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Welcome from the Chair

I hope by the time you read this we will be enjoying some warm weather and making the most of the lighter evenings.

By now the Anglian Water roadworks will have finished, and we will be getting used to the temporary 18 tonne weight limit for HGVs on the Brownlow Bridge following the strength assessments by the Canal and Rivers Trust who own the bridge.

Play areas

Some exciting news! Ivinghoe Parish Council have been awarded Lottery funding from Awards for All for £10,000 which will be used to install a new cable zip wire on Ivinghoe Lawn for teenagers and adults to use. We will take advice from Wicksteed with regarding to the position, but this is expected to be installed in June. We have also applied for grant funding from AVDC New Homes Bonus for a new accessible roundabout for Ivinghoe Lawn and Ivinghoe Aston play areas, we should hear from AVDC in September.

You may have noticed the new picnic table located near the table tennis table on Ivinghoe Lawn for everyone to use.

Ivinghoe aerial photograph taken 1950

We have recently discovered an aerial photograph of Ivinghoe taken in 1950 which we are having restored. We plan to display the restored photograph in Ivinghoe Town Hall for everyone to see. I'm sure you will find it interesting to see



Karen Groom,
Chair, Ivinghoe
Parish Council



how the village has changed over the years.

Bucks best kept Village

We have again entered the Bucks Best Kept Village Competition, please make every effort to keep the village tidy and litter free, especially if your property is on the High Street. Judging takes place in June – July time.

There are a few dates for you...

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 7th May 7.30pm Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub ►

The Annual Meeting of Ivinghoe Parish Council will be held on 7th May at 7.30pm in Ivinghoe Old School Village Hub. Everyone is welcome to attend this relaxed evening and enjoy refreshments and an opportunity to talk to your Councillors.

Ivinghoe Village Fete – 8th June 2019

We look forward to the village fete on the 8th June, this year the theme is 'Save The Environment'. The official opening time is 2pm.

Ivinghoe Allotments Open Day – 17th August 1.30 – 4pm

The allotments will be open to visitors on the 17th August. We are particularly proud of the Ivinghoe Allotments please

take the time to visit and appreciate their beauty and tranquillity.

Ivinghoe Flower Show – 14th September, Ivinghoe Town Hall and Ivinghoe Old School

Further details inside, entry forms will be available nearer the time.

Ivinghoe Town Hall Chairman

Thank you to Andy Beezer for being Chairman of Ivinghoe Town Hall Committee and good luck with your move away.

Website

Please check the website for regular updates: www.ivinghoe.org.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

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



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 7-8:30pm (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 7:30-9pm 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, Keith Steers on Keithsteers@gmail.com or 07899 696722

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.



Girlguiding

Rainbows: Monday 4.30 – 5.30pm Pitstone Memorial Hall
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Girl Guides: Tuesday 7.00 – 8.30pm Millennium Room,
Pitstone Memorial Hall Guider: Yvonne Ashton **01296 660044**

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

RikkLAabout

Excuse me...

For 35 years I've organised a free Christmas card delivery service for the elderly of Harpenden. On a single Sunday morning, the Cubs deliver around 4,000 cards, having sorted them into rounds the previous day. On the Sunday afternoon I deliver the cards that the Cubs and their parents failed to find a home for. Many of these have just a road name and a house name, rather than a number, and I've

often cursed people with such addresses, especially when there is no big sign up outside the house. Now I find myself living at such an address, and I feel a tad guilty. Often, when I'm in the front garden, a vehicle pulls up and the driver says "Excuse me, do you know where it is?". Sometimes I do, sometimes I don't". At last I have got around to making a list, and I thought it might be useful to share it.

NORTH WEST END End of speed limit sign 0.1 mile gap

Grove Farm House, Barns, Businesses

0.1 mile gap

HARTOP CLOSE
Oak Cottage
Cherry Cottage
Maple Cottage
Willow Farm
1 Brook Cottages
2 Brook Cottages (Overstream)
3 Brook Cottages
3a Brook Cottages
4 Brook Cottages
Hope Brook Cottage

0.1 mile gap

Laurel Cottage
Fir Tree Cottage
Diblocks Orchard

0.1 mile gap

Diblocks Cottage
Vine Farm
Hideaway Cottage
Moses Cottage

0.2 mile gap 40 MPH sign

Orchard Farm
Rocklane Riding Centre
Rocklane Bungalow
14 & 13 Orchard Farm Cottages, Touchwood Barn
12 Orchard Farm Cottages
11 Orchard Farm Cottages
CHAPEL LANE (1-5) Old Chapel
Tag End

Ivinghoe Aston Farm
and cottages
Rookery Nook Cottage

Rookery Nook

FLAG POLE

2 Swan Close

Lilac Farm
Damson Tree Cottage
SWAN CLOSE (3-11)
1 Swan Close
The Old Post Office

Glendower
Little Orchard

POST BOX THE VILLAGE SWAN

2 High Street
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6 High Street
8 High Street
10 High Street (Ty Cyngor)
12 High Street

Six Acres

The Hawthorns
Ridge View
Brambles
Beacon Cottage
Well Cottage

Beacon Farm House
Karbister
Hilderstone
Brampton
The Old School House
Old School

PLAYGROUND

ALLOTMENTS (**see below)

1 High Street
3 High Street
5 High Street

7 High Street
9 High Street
11 High Street
Riffhams
6 Ashby Villas
5 Ashby Villas
4 Ashby Villas
3 Ashby Villas
2 Ashby Villas
1 Ashby Villas (Hill View)

VILLAGE HALL School Meadow

Crabtree Farmhouse
IVINGHOE ASTON and 30 MPH signs
0.5 mile gap
The Briars

0.15 mile gap
SOUTH EAST END (B489)

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WI News...

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Branch



My name is Sue Eyre and I took over from Sue Jones as President of Ivinghoe and Pitstone WI in January of this year.

I moved into Ivinghoe just over three years ago after a lifetime in north Derbyshire; our parents had passed away and our remaining family lived in New Zealand, Australia and Berkhamsted. And we're loving it!

It was on our fifth day here that I met a member of the WI whilst out walking my baby granddaughter. We had a little chat and by the same afternoon the President was on my doorstep to welcome me into the fold – she even picked me up for the first meeting and I only live in Wellcroft!

I was made so very welcome and three years later, here I am as President!

Our first three meetings have been lively affairs!

We shook off the January cobwebs with a mini Ceilidh with live music by Ivinghoe's own Puddingstone Lane and it was great!

February saw us learning about the life of a custom's officer with a talk from Geoff Travis; he told us about the characters he'd met and the loot he had uncovered which definitely should have been declared!

In March we welcomed Phil Madley from Wilstone who is an encaustic painter – no we didn't know what one of those was either, but we do now! He creates original pictures using wax and an iron –

as someone remarked, it was so lovely to see a man with an iron in his hand.

We've got a full programme planned for the rest of the year and as well as monthly meetings, we also have a dining club, a walking group, a bookclub and a craft club. So there's lots going on! Why don't you give us a try? Give me a call and I'll give you the details.

We've also got an Open Meeting on 13th June where we welcome all members of the community, not just the ladies; the theme for that one is 'From plot to pot'.

Sue Eyre, President
01296 709281 / 07742138955

Also coming up....

Sunday 16th June, Prosecco, Cream Teas on the Cricket Green at Pitstone, in support of the music event organised by the Beacon Choir.




WE NEED
YOU!
Volunteer
Clean-up Ivinghoe
brigade needed for Hub
based community
initiative.

Sunday afternoon May 19th
from noon onwards till 5pm

Bring Brooms, spades and
wheelbarrows

Once again Kitchener is donning his marigolds
and calling on your help to clean up the streets
and gardens of Ivinghoe for the
Best Kept Village Competition in June 2019.

Ivinghoe Town Hall... News!

After several years of acting as 'Chairman' of the Ivinghoe Town Hall Management Committee we sadly had to say goodbye to Andy Beezer recently as he and Sally have emigrated up to Sheffield to be closer to their children and awaiting their arrival of their first grandchild. **Thank you Andy for all your support.**

As a 17th Century Grade II listed building the Town Hall requires substantial maintenance. Bucks CC have inspected the condition of the property and it appears that a lot of remedial work is required, pending BCC financial approval.

In the 2nd half of this year whilst staying open for Bookings and it's regular Classes you may notice the Town Hall being covered back & front in Scaffolding! Remedial works are required to the: Roof, Gothic Window's, Gutters, Rendering and removing Ivy and treating some damp etc. BCC have already replaced the old 1936 iron Fire Escape with a new 'shiny' aluminium one which will be painted Black in due course.

Help required! We have a very small team (Accountant, Secretary, Booking Clerk and a DIY genius) so if you would like to contribute somehow to the upkeep and the running of the Town Hall, from Chair person to Caretaking etc., please give Stephen a call on **01296 660680**.

The 2019 AGM to which all are invited will be held in the Town Hall at 8pm on **Thursday 30th May**.

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

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

Ivinghoe Town Hall regular events:

Monday: 4pm – 8pm – Ballet
Lisa Sabitini (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: 7.00pm – 10.00pm W.I.
2nd Thursday of each month
Sue Jones (01296 660436)

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

Also, please try the web site at www.ivinghoetownhall.org.uk where you can see regular activities and search for Hall availability dates, and make a Booking enquiry online.



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16th June - Sunday • 14th July - Sunday • 29th July - Sunday

11th August - Sunday • 26th August - BH Monday • 8th September - Sunday

13th October - Sunday as part of Tring's Own Apple Fayre.

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School and other parties welcome by arrangement.

Contact: Mill Manager - Chris Tugby, millman@fordendwatermill.co.uk or Telephone: **01442 825421**. www.fordendwatermill.co.uk



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



Hub News...



Our Ivinghoe Hub is an increasingly fully booked successful Community Project and this has come about by reflecting what you ask for.

Facebook users will have seen our recent **'Call-Out for Hub Volunteers'** to form an outer skin of generous community-member support, whose active help we would **WELCOME** with open arms to add to what we ageing volunteer Trustees can contribute, to keep making interesting things happen in and around our lovely Hub building, saved by us for your use.

We boldly suggest that the first volunteering moment could be a **'CLEAN UP IVINGHOE' session after lunch on Sunday May 19th**, to leave the roads, paths and gardens of our village looking sparkly just in time for the Best Kept Village Competition in June! We plan to use the Hub with its Café as the central meeting up space to share tools, lav's and refreshments to suit us all – as we turn up and pitch in throughout this fun and 'actively-enhancing' time from Noon onwards to 4.30/5pm! Look-out for detailed fliers following on!

Old Scholars of Ivinghoe Old School will know there is an open invitation to join in the annual **Reunion** for a catch up and entertaining quizzes before and after a tasty lunch together. **Tickets from Sylvia Simmonds.**

Somewhere else in this magazine you will spot our cheery advert for this year's **Ivinghoe Flower And Veg Show** which is back by popular demand, and this time the Show will be held in both the Hub Hall and Town Hall combined to allow for even more elbow room! We very much want you to set aside the whole day in

your diaries because we are attempting something more this year!

So – firstly to give you warning to set aside **Saturday September 14th** to aim at for growing and creating your entries, and we promise a **full schedule of Flowers, Veg, Fruit, Craft, Cooking and Children's challenges via websites, social media** and physically present hard copy fliers in venues and on notice boards.

Secondly – do set this day aside and yes make it an all-day experience – because we very much hope to engage everyone in an **Autumn Fayre that celebrates Harvest and end of summer abundance** on that day around the Hub also.

Our Hub stalls would hope to reflect that same theme and be active during the morning after you have dropped off your entries into the Halls and we are hoping to arrange Morris dancing in the outside spaces also. **The Flower and Veg Show will open to competitors and visitors alike at 2pm after the late morning judging, and stay open till the Auction of Produce has finished around 4pm.**

There is even talk of a Ceilidh in the evening, or torch lit Apple Blessing?

Here is a link to let us know your interest in our volunteering Clean-Up; our Autumn Fayre Market Stall spaces; or/and any of the rest of these suggestions for your enjoyment.

Email: ivinghoeoldschoolcommunityhub@btconnect.com;

Facebook: Ivinghoe Old School Hub;
Website: ivinghoeoldschool.com

Thanks, Carol T at the Hub.

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!

The BeaconLit News Release



Reserve Your Seat for Star-Studded BeaconLit

With a few names still to be confirmed, the programme for Beaconlit 2019 – Ivinghoe's very own literary festival – promises another star-studded lineup with something for everyone interested in books and writing.

The festival is in its seventh year, and its unique blend of quality event and small village atmosphere is loved by participants and audience alike, placing it firmly on the literary festivals map.

Festival 2019 takes place on 13 July in Brookmead School, and featured authors include: author, journalist, presenter, interviewer and creative writing tutor Jane Wenham-Jones; best selling crime novelist Leigh Russell; and author, translator and founder of the Icelandic Noir festival Quentin Bates.

Jane Wenham-Jones is the author of six novels, two non-fiction writing guides and a humorous diet book, *100 Ways to Fight the Flab and Still Have Wine and Chocolate*. She has written for *The Guardian*, *The Bookseller*, *Booktime*, *Sunday Express*, *Daily Express*, *The Sun*, *The Times*, *The Sunday Times* and numerous women's magazines, and is a regular contributor to *Woman's Weekly* and has a monthly advice column in *Writing Magazine*. She has presented for the BBC on both TV and radio, has been a celebrity speaker for P&O, and has hosted the Romantic Novel Awards for the past eight years.



Jane Wenham-Jones

Leigh Russell has sold over a million books in her Geraldine Steel crime series which has been translated into several languages, including Chinese. Leigh has been shortlisted for two CWA Dagger Awards, and has twice been a Finalist for The People's Book Prize. She serves on the board of the Crime Writers Association, and chairs the CWA Debut Dagger judges. She is a Royal Literary Fellow.

Quentin Bates is the co-founder of the crime writing festival Iceland Noir with Yrsa Sigurdardottir and Ragnar Jonasson and is one of the very few British authors who is writing Scandi Noir set in Iceland and who has a deep understanding of the place. He has been married to an Icelandic woman for 30 years and has spent nearly a decade living there. *Cold Breath* is the sixth



Leigh Russell

novel featuring Quentin's protagonist, Sergeant Gunnhildur and the series of novels she features in have their origins in a deep affection for Iceland and its people, and an intimate knowledge of Icelandic society and its language, customs and quirks.

Other participants include: exciting new talents West Camel, Noelle Holton and Fina Vigo Marshall; author, freelance editor, writing tutor columnist and blogger Morgen Bailey; BBC TV correspondent and presenter Adina Campbell; and crime writers Alison Bruce, A B Morgan and Dave Sivers. The results of the BeaconFlash flash fiction competition will be announced.

As well as a great programme of author panels, live interviews and workshops, BeaconLit also offers pre-bookable packed lunches,



Quentin Bates

goodie bags for all-day attendees and giveaway draws.

Full day passes went on sale on 31 March at the early bird price of just £21, which is available until 30 April. From 1 May, the price rises to £26.50 and half-day passes will also go on sale. You can reserve your places online at www.beaconlit.co.uk or at Beacon Villages Community Library.

BeaconLit promotes books and writing in the Beacon Villages and also raises funds for our local library.

To see the full programme and buy tickets, go to the festival website is www.beaconlit.co.uk.

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Streetlight update...

By the time you are reading this the project to replace all the streetlights in the parish will be well advanced.

To date the Parish Council has had a full structural and electrical survey completed, the results of which did not make good reading and the consequence is that every single streetlight will need an overhaul. At the same time faults with the main electricity supply to parts of Ivinghoe were identified which have then needed to be repaired urgently by the electricity supply company UK Power Networks.

Moving forward, we have identified a replacement LED lamp, see picture. This lamp is very discreet, no bigger than the size of an A5 sheet of paper. It is planned to install shrouds on the lamps to prevent light straying into property and to have them dimming between midnight and 6a.m. The choice of lamp has been determined to match in with ones that Bucks CC will be using, thereby giving a uniformed approach to the whole parish.

Some of the lampposts will need to be replaced and in every case the brackets on walls and poles will also require changing. The lampposts unfortunately have suffered from dogs (doing their thing), collision damage and concrete cancer. The brackets in most cases are corroding and need to be made safe.

The current plan is to replace all the streetlights in the parish that belong



to IPC. There are others along Church Road, High Street and beside the school that belong to Bucks CC, these are subject to a separate upgrade by BCC, so on completion there will still be a few orange sodium lamps left awaiting BCC.

In addition, IPC are also considering the provision of some new lights, if budgets prevail. Current thinking is one by the church in Ivinghoe and one in Ivinghoe Aston by Hartop Close. Both sites have been chosen because of parishioner representation also safety concerns prevail at both sites. If anyone thinks that any further lights are required around the parish, please let the Parish Council know quickly and again, if budget prevails, we may be able to do something about it. If not, it may have to wait till the next financial year.

Ivinghoe Parish Council

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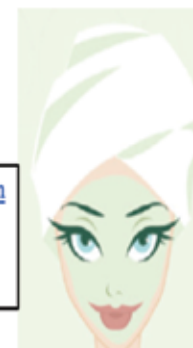
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Pitstone and Ivinghoe Entertainments presents... Summer Festival 2019

Friday 14th June – Mamma Mia Party Night

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Sing along with all your favourite songs, with on-screen lyrics.

70's Disco after the movie until late. Some seating provided. Bar open all night

**Doors open 7pm – Mamma Mia 2
Here We Go Again Singalong 8pm**

70's Disco 10pm until late

**£8.00 per person
£25.00 for a family ticket (2+2)**
(children over 12 only)

With thanks to Pitstone Film Club

Saturday 15th June – Housemouse

Housemouse is back to bring the vibe of the Balearic dance music scene to Pitstone and party like you would on the famous 'White Isle' of Ibiza. They create the best club atmosphere in the most unlikely of places, playing glorious House, Tech-house and Techno classics, fresh remixes and dreamy Trance breakdowns from an awesome Funktion-One sound system, all fused with beautiful visual arts, incredible lighting and a good splash of dry ice!!

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Hear anthems that defined an era, that you can all sing and jump along to and new cuts that you will be hearing for the first time and be desperate to hear again and again.

As ever it will be an upbeat, funky, bassy, bouncy night, leave your inhibitions at the bar, put on your dancing shoes and prepare to **#releaseYOUR** inner Ibiza. See you on the dance floor!

**7pm–1am Main Bar and Shots Bar
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Tickets £20.00 (Strictly 18+ only)

**Tickets for both events can only be
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Dress code for both nights – anything goes!

Sunday 16th June from 1pm Music on the Green

Come and join the Beacon Community Choir and friends with a mini-music festival on Pitstone Green. Bring your picnic baskets, gazebos and friends, and relax while the choir and featured local artists entertain you. With something for

everyone, this is the best way to while away a sunny afternoon with family and friends. Cream teas will be provided by the WI, and a licensed bar will be available all afternoon. So, whether you are into jazz, pop or anything in-between, open a bottle of fizz, tuck into a cream tea, and chill in the summer sunshine.

**Tickets: £5 (children free) – available on
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Who moved the Stone?

We approach a project to repair the stone work around the windows of St Mary's church in Ivinghoe and you will hear more about this over the coming months.

A large stone was placed in front of the cave where Jesus' body was laid after his death but this was found to have been removed by some women who came to visit his grave. These disciples were the first witnesses to the resurrection and the message of his resurrection spread throughout the world.

'Who Moved the Stone?' is the name of a famous book by Albert Ross who wrote under the name Frank Morrison. He sought to piece together the story of what happened to Jesus at the first Easter. He tried to look at the apparent discrepancies in the various accounts in the Bible in order to dismiss the records as unreliable and untrustworthy. He actually came to the reverse conclusion.

A church building speaks to us in different ways. It is a centre for our community to gather to celebrate life at baptisms, weddings and funerals. It reminds us of our history and the names of those who have passed away and those we lost in war. It is a symbol

of history and continuity. Its cruciform shape speaks of the Christian faith in which we worship God within it.

When I have visited the stone circles at Stonehenge, Avebury and Castlerigg, near Keswick, I am left with questions about who moved the stones. There is no consensus about how and why the circles were built. They were assembled at great effort by large numbers of people many thousands of years ago over an extended period. There must have been a reason and they must have held a significant place in the lives of the Neolithic people of our land.

But sadly, stones don't speak. Is it possible to imagine a day when the significance of our church has been lost in the mists of time? They may be more permanent but stones don't speak; people speak. It was not a rolled stone but a couple of women who told their friends of the resurrection of Christ. This message continues today on human lips.

Whatever our beliefs, in any context, the knowledge, ideas and stories that matter to us need to be told or they too will, in due course, be forgotten and lost.

Adrian



Queen Victoria's Bicentenary Celebration

Queen Victoria's 200th birthday falls on May 24th this year, and Prince Albert's on August 26th. As part of their festival to celebrate this double bicentenary the Ridgeway Ensemble present '**Victoria and Albert – a musical romance**' at 7.30pm in Ivinghoe Church on the queen's birthday.

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, Clara Schumann, 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.

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. Join us as we celebrate the tastes and musical achievements of Victoria and Albert, opening a window onto the musical life of Victorian England.

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EW

Friday May 24th at 7.30pm

Admission £8 on the door

www.ridgewayensemble.co.uk

Pitstone Church

Pitstone Church Committee (Friends) have devised a varied programme for this year.

Late May Bank Holiday 39th Festival of Art, Craft and Flowers

Saturday 25th May 11am – 6pm
Sunday 26th May 11am – 5pm
Evensong at 6pm
Monday 27th May 11am – 5pm

Icknield Sixteen Concert Saturday

13th July at 7.30pm.


Wind in the Willows Thursday
22nd August Matinee performance.

Christmas Memory Tree

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December.
We look forward to seeing you at these events.

The Church will be open every Sunday and Bank Holidays from May to September from 2.30 – 5.30pm. Drop in and enjoy our peaceful atmosphere.

Gillian Arney



A VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSICAL ROMANCE

THE RIDGEWAY ENSEMBLE

JUDITH SHERIDAN (VOICE) MARGARET RICHARDS (CELLO)
DANIEL KING SMITH (PIANO) WILLIAM WINFIELD (READER)

RIDGEWAY
ENSEMBLE

VICTORIA & ALBERT – A MUSICAL ROMANCE

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's mutual passion for music was at the heart of their relationship from the very beginning. An accomplished composer, Albert shared his creative process in letters to the young queen and, as their married life progressed, it was punctuated by concerts, private performances and audiences with the musical elite of Europe.

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.

THE RIDGEWAY ENSEMBLE was formed in 2008 to bring both popular and less widely performed music to churches and communities within Bucks, Beds and Herts. They can be heard performing regularly at National Trust property Claydon House, and recent engagements have included concerts for the Aylesbury Festival, Buckingham University, Hampstead Music Club and a tour of southern France.

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.

The Ridgeway Ensemble is joined by **William Winfield**, a modern languages graduate of Cambridge University. The former head of a London independent school, William combines his lifelong passions for chamber music and language as reader for many Ridgeway concerts.



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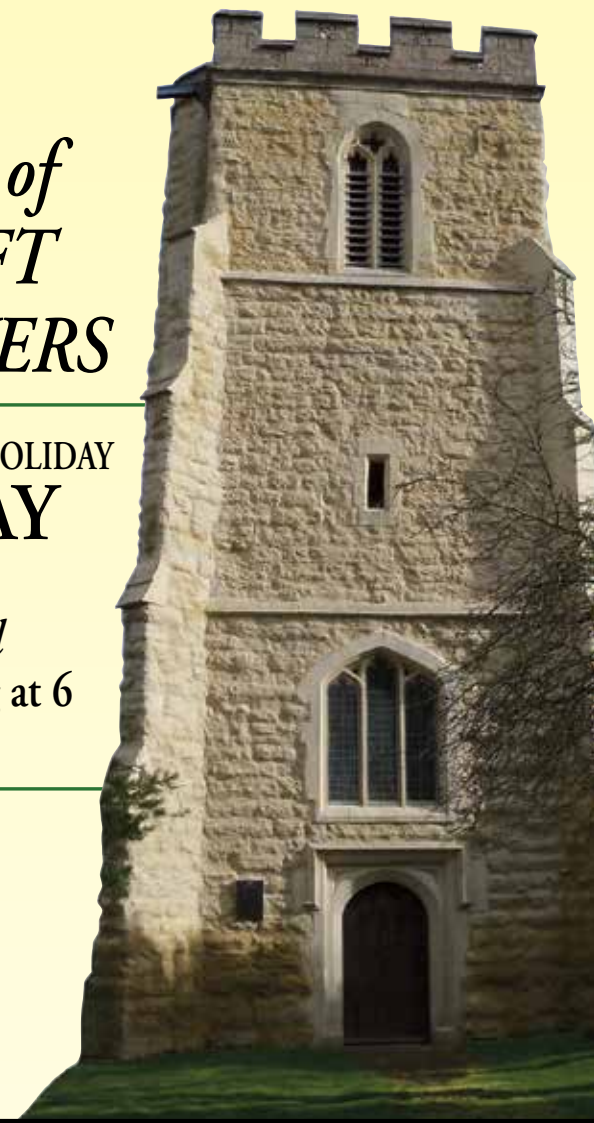
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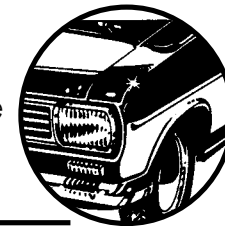
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Ivinghoe Allotments

Tales from the Plot



do hope you all had a good Easter break?. By the time that you get this edition of The Beacon first and second early potatoes will have been planted and maincrop potatoes planted slightly later – the end of April. Broad beans, peas (I start them off in the cold greenhouse about February time), leeks, onions and shallots can also be sown.

During April beetroot, broccoli, brussell sprouts, lettuce, spinach can all be planted. I start all but the carrots and sprouts in the greenhouse and propagators – but be aware of the possibility of frost.

May is always a busy time in the veggie garden or allotment. This is the time for either sowing or planting French beans, runner beans, marrows, courgette and butternut squash. Again, these will have been started in the greenhouse and hardened off outside before finally planting them in the allotment (or garden).

While the weather has been changeable, the greenhouse and propagator have been in full swing with many of the already mentioned produce but also celery and tomatoes. Hopefully, they will all thrive once planted out at the plot.

You do not need a plot to grow your own vegetables. A small greenhouse say 6ft x 4ft can give you a fair amount of produce at the end of the growing season. Don't forget that tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and potatoes can also be grown in pots. If you really want to get ahead with growing from seed choose a heated propagator – the larger the better.

If you are interested in joining the waiting list for an allotment, please contact the Ivinghoe Parish Clerk.

National Allotment Week is 12th until 18th August 2019. The theme this year is 'Shared Harvest', celebrating the fact that plot-holders share their crops with family, friends, colleagues and worthy causes, including food banks. Each plot in the UK can benefit up to 8 people! This year the IPC the allotment site will be open to the public from 1.30pm until 4pm on Saturday 17th August. Plot holders will be there on hand to answer any questions you may have – we may even have the answers! Please do come and give us a visit.

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Allotment Diary

After last year's long hot summer it is lovely to see the allotments in all their green splendour once again.

The blossom this year seems to have been wonderful everywhere not just on the allotment. I do hope it will fulfill its promise and give lots of lovely fruit. The pictures accompanying this article are of a small stand of old plums (not to be mistaken for Damsons). I am sure they are "Early Rivers" as the name says they are very early usually July and are best used for culinary purposes. I would think the original trees were planted many years ago.

It has been all change at the allotments this year, sadly we said goodbye to Sally and Andy who have moved away, also Ian and Jackie and Steve and Nadine who have given up their plots reluctantly due to work or family commitments.

However their plots have been taken on by our three new allotmenters, Jo, Sam, and Alistair and family. Alistair has some quite innovative ideas for his plot and some exciting seeds from foreign climes. I for one am looking forward to the results. More on this in the next edition with Alistair's permission.

Once again we had an attempted break in. Thankfully no harm done but everyone is being watchful. It is well known that nothing of value is kept in the sheds, all power tools are taken home. The sheds come into their own when we have a sudden summer shower and we have to dive for cover, or for a break for tea and biscuits.

With a good spring and early summer the allotments should be in full production by the time of the next Beacon Magazine.

Enjoy your summer, **Gloria**





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Better backs for gardeners

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- Before doing any physical exercise, warm up first with a walk and some gentle stretching.
- Take regular breaks and change position between jobs to avoid tiredness, overuse and injury.
- Keep your back straight when lifting and use your knees, thighs and arms to help. Don't try to lift too much at one time – particularly those bags of compost!
- When digging, avoid twisting and straining and don't forget to take regular breaks.

- Use kneeler seats or mats when planting and don't overstretch by working too far in front of you.
- Mow a little at a time, keeping upright.
- Avoid overstretching when pruning by using long-handled shears and use secateurs with a cut and hold action.
- If using electric hedge trimmers don't hold them too far in front of you.
- Consider the planning of your garden – raised flower beds may save you twinges in the long run.

If you have any aches or pains consult a Chartered Physiotherapist for treatment and advice. **Happy Gardening!**

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Ashridge Ramblings – Where there's a Mill there's a way

Ashridge has moved. On the first day of spring, it strapped up its boots and rambled all the way from London and South East England to the East of England. Don't worry, you'll still be able to find all your favourite features – the change relates to the National Trust's administrative regions. Ashridge has teamed up with Dunstable Downs (including the Tree Cathedral), Shaw's Corner, Totternhoe Knolls, Sharpenhoe Clappers and Sundon, to form a portfolio of properties under the leadership of Ashridge's current General Manager, Susie Mercer. Putting these properties under one umbrella makes sense. They are close together not only geographically but also ecologically, and the new structure will offer improved opportunities to share expertise and to create wildlife corridors linking the habitats and helping their characteristic flora and fauna to spread.

You may or may not know that Pitstone Windmill comes under the auspices of the Ashridge team. The oldest surviving post mill in England has

been an iconic feature of our landscape since the early seventeenth century. It was in use until 1902, when a freak storm virtually destroyed it. After that, it gradually fell into disrepair. It was acquired by the National Trust in 1937. Nothing much happened until 1963, when a restoration committee was formed and by 1970 it was once again grinding corn. This was short-lived, however, as the vibrations were so strong that it was feared that the whole building would shake itself to bits. Although it may never work again, the full mechanism is in place and provides a fascinating insight into bygone days. A very informative book on the windmill is on sale in the Ashridge Visitor Centre shop. The mill is open from 10am to 4pm on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from May until August. The National Trust is keen to find more people willing to learn about the mill and pass on that knowledge to visitors by volunteering on a Sunday. If you are interested, please contact helpingashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk.



Rikki Harrington and Bob Saintey



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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

BBKA British Bee Keepers Association website

<http://www.bbka.org.uk>



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THE GREATEST: Muhammad Ali?

Muhammad Ali was, for me, the greatest boxer ever, and top sportsman of the 20th C. For Brits, WG Grace, the phenomenal cricketer, could well of have been the 19th C's greatest sports man. WGG tried all sports, but you may not be aware that he was a fanatical lawn green bowler. However, the greatest bowler ever has to be the Somerset lad, like me, David J Bryant CBE.

You may be aware of DJB and his Falcon pipe (*as used by Harold Wilson, Fred Trueman and Stephen Fry*). DJB won the first ever outdoor (1966) and first ever indoor world singles (1979) championships. He also won 5 Commonwealth gold medals, 26 national titles and much more. DJB took bowls to a new level. His

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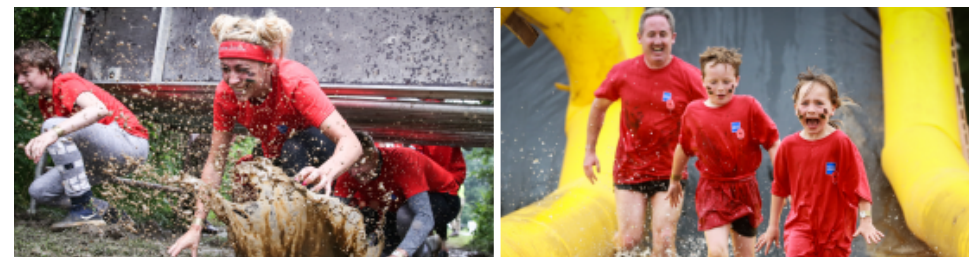
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Councillor News from Anne Wight

Welcome to the spring update for Ivinghoe Division! There is quite a lot going on at the moment, and I have tried to provide a summary of some of the key issues and changes around our division.



Anne Wight

Bucks County Councillor, Ivinghoe Division

Local Government reorganisation update

As I am sure many of you know by now, on 1 November 2018 the Secretary of State announced that a brand new, single council for Buckinghamshire will be established on 1 April 2020. This is a great opportunity to improve services for residents, local communities and businesses. A single council will be simpler for residents to access the services they need, make better use of public money, and be more local to communities.

It is vital through the transition period to the new council that services continue as normal. The business critical transformational programmes and Medium Term Financial Planning savings must be delivered as planned and any decisions on new areas of work must be made with the new council in mind.

All service areas will be involved in the change programme although some will be much more directly affected than others. Services will need to be flexible in responding to the programme as it develops. Key for all of the five councils will be retention and engagement of employees who will be critical in ensuring that high quality services to

residents and communities continue.

Over the next year all five councils will work together to support the effective and seamless transition to the new council.

Key Dates:

- New Council 1 April 2020
- To minimise the impact on critical 'business as usual' activity.
- Election for members to the new council 7 May 2020
- To ensure there is continuity of service delivery to residents, communities, businesses and service users.

There will be an overarching programme of work to deliver this change and establish the new council. The programme will be overseen by county and district members. The priority is to establish a new council and deliver on the key commitments in the business case.

Early Help and Pitstone-Ivinghoe Children's Centre update

On 4th March, Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet agreed changes to Children's Services which will mean a new Family Support Service and Early

Help strategy for the county.

The recommendations for change were prepared following a recent public consultation, conducted by independent consultation agency BMG Research. This asked residents and organisations for views on how to deliver early help services to support children and families. The changes will take effect from September 2019.

The new integrated Family Support Service will consist of three area-based family support teams working in partnership with other organisations, particularly schools and health, to improve access to services and provide more joined-up services.

The service will include a network of 16 family centres across the county, which were previously used as children's centres. It will also ensure that a further 19 buildings, which will no longer be used as children's centres, will continue to be used for early years services and community benefit. The cabinet also agreed an Early Help Strategy, setting out the ambition of the service and how the Council and its partner organisations will work together.

Other key elements of the changes include:

- A named key worker for each family who will create a team around that family to help them tackle the issues they face. This will help ensure they only need to tell their story once, to their key worker.
- Investment in the Buckinghamshire Family Information Service website to ensure there is effective promotion of community activities together with information and guidance for families.

- Open access to stay and play sessions for babies and toddlers at family centres.
- Each school will have a named link family support worker to co-ordinate family support.

Hopefully, the new approach will allow for even greater focus on helping vulnerable children and families and on avoiding the escalation of their problems.

Thanks to resident input during the consultation period, the views of our residents were taken into account and so now BCC will be opening 16 family centres – two more than previously proposed. This is to ensure that we get the right professional support to children and families when they need it the most. The changes should enable BCC to support the most vulnerable children and families. I will be providing more details of this and to the repurposing of the Ivinghoe-Pitstone Children's Centre within the community, as these become available.

Brexit update

For the latest government updates as to how residents and businesses can prepare for Brexit, the government has issued detailed information on their website below. Pet passports, driving abroad on holiday, and preparing your business for Brexit is all covered in detail and updated regularly.

<https://www.gov.uk/world/brexit>

For local businesses wishing for more information as to how they may explore the opportunities Brexit presents, there is also the Buckinghamshire Business First website. Bucks Business First is a business-led, business-focused ►

community for new, established and growing businesses across Buckinghamshire. They provide support and guidance to grow businesses through a service which can provide tailored support from their team of experienced business advisers. Through the following services, a dedicated adviser can assist with planning and implementation for business growth strategies:

- Face to face meetings, telephone and email backup
- Growth-focused workshops
- Investment readiness support
- Referrals to other specialist advice and services

In addition, business can benefit from their team's expert knowledge of local and national support and funding opportunities, which will help Bucks businesses to access the existing support networks and programmes relevant to their business.

<https://bbf.uk.com>

There is also a BBF webpage dedicated solely to Brexit and how business can best prepare for the various negotiation outcomes, as well as get support and advice on these issues. This can be accessed on the link below:

<https://bbf.uk.com/brexit>

EU Settlement Scheme

To make people aware, if you are an EU citizen, you and your family members will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 31 December 2020. Further details of the process are available using the following link: **<https://apply-for-eu-settled-status.homeoffice.gov.uk/start/eu-settlement>**

Transport for Bucks Update

Our Division's new Local Area Technician, Matt Whincup, has definitely hit the ground running! I was very pleased to welcome him at the Local Area Forum meeting on 28 February, which was held in Ivinghoe Town Hall. Matt has a lot of ideas as to how we can improve road surfaces, gullies, and Transport for Buckinghamshire's response times on some of these issues through better internal networking and an innovative and proactive approach. I know that our parishes will join me in welcoming him to Ivinghoe Division and I am sure that residents will be seeing quite a bit of him around the area as he undertakes his new supervisory role as our key TfB liaison.

I am pleased to say that this quarter in our division, TfB have improved road surfaces on the following roads, to name just a few! Thanks to the milder winter and consequently fewer gritting runs, they were able to get an early seasonal start on filling in potholes and repairing road surfaces.

- Albion Road, Glebe Close and Cheddington Road in Pitstone,
- Church Road, Mill Road and Grove in Slapton,
- Dunstable Road in Dagnall, Slapton Lane and Eaton Bray Road in Northall,
- Slicketts Lane and Leighton Road in Edlesborough,
- Cheddington Road in Mentmore
- Ledburn Road in Ledburn,
- New Street and Church Lane in Cheddington,
- Church Road, High Street and Ivinghoe Aston in Ivinghoe, and Lower End, Lower Icknield Way and Long Marston Road in Marsworth to name a few!

In terms of the longer term plan, Cheddington High Street is my next designated large scale resurfacing project for the Capital Maintenance Programme. I hope that this work can be done over the coming months, and I will provide more details of that once the schedule has been finalised.

The Brownlow Bridge

As I am sure most of you know by now, the Brownlow Bridge is likely to be subject to a Temporary Traffic Restriction Order (TTRO) weight limit of 18 tonnes from 23 April, 2019 for several months. This is due to the bridge having been damaged last spring and is the result of a Canal and River Trust recommendation as CART own the bridge and subsequently repaired it.

A diversion route for HGVs will be put in place in the short term, but in the longer term, it is uncertain as to whether the TTRO would become permanent or whether the bridge would be reinstated, among other possible options. For residents and businesses wishing to express a view on this, please get in touch via the email address below:

freight@buckscc.gov.uk

I will be keeping residents and parish councils informed as this issue develops.

Home to School Transport update

Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet recently agreed a series of changes to the way the county's home to school transport service operates. The recommendations for change were prepared following a recent public consultation which asked residents and organisations for views on how home to

school transport services are delivered in Buckinghamshire. They were agreed by Cabinet on 4 March.

The changes aim to modernise services, making sure they remain high quality and are sustainable for the future. They will also address the unsustainable budget pressures which increasing demand on services has caused.

Between April 2018 and November 2018, demand has increased budget pressure on this service from £1.4m to £1.9m.

Some of these changes will take effect at the start of the next academic year, in September 2019, while others are expected to be phased in over the next few years.

There will be no change to arrangements for more than 5,000 pupils who are eligible for free travel. The revisions only apply to children and young people who are not eligible for free statutory home to school transport.

The main changes are as follows:

- **How we provide school transport –** Many school and public bus services currently duplicate routes. Starting from September 2019 we will aim to reduce this. We will work with service providers to make routes more efficient and offer children and young people more flexibility in their travel options. We will be working to ensure that routes are reliable; that children's safety is prioritised in any arrangements; and that children will be assured of places on any public routes.
- **Phasing out two historic local transport arrangements –** in Ivinghoe [relating to Cottesloe School and Tring School] and Evreham (relating to Chalfont Community College). ►

This means that parents in these two areas who choose a school which is not the nearest appropriate one for their child will be required to pay for transport. This brings these arrangements in line with the rest of the County meaning fair and consistent transport charges are applied to families. This will take effect from September 2020.

- **Charging for transport for pupils with SEND aged over 16** – A contribution to the cost of home to school transport for children with SEND (who are older than 16) will be introduced from September 2019. This will replace the free transport offer currently in place. Costs for SEND transport have increased by over £3m in the last five years (from around £6m to £9m). Students with SEND who attend college can apply for a bursary to assist with costs.

Eligible children with SEND aged between 14 and 19 years old will be offered an increase in provision of independent travel training, which we expect will enable us to reduce transport costs.

While many families will be unaffected by the changes, BCC wants to ensure anyone who is will be managed in as fair and considerate a way as possible.

Fostering and Adopting with BCC

For anyone who is thinking about fostering or adopting, Buckinghamshire County Council is very happy to assist you throughout the assessment process and throughout the journey. While a lot of people wonder if they might qualify for fostering or adopting—and worry

unnecessarily that they might not—there are a lot of myths around this that BCC is committed to clearing up.

BCC's teams have a great record of finding foster carers and adoptors from many different backgrounds and no one will be discriminated against on the basis of ethnic origin, gender, gender orientation, sexual orientation, age or disability. If you would be interested in learning more about how you might help to transform the life of a vulnerable child through the provision of a safe and secure environment, why not come along to one of our information events or get in touch with us?

Our fostering events are informal. You can come along and speak to our fostering recruitment team and current foster carers.

We know that deciding to become a foster carer is not a quick decision. You are likely to have many questions about what it involves, what you need to do, and how it all works.

Our fostering information events are the place to help you start your fostering experience!

We give a presentation explaining:

- what's involved in the assessment process
- the training and support offered to approved foster carers

You can ask questions and take away all the information you need. There's no pressure to make any decisions straightaway. We simply want to make sure you have the opportunity to find out everything you want to know.

If you are interested in fostering, please get in touch.

Online: fostering enquiry form

Email: fosterwithbucks@buckscc.gov.uk

Telephone: 0800 160 1900

The National Paralympic Heritage Trust Heritage Centre Opening

I was very privileged to have attended the recent opening of the NPHT Heritage Centre on the 29th March at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, the birthplace of the Paralympic Movement. Over 180 guests were welcomed to the launch on Friday where Sir Philip Craven, Paralympian, spoke of his wheelchair basketball experiences in the 1960s and Eva Loeffler shared fond memories of her father, Professor Sir Ludwig Guttmann, the founder of the Paralympic Movement.

On Saturday the 30th March the centre was opened to the public. Diane Hands won the competition to cut the ribbon with guest Paralympian, John Harris. Visitors had guided tours around the centre; participated in 'have a go' Paralympic sport sessions; watched drama performances from 'I Have a Voice Too' theatre group; and listened to John Harris's story of his gold medal win at the 1984 Paralympic Games.

The Paralympic Heritage Centre is open daily, admission is free and all are welcome. For more information about opening times, group tours and upcoming activities visit the website:

www.paralymphicheritage.org.uk
or contact the NPHT at admin@paralymphicheritage.org.uk

Anne Wight

The Dr Guttman display at the National Paralympic Heritage Centre



Cutting of the ribbon by Sir Philip Craven, Eva Loeffler and Professor Sir Ludwig Guttmann's great grandchildren



Guests watching the cutting of the ribbon at Friday's official launch



From District Councillors Sandra Jenkins and Derek Town

Tickets on sale now for this year's WhizzFizzFest!

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) is delighted to be welcoming three incredible family-favourite authors to join them at WhizzFizzFest 2019, Aylesbury's annual family-friendly literary and arts festival.

The eagerly anticipated festival will be returning to Aylesbury town centre on Saturday 22 June where there will be even more whizzfizzing fun in store. Alongside a whole host of free activities, this year will also see the debut of The Wonder of WhizzFizz show, taking place at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre.

WhizzFizzFest's exciting literary line up will include Cressida Cowell, author of the incredible How to Train Your Dragon series, national treasure Judith Kerr, whose The Tiger Who Came to Tea and Mog series are amongst the country's best loved children's titles, and Nick Butterworth, the awardwinning author and illustrator of the adored Percy the Park Keeper series.

This year, WhizzFizzFest is also proud to present 'The Wonder of WhizzFizz', featuring the return of the much-loved Dame Darcey Bussell DBE at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre. The fantastic familyfriendly show will offer the perfect opportunity for festival goers to round off the big day. Find out who will triumph in Aylesbury's final within the exciting national schools' dance competition, DDMix Dance Fitness, choreographed and judged by Dame Darcey, be left spellbound by Britain's Got Talent semifinalist, Maddox,



and enjoy some fantastic live music by the Aylesbury Rock Choir.

Tickets for the mouth-watering Teddy Bear's Picnic, hosted in the beautiful Bucks County Museum gardens, are also on sale. Offering a scrumptious, traditional picnic for children and a delicious fusion of exciting street food for adults, the Teddy Bear's Picnic is sure to be another familyfavourite not to be missed!

Tickets are now available for WhizzFizzFest's headlining events: Cressida Cowell, Judith Kerr, Nick Butterworth and 'The Wonder of WhizzFizz'; featuring Dame Darcey Bussell, Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist magician, Maddox and the Aylesbury Rock Choir, as well as for the delicious Teddy Bear's Picnic at Bucks County Museum gardens and the Fancy Dress competition (£1 entry fee). Ticket prices for events start from only £3 for children and £5 for adults. For more information on each event, and to buy tickets, visit: www.whizzfizzfest.org.uk

AVDC proposes reduction in housing numbers after Planning Inspector's feedback on VALP

AVDC has proposed a reduction in the number of new homes to be built in Aylesbury Vale, in the latest step towards a final approved Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan – the blueprint that will shape development until 2033.

The council has responded to the VALP independent Planning Inspector's Interim Findings and his latest discussion document. In its response, AVDC sets out the way forward on matters where the Inspector asked for changes in order to approve the VALP. The key change being suggested by the council is that the housing requirement in the plan should be reduced by 1400 homes – from the Inspector's recommended 31,500 to 30,100 homes. This reflects the Inspector's finding that the Oxford to Cambridge Arc should not require extra housing in addition to those already proposed in the plan.

The council is also asking the Inspector for his view on how this change in numbers will affect the increased number of housing sites that he requested in close proximity to Milton Keynes, as well as asking him to clarify whether an early review of the VALP is necessary (usually local plans are reviewed every five years). In addition to these queries, the council is also suggesting that the Green Belt designation at Leighton Linlade should be confirmed.

The council now must wait for the Inspector to confirm whether the proposed new housing figure is acceptable. At the same time AVDC is working on further detailed modifications to VALP that the

Inspector asked for in his latest document. This involves gathering a significant amount of new evidence and revising several policies. Once these changes are agreed with the Inspector, there will be six weeks of public consultation on those modifications, which will probably take place in spring 2019. AVDC hopes that the plan will then be adopted for use by mid 2019, although this depends on the Inspector's requirements.

Cllr Carole Paternoster, AVDC's Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, said: "The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan is a major undertaking for all those involved. AVDC and the independent Planning Inspector are both working to secure the best possible plan for Aylesbury Vale. That will be a VALP which takes account of the predicted changes and challenges ahead and creates opportunities for the construction of the housing that will be needed, in locations where infrastructure can support communities whilst maintaining the character of the Vale."

The adoption of VALP will not be affected by the creation of the new unitary council.

New Homes Bonus micro grants to double to a maximum of £2,000

At its meeting on 12 March, Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) Cabinet recommended an increase in the maximum New Homes Bonus (NHB) micro grant from £1,000 to £2,000, effective from 1 April 2019.

Since the scheme launched in September 2017, 60 town and parish councils and community groups have benefitted from these micro grants, using the funds for a variety of purposes ►

such as, village hall refurbishments or the purchase of sports equipment.

Micro grants are funded from the existing 20% NHB allocation set aside for town and parish councils, and in the last two financial years, this represented £80,000 per annum. The total amount available in 2019/20 will remain at £80,000.

Micro grants are open to applications from across the district, unlike larger project grants – which are only open to town and parish councils in areas affected by growth. All awarded grants are listed on AVDC's website.

Speaking after the Cabinet decision, Cllr Angela Macpherson, Leader of AVDC, said: "New Homes Bonus micro grants are clearly appreciated, especially by smaller parishes and voluntary organisations, and provide valuable benefits to local communities. We have kept the application process as simple as possible and by making awards on a monthly basis, groups can approach us throughout the year, as and when the need arises."

Kaya Mallinder, Fundraising and Communications Officer at Buckinghamshire Mind, commented:

"We were awarded a £1,000 micro grant from AVDC in May 2018, which we used to purchase suitable chairs for our counselling rooms in Aylesbury. Given our experience with the scheme, I'd have no hesitation in recommending it to other local community groups – especially now that the amount been raised to a maximum of £2,000."

To find out more about the scheme, town and parish councils or representatives of community organisations should go to: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/newhomesbonus or contact the Grants Officer, Jan Roffe: jroffe@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk.

Applications from community organisations must be endorsed by their local town or parish council, and the closing date for applications is the 15th of each month.

Derek Town – 01296 661637
dtown@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

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Cllr Pat Roach

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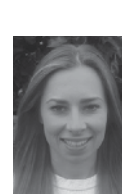
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In aid of St Mary's Church Ivinghoe



SUMMER FETE

Save the
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Ivinghoe Lawn

Saturday 8th June 2019, 2-5pm

Official opening 2pm

Floats leave Pitstone Hall 1pm

- Grand draw
- Races for children and adults
- Tug of war
- Variety of arts and craft stalls

- Bouncy castle
- Wine raffle
- Cakes
- BBQ
- Beer tent

