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Welcome from the Chair

Welcome to the first issue of the Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine for 2023.

Councillor News

Firstly, I would like to thank Councillor Pat Roach who recently resigned Pat who made a great contribution to the Parish during her time in office.

The vacancy as is required was advertised, and Helen Nash was co-opted to Ivinghoe Parish Council at the meeting on the 9th January, we welcome Helen, there is a further welcome to Helen in this issue.

Repair Café

At the January Ivinghoe Parish Council meeting an Ivinghoe Aston resident suggested opening a Repair Café based at the Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub, this idea was welcomed by Ivinghoe Parish Council and the Chair of the Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub. The scheme needs volunteers, there are lots of talented people in the Parish and if you can spare some time please get involved and have fun helping, further information in this issue.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities or needs in the Parish please get in touch, the public are always welcomed at the Parish Council Meetings, or you can contact us by email or telephone.

Walnut Trees

To commemorate the late Queen's Jubilee two Walnut trees were planted in the Parish. In Ivinghoe Aston park a



Karen Groom,
Chair, Ivinghoe
Parish Council

Juglans regia 'Axel' species was planted and a Juglans regia was planted in Ivinghoe Lawn. We hope everyone enjoys these trees for many years to come.

Following the Royal Theme if you have any ideas and can help celebrate the King's Coronation in May, please get in touch with the Ivinghoe Parish Clerk.

Further Funding Sought

Ivinghoe Parish Council is applying for funding to be able to replace the wet pour surfacing around the play equipment, in Ivinghoe Aston, as this has become worn over the years. Funding is also being sought to improve the parking surface on the verge opposite the Kings Head in Ivinghoe.

Council Tax

Ivinghoe Parish Council has been very prudent with spending over the last couple of years but has also enabled the major project of traffic calming outside of Brookmead School and later this year we hope the much anticipated traffic calming in Station Road will be ►

completed. This has been achieved against the background of rising costs generally that we all face and to which the Parish Council is not immune.

Ivinghoe Parish Council Meetings

Ivinghoe Parish Council continues to meet at Ivinghoe Town Hall on the first

Monday of the month at 7pm, except where it falls on a bank holiday when we meet on the following Monday and as said earlier all are welcome.

Please follow us on **Facebook** and the website www.ivinghoe.org.uk for news alerts and updates for the parish.

Karen Groom



1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Beavers (5 3/4 -8 year olds)

Monday 6-7pm with Tom as Watermill Coloney leader

Tuesday 6-7pm with Jakki as Windmill Coloney leader

1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Cubs (8-10 year olds)

Wednesday 6:30-8pm (Dan) Akela as Windmill Pack leader

Thursday 6:30-8pm (Rob) Shere Khan as Watermill Pack leader

1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Scouts (10 1/2 -14 1/2 year olds)

Friday 7-8:30pm Andrew as Troop Leader

For any enquiries or to join the waiting list please contact us

on ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

Or our Group Scout Leader, Andrew Woods on ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com or 07768 980311

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.

Andrew is running to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer Action!



Many of you will see me in the village and surrounding areas walking or running with my training buddy, Laney (the dog) or on occasion with Jose (my wife 😊)

This activity has taken on a greater meaning recently having committed to running, my first and **ONLY** marathon, the **TCS London Marathon** to raise money for **Pancreatic Cancer Action**.

I am running in memory of a good friend who also lived locally, Geoff, who sadly was taken too young and very suddenly by this horrible disease.

Times are hard but if you feel you could donate anything to support this challenge please simply scan this QR code or visit

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrew-hetherington4



THANK YOU!!



Ivinghoe Town Hall & Beacon Villages Community Library

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Greetings from your Town Hall Management Committee!

In 2023 we will be making the Library available for small meetings of up to 6 people, at a rate of £10 per hour. For bookings please contact the Library direct.

We are considering setting up a monthly play reading group to make use of the library service's little used cache of scripts. Anyone interested please leave your email address at the Library, together with any preference for daytime, evening or weekend meetings.

The County library service has an online survey of users to find out what the library service means to them. There are paper copies of the survey available in the library for visitors to complete anonymously, so we can find out how our library can meet the needs of 21st Century life.

To Hire Ivinghoe Town Hall:

Julie Fretwell **07469016745**.

Or email:

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To view contact either Julie or myself
0774213895.

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Hub News...



In October The Village Hub marked its relaunch with a very congenial cheese and wine evening. An enthusiastic group of comprising 45 locals and friends sampled a carefully selected range of six wines, sparkling, white, red and dessert, each accompanied by cheese specially chosen for its wine complementing characteristics.

The wines were selected by local expert, Rev Mike Eggleton from Wiggington and each English cheese recommended by 'No 2 Pound Street' in Wendover.

Rev Mike introduced each wine in turn, gave us a few of his thoughts on its attributes, how these reflected the grape variety and geography and what made it distinct. He also explained how to appreciate the bouquet, how we can really taste, rather than just drink each glass.

The cheese, which included Highmore, an organic Stilton, Driftwood goats' cheese and Caerphilly, all accompanied by detailed notes and an explanation of why each complemented a particular wine. It was a fun evening and most of us emerged more knowledgeable than we were at the start of the evening.

This encouraged us to hold a Quiz Night at the beginning of January. Fifty four of our keenest local minds assembled in The Hub for the inaugural

Supper (a delicious ploughmans) Quiz and got to grips with questions on subjects ranging from literature, the world's great painters, the culinary arts, the true nationality of some of the world's most popular foods and the challenges of identifying IKEA products from their Swedish titles.

A strong showing by a visiting team meant they took away the spoils, by a whisker, but there was a generally high standard of contributions by all tables. Sadly, there has to be a winner (and a lucky recipient of a wooden spoon), but an enthusiastic post quiz response confirmed that it was an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

The Village Hub Booking Fee:

- Ivinghoe Parish and Pitstone residents or organisations:
- £12 per hour if more than 12 bookings are made at one time
- £14 per hour for ad hoc hires
- Residents/organisations not located in Ivinghoe Parish and Pitstone
- £14 per hour if more than 12 bookings are made at one time
- £16 per hour for ad hoc hires.

Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub
 Website: www.ivinghoeoldschool.com
 Email: secretary@ivinghoehub.co.uk
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Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub

Looking for a community space?

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WI News...

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Women's Institute



Our members had a very exciting and interactive meeting in October when we were taught how to do the Salsa by Zoltan and Graham of La La Dance. There was much laughter throughout the evening as we tried to master the basic steps. We wouldn't have scored a perfect 10 on Strictly but we all did very well and were all pleased with our progress.

We voted on an important matter in our November AGM when it was decided to move our AGM to March. This would bring our business year in line with the membership year and follow many other WIs that have already made this move. All our existing committee members remain for the next year with the addition of one new committee member being welcomed to the group. The vote for our President was held anonymously and Annette Hutchinson was re-elected with an overwhelming majority.

Annette gave special thanks to the committee members and the members of the WI for their support over the year. She confirmed that without the support of the members the WI would cease to exist which would be a great loss to members and the villages. Annette also informed us that the poppy displays in both villages had been set up by members. Once the business details were completed everyone enjoyed a

delicious selection of cheese and biscuits. A lovely finish to the formal meeting.

The year was completed with our Christmas party meeting in December. The meeting took place in Pitstone Pavillion with 34 members present. A short business meeting was held before the festivities began. Members brought a delicious assortment of savoury and sweet dishes for everyone to share. We were reliably informed that the desserts were calorie free as all the calories had been removed at the entrance to the hall!! Hmmmm!!!

Before sampling the delights of the buffet each member was given the 'bits and pieces' to create a Christmas Cracker. This caused some hilarity and frustration, but eventually 34 crackers were collected for distribution later.

Babs Byron representing The Village Foodbank, came to our meeting to accept the donations we had collected in lieu of buying each other a Christmas gift. Babs explained how the money would help 10 families this Christmas with food and also go towards gifts for the children.

Over the past 3 months our clubs have been very busy. Our popular Supper Club has visited the following venues and enjoyed delicious meals in The Bell in Aston Clinton, the Swan at Northall and for the December catch up,

The Rose and Crown in Ivinghoe. Over the year members have taken in turns to organise the venue and arrange car shares. This has worked extremely well and has attracted a lot of support for the club throughout the year. Random Readers continued to meet up each month with a venue change to the Rose and Crown in Ivinghoe. The Knit and Natter group have been prolific in making items for the Church Christmas Fayre whilst the Craft Group have grown in numbers and produced many beautiful items including beautiful Christmas decorations. The Walking Group have covered the Chiltern Heritage Trail over the last 3 months. We are extremely lucky to have 2 members who plan the walks and arrange the transport for our dedicated group of walkers. We have seen some splendid scenery and enjoyed great company and conversation. All of our groups are run by members and are inclusive to all our members. Everyone is made welcome and encouraged to participate.

Following the celebrations of Christmas and New Year, members look forward to our January meeting which features speaker Roger Mason talking about Prime Ministers Marital Affairs from 1721 to 1945.

And just like that another year is over

and we look forward to 2023 and all it has to challenge us with!

If any one is interested in joining our Group and would like a trial or further information, please contact Annette Hutchinson email:

annetteipw@btinternet.com

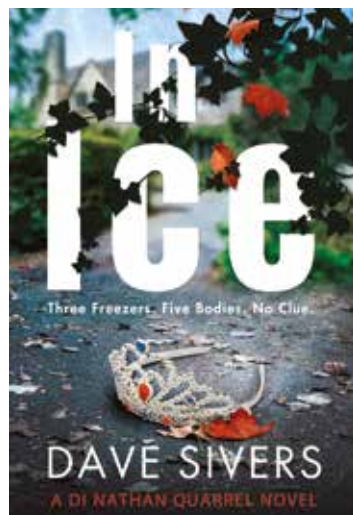


BeaconLit Book Lovers

Terrifying, Twisty, Serial Killer Chiller from Local Author

Local crime fiction author Dave Sivers' tenth novel, *In Ice*, was published on Thursday 8 December in Kindle eBook and in paperback. Dave is our former village correspondent for the local papers, and his published work includes the popular Archer and Baines series set right here in Aylesbury Vale.

In addition to his books, Dave has written extensively for the local amateur stage, most recently the script and lyrics for **Yvinghoe Tales**, a drama and music performance celebrating 800 years of St Mary's Church, Ivinghoe with Pitstone. He is also a co-founder of Ivinghoe's BeaconLit book festival, which raises funds for our local library and is in its tenth year.



In Ice is the second in his West Hertfordshire-based series featuring Detective Inspector Nathan Quarrel and, as before, Tring and surrounding villages play their part.

An anonymous call leads DI Quarrel and his team to a secluded house in a Hertfordshire village and a horrific discovery: three chest freezers containing the naked bodies of five women. As the painstaking business of identifying the apparently unconnected victims gets underway, it becomes frighteningly clear that a sadistic serial killer has been at work, probably over a long period of time. With no strong suspects, and no leads, unmasking the killer takes on a new urgency. Because the discoveries at what the media is calling a 'house of horrors' may not stop the killer, or even slow them down. Indeed, they may already have targeted their next victim.

Bestselling crime author Liz Mistry says, 'As dark, gritty and chilling as it gets. Keep the lights on!'

The eBook is available at www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0BMGHSLWK



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Challenge for Local Magazines New Year, New Challenge

Florence Nightingale Hospice are looking for people to take on a challenge and help them be there for more patients this year.

Whether you are looking to test your physical limits or set a personal goal, take on an exhilarating experience or journey across the world on a once-in-a-lifetime trip, the charity is there to support you to make the most of the challenge.

"There's only one feeling better than that of completing a challenge. And that's completing a challenge for charity and raising much-needed funds for a local charity, who supports people you know and love." says Bill Richards, Fundraising Officer at the charity. "We have some really exciting challenges planned over the next year for people to join, or can help you design your own challenge and support you with your fundraising."

With a growing and ageing population, the charity know that the number of patients across Buckinghamshire and its borders who could benefit from specialist care is going to increase rapidly and are determined to be there to support everyone who needs them.

Helen, a Day Hospice patient says, "Until I needed palliative care, I hadn't realised how much Florence Nightingale Hospice relied on charitable funding. I am incredibly thankful for those who donate and undertake fundraising activities."

The charity has dates coming up to take part in an adrenaline filled skydive or train for a once in a lifetime experience by trekking across the Saharan Desert next year. Some supporters prefer to take on their own challenges, in previous years these have included headshaves, pub crawls and egg and spoon races!



Sisters Paula and Fiona are taking on The Conqueror's Lord of the Rings virtual challenge in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, aiming to walk over 1800 miles with their much-loved dogs Buzz and Zoe. Already, just a few days into the New Year, they have clocked up 25 miles!

Paula tells us "We like to do a challenge each year for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, which has always been close to our hearts – we have had a number of friends who have been looked after by the amazing team. We are so fortunate to have such an excellent facility locally, but like all charities they rely on donations to survive. We are pleased to be able to help in some small way".

Visit: www.fnhospice.org.uk/challenge to start planning your next adventure, or you can email: fundraising@fnhospice.org.uk or call: **01296 429975**

Working to deliver the best hospice care for everyone who needs it in Buckinghamshire and border.

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The Church of St. Mary the Virgin

Vicar

Rev. James Grainger-Smith 01296 297915
 (Please call to arrange Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or Burials)

Licensed Lay Ministers

Mrs Barbara De Butts 01525 221080
 Mrs Sandra Green 01296 668648

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Mrs Babs Byrom 07860 780127
 Mr David Green 01262 668648

Our Usual Pattern of Services is:-

Every Wednesday	10:15am Holy Communion (BCP)
1st Sunday of the Month	10.00am Worshipping Together (All Ages)
2nd Sunday of the Month	10.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the Month	10.00am Morning Praise
4th Sunday of the Month	10:00am Holy Communion
5th Sunday of the Month	10.00am Benefice Communion

Because the Parish of Ivinghoe with Pitstone is part of a Benefice (i.e. shares a vicar) with the Parishes of Slapton and Marsworth, the venue for the 5th Sunday Benefice Communion rotates between the three Parish Churches.

For the most up-to-date information please go to our website:-

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/162/>

At the major festivals of the Church Year (e.g. Holy Week, Easter Day, Remembrance Sunday & Christmas) there may well be special services instead of the above pattern - again, the website is the best place to find up-to-date information.

Tots Praise at St. Mary's
Fun for under 5's and their parents
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Fridays:

6th and 20th January

3rd and 24th February

10th and 24th March

The sessions will be flexible. Drop in any time you like between 10 and 11.30am for the children to play, and for the adults to have a cuppa and a chat.

For more details contact Sandra on

01296 668648



Ivinghoe & Pitstone Chapel Fellowship

Sunday Services are held on the **third Sunday** of each month, at 12 Church Rd unless otherwise specified, and start at 10.30 a.m. followed by refreshments

FIRST THURSDAY FRIENDS

Come and enjoy a family film on the **first Thursday** of each month.

Time: 2pm - approx 4.15pm in the millennium room, Pitstone Hall

PITSTONE OVER 60s' CLUB

We are a small and friendly group of local men and women who meet together for a varied programme of Speakers, Entertainment and Quizzes etc., plus Refreshments.

We meet at the Yardley Centre, Yardley Avenue,
on the **third Thursday** of each month: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Interested? Need more information?

01296 668005

IVINGHOE HANDBELL RINGERS

Ivinghoe handbell ringers will restart their Monday afternoon practices on Monday 5th September at 1.30pm. New members are welcome. They will be playing in St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe on 15th October at the Musicathon so come and see if it may be something you would like to join. We are a friendly group and hope to be able to brush up our skills in order to be able to resume our ability to entertain others from time to time. Please contact Eilish on **01296 668122** if you would like to come for a taster session.



The next Beacon Community Choir concert will be on
Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May -
time to be confirmed.

It will be a performance of Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo, which is great fun and children will love it.

Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo light heartedly chronicles the adventures of Noah, charged by God to build an ark in order to preserve mankind and all the creatures of Earth.

Put a note in your diaries to save the date.

If you would like to join the choir please come along to St Mary's church Ivinghoe on a Thursday at 8.00 pm. You will be made very welcome - there are no auditions.

LOCAL FOODBANK

We offer an emergency foodbank service covering the villages of Ivinghoe, Pitstone,

Marsworth, Slapton, Ivinghoe Aston, Horton and Cheddington.

Supported by your local churches in Ivinghoe, Marsworth and Slapton and residents of

all the above villages and further afield. We are also supported by our local businesses

in Ivinghoe and Pitstone.

Please contact Babs on **07860 780127** or Sue on **07742 138955** for further information.

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Brookmead School seeks two Partnership Governors

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Prior experience is not required. As a governor, you can expect to:

- Support children and young people locally
- Use and build on your local networks and connections
- Share and develop your skills in areas valued by employers
- Support your career development, adding to your CV

Governors work in partnership with school leaders to shape the future of the school, agree on the key issues to help staff to raise standards, and determine how budget will be spent to achieve these aims.

Now is an exciting time to join. We recently welcomed a new headteacher and are building on the school's strengths to enhance opportunities for our children.

Express an interest or find out more: office@brookmead.bucks.sch.uk



A love of reading at Brookmead School

At Brookmead School, we absolutely love to read. Our children are taught to read using the Read, Write, Inc phonics scheme. This is supplemented through reading books to develop phonetic knowledge during foundation and year 1. From year 2 onwards, our children have a love of reading book and a reading book band book.

We have an incredibly creative group of staff who have worked together to develop our library area at Brookmead School. The children select their love of reading book from the library and get to have a weekly library slot to enjoy perusing our wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We also have a themed area within our library which highlights a range of texts for children to read. We have had a Magical Tales themed area and we currently have a 'Diversity' themed area. Every year group has a shared reading area where the children can cosy up and enjoy reading a good book!

Brookmead celebrated a love of reading through World Book Day this year. Staff and children dressed up as their favourite book character. Little Red Riding Hood made an appearance in each class and asked the children to help her keep an eye out for the wolf throughout the day – wanted posters were displayed everywhere!

If you too have a love of reading and would like to enjoy this alongside our children, contact the school as we have applications for volunteer readers opening in the summer term.

(All volunteers will be subject to a DBS check.)



Brookmead Library – themed area



Brookmead – shared reading area

Ivinghoe Allotments

News from the Allotment



Over this Christmas and New Year, I received quite a few emails regarding the forthcoming Horticultural Show, due to take place this August. My family was fortunate enough to spend the holidays in Guyana, as guests of a friend who coincidentally and very conveniently, is also the British High Commissioner. This was a genuine privilege. When we left Pitstone the temperature was -11.5C, according to the dashboard of our taxi and were greeted with 30C upon arrival in Georgetown. In an instant all recollections of the summer drought, extreme heat and the current harsh winter were well behind me, for a while at least.

As I swam in the pool (of course there was a swimming pool), I mused on the communications I had received. My thoughts turned to horticultural shows, their history, why they started and so on. It prompted conversations with a few of the staff at the residence, all people who took a genuine pride in the range and quality of local produce. Did they grow vegetables and moreover, did they ever present them at a show?

All were keen gardeners, growing cabbages, pak choi, tomatoes, celery, Wiri Wiri (Guyanese hot peppers), fig bananas, mangoes and other fruit and vegetables I can't spell, but all were definitely to feed their families. Nobody



ever took them to a show.

So I consulted 'Mr Google' to see if other countries indulged in Horticultural Shows, Fruit and Veg Shows, Veg and Produce Shows and various other permutations. All that came up were Flower Shows such as 'The Chelsea Flower Show' and similar events in America, Europe, Australia, etc.

The earliest recorded official flower shows, according to the 'New Forest and Hampshire County Show' website; appeared in the 1830s. During the Victorian era there was a great upsurge in popularity of shows of all kinds, particularly for organisations involved in anything collectable. These events provided great entertainment, especially during the summer months. The golden age of the flower show was however, more recent, the 1950s to mid-1980s. Hundreds of professional show exhibitors travelled around the country between April and November. Some exhibitors might enter 60 shows a year and their operations seemed akin to a giant travelling floral circus. Those days are gone, perhaps due to the expense, and fewer exhibitors confine their efforts to a few major shows. But what, specifically, is the history of Horticultural or Fruit and Produce Shows?

According to the 'Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Flower and Produce Show' website its show dates from 1914. Entrants could expect fierce competition and demanding criteria, which expected submissions of not the usual three or five gooseberries, but 24! Broad, Dwarf or Runner Beans were also all only accepted in groups of 24 pods and Jam in 2lb pots. Those entering a collection of vegetables had to specify whose seed you had sowed and would be required to produce the seed packets on demand. Each competitor paid 6d per entry and cash prizes were up to half a crown.

For children under the age of 14 there was a choice of two classes: A Vase of Wild Flowers and a Model of a Garden in a two-foot box. Prizes were donated by the 'well-to-do' occupiers of the local 'Big Houses' and there were distinctions in the division of some vegetable classes between farm labourers and cottagers.

So, for the uninitiated (a group which definitely included me a few years ago), who enters a show and more to the point, who enters The Ivinghoe, Ivinghoe Aston and Pitstone Horticultural Show?

What should a first-time competitor expect and who is the typical show entrant? Is it mainly elderly allotment holders and retirees with perfect gardens? There are definitely some of those, but also 'newbies' who have recently acquired an allotment or perhaps during lockdown, took to their gardens and grew flowers, vegetables and fruit. Also, shows such as BBC's '**Gardeners' World**' have excited people and shown that fine produce can grow in almost any space. A vast variety can be cultivated on both windowsills and in acres of land.

Why not enter? Fear of competition and worry that what you exhibit will not be taken seriously are some of the reasons. I didn't enter myself until some years after I moved to the village. Firstly I considered myself a rank outsider and regarded my produce as relatively pathetic. Also, I aim to grow for flavour and never seek to produce the longest, straightest, biggest, perfectly rounded, etc. However, I do appreciate that there are many who are truly inspired by these challenges and when placed on the table, they can be an awesome sight to behold.

What I am trying to say is this does ►

not put me off and it shouldn't discourage you. I have already produced three examples of a particular variety and won a prize. I was even rewarded for a vase of flowers. I firmly believe that it is worth entering for the fun of participation. You just never know. You may be surprised at how well you place, but even if you don't win this time next year beckons. Quite soon, you've got the bug.

If you don't wish to enter grown things, other categories call for entries which you have cooked or reflect your artistic endeavours.

I promise you that entering the Ivinghoe, Ivinghoe Aston and Pitstone Horticultural Show is fun. The people are lovely, you may make new friends and learn new things. What are you waiting for? Simply read the classes and rules and start planning.

To get you started here's a recipe for a fruit jelly that I have made many times (a jar also makes a lovely present)

Apple and Chilli Jelly (Adapted from a recipe by Sarah Raven)

Makes 4 x 450g jars. When preparing the apples, chop them up but leave the core and peel on. This is where the most pectin is and will help give a nicely set jelly.

Ingredients: 2kg Bramley or crab apples roughly chopped; 175mls apple cider vinegar; about 900g granulated sugar, 6 medium-hot chillies, 3 red and 3 green sliced into rings or finely chopped.

Method: Prepare and sterilise 4 jars. Place a saucer in the fridge, ready for when you come to test the setting point. Put the apples and chillies in a large, heavy-based saucepan. Add just enough water to cover the apples and bring slowly to the boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook for about 20 minutes until the apples are soft. Add the cider vinegar and boil for 5 minutes. Strain overnight through a jelly bag or muslin into a large bowl. Don't be tempted to squeeze the bag as this will make the jelly cloudy. Measure the juice and for every 570mls weigh out 450g sugar. Pour the juice into a large, heavy-based pan and add the sugar. Stir over a gentle heat to dissolve the sugar completely. Add the chillies, then raise the heat and boil vigorously for about 15 minutes. Pull the pan off the heat and test for the setting point. Take the saucer from the fridge and place a teaspoonful of the juice on it. When cool, it should wrinkle when you push it with your finger. If using a jam thermometer, it should reach 104-105C. Leave to stand for at least 20 minutes then stir once more to ensure the chillies are distributed evenly through. Pour the jelly into dry, warm, sterilised jars. Cover each jar with a wax disc, then seal and label with the date. Unopened the jelly keeps for at least a year. Once open, store in the fridge and use within a couple of weeks.

Bon Appetit and good luck with your Horticultural Show endeavours.

Show Programme

19 August 2023



Classes

Children's Section

Age 16 and Under:

(judged according to age)

1. A miniature garden in a seed tray.
2. Decorate a wooden spoon.
3. 4 fairy cakes judged on decoration.

These Sections are open

to ALL ages:

Vegetable Fruit & Produce Section:

Vegetables

4. 5 coloured or white potatoes.
5. 3 onions - tops tied.
6. 5 shallots - tops tied.
7. 5 French beans -dwarf or climbing.
8. 3 carrots – tops trimmed to 75mm (3").
9. 3 beetroot – tops trimmed to 75mm (3").
10. 5 tomatoes.
11. 3 courgettes – 150mm-200mm (6"-8") optimum length
12. 5 radishes – as pulled, roots washed.
13. A bunch of 9 spring onions.
14. 5 runner beans
15. Longest runner bean
16. A pair of any other vegetable not listed above.
17. Collection of vegetables. No

- limit on kinds or numbers, displayed in a box, basket or trug (maximum size 50cm (20") in any dimension.
18. Bunch of culinary herbs.

Fruit

19. A dish of black currents, red currants or white currents, can be a single kind or mixed, displayed on a paper plate.
20. 3 sticks of Rhubarb – leaves trimmed.
21. A dish of raspberries displayed on a paper plate.
22. Any other fruit not listed above.
23. A collection of fruit. No limit on kinds or numbers displayed in a box, basket or trug maximum size 50cm (20") in any dimension.

Plants and Flowers Section:

Grown Flowers (see rules)

24. A specimen rose.
25. 5 sweet peas.
26. 5 Dahlias.
27. Sunflowers – 3 stems.

Flower Arranging

28. An arrangement in a jam jar.

Cookery and Produce Section:

Cookery

29. A Victoria sandwich with

raspberry jam. (see recipe overleaf)

30. 6 savoury muffins, own recipe to be cooked in muffin cases.

31. Shortbread - see recipe overleaf.

32 Fruit cake - see recipe overleaf.

Produce

33. 6 eggs.
34. 3 tasty tomatoes.
35. 5 cooked homegrown salad potatoes.
36. Ugliest vegetable
37. A bottle of flavoured gin or vodka - max 500mls.
38. A jar of jam - see rules.
39. A jar of lemon curd - see rules.
40. A jar of marmalade - see rules.
41. A jar of savoury jelly - see rules.
42. A jar of chutney - see rules.

Craft Section:

42. Knit a fabulously original pair of fingerless gloves.
43. Sketch or paint your own self portrait.
44. Crochet a striking beanie hat.
45. String a necklace with 'nature's natural beads'.
46. Construct a pet animal – any medium.

47. Make an attractive wreath – using only rags.

48. Make a greeting card with a fun difference.

49. Safely Craft a sporting figure in motion out of wire – mounted on a base.

Parking will be open on the Lawn

**Good Luck
with your entries**



Prizes:

Certificates will be awarded in all classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Winner Cups awarded for highest points gained in each section. Cups engraved with winner's name and awarded for one year. The Onion Cup is only for Class No. 5 (3 Onions – tops tied),.

Rules

- All entrants to take note of MAXIMUM measurements for relevant classes.
- Cookery classes to follow recipes where specified.
- All craft items to have been produced in the 36 months preceding the date of the show.
- All vegetable, fruit and produce classes to have been grown by the entrant and presented on approximately 25cms (10”) plates where applicable.
- Eggs from own poultry.
- Plants and grown flower entries to have been grown by the entrant.
- Flowers for arrangements can be freely sourced.
- Jars of preserves can be any size but must not have screw top lids - cloth or cellophane lids only.

The Judge's decision is Final!**Cookery - Set Recipes****Victoria Sandwich**

6 eggs; 340g/12oz caster sugar plus extra for dusting; 340g/12oz self-raising flour; 3 tsp baking powder;

340g/12oz margarine or soft butter; raspberry jam to fill.

Method: Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas4. Grease and line 2 x 20cm/8in sandwich tins. Break the eggs into a mixing bowl, add the sugar, flour, baking powder and butter. Mix with an electric mixer or wooden spoon. Divide the mixture evenly between the tins and bake for 25 minutes. Leave to cool on wire rack. Spread the jam on one cake, placing the second sponge on top. Sprinkle with a little caster sugar.

Shortbread

125g/4oz unsalted butter, softened; 180g/6oz plain flour; 55g/2oz caster sugar plus extra for dusting.

Method: Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas mark 5. Beat together butter and sugar until smooth. Stir in the flour to get a smooth paste. Turn onto a worktop and gently roll out to a 1cm/1/2” thickness. Cut the shortbread into rounds with 8cm/3” cutter. Place on lined baking tray. Chill for 20 minutes. Bake for 15-20 mins or until golden brown. Sprinkle with caster sugar and leave to cool.

Everyday Fruit Cake

400g mixed fruit
125g unsalted butter at room temp
3 large eggs
60ml (4 tbsps) jam
1 rounded tbsp jam
125g soft brown sugar
250g self-raising flour
2 tsp mixed spice

Method: Preheat oven to 170C/150C fan/ gas mark 3. Line a 2lb loaf tin. Weigh fruit and put to one side. Put all ingredients, except the fruit, into a large bowl. Beat together well, but do not over do it. Mix in the dried fruit by hand. Put mix into tin and bake for 1hr 15 min. Check after this time and if knife is not coming out, clean and check again after 10 mins, repeat until cooked.

Schedule and Entry Form

This form can be emailed or posted (no charge for advanced entries) at any time up until Thursday 17 August 2023 (postal address is : John Lowe, 22 Yardley Avenue, Pitstone, LU7 9AL or email : johnglowe2@gmail.com. Late entries, including those on the day, will be accepted but will be charged 50p per entry.

Name.....

Email.....Telephone

I wish to enter the class(es) marked with an 'x' below and I agree to abide by the rules.

Signature

Children's Section: 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐

Vegetables: 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐

Fruit: 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐

Grown Flowers: 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐

Flower Arranging: 28 ☐

Cookery: 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐

Produce: 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐

Craft: 43 ☐ 44 ☐ 45 ☐ 46 ☐ 47 ☐ 48 ☐ 49 ☐

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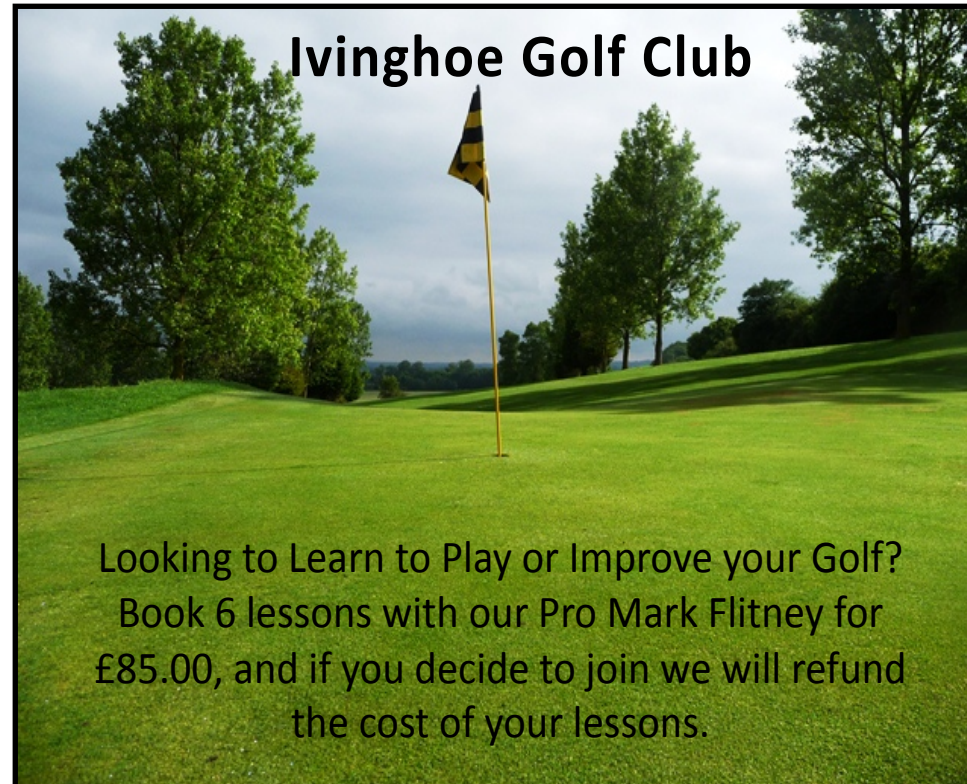
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With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Bucks <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/bucks> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Bucks (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris www.walkinginengland.co.uk

Email: john@walkinginengland.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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Ashridge Ramblings

Pitstone Quarry Restoration

This is the most exciting development I've heard about in ages! The section of Pitstone Quarry between the B488 and Pitstone Hill is to be restored as a haven for wildlife, walkers and open-water swimmers, and the National Trust will assume responsibility for its management.

The project will run in two phases.

Phase 1 will open approximately two years after planning consent is granted, so potentially in Spring 2026. This phase covers the northern- and western-most 35 hectares and includes 3.5 km of new footpaths, new calcareous grassland, a proposed visitor centre and a car park. The lake will initially only be open to visitors at weekends and bank holidays for safety reasons, with level-crossing-style gates being installed as there will be considerable ongoing commercial activity from Monday to Friday.

Phase 2, to be completed before 2042 and likely by 2037, restores the remaining 26 hectares, provides an additional 2.3 km of footpaths and removes the level-crossing.

The result will be a brand-new nature reserve, providing recreational facilities and a fantastic mosaic of habitats with links to an existing wildlife-rich landscape. It will help to draw people away from the overburdened area around the Bridgewater Monument, which will benefit some of the most highly-designated parts of the Ashridge Estate, visitors and wildlife alike.

The site is owned by Clark Contracting Ltd, who are financing the project on the basis of money raised by importing 'clean', unimpacted soils from the construction sector to achieve the required landscaping. They are very keen to take on board comments from the local community and can be contacted at pitstonerestoration@aae-ltd.co.uk. For more details, see www.pitstone-quarry.co.uk.

Rikki Harrington

(Ashridge Estate Committee Member)
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On Thursday 4 May 2023, local elections are taking place across England. To vote at a polling station, you will need to bring photo ID.

Voter ID requirement

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.

This will apply to:

- Local elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Recall petitions

From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Find out more about accepted forms of photo ID, how to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate, and what to expect on polling day.



Accepted forms of photo ID

You can use any of the following accepted forms of photo ID when voting at a polling station.

International travel

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country

Driving and Parking

- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state
- A Blue Badge

Local travel

- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Oyster 60+ Card
- Freedom Pass
- Scottish National Entitlement Card
- 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- War Disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

Proof of age

- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)

Other government issued documents

- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- Voter Authority Certificate
- Anonymous Elector's Document

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

Out of date photo ID

You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID

You can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate, if:

- you don't have an accepted form of photo ID
- you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you
- you're worried about using an existing form of ID for any other reason, such as the use of a gender marker

You need to register to vote before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.

Showing ID as an anonymous elector

If you're registered to vote anonymously and want to vote in person, you'll need to apply for an Anonymous Electors Document.

Applying for a Voter Authority Certificate**Deadline for May 2023 local elections in England**

The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for the local elections in England on 4 May 2023 is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023.

You need to be registered to vote before you apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

When you register to vote, you'll be asked whether you have photo ID or if you want to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

Full details on how to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate can be found at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id

**• How to vote in person**

- Check where your polling station is and go to vote between 7am and 10pm on polling day.
- When you get your polling station, tell the polling station staff (or poll clerk) your name, or give them your poll card. You don't need your poll card to vote, but it can help to speed up the process.
- From 4 May 2023, if you are voting in an election that requires photo ID, you will need to show photo ID to vote. Staff will check that they are happy that it's acceptable. A private area will be available. You can choose to have your photo ID viewed in private. This might be a separate room, or an area separated by a privacy screen, depending on the polling station.
- The staff will then give you a ballot paper listing the candidates you can vote for. You might be given more than one ballot paper if there is more than one election taking place in your local area on the same day.
- Take your ballot paper (or papers) to a polling booth, so that you can cast your vote in secret.
- Read the instructions on the ballot paper carefully. Some elections use different voting methods, so you need to make sure you fill in each ballot paper correctly.
- Complete your ballot paper using the pencil provided in the polling booth. You can also use your own pen if you want to. Don't write anything else on the paper, or your vote may not be counted.
- If you make a mistake, don't put your ballot paper in the ballot box. Ask the polling station staff for a replacement ballot paper and fill it in again.
- Once you're done, fold your completed ballot paper and put it in the ballot box.

Buckinghamshire Councillors Report

Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor Derek Town



Builder pays the price for fly-tipping in Buckinghamshire

A builder from North London who tried to evade justice, has paid the price for fly-tipping in Buckinghamshire with a hefty fine imposed by the courts.

Faisal Kamran, from Northolt in North London, appeared at High Wycombe Magistrates Court on 30 November. Kamran previously ignored a court summons regarding the charge of illegal dumping and was arrested. When he finally appeared in court, he pleaded guilty to the charge.

The court heard that a pile of rubbish had been found on Wexham Park Lane on 27 April 2022, by an enforcement officer from Buckinghamshire Council. When examined, the waste led the officer to a householder who had recently had his bathroom renovated.

The householder revealed that Kamran had collected the waste which was later found dumped. When interviewed under caution at Hayes Police Station Kamran admitted dumping the waste, claiming that he intended to go back and get it.

Magistrates fined Kamran £1,066 and ordered him to pay the council's full

costs of £1,097.57. He was also ordered to pay a victim surcharge, making a total to pay of £2,265.57.

Buckinghamshire Council tops Modeshift STARS league table!

Buckinghamshire Council has topped a league of 59 Local Authorities who are members of the Modeshift STARS scheme – with the council having the highest percentage of schools with a sustainable travel plan. They are also ranked fourth highest in terms of the quality of the travel plans awarded.

The scheme is sponsored by the Department for Transport and encourages school-aged children and young people to walk, bike, scoot or get the bus to school. The scheme awards gradings on a Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Green basis to promote sustainable, active, and safe ways of travel for families doing school runs.

There are now 60 schools (a total of 24,668 students) in Buckinghamshire with Modeshift STARS, an increase of 14% from the same time last year. The scheme offers schools an online tool to help them plan, monitor and develop a

nationally recognised School Travel Plan against set criteria. This plan is then used to designate the accreditation they will be able to achieve.

Buckinghamshire Council win appeal against 'inappropriate development' in Beaconsfield

Plans for the 450 residential property Beeches Park development next to the Amersham Road (A355) and Minerva Way in Beaconsfield were refused at the Council's South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee on 25 November 2021; this decision has now been upheld at appeal by the Planning Inspectorate (decision announced on 20 December).

Buckinghamshire residents receive awards in the New Year's Honours list

Awards for 20 Buckinghamshire residents were announced today in His Majesty King Charles III's inaugural New Year Honours List. One from the Ivinghoe Ward – **Mr Alan John Richard Williams**: For services to the community in Edlesborough, Buckinghamshire.

Buckinghamshire Council aims to save costs through new Estates Strategy

Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet has approved a new Estates Strategy, which will see the council review their office accommodation inherited from the pre-unitary legacy councils. The plans propose a reduction in the council's operational estate based on organisational need,

which could lead to revenue savings of £2.4m a year and capital receipts savings of £4m. The council's carbon footprint would also be reduced.

Realigning their use of office accommodation reflects the change in work patterns in a post-Covid environment, where more staff are now working from home for at least part of each week.

Buckinghamshire Council confirms 2023/24 budget proposals

Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet has agreed to recommend to full Council its proposed budget and council tax rates for 2023/24. These are subject to further scrutiny by the Finance and Resources Select Committee and agreement by Council.

The budget has been drawn up against a backdrop of global economic turbulence and uncertainty. High inflation driven by the war in Ukraine and extra demands on the council's services are adding an **extra £63 million** in costs for next year before a penny of next year's budget is even spent.

It means the council is proposing a **2.99% rise in the base rate of council tax**. This is set against an increase in inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index of over 10%. In addition, it is planning to take up the Government's proposal for a **Social Care Precept of 2%**, meaning a total rise of **4.99%** in bills. The Cabinet were very aware that helping relieve pressures in social care is fundamental to helping the NHS ►

during the winter peak in demand.

This would mean a rise in council tax of £1.61 per week for the average home (Band D) in Buckinghamshire.

The budget proposals also outline which areas the council is allocating funding for – and how much, after nearly 2,000 residents fed in their views on the budget plans. This includes:

- More than £125 million fixing and maintaining roads
- Nearly £143 million for schools improvements
- £20 million on housing and tackling homelessness
- More than £14 million to tackle Climate Change and prevent flooding
- Investing more than £20 million in our waste and recycling facilities

The budget report considered by Cabinet (5/1/23) includes detail about how the Covid-19 pandemic and global factors have created considerable extra pressures on the budget this year. There have been many more people needing support and social care from the council following the pandemic; more children and families are facing need and more adults are receiving social care – 3% more in a year. The economic uncertainty and high inflation also mean the council's own costs are much higher too across the piece, whether that's the cost of materials to fix and build roads, energy costs or the cost of providing social care services.

The council is, however, in a stable and positive financial position compared to many other local authorities – we

are able to present a balanced budget which includes major spend on services residents have told us that they want us to focus on. Importantly, we are continuing to achieve savings from becoming a single unitary authority in 2020. The council is finding a total of £10 million in savings across all departments to balance the books in 2023/24.

Buckinghamshire Council reveals first ever county-wide Local Heritage List

Buckinghamshire Council has today announced the adoption of its first ever county-wide heritage list. Using Government funding, the council has developed a Local Heritage List to protect some of the most important sites in the county that contribute to the character and heritage of Buckinghamshire.

There have been more than 2,653 nominations for inclusion on the list and 771 of these sites are now being brought forward for adoption in Phase 1.

The Local Heritage List identifies locally significant heritage sites and celebrates their contribution to local identity and character. These sites include historic buildings (houses, chapels, agricultural and industrial buildings), archaeological sites (upstanding earthwork remains and buried sites), formal gardens, public open spaces, public works of art, monuments and street furniture.

This is different to statutory listing and designations (e.g., Grade I, II and II* listed buildings, scheduled monuments,

and registered parks and gardens), which are assessed nationally by Historic England.

Nominations are now open for the Proud of Bucks Awards

Nominations are now open for Buckinghamshire Council's Proud of Bucks Awards 2022 – generously sponsored by The Clare Foundation. The awards aim to recognise and celebrate outstanding community contribution carried out by local volunteers, groups and organisations during 2022. They acknowledge Buckinghamshire's communities that have made a positive impact in their local areas.

Just like last year, each of Buckinghamshire's 16 Community Boards will be celebrating local people in three award categories. Members of the public are invited to send in their nominations for those who they feel deserve recognition and praise. The three award categories are:

- **Local Community Champion** – For an individual (aged 21 and over) who

has made a clear and positive impact in their local community during 2022.

- **Young Community Champion** – For a young person (under age 21) who has made a clear and positive impact in their local community or towards their peers during 2022.
- **Community Group Contribution** – Recognises and celebrates a group in the Community Board area who has made a clear and positive impact on the community during 2022.

There are lots of ways to nominate someone for a Proud of Bucks Award, including submitting a nomination online or downloading a form and returning it by email. People can also visit their local Buckinghamshire library to pick up or drop off a printed paper copy. Find out more at: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/PoB-awards

The closing date for nominations is **Sunday 12 February**. Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of judges and the winners will be announced in the spring.

Councillor Derek Town



Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council

Bucks Lottery: Strike it lucky and support local good causes



Buckinghamshire residents can support local good causes while also potentially winning big with Buckinghamshire Lottery. By purchasing a ticket for just £1 per week, players not only have the opportunity to win cash prizes up to £25,000, but they also support local good causes such as community groups, sports clubs and charities.

All proceeds from the lottery go towards supporting local projects and organisations that make a positive impact on the community. Whether it's supporting a local sports team, helping to preserve a historic building, or funding youth programmes, the Buckinghamshire Lottery is an easy way for residents to make a difference.

Buckinghamshire Lottery offers a 1 in 50 chance of winning – much better odds than the National Lottery. Recent winners include Mr M from Dunstable, who won a whopping £2,000 on Christmas Eve while supporting Stoke Mandeville-based wheelchair sport charity WheelPower.

"We're thrilled by the success of Buckinghamshire Lottery," said Steve Bowles, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Communities. "It offers residents the chance to win cash prizes while also supporting local causes that make a real difference in our community. By purchasing a ticket, you not only have the chance to win big, but you're also helping to

fund important projects and organisations that enhance the lives of those in our community. It's truly a win-win situation."

Steve added: "We have 373 local good causes registered, so there's plenty of choice for people when choosing who they want to support. Animal charities, scout groups, charities who support health issues like cancer and Alzheimer's, local food banks, homelessness – there's something for everyone!"

Jessica Pearson, Community and Events Fundraising Manager at Medical Detection Dogs, commented: "We are pleased to be involved in the Buckinghamshire Lottery and enjoy being a part of the local community and giving supporters an opportunity to play and possibly win. We are grateful for the support we have received via Buckinghamshire Lottery since joining – it makes a real difference to our life-saving work."

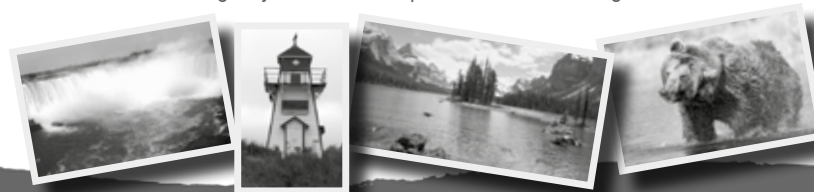
To purchase a ticket and support local causes, go to: **www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk**

If you're part of a local good cause looking to boost your fundraising in 2023, why not sign up to the Buckinghamshire Lottery. It's completely free to sign up, there's no admin and no risk. Free marketing and support are provided to get you started. For more information, visit: **www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/good-causes**

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Welcome to Councillor Helen Nash



For some years now I have wanted to take a more active role within my local community. For the past 2 years I have been actively involved in our local SpeedWatch campaign. Along with many other residents, and the Council, I share an immense frustration in respect of the lack of traffic calming to date, although the recent implementation of the Freight Zone is without doubt an excellent step forward.

Ivinghoe is such a special place and I'm eager to play my part in safeguarding the unique historical fabric of the village and it's special heritage.

I have a strong belief in the importance of local government, giving local people a voice. And I'm looking forward to extending my service to our community by joining the Parish Council.

Helen Nash

THE BEACON ART GROUP

We are an informal group who meet on Tuesday mornings in Ivinghoe Town Hall. We'd love a few more people to join us who like to dabble in painting and drawing. Beginners welcome. If you think you would be interested please call me: **Marion Jackson on 01296 668429.**



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