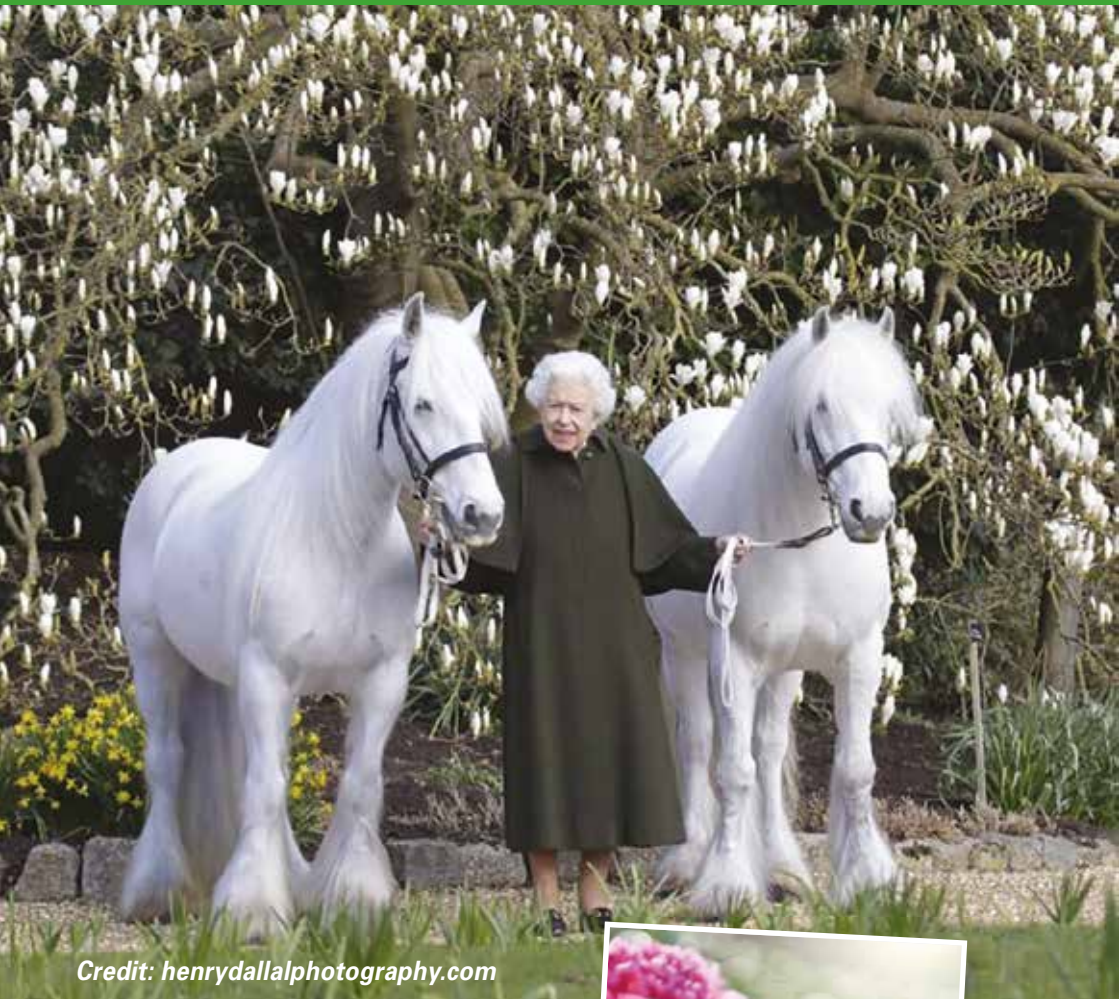




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# Welcome from the Chair

## Welcome to the May issue of the Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine.

Unfortunately, it has been brought to my attention that there are some dogs running free at Ivinghoe Lawn where the owners are not watching their dogs. Therefore, the dogs are fouling on the Lawn. Ivinghoe Parish Council does not want to force dogs onto leads please can you watch your dog(s) at all times.

## HM The Queen Platinum Jubilee

Ivinghoe Parish Council will be commemorating HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planting mature trees, one in Ivinghoe Aston and one in Ivinghoe.

## Ivinghoe Traffic Calming

In this issue you will find details of the traffic calming schemes which we work jointly with Pitstone Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Council. At the time of writing, we are expecting the traffic calming measures around Brookmead School to be installed in April and Station Road in the summer.

## Fly Tipping

Ivinghoe Parish Council continues to work with Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement Team who have had some success recently. The lay-bys in Ivinghoe Aston will be closed with



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

new planting to help deter fly tippers. Ivinghoe Parish Council is working with the Buckinghamshire Council Community Board to seek funding for this project.

## Bucks Best Kept Village Competition

Ivinghoe has been entered into the Bucks Best Kept Village Competition. Ivinghoe has been highly commended in past years. The judging takes place in June, we are expecting the village to look splendid with the yarn-bombing and Jubilee themed planters.

Please can everyone make sure they tidy their front gardens and help make Ivinghoe look it's very best especially if you live in the High Street and the allotment area. All your support is much appreciated, good luck everyone.

## Ivinghoe Fete

We are delighted to welcome back the Ivinghoe fete, details on the back page.

As always please follow us on social media and our website [www.ivinghoeipc.org.uk](http://www.ivinghoeipc.org.uk) for updates.

# The vllAge Hack

I'd say its been a fairly quiet time since my last missive but here's some brief village news/gossip.

## Jubilee Celebration (or not so much...)

A while back a few villagers were sitting contemplating life in The Village Swan (no surprise there!) and got round to chatting about the Queen's forthcoming celebration. We wondered if the village should perhaps mark the event much as we did for the Diamond Jubilee back in 2012. Given these things don't happen by magic and do need a bit of organising we agreed to put together a small team (euphemistically known as a 'committee') to put the idea to the wider village.

So, every household in the village was sent or received a communication of one sort or another regarding the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee and a meeting to discuss ideas. That meeting, attended by at least 4% of the village came up with a few thoughts which were condensed into the days events. Further information was posted either via an email, via the village Facebook page or from a leaflet popped through every letterbox. In those communications we proposed a day of activities in the vein of a village fete rounded off by an evening of entertainment. Hoping that might get a big hooray from the village, we sat back in anticipation of a hearty response. Sadly though that didn't happen, for a variety of reasons I guess, so we have had to scale back the day.

As a result the celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee is now going

to focus solely on an evening of musical entertainment which will be held in the park opposite the pub. No doubt further information will be issued in due course.

## Jubil-Tree

On a not unconnected note, the village has been given the opportunity to plant a mature tree(s) as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative to mark her Platinum Jubilee. Though this will be post the local council meeting, we need to come up with a place to plant said tree(s). The stipulation as a community is that the site needs to be accessible to the public. So come on folks get your ideas noted!!

## Tequila Mockingbird

At the suggestion of Claire White the ladies of the village have got together and formed a book club with the rather brilliant name of "Tequila Mockingbird". The club, open to all ladies of the village, held its first get together (I'd say meeting but it was yet again a trip to the local ale house) in March at which it was decided that the white wine was better than the red wine though those on gin proffered to disagree (joke). Seriously though, the first group read was a challenging number I hear called The Book Seller of Kabul by Asne Seierstad and they're now onto Queen Bee by Jane Fallon

The plan is to hold a meeting on a monthly or thereabouts basis. Its a great idea and if you want to take part then ask around or get yourself on their WhatsApp group – Tequila Mockingbird

## Litter, Litter Everywhere!

Our thanks to Alex Razak and a few hardy folks who gathered outside the pub in late February to help rid our roads of discarded rubbish. Once again a grand job and one that will no doubt be repeated again and again and again. Keep your eyes peeled for the next one.

## On To Pastures Greener

By now it will be no surprise, well to those that make use of our local, that our incumbents at The Village Swan, Sean and Seb, have decided to seek new pursuits. The guys took on the running of the pub at possibly the worst time possible – the start of the covid outbreak. Through that period they did their best to keep things ticking over by providing meals and drinks. Since that time they have opened fully with great food using produce from our own village and have re-introduced the monthly quiz in conjunction with a very popular pizza based menu.

As with many things though there comes a time to explore new opportunities and I am sure the village and pub regulars wish them well for the future.

## Above Below Festival

Last year we faced what I guess many thought might be an intrusion on our relatively quiet lives – the Above Below Festival. Tucked away in a secluded area below the beacon and under covid restrictions a crowd of festival goers enjoyed long days and nights of musical entertainment. Despite obvious fears all

went well and unless like me you snook around to have a look and listen you'd quite honestly not really have known it was happening.

Following the success of the event the organisers are holding a repeat event over the 2-5th June (the jubilee weekend). The event, an electronic music and arts festival, will run on into the early hours of the morning as last year but if that was anything to go by you'd never know. I have taken a look at the festival website and it seems to me that the organisers are doing as much as they can to respect both festival attendees and the local environment. As an example, proceeds from their car parking charges are being donated to help protect UK peatlands.

For further information visit [www.abovebelowfestival.uk](http://www.abovebelowfestival.uk)

## Mary Draper

It was with great sadness that the village learned of the passing of Mary Draper on 17 March. Mary, born in 1948 at Orchard Farm, was one of the few 'elders' of the village who lived her whole life in Ivinghoe Aston. Mary was a well known character and in her later years would be seen walking her dogs on her regular walks. Our thoughts go to her daughter Paula and her family.

**Phil Jones** (2 Ashby Villas)  
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## Ivinghoe Town Hall & Beacon Villages Community Library

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### Greetings from your Town Hall Management Committee!

At last, all Covid restrictions have been removed and we are back in business as usual. We are delighted that almost all of our regular hirers are now resuming their meetings and classes at the Town Hall and with the promise of sunny days to come, dare we breathe a big sigh of relief? It's definitely time to start planning ahead with increased certainty.

The Town Hall committee have met again and have reviewed our terms and conditions for the hire of the Hall; these are available on our (5\* rated!) website – [ivinghoetownhall.org.uk](http://ivinghoetownhall.org.uk)

That's also the place to go to check availability for bookings or to get any queries answered.

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The Hall seats 120 for theatre style seating and 60 for dancing or sitting

at tables, so there's plenty of room, together with functioning stage and a prep and reheat style kitchen.

We're writing to all of our regular Hirers to ask if they'd like to send a representative of their group to join the committee and we extend this invitation to any member of our community. For more information, you can contact me, Sue Eyre on **07742138955** or email **s\_a\_eyre@hotmail.com**.

Take care everyone and enjoy these long awaited days of early summer.

### To Hire Ivinghoe Town Hall:

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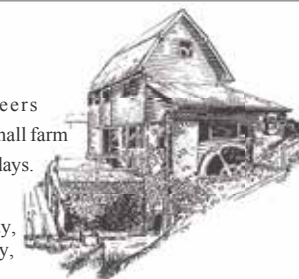
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## WI News...

### Ivinghoe & Pitstone Women's Institute



The Ivinghoe and Pitstone WI had quite a busy start to the year as new officers were selected for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It has taken a few weeks for the officers to familiarise themselves with the running of the WI and deal with a few humps on the journey. Hopefully the rest of the year will run smoothly.

We began the year with an entertaining talk on Zoom by James Haddow, the Taxi Driver Poet. His delivery was light hearted, casual and comical with lots of interaction with members. We thoroughly enjoyed his talk.

February saw our first hybrid meeting of the year with members joining us either on Zoom or in person in the hall. A very entertaining and informative talk was given by Mark and Giles of the Two Spoons company. The good news is that Buckinghamshire has its own blend of English tea and the debate is still open regarding the Bourbon biscuit being the best tea dunking biscuit!

Our March meeting was our first face to face meeting of the year. Mike Chapman, a volunteer for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, gave an informative and poignant talk on the start and work of the Commission. The CWGC work hard to honour and care for the men and women of the First and Second World Wars. We also learned that in St Mary's cemetery we have 5 of these Graves honouring men who had fallen in the wars.

Our clubs all restarted in January. Supper club meets up once a month on the third Thursday evening of the month

and participants have enjoyed meals at the Barracuda in Tring, the Oak in Aston Clinton and The Swan in Cheddington. Our Craft group members meet at the Hub on the last Wednesday of the month, Random Readers meet at the Hub on the first Wednesday of the month between 19:30 and 21:00 while our popular Board Games club meet twice a month on the second and fourth afternoons in the Hub from 14:00 to 16:00.

March has seen the return of the Walking Group who are planning to take on the challenge of the Greensand Ridge Walk over the next few months.

We have lots planned for the rest of the year. April's talk is by Zoom due to the speaker living too far away and is all about tempering chocolate. Other exciting events being planned this year are our 105th birthday party in May which will involve a bring and share supper and lots of activities to entertain members. We will then celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a High Tea and invitations are being sent to our neighbouring WIs to help us celebrate this momentous occasion. We are expecting all the ladies at the party to wear a suitably decorated hat. Members have been very busy making bunting to decorate both villages for this special occasion. We are also hoping to organise a couple of outings during the summer, taking advantage of the nice weather.

Further details of any of these events and anyone wishing to join the WI should contact Annette Hutchinson via email:

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# BeaconLit Book Festival:

## Bumper treat for book lovers



Book lovers have a literary treat in store when BeaconLit, Ivinghoe's very own book festival returns in all its glory on Saturday 16 July.

The festival was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic and ran in cut-down form last year. This year's event sees the return of the full-day BeaconLit and also a return to its usual venue at Brookmead School. And early birds can take advantage of a 23% discount on a full-day pass up until 6 June.

The star-studded programme includes a host of bestselling authors: Stacey Halls, Antonia Hodgson, Ruth Hogan, Cara Hunter and William Ryan. Former Chief Crown Prosecutor and Chief Executive of the UK's Police and Crime Commissioners Nazir Afzal will be talking about his life and work and his book *The Prosecutor*.

There's also a chance to meet some of the most exciting new authors of 2022, including Katie Allen, Rosie Andrews and Ayanna Lloyd Banwo. Festival favourites Adina Campbell, and Dave Sivers, along with writer and editor Antonia Senior, will be attempting to keep order.

Our Bookshop, Tring, will be on hand to sell books for signing and free parking will be available on Ivinghoe Lawn. Refreshments will also be available on the day.

BeaconLit is run and manned entirely by volunteers and raises funds for the local Beacon Villages Community Library.

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# Ivinghoe and Pitstone Safety Scheme

In the recent past both Ivinghoe and Pitstone Parish Councils separately engaged Ben Hamilton Baillie Associates to draw up a concept safety scheme for the individual villages to enable both pedestrians and road traffic to coalesce safely together within the villages.

Both Parish Councils have been busy behind the scenes in progressing this concept with Buckinghamshire Council and Transport for Bucks as the highways authority. As a result the two separate schemes are now known as the Ivinghoe and Pitstone Safety Scheme.

After many different surveys, concept designs, etc we are now at a point where both phase 1 and phase 2 can now be implemented. Both of these phases were chosen for early implementation as they have a direct effect on the younger members of our villages.

## Phase 1 – Station Road, Ivinghoe

### Phase 2 – Brookmead School

Many of you will have seen the resurfacing work that has taken place recently along Station Road by the junctions with Maud Janes Close and Ladysmith Road as well as outside Brookmead School. This work was in preparation for the implementation of these two phases of the Safety Scheme.

Diagrams of the two phases are on the following pages. For this publication they are rather small so arrangements have been made for larger diagrams to be viewed at the library in Ivinghoe. Alternatively for

those with web access the diagrams can be viewed online at [www.ivinghoe.org.uk](http://www.ivinghoe.org.uk) (go to the BHB Project tab and click on Phase 1 or Phase 2 as appropriate).

Any comments about the schemes can be sent to the following

- By email to [ivinghoe@parishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoe@parishclerk@gmail.com)
- By post to Ivinghoe Parish Council, Town Hall, High Street, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EP
- In person, simply drop your comments into the BLACK post box in the foyer of the Town Hall.

## Phase 1 – Station Road, Ivinghoe

### The design concepts here are

To provide a 'safety zone' to enable a safer crossing point for children attending Brookmead School and also to provide additional parking for residents and the dropping off and picking up of children from Brookmead School.

- The scheme incorporates
- A new crossing point in a slightly different location to the existing one.
- 2 new informal roundabouts
- New signage both on the road and on the road side
- Early warning markers when approaching from Great Gap/Ford End
- A 'grasscrete' parking bay for 5 vehicles (time limited parking during day time hours)
- A footpath from the parking bays to connect with the existing footpath

to Brookmead School

- Anti-skid road surfacing
- New tree planting to increase bio-diversity

It is envisaged that motorists will have plenty of early warning on the approach to the safety zone, with the informal roundabouts slowing the traffic further on the approach to the crossing point.

We have already consulted with local residents on the initial drawings for this scheme and residents views have been taken into account with this latest design.

It is currently planned for the work to be completed during the school summer holidays in late July/August.

## Phase 2 – Brookmead School

### The design concepts here are

To provide a more visible presence to motorists that they are within a school zone.

- The scheme incorporates
- Red anti-skid tarmac surface across the whole school zone
- Buff coloured anti-skid tarmac for the bus stop area
- Road markings to give the appearance that the road is narrower
- 'Pencil' bollards in various colours (see picture) to highlight both the school and children's presence
- Treatment of the verge opposite to increase sight lines for motorists
- Additional road markings on the approach to the area



- Definitive road markings to delineate the end of the roadway along the side of the brook.

It was envisaged that the speed limit would be reduced to 20mph along this stretch of the road, but we have not been given permission yet to enable this to happen. We will be actively pursuing this to be implemented at a later date, if funding is available.

This phase of the Safety Scheme is partly within Pitstone and partly within Ivinghoe and as such both Parish Councils have had an input in its design. We have also consulted with Brookmead School.

Some works are due to start late April/early May with the anti-skid surfacing going down. Full completion is expected during the school summer holidays.

On behalf of Ivinghoe Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Council.









# Ivinghoe Aston Road Naming

Following on from Phil's, your intrepid local Beacon hack, report about the confusion over road names in Ivinghoe Aston, Ivinghoe Parish Council has made an application to the Buckinghamshire Council Road Naming people to clarify the situation.

What has been confirmed, see map, is that:

- Point A – B, the road is called Ivinghoe Aston, Ivinghoe, i.e. Ivinghoe Aston in the parish of Ivinghoe
- Point B – C, the road is called Slapton Road, Ivinghoe
- Point C – D, the road is called Ivinghoe Aston Road, Slapton

As this whole length of road historically had no name associated with it, the then Aylesbury Vale District Council arbitrarily named sections of the road as above, and then did not put up any road name signs.

Also, nobody has known the name of the road AVDC arbitrarily named 'Ivinghoe Aston'. From our own investigations it would seem it is only the 'councils', namely Buckinghamshire and Ivinghoe Parish Council, that are aware of this name along with Transport for Bucks.

Consequently, this part of the highway, and in some respects further along on Slapton Road and Ivinghoe Aston Road, incorrect road names are being used, for example,

- Post Office – have 'Ivinghoe Aston' down as High Street
- Google Maps – have the whole length of the road down as Chapel Lane

- Other mapping systems – have parts of the road down as 'Ashby Villas' or 'Brook End' or 'High Road' or 'Main Street'.
- Residents use any one of the above as they are unaware that there is a name for the road.
- Police – use the name Chapel Lane as per Google above.

The results of this confusion is that

- On 2 occasions recently ambulances have not been able to find the address to which they have been summoned.
- Mail destined for Ivinghoe Aston ends up in High Street, Ivinghoe.
- Parcel delivery firms end up delivering to the incorrect properties.
- Local taxi firms are unable to find the address, residents more often have to guide them to their destination as they rely on mapping systems with the incorrect information.
- Documents supplied to Buckinghamshire Council as part of planning applications are invariably incorrect.
- There is a legal consequence as well, we have been advised by the Police that we cannot use the road name 'Ivinghoe Aston' when using Speedwatch and that we must use the name as per Google above.

## What is proposed

We can only look at the road names that are within the parish of Ivinghoe. It is

fairly obvious that Slapton Road says what it is, the road to Slapton in the parish of Ivinghoe, and therefore should remain as such. It is therefore proposed that to get rid of the confusion of the road name in between points A and B on the map that we go through a road naming process which we believe should involve the whole community of Ivinghoe Aston.

## Proposal

- Ivinghoe Aston residents are invited to submit by 31st May 2022, suggestions for the name of the road between points A and B on the map. Only sensible responses along the guidelines below will be accepted. Suggestions along with your reasoning for it (i.e. named after a specific person/landmark etc.) should be sent to Ivinghoe Parish Council either:
  - By email at [ivinghoeaparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoeaparishclerk@gmail.com)
  - By post to Ivinghoe Parish Council, Town Hall, High Street, Ivinghoe, LU7 9EP
  - In person, please drop your suggestions into the BLACK post box in the Town Hall foyer
- Your suggestions will then be passed to Buckinghamshire Council and Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust (VAHT) to check for suitability. VAHT have an interest in all council housing within the village and anything that can affect them.
- The final suggestions will be put to a vote of the electorate of Ivinghoe Aston and the results will be forwarded to both Buckinghamshire Council and VAHT. Only those on the electoral role will be eligible to vote. If you are currently not on the electoral role and wish to vote then you will need to register online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>
- All aspects of the process will be independently scrutinised by an external

person from outside of the parish.

## Guidelines

We have been advised of the following guidelines

- Try not to use road names that already exist within the parish, i.e. Tring Road, Dunstable Road, Church Road, High Street, Station Road, Horton Road, Beacon Road. These could lead to confusion over addresses within Ivinghoe Aston and Ivinghoe. Slapton Road might be considered as it would simply be an extension of the lower part of the road.

Consider the use of the following

- Ancient field names, e.g. Rushendon Furlong in Pitstone
- Prominent people/heroes from the area (must be deceased), Ketts may be able to help in this category, e.g. Hartop Close in Ivinghoe Aston
- Prominent landmarks, e.g. Swan Close in Ivinghoe Aston
- Prominent occasions, e.g. Ladysmith Road in Ivinghoe

Think about the suffixes such as

- Lane – suggests rural
- Road – could be rural or urban
- Street – suggests urban but could be rural in the context of Watling Street
- Boulevard – tree lined, urban
- Close – suggests cul-de-sac
- Way – in the context of Ivinghoe Parish suggests rural as in Icknield Way. Etc

To end, this is a serious subject, but we are sure that from the youngest to the eldest residents of Ivinghoe Aston that you will all have fun dreaming up names for the main road passing through the village.

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## Midnight Walk returns for one last night

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's annual Midnight Walk returns to Aylesbury for the final time after a two year hiatus on Saturday 16th July.

Since it began in 2010, the Midnight Walk has seen hundreds of men and women come together and take to the streets of Aylesbury, walking over 50,000 miles and raising over £650,000 for the charity over the years. But this will be the last opportunity to take part in the event.

The charity is hoping its local community will support their Farewell Midnight Walk, with walkers joining them to remember loved ones and support their local hospice as they walk the final miles for one last time.

Walkers can choose from 5 mile or

10 mile circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight on Saturday 16th July, with refreshments at pit stops along the way. Each walker will also receive a commemorative Farewell Midnight Walk 2022 T-shirt, as well as a Finisher's medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the walk.

For more information and to sign up, please visit [www.fnhospice.org.uk/notthemidnightwalk](http://www.fnhospice.org.uk/notthemidnightwalk) or call 01296 429975.

### Further information:

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## CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for more volunteers to help at the lovely and ancient church of St Mary's in Pitstone.

We particularly need people willing to run or help run events in the church. These are usually held during our normal opening times (May to September Sunday and Bank Holiday afternoons) but are occasionally in the evening or on Saturdays. The funds raised go to the maintenance of the church either directly or through the Churches Conservation Trust in which the church is vested.

We also need people who are willing to open and sit in the church on Sunday and Bank Holiday afternoons between the beginning of May and the end of September (virus permitting). Even one afternoon would help.

For more information please contact either:

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*For more details contact Sandra on  
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## IVINGHOE HANDBELL RINGERS

There is a set of hand bells belonging to St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe and there has been an evolving group of hand bell ringers in the village since the 1950s. At present we cannot meet but are hoping to restart in 2021. Until March 2020 we had two groups who met on either Monday afternoon 2-4pm or evening 7.30-9.30pm. We play for various events and organisations in the villages or in local care homes.

However we have to wait until 6 people can meet together indoors to start practising. If you would like to join the group when it restarts, you need a good sense of rhythm but do not need to be able to read music. We are a friendly group and it is a lot of fun."

Ring **01296 668336**

## A Note from the Editor...

I very much hope that you are still enjoying reading the Ivinghoe Beacon magazine, it has changed a little since the Parish Council took over the production of the magazine.

We really want the magazine to be something you get pleasure from reading as well as a useful reference tool for local events and advertising.

We are always looking for new ideas to keep the magazine an interesting read, so if you have something that you would like to be considered for inclusion, please do get in touch!

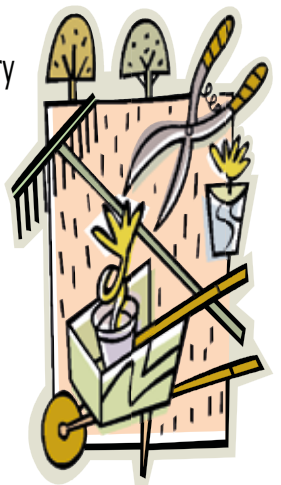
*Many thanks and happy reading.*

**Bridget Knight** The Editor – [ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com)

Have you ever thought about 'growing your own'? Growing your own fruit and vegetables can be a very satisfying experience and in Ivinghoe we are very lucky to have some beautiful allotments just off Church Road, overlooking St Mary's Church.

If you are an Ivinghoe resident and would like some more information about availability of plots - we have them in a range of sizes - please contact the Parish Clerk at [ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com)

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## A love of reading at Brookmead School

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

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

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

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

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



Brookmead Library – themed area



Brookmead – shared reading area





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**For any enquiries or to join the waiting list please contact us on** [ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com)

**Or our Group Scout Leader, Andrew Woods on** [ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com) or **07768 980311**

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# Ivinghoe Allotments

## News from the Allotment



Well, some Spring we've had so far. Very high dangerous winds; so much rain; freezing temperatures and conversely, warmth enough to bring out the shorts and t-shirts. All these elements are a lot for us allotmenters to contend with. Just as I had decided that it was time to sow seeds in my unheated greenhouse, the weather app provided a reality check and confirmed that this would be a bad idea as the temperature was about to fall to below zero. I say unheated greenhouse, because last year I used a paraffin heater which failed more than once and on occasion turned into a soot paint brush which, rather than providing useful heating, just painted the interior panes an opaque black. I had to wash the windows three times and they still needed a final spring clean in March, once I had completely cleared the greenhouse. This year I bought a gas heater which will hopefully keep the seedlings, which I will have sowed over the next few weeks, warm and snug. The debate goes on regarding the appropriate timing of seed sowing indoors in greenhouses or on windowsills vs outside in cold frames and beds. Inevitably, the best advice is just to follow the planting instructions on the packets, refer to books and internet searches and then check the weather forecast.

I did however sow the first of my sweet peas in October, mostly from the seeds I collected myself (which had germinated successfully – hurrah). I put them in the cold frame and actually completely forgot about them (life happens). I remembered them in late February and discovered that they were hale and hearty, so I quickly planted them out, under fleeces. At the time of writing, so far so good. I will plant the rest today (end March), together with my tomatoes, but keep them at home alongside my chitting second early potatoes, until the greenhouse is heated and guess what, the temperature is just now plunging below zero and there's snow in the air.

Over the past six months the Ivinghoe Allotments have welcomed some new residents who have been working hard on their particular patches. Some are fortunate enough to have allotments which are already fenced in and provide them with a shed. Others face a large expanse of green, marked out but mostly covered with tough weeds. This can be exceedingly intimidating, even overwhelming, especially if you happen to glance at some other, well established allotments. The clue is in 'well established'. Somebody new to keeping an allotment can take heart in the fact that everyone was a beginner once. It

takes a few years to get your patch into shape and even then it is constantly undergoing change. Some may tackle the task of clearing their space by digging up all the weeds, others employ the 'no-dig' method.

The latter movement was started by Charles Dowding in 1982 and was very revolutionary. You disturb the weeds as little as possible because 'whenever soil has been dug, loosened or turned over, it recovers from the disruption by re-covering with weed growth – both from roots of perennial weeds and seeds of annuals. When left undisturbed the soil has less need to recover and grows fewer weeds'. Dowding believes, as do many, that 'no dig' soil is full of beneficial organisms and microbes'. Basically, you cover the area that you want to plant with cardboard or permeable membrane to cut out the light, then top that with compost and soil. For more in-depth information on this method, check out <https://charlesdowding.co.uk> and of course the plethora of 'YouTube' videos on the subject.

Despite the aforementioned weather vagaries Spring is beginning to come to the allotment. The glorious primroses dance all over my plot and make me smile (even while I slither in the mud).



The tulips are slowly awakening from their Winter sleep and I cannot wait for them to fully appear. Dahlias are also planted in this bed, but they don't appear until summer so the view can be quite desolate. I have therefore underplanted the tubers with tulips, hyacinths and alliums, which will hopefully provide successional planting and of course colour.



The best sign of spring is the burgeoning peony which like the Queen in Bridgerton, is blowsy, magnificent and larger than life.. Another is and is much mentioned in cookery programmes and magazines – wild garlic. I have various patches growing on my allotment (and also know where to forage more). This year I am making wild garlic oil. ►







Before I sign off I thought I'd leave you with a Sarah Raven recipe for Rhubarb Cordial. Rhubarb is of course easy to buy or grow, but it can be a little boring to make endless rhubarb crumble and recipes for Elderflower cordial are plentiful.

**Ingredients:** (makes 1½ litres) – 2kg rhubarb stems, roughly chopped. 2 large oranges. 8-10 whole star anise. 600-1200g granulated sugar. Citric acid (optional).

**Method:** Put all the rhubarb into a large pan and add 1.5 litres of cold water (you don't want to cover it completely with water as this dilutes the flavour of the cordial). Use a potato peeler to take strips of orange skin from each orange, add this to the pan with the juice from both and add the star anise. Bring the rhubarb up to the boil, then turn down the heat and simmer gently until the it is soft (it may look like a mush at this stage). Take off the heat and allow to cool for an hour.

Pour the rhubarb and juice into a large jelly bag (hanging over a large bowl) and allow the juice to drip through overnight. Pour the collected juice into a pan and on a low heat add the sugar (about

600-1200g, but do taste with a spoon as you go, so you get the sweetness you want, remember it will get diluted with water). Stir until the sugar has dissolved. You can add two teaspoons of citric acid at this stage if you want to store this for several months, but this is not necessary if the cordial is going to be used straight away. The citric acid does give the cordial a good tart kick, or you can add the juice of three lemons for a sharper flavour. Allow the cordial to cool. Pour into sterilised bottles and store in the fridge where they should keep for a couple of months. It can also be frozen in ice cube trays or clean plastic mil bottles to use throughout the summer.

To serve, dilute with sparkling water, with plenty of ice and a few leaves of fresh mint. A squeeze of lime juice is also a good addition.

**Bon Appetit**



Take care **Simone** – Ivinghoe Plot Holder

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## Ashridge Ramblings – Repair to the Beacon

The Ivinghoe hills have a unique look and feel – magnificent topography with long views, sweeping chalk grassland with its associated floral and faunal delights, and archaeological treasures such as ancient forts and burial mounds. No wonder people come from far and wide to enjoy them. Accumulated footfall, however, leads to ever broader and deeper erosion and the need for restoration. You may well have noticed the new steps just south of Beacon Road, and various roped-off areas, inside which plant recovery is underway.

A planning application has been submitted to surface the track down from Beacon car park. This will use limestone to create a hard-wearing surface in keeping with the landscape. Users will be relieved that they will no-longer have to deal with very slippery conditions. A more comprehensive plan is being prepared to tackle some of the erosion on the main slope and the 'saddle' (the hill half way between the barrier and the Beacon itself). It's extremely complex due to archaeological, landscape and nature conservation considerations, but discussions are ongoing with Natural England, Historic England and the Chilterns AONB 'Beacons of the Past' project to work up solutions. The Ridgeway Partnership has its golden anniversary soon and is keen to join with the Ashridge team to improve other sections of the route across the Ivinghoe Hills. It will take some time



to put all these plans in place but there is a commitment to improving the accessibility of the paths and preventing any further erosion and deterioration of the surrounding habitat.

### Repair to the Monument

Over the Jubilee weekend, why not repair to the Visitor Centre, where visitors will be invited to join festivities on Monument Green. There will be a large picnic area where the café will be serving special jubilee cakes; a variety of family games and activities as well as a large community craft base. Craft activities will include decorating bunting in a Jubilee style to hang from the Bridgewater Monument, much like a giant maypole, with the big reveal on Sunday 5th June.

**Rikki Harrington**

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# Bucks Councillors Report

## Are you caring for someone else's child?

Buckinghamshire Council is urging residents to get in touch if they are aware of children living apart from close family, as this informal arrangement could be what is known as Private Fostering and if so, by law, the council needs to be informed.

Children under 16 (or under 18 if they are disabled) who are living away from their parents or close relatives (such as aunts and uncles, grandparents, siblings or step-parents) for more than 28 days are classed as being in a Private Fostering arrangement. By law, the council must be told of this.

Private Fostering arrangements are completely legal and can often be the best solution for the child. There can be lots of reasons why a child doesn't live at home and their parent has arranged for someone else to care for them. It might be due to illness or instability at home, being sent from overseas for education or healthcare, teenagers living with the family of their boyfriend or girlfriend, or something else.

As a council, we simply need to know about the arrangement so we can support everyone involved and ensure the child is safe and well looked after. So, if you think you might be involved in a Private Fostering arrangement, or if you are a professional and know someone who is in such an arrangement, please let us know, it's the law.

Last year, Buckinghamshire Council supported a number of children in a Private Fostering arrangement, but it is

believed there are other cases it has not been made aware of. Find out more at: [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/private-fostering](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/private-fostering) or call the Connected Persons team **01296 383 962** or email: [cypfirstresponse@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:cypfirstresponse@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

## Buckinghamshire Council to convert first refuse vehicle to electric thanks to government grant

Buckinghamshire Council has been awarded more than half a million pounds to upcycle its first refuse collection vehicle to electric. It marks the start of the Council's programme to convert its fleet to electric, resulting in zero exhaust emissions.

The £578,000 funding, which was announced this week, is from the Government's Air Quality Grant, which helps councils to develop and implement measures to reduce the impact of dirty air on people's health.

The grant will cover the cost of upcycling the first vehicle as well as providing a blueprint for the future conversion programme. The funds will also be used to pay for performance trials, spare parts and specialist equipment for maintaining the vehicle. It all paves the way for more vehicle conversions to follow in the future.

The upcycled 10-year-old Dennis Eagle 26 tonne refuse collection vehicle will travel 412 miles a week in the north of Aylesbury, including through three air quality management areas. These are areas which have exceeded the air

quality objective for nitrogen dioxide so the use of an electric refuse vehicle in these areas will also promote and contribute towards improving air quality. As a result of using the electric refuse vehicle, over 10 tonnes of greenhouse gas, 69 kg of oxides of nitrogen (NOx), and half a kilo of particulate matter emissions will be saved per year.

Air pollution is the single biggest environmental risk to public health. As part of the same government funding scheme Buckinghamshire Council has also been awarded a grant to purchase and trial low-cost monitoring sensors which will be part of clean air campaigns throughout the year.

## Buckinghamshire Council and FCC Environment unveil bug hotel to celebrate new Household Recycling Centre contract

On 1 April FCC Environment begins a new five-year contract to manage the nine Household Recycling Centres across Buckinghamshire and to celebrate the milestone, the council and its contractor have teamed up with a local Men in Sheds group to create bespoke bug hotels to encourage insect life and diversity at all of the sites.

The sites already attract over a million visits a year and handle more than 60,000 tonnes of waste. The new contract is worth £15 million over five years rising to £28.5 million over ten years if the contract is extended.

Peter Strachan, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Climate

Change and Environment, commented: "It's been a privilege to take part in the new contract celebration and open the new bug hotel at Aston Clinton Recycling Centre. FCC Environment have consistently demonstrated their dedication to improving reuse, repair and recycling across the county. Buckinghamshire Council looks forward to building on this success over the duration of the new contract."

Steve Longdon, FCC Operations Director, said: "We have operated the facilities in Buckinghamshire since 2012 and we have worked hard during this time to deliver an exceptional service, so we are delighted to have secured the new contract to provide the ongoing management and operation of the nine Household Recycling Centres.

"The new contract will enable us to continue our relationship with Buckinghamshire Council and South Bucks Hospice to embrace new ways of working focusing on the waste prevention, repair and reuse agenda that is vital if we are to meet our Net Zero targets as a nation."

Jackie Ward, South Bucks Hospice Chief Executive Officer, said:

"South Bucks Hospice are thrilled to continue operating the reuse shops at Aston Clinton and High Wycombe Recycling Centres working with FCC Environment to ensure even more of Buckinghamshire's waste is reused. The new contract not only benefits the environment but also supports the fantastic work of the hospice to provide end-of-life care and family support." ►

Residents have recently expressed their happiness at the level of service provided at the recycling centres. During November/December last year 2,238 visitors took part in a customer satisfaction survey. The report was conducted across the nine sites during peak and off-peak times and outlines overall customer satisfaction ratings, what items were brought to the centre, the frequency of customer visits, and key performance indicators such as site cleanliness, queuing, website information, safety advice and procedures.

100% of those interviewed said that they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the site staff and service provided at the Household Recycling Centres

## Bucks Lottery Celebrates Two Years of Supporting Local Good Cause

The Buckinghamshire Lottery is celebrating its second birthday. In the last year, it has raised over £125,000 for the local community and over £27,000 has been given away in prizes. So far more than 350 local good causes in Buckinghamshire have signed up as a fun and effective way to raise funds for their valued services in the community.

Any local charities or not-for-profit groups such as parent teacher associations and sports clubs, looking to fundraise can register free of charge at any time to take part in the Buckinghamshire Lottery.

One of the best things about the Buckinghamshire Lottery is that supporters are able to choose the good causes that matter personally to them."

We would advise other causes thinking of joining the lottery to sign up, it's free

and really easy to get started. There is a huge amount of support given as well as advice and tips on fundraising.

Supporters can win weekly cash prizes of up to £25,000 for just £1 per ticket and if you enter before Saturday, 23 April 2022 you will also be in with the chance of winning the national prize, of a £1,000 B&Q gift card.

Visit our website to see which good causes you can support, and buy a ticket today online at: <https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/>

At least 60% from each ticket sold goes directly to the cause of your choice. Unlike larger lotteries, the majority of your ticket purchase comes back into the community and the odds of winning a prize are much better, at an amazing 50:1. It really is a win-win scenario. Even if you don't win a cash prize you can be content in knowing that you are making a real difference in your local community!"

Good causes that have been supported via the Buckinghamshire Lottery include: Bucks Carers, PACE, Thames Valley Air Ambulance, BucksVision, South Bucks Riding for the Disabled, Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, Autism Bucks, Medical Detection Dogs, Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Service for south Buckinghamshire (previously known as Rape Crisis), Age UK Buckinghamshire, Bucks Search and Rescue, Cancer Care and Haematology Fund, Child Bereavement UK, Chiltern Carers, Chiltern, High Wycombe and South Bucks Cats Protection, Citizens Advice Bucks, Chilterns MS Centre, Parkinson's UK Aylesbury Branch and Thames Valley Adventure Playground.

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