look for a more permanent home. A swarm left alone will only be in place from just a few minutes to a few hours and occasionally a few days. Generally, these swarms are very docile and the swarming Bees usually will not sting. Before Honey Bees swarm they gorge themselves with honey before leaving the hive. This makes it very hard for them to double over and sting.



What Causes Honey Bees to Swarm: Honey Bees have a natural instinct to create new colonies by swarming. They may also swarm through overcrowding or because an old queen is thought to be failing and they wish to raise a new one. Honey Bees usually swarm in early spring just as the colony is building up numbers in anticipation of the upcoming honey flow but swarming can happen through to late summer

It is difficult to predict if weather conditions will lead to a large number of swarms in a particular year. MBBKA members attended nearly 100 calls to swarms last year and are on standby to collect throughout our area in 2018

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

Please contact:

MBBKA Swarm Hotline 07770370132

Brian Bush – Mid Bucks Beekeepers and BBKA Swarm Officer

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Councillor News from Anne Wight



Anne Wight

Bucks County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year, and I sincerely hope that the coming year may be one of peace and prosperity for all the residents of Ivinghoe Division. I would also like to welcome you to the final edition of my newsletter as your county councillor for Buckinghamshire County Council. With the new unitary Buckinghamshire Council starting on the **1st of April**, it won't be long now until the brand new council comes into effect.

I would also like to thank all the residents and local businesses who kindly donated presents to our Christmas Present Appeal for children in care across Buckinghamshire. The gifts meant so much to the growing number of looked after children in our care for whom Christmas can be a very difficult time. Thanks very much on behalf of Buckinghamshire County Council to everyone who took the time to remember our looked after children this Christmas.

New 'Council Access Points'

One of the key features of the new unitary Council will include improving the way that local residents can get on the spot access to council services. This will be through a network of new local bases called Council Access Points, supporting the new unitary council to be closer to its communities and making it simpler for people to get the information and support they need and nearer to where they live and work.

The Council Access Points (CAPs) will be based at the heart of local community life in existing buildings throughout

Buckinghamshire Staff will be on hand to help, people, and support them with online services.

Five '**Access Plus**' centres, located in the current council offices in the county's main towns, will offer extra services from Monday to Friday for residents who have more complex enquiries.

Other Council Access Points will operate from existing buildings, such as libraries, spread across the county stretching from Buckingham in the north to Burnham in the south. The locations of these will be confirmed and promoted as part of the launch preparations for Buckinghamshire Council which will go live in April 2020.

Once the Council Access Points are up and running, Buckinghamshire Council will start work on the next phase. The ambition is to evolve the access points to create wider one-stop community hubs based in multi-purpose buildings at the heart of community life.

Residents will also be able to get support from different services such as the police, town and parish councils, visitor services and community groups all in one place. We will ask residents and communities to help co-design these facilities to meet local needs.

Cllr Martin Tett, Leader of the Shadow Executive said: "Whilst we're seeing a lot more people access our services online, we know that sometimes our residents need to speak to someone face to face. Having access points dotted across the county will mean that people will be able to speak to someone to get the help and advice they need, close to where they live. It's really important that the new council doesn't become distant from its communities so it makes absolute sense to use existing places like council offices and libraries that people are used to visiting, to provide local support and advice for those who need it."

We are also in the process of setting up the Community Boards, which will replace the current Local Area Forums. The results from the recent consultation will be analysed to ensure resident input while the format of the Community Boards is finalized, so thank you very much if you were able to help us out with that consultation.

For those who may not know, the Community Boards are a way of bringing together Buckinghamshire Council councillors with local communities to help solve local issues and to provide a vital link between the council, elected councillors and communities. These local issues could include improving facilities for young people, tackling social isolation of older people or helping to set up a community bus. It is hoped that they will enable Buckinghamshire Council councillors to take decisions on local issues, alongside key partners including other community representatives, and allow Buckinghamshire Council councillors to work with communities to influence service design and delivery on local issues.

We want Community Boards to involve everyone in the local area who wants

to make a difference and work with the new council to do this. We're proposing that Buckinghamshire Council councillors from the local area would sit on their local board. To be effective, community boards would also need to include people and organisations from the local community such as fire services, police and health, residents, parish and town councils and young people.

Hopefully, Community Boards will give residents greater influence on how services are run locally as well as contact with elected members and key stakeholders.

The Freight Strategy update

I am still actively working on the Freight Strategy with our officers. The Freight Strategy will ensure that we make use of optimal freight routes throughout our local area, allowing businesses to continue to thrive while preserving our environment and the amenity of our residential areas.

I know many of you have written to me with concerns about lorry traffic through our villages. To address your concerns, our Freight Strategy Officer, Graham Hillary, recently issued the following statement, which I have reproduced below:

"I must thank all the residents and businesses in the Ivinghoe Division for their patience and consideration during the Brownlow Bridge restriction period. It has been clear that some places have seen reduced Heavy Goods Vehicle flows whilst others have seen increased numbers. I appreciate the inconvenience experienced along with concerns about listed buildings, roads and the schools in the area.

The restriction was introduced as a result of a Canals and Rivers Trust survey that raised concerns about the weight bearing capacity of the bridge. For safety reasons it was critical to restrict use ►

of the bridge by large goods vehicles while we worked on how to proceed. In order to protect the structure from further deterioration and to support the local businesses that employ hundreds of residents, approval was given to repair the bridge and maintain its role as part of the highway infrastructure.

The role of the Brownlow Bridge moving forward will be as part of a wider area approach focused on delivering the adopted freight strategy. The strategy has clear objectives to:

- ensure HGV traffic stays off unsuitable roads, minimising the negative impact on residents and the environment;
- promote the use of preferred routes for HGVs; and
- Offer support for business to deliver the county's aspirations for growth.

The proposal is being finalised for internal Bucks County Council approval, after which it is expected to be subject to public consultation. It is important that the approach is presented in the right form to help gather constructive comment to help shape the final proposal. I look forward to the consultation and the opportunity to position what I believe is a good proposal, I welcome the chance to meet with many residents and work together to improve things in the area."

If you have a view on these issues, please write to the Freight Strategy team via the email address below:
freight@buckscc.gov.uk

Transport for Bucks update

I met with the Capital Maintenance Programme team in November and was able to prioritise the remainder of

Cheddington High Street for resurfacing works in Spring 2020. The resurfacing will be done from the tennis courts through the rest of the High Street, and Mentmore Road down to the mini double roundabout on Station Road. The preliminary patching for this work started before Christmas, and hopefully the smoother surface will improve some of the vibration and noise disturbance from traffic for residents along Mentmore Road.

On another note, Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) was recently announced as the overall winner of the Institute of Asset Management (IAM) Global Award – "Improving Customer Service through Collaboration" at the Institute of Asset Management awards on 27 November 2019.

TfB was successful in winning by making a step change in improved customer service. This was achieved by focusing and engaging elected County Councillors and executive management on asset management principles, ongoing Member meetings and increased stakeholder engagement. The result is a far better customer journey as well as genuine improvements in the highways asset.

In attendance at the awards ceremony were Rob Smith, Director of Growth, Strategy and Highways Services at Buckinghamshire County Council, Andy Denman Operations Director for Ringway Jacobs and BCC political leaders along with the Transport for Buckinghamshire Asset team and Jacobs' colleagues, who have been instrumental in achieving this success, once more demonstrating this successful and collaborative partnership.

The IAM received a huge number of entries for their annual awards this year,

with excellent entries from around the globe covering a wide range of sectors. Their judges felt that the quality of the nominations was exceptional, highlighting pioneering achievements, outstanding international practice and great leadership in asset management.

TfB was very pleased for the hard work and collaborative approach from both Officers and Members to be recognised by such a well-respected, professional body, particularly given the strength of competition, globally, and across all sectors. The award builds upon the recognition the Asset Management approach had through the achievement of ISO 55001 Accreditation and the very real benefits of achieving Band 3 DfT Incentive funding.

It's encouraging to see the service improvements for residents that TfB have made and hopefully will continue to make going forward.

Health and Wellbeing

I thought it might be useful to remind everyone of the Bucks Health and Wellbeing website initiatives which can be found on the main website below.

One thing worth pointing out on the overall page is the link to the Heads Up website which relates specifically to men's emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

Heads Up exists to help men stay happy. They have a toolbox that can help men overcome common issues like having trouble with sleeping, feeling low and money worries and even an online check-up to help you assess your wellbeing, as well as information on different ways to get support.

If you know a man that might be feeling a bit down or blue, have a look at our

Support a Man page. Contacts are also available for men who might want to discuss some of the issues they are facing or anything which they are struggling with.

Do please check out the services on offer below, as well as ideas and tips on how we can all live healthier lives in 2020.

<http://www.healthandwellbeingbucks.org/home>

<http://www.thisisheadsup.org/s4s/WhereLive/Council?pagelid=3717>

In closing, as this is my final submission as your county councillor for Buckinghamshire County Council, I would just like to say that I have felt very privileged to have been elected to serve the Ivinghoe Division throughout the past three years. It has been really lovely to have met so many of you at various local events or through my work at BCC, and it has been a very enriching experience for me to have had a chance to help serve the local community. Going forward, I am certain that the new Buckinghamshire Council will benefit from all the support and goodwill which Ivinghoe Division residents and parish councils can provide, and I am sure that the new council working with our communities will go from strength to strength.

Anne Wight



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From District Councillors Sandra Jenkins and Derek Town

AVDC offers advice on staying safe when taking a taxi

Taxis and private hire vehicles offer a convenient way to travel to and from local restaurants, bars and clubs. However, if you're taking a taxi or private hire vehicle, it's important to ensure you're getting into a licensed cab with a licensed driver.

All licensed vehicles are routinely checked to ensure they meet Aylesbury Vale District Council's (AVDC) high standards for passenger safety. Licensed drivers are thoroughly vetted by AVDC before they're allowed to work, while licensed operators are required to record all journeys undertaken by their vehicles.

You can recognise licensed vehicles as follows: Private Hire Vehicle

- Must be booked through a licensed operator – cannot be hailed.
- Not able to queue at a taxi rank.
- Not required to use a meter.
- Yellow licence plate on the rear and in the front window. Hackney Carriage Vehicle (Taxi)
- No booking required – can be hailed.
- Able to queue at a taxi rank.
- Must use a meter.
- Black, with a white licence plate on the rear (town centre taxis).

With both these vehicle types, please check there's an AVDC taxi licence plate at the rear of the vehicle. This should have a valid expiry date on it, and the registration number should match the



vehicle's registration plate. You should also check that the vehicle has AVDC stickers on the doors and that the driver is wearing an AVDC Photo ID badge. (Please ensure that the photo matches the driver.)

When booking a private hire vehicle, always give your name. That way, when checking if your private hire vehicle has arrived, you can ask them whose name the booking was made under. Remember, if you take a private hire that hasn't been booked, you'll be uninsured for the journey. (It's a criminal offence for a private hire driver to take you without a prior booking.)

By following the tips above, you can stay safe – while still enjoying your evenings and nights out.

Fantastic successes celebrated as Vale Lottery turns four!

Local good causes and special guest BBC Three Counties Radio and Aylesbury

Waterside Theatre pantomime star, Andy Collins, joined Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) to celebrate four years of Vale Lottery – the UK's first online council lottery. "Vale Lottery is a brilliant initiative raising significant amounts of money for local good causes, players are in with the chance to win some amazing prizes including the £25,000 jackpot." said Andy. He also said that, "As a local man myself I am impressed by how much has been achieved in the community thanks to Vale Lottery. A fantastic £296,313 has already been raised! Vale Lottery was launched by AVDC in 2015 in response to central government cuts and has seen more than 200 causes – including over 50 schools – joining up to raise much-needed funds. Specialised sports equipment, school computers and robots, and a children's library are just some of the things Vale Lottery income has been spent on. Medical Detection Dogs (MDD) was one of the good causes which attended the birthday event. Money raised through the Vale Lottery for MDD is invested in the training of both Bio Detection Dogs and Medical Alert Assistance Dogs – who detect life threatening diseases such as cancer and Parkinson's and warn people about their complex health conditions, for example, diabetes. Carolyn Green, MDD Community Fundraiser, spoke about the vital work MDD does: "Being a part of Vale Lottery has been a very successful way of fundraising for us; since we signed up we have raised over £10,000. Each Medical Alert Assistance Dog costs £29,000 to train and place and we rely solely on donations, so the money raised through Vale Lottery is a

vital income for us."

And it's not just Aylesbury Vale communities which are benefitting from the Vale Lottery model. The initiative has now been adopted by more than 60 local authorities nationwide, supporting over 5,000 good causes and generating a total of over £3 million annually. AVDC Chairman, Councillor Judy Brandis, said: "This year's Vale Lottery birthday event proved to be another fantastic celebration for local charities and good causes. It's amazing to be able to share how far Vale Lottery has come since its launch four years ago, and the difference it's making in our communities. Thank you to the good causes, the Vale Lottery players and supporters, as well as the charismatic Andy Collins for celebrating with us." Organisations sign up at valelottery.co.uk where players can also buy their tickets for £1 a week and choose their cause. 60p from every ticket goes directly to local good causes – that's more than double the amount donated per pound by the National Lottery, which gives just 28p. Alongside prizes in the special draws and smaller cash prizes, players also have the chance to win a £25,000 jackpot every week.

Aylesbury Vale District Council becomes first in-house operated waste transfer station to achieve accredited Competence Management System certification.

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) has become the first council in the UK with an in-house recycling and waste collection service to achieve accredited Competence Management System (CMS) certification from Lloyd's Register, the only certification body able to make this award. ►

This a significant achievement for the waste transfer station at Pembroke Road, Aylesbury and recognises the professional competence of both key staff and the systems in place for the safe management of waste.

The scheme, run by Energy & Utilities Skills, is recognised and approved by Defra and the Welsh Government as a method of demonstrating technical competence of permitted sites. It removes the need for a technically competent person with a CIWM/WAMITAB operator's certificate. Instead, it specifies requirements for a management system, which enables an organisation to develop and implement a policy and objectives that take into account legal requirements and to demonstrate the competence required to satisfy the regulatory requirements of holding an environmental permit.

Working closely with 360 Environmental, the team at AVDC took eight months to put the necessary processes in place to achieve CMS certification. Before making the award, Lloyd's Register carried out two detailed audits to ensure that processes were robust, fully understood and effectively implemented. David Derrick, UK&I Area Operations Manager, and Judith Turner, Technical Manager, at Lloyd's Register, presented the certificate to the AVDC team including Amy Bridgford, Rebecca Newbutt, David Clark, Lee Davis, Lisa Higgins and Steve Chilton at the Pembroke Road site. Amy Bridgford, AVDC's Operations Manager, said: "Myself and the wider team are incredibly proud of our certification, our site and our operation. Our accredited CMS certification has provided ultimate

business continuity and allowed us to develop and expand on our technical competence knowledge." David Derrick, Lloyd's Register UK Area Operations Manager, said: "The team at Aylesbury Vale District Council has demonstrated a robust approach to their CMS, which ensures that everyone involved with the environmental permit is competent to carry out their role. Achieving independent third-party certification from LR sends a strong signal to AVDC's stakeholders that they take competence management and permit compliance very seriously." Councillor Sir Beville Stanier, AVDC Cabinet Member for Waste and Licensing said: "This is a great achievement by the team at Pembroke Road and yet another demonstration of AVDC's determination to be a class leading authority."

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

The consultation period for Proposed Main Modifications to the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) completed on the 17th December 2019. Once the Inspector publishes his final report it will be to guide future planning decisions until a new plan is prepared. The current expected date binding and the plan will then be adopted by the council, providing a strong framework for adoption towards the end of March 2020.

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