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Welcome from the Chair World War One Centenary

This issue is particularly special as we remember the sacrifice made by the local men and women made during the First World War. On the front cover you will have seen the picture of the Tommy Silhouette located in Ivinghoe Aston, there are also Tommy silhouettes located in Ivinghoe and Great Gap as a reminder and a sign of respect. Later in this edition Rikki Harrington writes about Ivinghoe Aston's soldier Private John Ruffett.

The first world war had a great impact on the parish, in 1915 a battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery was billeted in the village and their departure to France is recorded in local photographs. Many local horses were requisitioned for army service and the parish lost soldiers in Gallipoli, Somme and Ypres and many suffered after the war. The names of the 15 local fallen are listed on the war memorial in St Mary's churchyard, our war memorial was dedicated in 1920 one of the first in the country.

We also have 'There But Not There' silhouettes located in Ivinghoe Aston and Ivinghoe including St Mary's church. These clear silhouettes located on benches, bus stops and pews were



Karen Groom,
Chair, Ivinghoe
Parish Council

donated by The Armistice and Armed Forces Communities Programme and they ask us to think about the Armed Forces Community today and they work with veterans and families funding projects to help integrate military and civilian communities, fund non-core healthcare including stress and give extra support where needed.

Thank you to Ivinghoe & Pitstone WI for their kind donation of £150 for the Ivinghoe Tommy Silhouette. The WI in partnership with Brookmead School will be yarn-bombing Ivinghoe with poppies this month.

Table Tennis

The parish has its first all-weather Table Tennis Table located on Ivinghoe Lawn, this was partly funded by a kind donation from Bucks County Councillor Anne Wight's Leadership Fund, the council has applied for further funding to cover the remaining costs. The table tennis table is available for everyone to use free of charge. ►



Brownlow Bridge

At the time of writing we are waiting for further information about Brownlow Bridge which we will update you on through our website, Facebook page and of course the public monthly parish council meetings.

Bucks best kept Village Competition

Ivinghoe was pleased to receive a certificate of merit for being highly commended in The Gurney cup. Congratulations to our neighbours in Cheddington for winning the DeFraigne cup.

Ivinghoe Flower and Produce Show

The Ivinghoe Flower and Produce Show was a great success with over 300 entries this year, thank you to the organisers of the event and everyone that took part.

Website

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

BEACON COMMUNITY CHOIR

10TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

In order to celebrate the Beacon Community Choir's 10th anniversary year, they will be performing two exciting works by two well known and loved composers.

ZIMBE! COME SING THE SONGS OF AFRICA

Alexander L'Estrange's phenomenal fusion of traditional African song and jazz, Zimbe! is at times touching and moving, at other times funky and grooving but always incredibly up-lifting.

PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION

With Lyrics and Music newly written and Composed by John Cameron, Pictures at an Exhibition 2018 is a new take on the well-loved Mussorgsky Suite, taking inspiration from an eclectic choice of 19th, and 20th Century works. The variety of artistic styles is matched with a kaleidoscope of musical genres, from ethnic to rock, jazz to rap to a capella choir. As Mussorgsky's composition, some movements are linked by "Promenades", but this time jazz flavoured, with increasingly unsettling time signatures.

Both works will be performed by Beacon Community Choir, will feature the Children's Choir from Brookmead School, and will be accompanied by Jazz Quintet.

If you would like further details, please contact:
judithclaresheridan@gmail.com



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
Guider: Elaine Thorogood **01296 661540**

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

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

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

RikkIAbout

11/11

This edition will have arrived very close to 11th November 2018, the 100th anniversary of the armistice which ended fighting on land, sea and air between the allies and Germany. The silhouettes seen around are poignant reminders of the sacrifices made by local people, one of whom was 17-year-old Private John Ruffett, a machine gunner with The Bedfordshire Regiment, who grew up on Vine Farm, Ivinghoe Aston. He died just a month before the end of the war. You can read about our local hero at

<http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/mkha/mkha/projects/jt/letters/docs/letters/l-ivinghoe-aston.html>, or Google **John Ruffett**, Ivinghoe Aston.



The Ashridge Estate will be joining a nationally-organised tribute called "Battle's Over". From 2pm on Saturday 10th and throughout Sunday, a commemorative trail will be laid out from the Beacon car park to Ivinghoe Beacon. It will be marked with stones painted by local people, giving

the names and villages of those who died. From 6pm on Sunday, refreshments will be available in the car park and the Beacon Community Choir will perform their special tribute at 6.30. Visitors will be able to write their own special message of remembrance on a white pebble, carry it up the Beacon and lay it with others to form a cairn. A beacon will be lit at 7pm. If you would like to come, please email ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk or call **01442 851227**.

Nobody expects the IA inquisition (especially twice)

For the issue a year ago I spoke to Sophia Razak, who was preparing for her World Challenge expedition to southern Africa. Well, she's been and gone and done it, so I thought it would be good to find out how she got on. She visited South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland and Mozambique, learning a great deal about human life and wildlife in those countries, whilst undertaking valuable community projects such as providing water tanks, painting classrooms with educational murals, building fences and clearing plastic from beaches. There were tales of long journeys over rough terrain in rattling minibuses with no seat belts; riding horses from Lesotho across the border into South Africa and back; two-day fully-laden treks; treks down snake-infested gorges (well, one snake was spotted); scrambling up steep, rocky hillsides; drinking yellow water (after adding purifiers); digging hole-in-the-ground loos with the best views in the world;



bartering for food in local markets and cooking on open fires; walking on zip wires through the forest canopy. All character-forming stuff.

Highlights for Sophia included interactions with local children, exchanging language, songs, dances, knowledge and food. The wildlife experiences were also amazing. She went on a sea safari in a small, ribbed boat, snorkelling with a pod of 15 dolphins and having close encounters with humpback whales. Sadly, no whale sharks were seen, which she had been particularly looking forward to. On land, she scored four of the big five: lion, elephant, rhino and buffalo, missing out on leopard but seeing a host of other fascinating mammals, birds and reptiles. These included the exceptionally rare sable antelope, of which she saw three on the 27 left in the Kruger National Park. Their vehicle also found itself in the middle of a group of lions chasing buffalo.

Sophia said that the whole experience helped her to understand how lucky we are

in terms of our life style and opportunities, but she was very moved by the genuine happiness and kindness of those with a so much harder existence. An example was Marta "the samosa lady" in Mozambique, who lived in a shack with 14 other people behind the market. She and her samosas were a huge hit with Sophia's group.

Sophia is grateful to all who supported her fund-raising events. It is clear that her trip was of great benefit to her and to those whom she met. Indeed, there was enough money left over to make a substantial donation to a charity aimed at teaching Mozambique fishermen how to fish without harming other creatures such as whales, dolphins and turtles. Perhaps above all, it fostered a teamworking ethic that will stand her in good stead through university and beyond.

Rikki Harrington

Brampton, Ivinghoe Aston **01525 220625**; harrington.rikki@gmail.com.

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

Rikki Harrington

WI News...

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Branch

Well we have had another successful but busy year and all of our 100th celebrations are behind us.

For our 100th year we fundraised enough money to provide two outside tables and seats for both villages and we also provided each village with a defibrillator. (We had a speaker and a demonstration on the use of defibrillators.) We also donated £500 to our local school.

We have had a variety of interesting speakers on topics from WW11 Waging a Secret War, Fun with Morris, An Accordion Adventure, 40 Year's of Bomb Disposal, The Beauty of Orchids and the History of Pants – all excellent speakers.

November is our Annual General Meeting and we will have elected a new President and Committee. Then to round off the year we will have our Christmas Party.

Our random readers are still going strong as is our knit and natter and our diner's clubs.

We have catered for afternoon tea for The Aylesbury Afternoon Club, Champagne Cream Tea refreshments at our Church Fete, a Valentine lunch, our annual quiz and an afternoon tea for Ashenden W.I.

We also had another visit to Potten End W.I. for a very successful Suffragette evening.

Our charity for this year is Buddy Bags. It supports families that have to leave their homes very quickly due to domestic violence.

We have had a craft day and a felt making day, all very productive and fun. We have a Wreath making day coming up on the 15th December 2018 – we still have some spaces left if you are interested. The cost is £20.

In October and November, we made poppies for displays in both villages. All of the children at Brookmead School also made a poppy. We also purchased two silent soldiers for each village – you have probably seen them!

As this is my last year as President I would like to say a big thank you to all our members who helped to make it an excellent but very busy three year's! Our Committee has worked extremely hard and with membership up to 52 I hope that will continue. I would like to wish our new President and Committee all the best for the next three year's.

Please contact Sue Jones for any further information or if you are interested in joining the W.I. on **01296 660436**.

Sue Jones, President

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Ivinghoe Town Hall regular events:

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.

Why not try one of these regular weekly events?

Monday: 4pm – 8pm – Ballet

Lisa (07834 281434)

Tuesday: 9.45am – 12pm – Beacon Art

Marion (01296 668429)

Tuesday: 7pm – 8pm – Zumba

Carolyn (07941 092673)

Tuesday: 8.15pm – 10.15pm – Morris

'New Moon' Dancers Martin Lindridge (07803-149490)

Wednesday: 8:30am and 11am 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)

NOTE: We have 'slot availability', on Monday AM's, Tuesday and Wednesday PM's, Thursday AM/PM's and Friday PM's.

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 on-line.

If you prefer to enquire in person then call Stephen Swinbank (The Booking Secretary) on **01296 660680**. Or email: **spswinbank@gmail.com**

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Andy Beezer



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OPENING TIMES 2018

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

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

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



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Hub News...



Bookings for Community Space are happily back up to around £600 per month, including now Guides every week, a meeting held by the Tring and District Model Railway Society, and an interesting Medical Writers' Group! An exciting enquiry received from the television programme 'Endeavour' for use of the Hub as a TV backdrop – although no progress on this as yet!

So – Many thanks to fellow Trustees in continuing to provide this Community Space and Service – Something for everyone. **We are open to suggestions, and very keen on gaining some new vigorous volunteers for day to day Hub caretaking short tasks.** Keep yourself in the loop and follow us on social media and by just joining in. Our cloakroom regularly groans with additional posters and fliers for everything happening locally. Do send us your contact email.

Heritage Book – it has proved a great success, and we have well covered our costs; it has proved very popular, and we are continuing to receive orders from this Community and elsewhere!

August 2018 gave us the Old Scholars' Reunion – by now a traditional warm event, hosted this year successfully by Trustees Sylvia and Margaret – and Butch Baker of the Barron Knights (and one time Cub Scout here at the Old School) gave an interesting talk of his experiences in Rock Music. Worthy of mention also is the fact that some of the costs were borne by the Cloakroom Second Hand Book scheme, also run by Sylvia and Margaret in the cloakroom area – for which many thanks! Also we held the Trustees and Café Staff

Barbecue, which was planned as a bonding and planning exercise with the new café team. Although disappointingly poorly attended was a lovely evening for those who did attend.

In September 2018 the really very successful, and very well received, **Flower and Vegetable Show** was held here, with 100+ Children's entries being displayed in the Scout Hut. Trustees Karen, Bob, Claire and myself had joined with allotmenters John Lowe, Julie Wills and Simone Leboff in forming the organising group, resulting in a lovely, traditional robust and bounteous village event! **Photographs are on the Hub Facebook page, our website and other social media now, do take a peek.**

The HUB Sustainability Exercise – Bob has completed the Task Schedule as a **Calendar** of tasks needed to be done, and I prepared **Task Cards** to explain in detail what each tasks demanded and a **Map** to show where everything related to the tasks is kept. **So come on and volunteer a half hour a week please. HUB Monies viewable on website.**

Forward planning must include recruiting additional Trustees and a call-out for volunteers on some more fun shared tasks like washing and re-varnishing the Hub Hall floors. Then trawl for volunteer trustees within this group? I suggest we get on with the new Building Plaque finally to have erected by our Hub Opening 5th Anniversary!

New initiatives might include:
Saturday Sales: Table-top sales on one or more Saturdays a month will bring people into the Hub and Café, out of casual weekend interest, **Book now.**

Seasonal Markets would perhaps double-up on the two already established – renaming our pre-Christmas Market and Easter Market to 'Wintry' and 'Springy' will separate it from the Church's more religious event – thus, Springy, Summery, Autumnal and Wintery Markets.

Springy Market – Easter Egg Hunt, Petting Zoo, Pastel Coloured Bunting and Eggs, Young Plants and Baby Animal Context.

Summery Market held around Café's Birthday in June and accented on picnicking and open air fun.

Autumnal Market would accent on harvesting of produce, seed swapping, Flower and Vegetable Show activity, and local Morris Band appearance hopefully.

Wintery Markets will be held around our Hub opening anniversary season and celebrate the Community's help. **LOOK OUT for posters on our 2018 Wintry Market in the HUB Nov23rd 6-10pm.**

Since May 2018 on Tuesdays 11am-12am at the Hub. the free community exercise classes are going very well and have turning lives around. Suitable for people with less mobility – gentle movement to music, designed to get the whole body moving, whilst introducing some strengthening and stretching exercises too. Exercises will be a good mixture of standing and seated work but it can be adapted to suit the individual. They are very friendly and welcoming and are aimed at those people who might not think that exercise is for them. If you, or anyone you might know, are interested – **contact Andrea: Tel 07855 138 005**

**Email: andreanaturalpilates.co.uk
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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 7days 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. **Remember we are searching for more volunteers to help run the Ivinghoe Hub.**

Also bring us your DIY skills please!

The Hub is for this Community, and run by this Community! Many Thanks! You are all so welcome to join in!

Carol Tarrant, Chair of Trustees

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Carols by Candlelight

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A concert for the whole family, Carols by Candlelight is the perfect start to the Christmas season.

Accompanist Craig Nathan with Aylesbury Grammar School Brass Ensemble

Tree of Light commemorations offer comfort at Christmas

The Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity Tree of Light commemorations are open to anyone in our community who wishes to spend some time quietly remembering friends and family members who have died. The ceremonies are open to all, regardless of religion or spirituality, and it doesn't matter whether your loved ones were cared for by Florence Nightingale Hospice or died at home or in hospital.

"The Tree of Light events are designed to give people a space where a part of the season is set aside to commemorate loved ones," says Ann Kenny, the new Bereavement Support Team Lead at the Hospice. "Christmas can often be a time of conflicting emotions, or it can be so busy that those who are grieving can't find a time to process feelings of sadness which may come to the fore at this time of year."

There are a number of different ways to commemorate loved ones through the Hospice's Tree of Light events. Sponsor a light in memory of them and write a dedication which will appear in the Books of Honour which can be viewed at the Hospice in December and early January, and at the two Tree of Light events. Or come along to one or both Tree of Light services which will take place at the Head Office of Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity at Walton Lodge, Walton Street, Aylesbury, at 5pm on Sunday 2nd December and at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Buckingham at 4pm on Saturday 8th December.

To sponsor a light in memory of someone, please call our Fundraising Team on **01296 429 975** to request a Tree of Light Form or find out more at **www.fnhospice.org.uk/tree-of-light**

Beacon Community Choir



Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 9th December 2018, 6pm
St Mary the Virgin, Ivinghoe

musical director Judith Sheridan

Tickets £10 (children free) from Lindsay Hewlett
01296 660670 lhewlett@btinternet.com or on the door

Beacon
community choir



Ivinghoe & Pitstone Chapel Fellowship

We are a small and friendly group of local Christians who meet to worship God in a fairly informal way, in song, in prayer, and with messages brought by a variety of local preachers. We meet on Sunday mornings at 10.30am in the Millennium Room at Pitstone Memorial Hall for services that last about an hour, followed by social chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Gillian Arney



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Ivinghoe Allotments

Tales from the Plot



We have experienced a variety of weather conditions so far this year! Very cold with plants slow to grow and then the exceptionally hot weather where the plants were suffering and wilting despite copious amounts of watering with the hosepipe. It does not compare with some good steady rain! I am not complaining about the weather, it is something we can do nothing about. As plotholders, we make the most of it and now we have had frost in September!

The veggies that I put in the ground this year varied in progress due to the weather conditions. Peas were well below average return, onions a whole lot smaller than usual, butternut squash smaller, broad beans did not appear at all, first early potatoes good, second early saw an excellent return (good jacket potato size) and courgette and squash in abundance. I now have plenty of soup in the freezer! My leeks did very well and the curly kale is still thriving. However, the 10 sweetcorn plants that I grew were completely destroyed the day before the Vegetable and Flower Show. I have never seen such devastation by an animal – must have been very hungry badgers!

This year I had no fruit on the pear tree but a good yield from the apple tree, blackcurrant bushes, gooseberry and Victoria plum tree. This year has also been an excellent one for greenhouse tomatoes, so plenty of homemade tomato soup also in the freezer!

I did mention the Vegetable and Flower

Show earlier and must congratulate the Hub trustees and the Pistone allotmenters for organising what was a very successful show.

During the Summer I was invited to judge the allotments in Pitstone and as I had not been there before I was very impressed with what I saw as I walked around the site. I'm not ashamed to admit that I came away with a few excellent ideas! John and Julie's set up there is truly unbelievable and the hard work they have put into it is being rewarded by their success at various shows around the country.

Sue and I also attended the Pitstone allotment barbecue in August and we really had an excellent evening. The allotmenters all brought food along to be cooked and their friendliness in sharing knowledge, ideas and what they had grown to me is what allotmenting is all about. Thank you all for such a pleasant evening.

This time of year is all about maintenance and this week I cleaned out the greenhouse and I went to a large garden centre to get a can of greenhouse fumigator and I really could not believe the amount of Christmas merchandise already on display! There is still two and a half months to go before the special day!

For your information, National Allotments Week 2019 will be held from 12th until 18th August, so put a note in your diaries. This first started in 2002 as a means of raising awareness of

allotments and their role in helping people live healthier lifestyles, grow their own food, develop friendships and bolster communities. It is still thriving and the interest in growing your own fruit and veg has never been stronger since the WW2 'Grow for Victory' campaign.

I forgot to mention earlier that my shallots this year turned out better than

I had anticipated and will have plenty of pickled onions to last the Winter. Depending on me eating less than four a day!

May I wish you all a happy festive season!

Mind how you go...

Ernie Ivinghoe Allotmenteer



Allotment Diary

I have never known such a continued hot, dry spell in all my years on my plot. The allotments lost a lot of their colour with paths becoming parched and dry. It was a running battle to keep on top of the watering. My poor girls did not like it at all but fortunately there is a lot of shade in their runs for them.

My runner beans decided to stop growing due to lack of rain but extra watering brought them back and I am still cropping now in October so all was not lost.

The weather really suited the courgettes, cucumbers and squashes, my beetroot was exceptionally sweet this year. Sweetcorn did well but unfortunately myself and a fellow plot holder lost most of them to badgers.

We did not have many visitors on our open day in August but several allotmenters were on their plots to speak to those who did come to see us.

September saw the Ivinghoe Flower

and produce show, I should imagine the committee who organised it were delighted with the turnout of both exhibitors and visitors. I was quite pleased to see the all important red and blue place cards against some of my entries.

I did plant my spring and winter vegetables a bit later this year due to the heat, they have not suffered and are looking very promising. Sprouts are a little bit behind for this time of year but I hope they will come good in time for Christmas.

My dahlias have put on a magnificent show again this year, being the national flower of Mexico the obviously enjoyed the long hot summer.

Well, we are now into October, the seed catalogues will start to arrive, time to reflect on what did or did not work this year and start planning for 2019.

Happy gardening, **Gloria**



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Thank you to the Scouts for offering teas, coffees and delicious cakes.

There were some very impressive entries making the judges decisions difficult and the overall cup winners were:

Cookery	Julie Haynes
Craft	Carol Tarrant
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Vegetables	Ingrid Gresby
Onions	Ingrid Gresby
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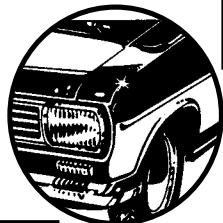
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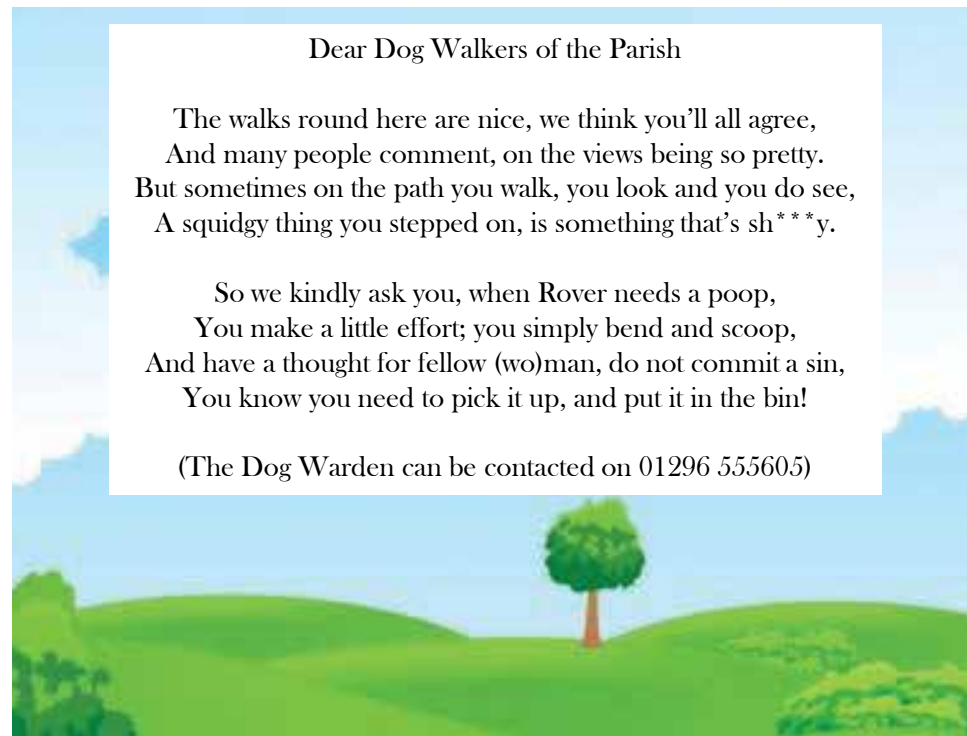
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in the deer behaving somewhat more naturally. Large herds (40 plus) are less commonly seen. There have also been fewer collisions with cars. Hearing a rustle in the woods, peering in and seeing a few deer lunging or leaping, remains a delight of a walk in Ashridge – and always will.

Incidentally, on a trip to Japan a few years ago I visited the Odaigahara national park. In parts of this, the deer problem is out of control. The devastation seen in the picture results entirely from deer damage. They are contemplating introducing wolves or feral dogs. Ashridge has no such plans.

Rikki Harrington



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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.



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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.

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done for years, I have less aches and pains and I have lost significant weight without any change to my diet. I am racing up hills and inclines where before I would be puffing and panting. It feels exhilarating to get the heart rate up."

According to Ian, it's the social which makes it enjoyable with feeling fitter and healthier an added bonus. However, with only two other men in the group, Ian is keen to get more men involved.

"It was the social thing more than anything; we have grown together as a group of people. We didn't know each other before and now we all look forward to the session. My wife Val will tell you that I get really annoyed if I have to miss a session of this. So the big message as far as I'm concerned is lets get more men doing it."

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Councillor News from Anne Wight



Anne Wight
Bucks County Councillor
Ivlinghoe Division

I hope you have all had a good summer, and were able to get out and make the most of the fine weather which we enjoyed for most of the summer months. Although the council has been in August recess, quite a lot has been going on both in Ivlinghoe Division and in Bucks over the past few weeks.

We Do Care Celebration Event and Bucks County Show

I was honoured to have been able to attend the We Do Care Celebration Event for our children in care throughout the county, which was held in High Wycombe in August. More than 70 of our kids in care, as well as recent care leavers, attended with their foster families, and were treated to several bouncy castles, an ice cream van, entertainers, juggling and a very tasty BBQ. Bucks Fire and Rescue as well as Thames Valley Police had vehicles on display and teams to answer any questions the kids had about the equipment and their important work.

The kids particularly enjoyed having their achievements celebrated in a special and very moving awards ceremony, led by Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Warren Whyte. Each child was presented with an individual certificate of achievement and a gift voucher which was kindly donated by The Entertainer toyshop.

The keynote speaker, Ashley John-Baptiste, was inspiring as he talked to the kids about his own experience in the



care system and detailed his personal journey through to his present work with the BBC. It was wonderful to see our kids having such a great day out and it was a privilege for me to have been able to attend to support them.

The Bucks County Show was also very well attended this year. BCC had a marquee which included representatives from Transport for Bucks, Communities, Adult Social Care, Children's Services, and Recycling and Waste, among other stalls. I was glad to support to our fantastic Fostering teams, along with Warren Whyte, Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Warren is far left in

the photo and I'm in the middle).

With the number of children in care rising both nationally and within Bucks, there is a greater need than ever for foster carers. If anyone feels that they might be interested in fostering, do please get in touch via my email or check out the links on the BCC website below and I will be happy to put you in touch with our fostering team. <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/care-for-children-and-families/fostering/foster-with-bucks/becoming-a-foster-carer/>



Luton Airport Expansion Consultation

It was a pleasure to see so many residents from Ivlinghoe attending the London Luton Airport non-statutory consultation event on 31 July at Pitstone Memorial Hall. The team from London Luton Airport had many displays and staff members on hand to explain their expansion plans. For anyone who wasn't able to attend, London Luton Airport is growing faster than anyone could have predicted, and is now the fifth busiest airport in the UK. At its current rate of growth, LTN is forecast to reach its existing permitted capacity of 18 million passengers per annum (mppa) in 2021.

Hence, London Luton Airport Ltd is currently in the process of a lengthy

consultation period to explore the various options for their planned expansion of the airport from 18 million passengers per annum to 38 million passengers per annum. Their timeline for consultation is:

Mid 2018 - Non-Statutory Consultation – initial round of public consultation on the emerging strategic masterplan options for making best use of the existing runway in the period up to 2050 to achieve up to 36-38 mppa

Mid 2018- Mid 2019 – Ongoing engagement and feedback review – project team reviews responses to Non-Statutory Consultation while continuing dialogue with local stakeholders, leading to a preferred scheme

Mid 2019 – Statutory Consultation – statutory consultation on the preferred scheme. Supported by the draft detailed technical and environmental assessments

Mid - Late 2019 – Further engagement and feedback review – consideration of all comments provided during consultation, leading to final design changes to our scheme. Finalisation of Environmental Impact Assessment

Ivlinghoe residents who wish to download the full reports can do so at the following web address, where there is also a Have Your Say option to receive further information via email. <https://futureluton.llal.org.uk>

As some residents have also expressed concerns over scheduled night flights, just a reminder that the link to make a noise complaint to the airport is: <https://www.london-luton.co.uk/corporate/community/noise/making-a-noise-complaint>

I would like to encourage all my residents to participate as fully as possible in these consultations and ►

to report any noise issues on the weblink above. While BCC and AVDC have aerospace planning officers working with the airport on behalf of our residents, anecdotal resident information, opinions and viewpoints are invaluable in helping us to better represent you. Do please take a look at the proposals and if you have any questions or views on them, please let me know and I will be happy to take those forward to the planning.

Of course, I am very conscious of the number of my residents who do not have access to the internet, email or broadband for various reasons, and so residents can always ring me in such cases so that I can take things forward for them.

Ivinghoe and Cheddington Flower Shows

This summer I was delighted to have met quite a few of you as I attended the Ivinghoe and Cheddington Flower Shows. I was rather struck by how so many residents have such a flair for growing near-perfect vegetables, and I was suitably humbled when I considered my own attempts at home-grown veggies! There were so many fine baked goods, photos, art and crafts on display at both events and it was a pleasure to see everyone come together as a community and display the fruits of all their hard labour, both literally and figuratively! Well done to all the prizewinners, and a special "Well Done" to Cheddington for having won The DeFraine Cup (for villages with a population of 1501-3000) for the Best Kept Village in Buckinghamshire competition!

Transport for Bucks Update

Transport for Bucks has had a very busy summer, mainly repairing some of the

roads worst affected in our division by the "Beast from the East" and an exceptionally long and hard winter last year. Many of the roads around our division have now been properly resurfaced with high quality plane-and-patch type repairs rather than jetpatching. Lammas Road in Cheddington, Horton Wharf Farm Road, and the areas around Cooks Wharf have all been improved over the summer. TfB will continue to work to improve roads throughout the coming weeks in advance of the adverse winter weather conditions.

As part of my work, I am dedicated to the Transport for Bucks Working Group at BCC, which allows me to provide feedback to TfB on the priorities of residents, as well as on areas where residents feel there is room for improvement. I am always happy to pass on resident comments and views to this working group, or alternatively you can contact Bucks County Council directly via the webpage using the Chat link, or via the link below under "All Services" followed by choosing "Contact Us", where there are online forms for comments, compliments and complaints.

TfB are also taking forward their Freight Strategy initiative. To help illustrate the impact of heavy goods vehicle traffic on our villages here in Ivinghoe Division, I organised a walk around some of the freight hotspots in Pitstone, Ivinghoe and Slapton with parish councillors and the interim Freight Strategy officer, Geoff Gardener, at TfB. The group looked at the area by Brookmead School, the newly-repaired Brownlow Bridge and the entrance to Horton on the B488 around the time of the afternoon school run. It was a very informative afternoon, and there

were a fair number of HGVs around to provide some good examples of where an enforceable Freight Strategy would benefit residents throughout our division. Geoff will be compiling his ideas as to how best to take things forward, and will be reporting back in the next few weeks on those.

Remembrance Sunday

As the Centenary of the Armistice approaches, I would like to pay tribute to all those who fell in the Great War. As we commemorate their sacrifice this year and their victory as the guns fell silent, I struggle to find the words to thank them for what they did. Their steady and unfailing strength, determination and courage in the face of a formidable enemy and against almost insurmountable odds is a source of inspiration for all generations to come. I am honoured to be attending both Ivinghoe and Pitstone Remembrance Day services this year as we remember the Fallen of Buckinghamshire.

For those of you who, like me, find themselves in awe of their self-sacrifice on such a vast scale, The Royal British

Legion is leading the nation in saying thank you to all those who served, sacrificed, and changed our world.

All communities are being encouraged to join the movement by expressing their thanks this year, with 45 high profile organisations already supporting the movement. Partners include English National Ballet, Diwali in the Square, Highclere Castle, GCHQ, Cadbury, Sainsbury's, M&S, the Coventry Building Society, the RFU and many others. Over 250 community events have been organised so far to say a mass 'Thank You' to those who put Britain on the path to becoming what it is today.

'Thank You' will honour not only the 1.1 million British and Commonwealth Armed Forces who lost their lives in the First World War, but also those who played their part on the home front, and those who returned to build a better life for the benefit of generations to come.

To find out more about the vast array of events to mark the Centenary, please do take a look at the Royal British Legion webpage at www.britishlegion.org.uk

Anne Wright

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!



From District Councillors Sandra Jenkins and Derek Town

Cambridge, Milton Keynes, Oxford Expressway Corridor B announcement

Highways England announced that Corridor B is its preferred route for the proposed Cambridge, Milton Keynes to Oxford Expressway, following a programme of stakeholder engagement. This is the first of a number of key decisions that will be taken in respect of this locally and nationally important project. Aylesbury Vale District Council says the announcement is important in helping us to start to understand more about the Government's plan for the area and to continue to work with partners to understand the potential implications with its members, local communities and partners.

The exact route to be confirmed after consultations and planning reviews etc, will roughly follow the old Oxford to Cambridge railway. The section from Oxford to Bicester has recently been reopened with a link at Bicester to the London Marylebone to Birmingham line. The section from Bletchley to Bedford is still in use and never closed. The section from Bicester to Bletchley is 'mothballed' and expected to reopen in the next 3 years as part of the East West Link. Therefore the nearest the Expressway will come to Cheddington will be between Bletchley and Winslow.

The Corridor A was the most southerly option and would have brought the road works within 4 miles at Wing.

The expressway is just one of the components of the government's strategy for the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford growth corridor and is of great relevance



to our residents and businesses as approximately 70% of the new road will pass through Aylesbury Vale.

AVDC support for rough sleepers set to be boosted by government funding

Aylesbury Vale District Council has received a further provisional allocation of a quarter of a million pounds from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for the funding year 2019/20 to continue to provide support for rough sleepers in Aylesbury Vale.

Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, Communities Secretary, has announced £45 million of provisional funding for support for rough sleepers for 83 local authority areas in 2019/20, including £250,867 for Aylesbury Vale. This funding is in addition to the £223,789 secured for Aylesbury Vale for 2018/19.

The new funding will boost the support available to people living on the streets and help them into accommodation. It will also increase the amount of assistance that can

be offered to those at risk and sleeping rough during the winter months.

AVDC is working in partnership with Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, the Buckinghamshire CCG, Oasis and Oxford Health and working closely with Connection Support's Rough Sleeper Outreach Service Team and other homelessness support agencies in the Vale to develop innovative tailored support solutions for those sleeping rough.

They are also working to develop accommodation solutions in partnership with Advance Housing, the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust and a local bed and breakfast provider. This approach offers a holistic-needs based service to clients to provide accommodation, assessment and support including dedicated access to mental health and substance misuse professionals to help them sustain tenancies in the longer term.

Further information on the £45 million funding to support rough sleepers can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-allocated-for-councils-to-help-rough-sleepers>

Tring Station new access

Work is scheduled to start in October to replace the existing footbridge access to the platforms with a new bridge and lifts. The replacement facility will be built to the south of existing bridge and steps. The new access bridge will include elevators with the obvious improved access to wheelchairs, prams and less able travellers. The work is expected to take 12 to 18 months. No changes at Cheddington Station.

Aylesbury Vale to become a 'Full Universal Credit Service'

Following the gradual national roll-out, Aylesbury Vale will become a 'Full Universal Credit Service' from Wednesday 26 September 2018. Universal Credit is the new benefit for working-age people who are on low income or are out of work and claim benefits. It's replacing a number of benefits, including housing benefits and tax credits, and is administered by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). Residents, in Aylesbury Vale, who are currently claiming housing benefit, will be gradually moved to Universal Credit as and when their circumstances change.

However, it is important to note that this will not affect everyone who claims housing benefit. Aylesbury Vale District Council is committed to ensuring its residents, who claim benefits, are fully prepared when they are moved to Universal Credit. Information for residents, landlords and partners regarding how Universal Credit could affect them has been provided on the AVDC website, www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/universal-credit, with further support and guidance available across the council's social media channels.

The council will be able to provide some support to people claiming Universal Credit, including offering the use of its Customer Service Centre, located at The Gateway in Aylesbury. The Customer Service Centre is fully equipped with computers and free Wi-Fi and AVDC staff will be able to guide claimants through the online sign-up process. Residents, who are requested ►

by the DWP to claim Universal Credit, should not delay in submitting a claim. The future monthly payments will be calculated on the same day each month based on the day the claim is submitted. For more information on Universal Credit visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit>

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) has approved a proposed £4.5million package of improvements to Kingsbury and Market Square in Aylesbury town centre, fulfilling actions in the Aylesbury Town Centre Plan

At a meeting of its full Council on Wednesday 19 September, AVDC agreed to invest in the rejuvenation of the public spaces. The planned investment into Kingsbury and Market Square will address the operational and aesthetic challenges, while making improvements to the safety, sustainability and accessibility of the areas. The improvements will also look to emphasise Kingsbury as the gateway to the old town, celebrating Aylesbury's rich heritage as a market town.

As a continuation of what is already being achieved within 'The Exchange' development, the vision for both Kingsbury and Market Square includes creating a more attractive environment for residents, visitors and businesses, whilst helping the local economy by enhancing its presence as a key retail, catering and leisure hub - as defined in the Aylesbury Town Centre Plan.

The funding will be sourced from specifically earmarked funding and grants, including: existing Section 106 funding allocated to Aylesbury town centre, Heritage Lottery Funding Townscape Grants and the New Homes Bonus. This will enable AVDC to achieve its prospects without withdrawing

focus from the council's core services.

It's probable that any work on these public spaces will be phased rather than carried out at the same time to minimise disruption to our local residents and businesses. You can take a look at the full Aylesbury Town Centre Plan by visiting: <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/aylesbury-town-centre-plan>

There's still time to renew your voter registration

Electoral Canvass staff will be out and about over the next few weeks, visiting properties that have yet to respond. All properties in Aylesbury Vale received a 'Household Enquiry Form' during the summer and a reminder in September, but around 7,700 responses remain outstanding.

Residents are required by law to confirm or update the details of anyone at their address who is eligible to vote in the UK. The forms are pre-printed with the names of the occupants currently registered to vote at each address. A response is required; either to update their details if there are any changes, or to confirm the information is still the same.

People who have moved address recently are particularly encouraged to respond. Across Great Britain, only 40% of people who have lived at an address for less than one year will be registered, compared to 94% of people who have been at their property for more than sixteen years. Peter Brown, AVDC Electoral Services Manager, said: "Although the canvass response rate to date has been encouraging, nearly 10% of homes in the Vale have yet to respond. We take a number of prescribed steps to follow up on non-responding properties, and households that fail to respond have to be personally visited. This is an expensive exercise, and we are therefore

urging residents to help us save money by responding now."

Residents can respond online using a unique 14-digit reference number which is printed on the form. The online process also allows people to add the names of any new occupants as well as remove names of those who no longer live at the address, or request a postal application. For further information on the Electoral Canvass, visit: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/canvass or call **01296 585701**.

£50,000 Our Vale fund now available for community projects!

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) has pledged £50,000 to the Our Vale crowdfunding platform to help eligible projects transform shared spaces, inspire visitors and enhance the district. AVDC launched Our Vale to connect and empower local communities and help shape the Vale for the better.

This fund is the next step in helping to create exciting, special and interesting community projects. If you've got a project idea which will help transform the Vale for

the good of your local community, then we want to hear from you! The fund is designed to be as inclusive as possible and help projects which have found it difficult to benefit from traditional grant funding. In order to apply, projects must be within Aylesbury Vale, be not for profit, have a civic value and be open and accessible to the community. As grant budgets are continuously under review, this fund is an innovative way to help council resources stretch further whilst helping projects who struggle to access funds through traditional grant giving models.

Find out more details on the fund, eligibility criteria, and more on Our Vale crowdfunding in general at:

www.spacehive.com/movement/our-vale

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