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Welcome from the Chair

Welcome to the May issue of the Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine.

irstly, we were very sad to learn that former lyinghoe Parish Clerk Lisa McCarthy recently passed away. Lisa was a popular member of the local community who will be missed, we send our condolences and best wishes to Cathy and their two sons.



Karen Groom. Chair, Ivinghoe Parish Council

Ivinghoe Parish Annual Meeting and **Annual Meeting of Ivinghoe Parish** Council - 13th May 2024

The annual meetings will be held on Monday 13th May 2024 in Ivinghoe Town Hall at 7pm. During the evening there will an opportunity to talk to both Ivinghoe and Buckinghamshire Councillors on local matters and future plans, and ideal opportunity to raise any ideas you may have or any issues you would like to highlight. Refreshments will be freely available, and we do hope you attend this sociable evening.

Paul Miller from National Trust Ashridge will be giving a presentation about plans for Ashridge.



Fete and Beaconlit Festival

Plans are underway for the lyinghoe Fete and Beaconlit Festival, further information in this issue.

Ivinghoe and Pitstone Repair Café

Please continue to support the repair café and take broken items to be fixed. items that have been repaired include cracked phone screens, jewellery, electronic items, clothing repairs etc. The team of skilled volunteers are able to help and save items going into landfill.

Allotments

Allotment plots are available, if you are interested in further information please contact Ivinghoe Parish Clerk.

Tulips

Thank you to Councillors Bamber. Lott and Nash for planting the tulip bulbs which look amazing in the lyinghoe planters.



Albert Reynolds

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Tuesday: 8.15pm – 10.15pm – **New Moon Morris** Cath Fincher (07983 706607)

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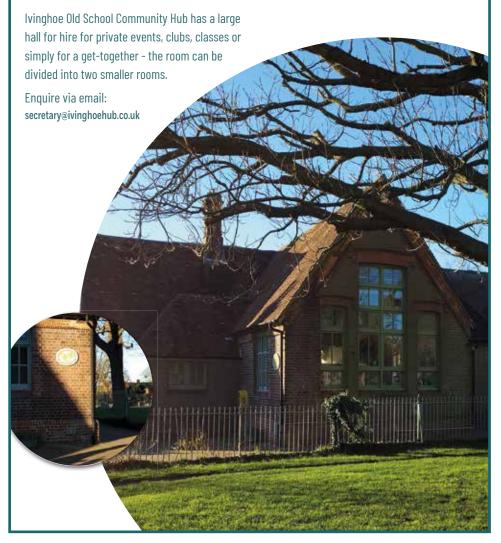
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Beacon Villages Community Library

Beacon Villages Community Library AGM will be held on **Saturday 6th July at 9.30am**. This year it will be a hybrid event, so we will be in the Library if you want to come along, otherwise you are welcome to attend by zoom. It's your chance to hear the roundup of what has taken place over the year, and our plans for the future. Nomination forms for committee members will be available in the Library beforehand, or you can contact **secretary@bvcl.org.uk** for a copy, Do think about joining us, it isn't huge commitment, and it is always good to have fresh ideas.

The AGM paperwork will be on our website prior to the meeting and if you want to get the zoom link please email **treasurer@bvcl.org.uk**

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MedicAlert and Thames Valley Police: Introducing Safe and Found

There are currently 944,000 people living with dementia in the UK. On average, around 40,000 are reported missing every year.

The MedicAlert Foundation, in partnership with Thames Valley Police, have launched a dementia safeguarding programme, Safe and Found. This new initiative supports those living with dementia and other memory or cognitive conditions.

Safe and Found is available nationally and enables people living with dementia to securely store their Herbert Protocol form digitally. This document contains information that aids a missing person search, giving the police a better understanding of who they are looking for, what they have done previously and what they may be likely to do in the future. It includes places of importance, routines and habits, their connections, medical details and more.

The Herbert Protocol is a proven strategy in reducing search time and increasing the chance of the individual being found safe and well. MedicAlert is helping to speed up the process by providing quick access to this critical information in an emergency.

Chief Superintendent Mike Loebenberg from Thames Valley Police said: "When a family member or friend goes missing, it is an incredibly distressing time for those desperate to know where they are. This fear and distress is exacerbated when that individual is living with dementia.

"Completing and keeping an up to date Herbert Protocol form printed or saved and easily accessible is really important, but we know this can be challenging. MedicAlert is a service that can help, by storing information and working to keep it up to date and accessible for officers if it is needed.

"As a MedicAlert member myself, I know this partnership will provide loved ones with peace of mind that Thames Valley Police can access important information quickly and save time in the search for those missing. I hope this offers reassurance to those living with dementia and their families."

The support of The McLay Dementia Trust makes the Safe and Found programme even more accessible.

MedicAlert and The McLay Dementia Trust will be providing the first year of MedicAlert membership free to anyone living with dementia in the UK.

"The MedicAlert charity is making dementia a priority. We are very proud to work with Thames Valley Police and The McLay Dementia Trust. These partnerships ensure you can feel safer and more comfortable to continue being active, socialising, and living well with dementia. Wherever you go, we will be with you." says Mark Hacker, MedicAlert CEO.

"MedicAlert has also launched the Carer ID and storage of Emergency Care Plans to support carers. This ensures that, should a carer have an accident, their loved one receives appropriate and continuous care."

To find out more about Safe and Found or how to apply for free membership through The McLay Dementia Trust grant, please visit the links below:

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A Bit of Potted History

So in the last edition I did say that I was going to try to do some research into Ivinghoe Aston Manor which is said to have existed in the village. Its not easy at all to find information about the manor using quick searches in Google and what is there has big gaps and takes a bit of interpretation.

So, a manor appears to have existed, or at least there is mention of a manor from about 1086 (aka post the Norman conquests) to around the early 1800's. To start with I'll just go over the earlier period.

Ivinghoe Aston has been around since Anglo-Saxon times but finding information on the early period is challenging to say the least. So, my piece starts with a bit of background and then around the time of the Norman conquests and the writing if the Domesday books of 1086. Prior to the conquests the land that is now lyinghoe Aston was held by Ansgar the Staller (a high ranking official of the crown) who served Edward the Confessor, Ansgar (formerly known as Esegar) was of Danish origin and was grandson to Tovi, a standard bearer to Cnut who took the vacant crown of England in 1016. At the time he held 4 hides and a virgate of land in Aston. A hide was enough land to support a peasant family with a virgate being a quarter of a hide.

Following the death of Edward the Confessor, Ansgar went on to serve Harold and was mortally wounded at The Battle of Hastings. He was then transported to London and subsequently set about the defense of London against William the Conqueror's forces. William avoided a pitched battle and instead began laying waste to the countryside through the home counties and sweeping around towards Hertford. I guess its quite possible that his forces moved through our area. William sent message to Ansgar saying he would spare the country from further bloodshed and allow Ansgar to retain his office in return for surrender. Accordingly members of the Witan, Ansgar and others met William at Berkhamsted where the kingdom was surrendered.

Despite promises lands owned by Ansgar were eventually confiscated by William and handed over to Geoffrey de Mandeville. Ansgar was arrested and transported to Normandy where he passed away around 1085. Geoffrey de Mandeville was tenant-in-chief of the land and was basically the guy to whom all taxes were paid. The lord acting on his behalf was Germund of St Oeun. According to the Domesday book the land comprised 1 household and 4 slaves with 3.5 ploughlands (1 ploughland being the amount of land that could be ploughed in a year by a team of 8 oxen). The land was valued at the princely sum of 2 pounds 10 shillings (£2.50 for you youngsters).

The lands were at some stage attached to that of Quarrendon Manor also held by Geoffrey de Mandeville. Things then get decidedly patchy with the next reference to an owner that I have found being in the late 13th century but more of that in the future.

Above Below

Now in its 4th year the electronic music and arts festival makes a welcome return to the village over the weekend of 31 May to 3 June. Experience tells us that the village suffers little disruption and those that have ventured into the event have all said it is very well run and respectful of its surroundings.

Tickets are available, details of which are on the village Facebook (or if you must Meta) page or on the **Above Below** website on www.abovebelowfestival.uk

Saturday Night at the Oscars - 31 August 2024

Those intrepid ladies Sam, Sarah and Sharon are at it again and creating yet another evening of entertainment on the village green opposite The Village Swan. As usual its a chance to dress up, eat some food, drink some drink and dance to your hearts content to a bit of live music.

As usual there will be a fully stocked bar (run by our own local) and food (by Rural Roast) available on the night though you are free to bring your own too.

Tickets costing £35 per person if booked and paid for by 31 May (£40 thereafter) are available at The Village Swan or from Sam, Sarah or Sharon. Showdown is from 7pm until late.

So get yourself a table full of people, get the glad-rags on and join in the fun.

Litter'y Stuff

A big cheer yet again to our litter queen (not sure she'll want that title) Alex

Razak who continues to gather folks from the village to clear our verges of rubbish. Its a perpetual task made even more difficult when the bin kindly left by Neil Ashby in the layby at the top of the hill is stolen by some mindless idiot(s).

As a result Alex then put a couple of bins up at both laybys and on a regular basis bought them back down again on bins days for emptying. After much badgering of BuckCC and with support from Peter Brazier two new fixed bins have been installed. Maybe Alex can now work on the potholes!

We also continue to suffer from unwanted deposits around the village and hats off to those that inform the authorities.

At Your Local

Our veritable landlady Nichole and her very able crew continue to make sure your local is a warm, friendly and welcoming venue for one and all. Keep your eyes open for up and coming events on the pubs website and the village Facebook page. Coming up next is:

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Pub quiz from 8pm Soul Night with DJ Steve Kite from 9pm

Bike night from 6pm

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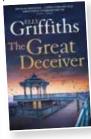


Hello booklovers!

f you haven't already, then please save the 13th July 2024 in your diaries for this year's Beaconlit Festival! We are still finalising details, but we do have a few authors confirmed that should tickle your reading tastes...

Bestselling novelist **Elly Griffiths** is the author of the Dr Ruth Galloway series, the Brighton Mysteries and 3 stand-alone crime novels. Elly won the 2020 Edgar Award and, in 2016, the CWA Dagger in The Library.





Debut novelist **Claudia Cadette** has enjoyed a career on stage as an actress and singer for over

thirty years, as well as appearing on TV shows such as Coronation Street and Holby City. Her novel, **Spectrum of Colours** follows Sophia as she spends six weeks in a psychiatric hospital, and as to how she ended up there.

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Adele Parks MBE was born in North
Yorkshire. She is the author of 22 bestselling
novels including the Sunday Times bestsellers
Both Of You and One Last Secret. 4.75 million
UK editions of her work have been sold and her
books have been translated into 31 different
languages. She is an ambassador of the National

Literacy Trust and the Reading Agency: two charities that promote literacy in the UK. In 2022 she was awarded an MBE for services to literature. **adeleparks.com**



Amy Twigg was born and raised in Kent. After studying Creative Writing at university, she moved to Surrey where she works as a freelance copywriter. Her debut novel, Spoilt Creatures, won the BPA Pitch Prize and was longlisted for the Mslexia Novel Competition and Blue Pencil Agency First Novel Award. She is also an alumnus of the Curtis Brown Creative novel writing course. X/Twitter: @aetwigg





Go to https://beaconlit.co.uk/ for more details, ticket sales will be opening soon!

We look forward to seeing you there!

BeaconLit Book Lovers



Local Author notches Twelfth title

sivers has released the seventh book in his popular series featuring Aylesbury-based detectives Lizzie Archer and Dan Baines. It brings his overall total of published titles up to twelve.

DCI Archer originally transferred to Buckinghamshire's Aylesbury Vale, hoping to rebuild her life. In *Price to Pay*, it's eleven years on, and she's happily married, her career is back on track, and she has friends she would trust with her life.

But things can change in a heartbeat. Soon after receiving unsettling threats from local criminals, an old flame makes an unwelcome return to Lizzie's life. Days later, a grisly murder too close to home plunges her into a nightmare that could cost her everything as suspicion falls on her and her husband, Dominic.

Dan and his team are sidelined from the murder investigation, but they're not going to let that stop them when a friend is in trouble. And the clock is ticking. Because, if they can't uncover the truth soon, things will get even worse for Lizzie and Dominic.

Price to Pay came out on 28 February, and is available in paperback and kindle eBook. Crime writer Liz Mistry described it as 'Fast-paced, devious and twisty - the pages turned themselves!'

Dave grew up in West London and has been writing all his life, including columns and articles in *The Bucks Herald* and *The Leighton Buzzard Observer*, as well as short stories in Take a Break magazine and other publications. His DI Nathan Quarrel books are set in Hertfordshire. He is a co-founder of the annual BeaconLit festival of books and writing in lyinghoe, taking place in Brookmead School on 13 July this year.

You can find out more about Dave's books, and subscribe to his VIP Club for news, giveaways and more at: **davesivers.co.uk**.







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WI News...

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Women's Institute



ur first meeting of 2024 was held in Ivinghoe Town Hall and the theme was "A Precious Evening". The meeting was a great success as members shared items that held precious memories for them. Items included, a rain stick from Munich, a beautiful mother of pearl shell from Canada, a cut glass bowl from Australia used for Christenings, a beautiful sewing box made by a member's mother as well as medals received by a member's father who was a Metropolitan Police officer and the London Marathon. There was also a prayer book given to a member's mother by her father and we could see the indent of her hand on the front cover showing how much the book was used and loved. The final precious item shown was a fabulous drawing of a member's mother on greaseproof paper. The mother was a nurse and one of her patients was a wounded Polish soldier who she nursed in late November 1944. He completed the beautiful drawing of the young nurse who was 17 years old at the time and signed and dated it on 25 May 1945. The member discovered the drawing after her Mother passed in 1999 rolled up in lining paper. What a fabulous discovery and memory of her as a brave young nurse working in a hospital in very hard times.

Everyone agreed what an enjoyable evening it was. We all learned something

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new about each member and how our lives and the lives of family and friends affect and shape us and our memories. The way each member held and talked about their precious item was very moving to see and listen to. It was a lovely way to start our meetings in 2024.

Our February meeting in Ivinghoe Town Hall was on a very wet and windy night and 17 members braved the weather for our talk on "The Royal Flying Doctor Service in Australia" by Graham Laurie MVO.

This wonderful service was introduced by the Reverend John Flynn (1880-1951) who was sent to the outback to look after the elderly and sick. He tried to get cottage hospitals set up in the outback because at this time the sick had no medical access unless they travelled to a big city which were days of travel away. This was developed into a flying service when Lt. Clifford Peel saw someone take a bag onto a plane in the First World War and was later told this man was a doctor. He wrote to Rev John Flynn to suggest the idea of transporting doctors and patients by aeroplane as a quicker means of transport over the vast territory of the outback.

Alfred Treager introduced radios and aerials for communication and both H V McKay and H Fysh worked with him to form the Aerial Medical Service in 1928 based in Queensland. Just 2 days after

it was formed they were called out to a site 89 miles away where 100 people turned out to watch. Fortunately the patient survived.

In 1934 the service expanded into the Australian Aerial Medical Service covering the whole of Australia. The aeroplanes had developed and could take a family member as well as the stretcher and in the 1950s the wooden aircraft were replaced with metal ones. In 1942 the name changed to the Flying Doctor Service. The service caught the imagination of the world and was captured in the 1950s with a BBC radio show and later a television series from 1986-1991.

In 1955 the service became the Royal Flying Doctor Service. A new bespoke aeroplane was purchased called the Nomad which was built for purpose and had a huge door which was much more efficient. They now have 79 aircraft.

Because Australia is so vast it has been divided up into territories with each having a base where a volunteer works. They will liaise with the Doctor until they come and use several forms of communication including land telephone, mobiles, satellite phone, Skype, FaceTime and radio. The original form of communication was morse code. Nurses were introduced to the service in 1945. Sister Lucy Garlick introduced a "Where does it Hurt Chart" which is still used today.

So what services does the Flying Doctor Service offer today:

- Emergency Call Out. The FDS come out to emergency incidents particularly at night. They have special planes reserved for this.
- Health Clinics which are the bread

- and butter of the service and take place either once a fortnight or once a month either in a hall or from the actual plane.
- Dental Clinics have been introduced since 2016.
- 24 hour service.

Both Doctors and Nurses are completely cross trained and have lots of experience. They in turn will train family members of what to do if a diabetic suffers a hypo. All people living in the outback receive treatment and for many aborigines it may be their first flight so the medical staff are on hand to reassure the patient and family.

Many airstrips have been constructed throughout the outback with some just being dirt tracks and others a long road. Roads are built with road signs that can be laid flat when the aircraft land and newer airstrips have solar lighting to help guide the planes. Much safer than lighting a fire to guide the pilot in and show the wind direction. Locals keep these airstrips clean and ready for use.

The Service relies on 50% funding from the government, 25% from each state and the rest from fundraising. There are 23 bases and 79 aircraft. Doctors mainly now give advice from the base unless it is an emergency and they will fly out. The aeroplanes are always given priority in air space. During COVID the Royal Flying Doctor Service was very proactive in giving people who lived in the outback their jabs. Two helicopters have joined the fleet and are based at Perth.

The Service is vital for the medical care, both physical and mental, of the people of the Australian outback and

the communities would be lost without this service. They do their utmost to keep the 24 hour call out.

The talk was very informative and interesting and the members enjoyed learning about this vital service which is still needed and used today.

Our WI met up in Ivinghoe Town Hall for our last meeting of our financial year in March. The meeting was very well attended and after the business side of the meeting was completed we continued with our Annual General Meeting. We said goodbye to 2 of our Committee members, Eilish and Betty. We were very sorry to see them leave as they worked hard over the year to ensure the success of the WI and its fundraising efforts. We also had one new addition to our Committee and we welcomed Elspeth. Our teller was Jenny, a BFWI trustee from Aylesbury and as the number of Committee members were below the recommended number Jenny asked if members were willing to vote them in en masse. There was an overwhelming majority and 6 original Committee members and one new Committee member were voted in. Next followed members' secret nominations for President. Whilst Jenny went through these the Treasurer, Eilish, went through our Financial statement.

The statement showed a healthy bank balance due to fundraising. Eilish explained how important it is to have a year's money in the bank to ensure the WI's survival. Sue then gave the Secretary's report for the year. It has been a busy year with some good speakers and some not so good and several fundraising activities. The attendance at meetings and

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fundraising events had sometimes been disappointing this year and everyone was encouraged to show their support for future events. The report was adopted by members. The final report was given by our President Annette who emphasised the age of our WI and the expanding nature of our group from one meeting a month to the development of our interest groups whereby members can see each other a lot more than once a month. Annette thanked Committee members for all their support and commitment over the past year. Both Eilish and Betty were presented with a small token of appreciation for their contribution to the Committee. Annette was confirmed as President for the next vear. Annette also stated that subs were now due and our contribution to the National Federation was due in by the middle of April.

We now came to the fun part of the evening. Our speaker was Jackie from Jackie's Mobile Shop. Jackie used to have a shop but due to the economic downturn, the Queen passing away, COVID and Liz Trust's famous budget had to close her shop and concentrate on her online business and taking her clothes to meetings like the WI to showcase her collection. A catwalk was formed and Betty. Eilish and Pat modelled the clothes. We were very impressed as the ladies sashayed down the catwalk in colourful boho trousers, tops and trousers. There were lots of ooohs and aaahs at the bright colours and the feel of the clothing. After the fashion show we were invited to look at the collection and make purchases. Everything was reasonably priced and to complete an outfit there were a choice of accessories. Lots of ladies bought items

and everyone enjoyed their retail therapy.

Our interest groups have grown in size and popularity. Each month the Random Readers meet in the library on the Wednesday before our monthly meeting. Participants recommend and swap books with some going home with their bags laden with new books to read. Our Knit and Natter group meet weekly and have had several projects on the go including making teddies, hats and scarfs for Ukraine. They are also refreshing and making more poppies ready for the 80 year D Day anniversary in June. The popular Craft Group met up in January and carried out the craft of Decoupage. They used scallop shells as their base and used tissue paper and paint to create beautiful colourful designs. In February members were taught the art of appliqué to decorate cotton bags. Mandy led the session and showed the group how to use Bondaweb to attach shapes cut from all sorts of cotton fabric. They looked fabulous. In March they will be making needle cases. The Walking Group also went out for the first time this year and followed a circular walk through Ballinger, Lee Common, The Lee and Lee Clump starting and ending at The Cock and Rabbit Pub. The weather was warm and a bit drizzly at times but the greatest challenge was the mud and standing water. The 5 mile route did seem longer due to the hard work our legs put in but it was great to get out again with these lovely ladies. On Good Friday they are planning to walk another part of the Hertfordshire Way from St Albans to Markyate with 2 more walks planned for April. Hopefully the weather will be sunny and dry! The Social Group has been very busy with several coffee

mornings in the Daisy Chain cafe in the Hub. Two trips to Eythrope to see the glorious snowdrops and enjoy the gardens have taken place and received lovely feedback. There are planned trips to Royal Ascot and to see the Strictly Come Dancing costumes. Tessa is also looking at a repeat visit to the yearly wool festival in Ampthill in July. The Social Group is going from strength to strength and any member of the WI can suggest an outing or event which is a fabulous idea.

Over the last 3 months we presented our charity of the year, the Scouts, with a cheque for £550 towards their new Scout Hut, Aylesbury Womens Aid gave thanks for our £215 donation to buy Christmas gifts for families, McMillan nurses sent a letter of thanks for the £207 Betty raised with her Coffee Morning and Sue received a letter of thanks for the knitting and sewing together of blankets by the Knit and Natter group for Ukraine.

We start our new membership year with lots to look forward to. Over the coming months we have a talk on Climbing Kilimanjaro in April, our 107th birthday celebration in May, a talk on From Charing Cross to China in June and learning how to Jive in July. We would really like to offer women in the area an opportunity to visit our friendly group. The WI is a beacon for women who would like to be part of a friendly, social community so if you fancy a trial please email our President Annette by emailing annetteipwi@btinternet.com to find out more details. We would love to see you and welcome you to our WI.

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IVINGHOE VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 22nd June '24 Ivinghoe Lawn - 2-5pm



Events schedule:

2pm Fete formally opens

2:30pm Fun dog show – a series of Olympic events for your chien (all fun)





3:15pm Family races – weather dependent

...followed by Tug of war





- * Tombola * Plant stall
 - * Wine raffle
- * Books/CDs/DVDs
- * Kid's craft corner
- *All classic fete games
- * Penalty shoot-out game!
 - * Scoutcraft in action
 - * Jars/bottle/WI crafts
- *New Moon Morris local troop
- * Community and local stalls
- *BBQ and Bar with Tring Brewery ales and much more!

Plus, refreshments - Tea and Cakes, milkshakes and ice cream

Grand Draw tickets available on the day. Winners drawn after the Tug of War. Don't miss out on some amazing prizes: Full list of prizes and local vendors available nearer the date. Find and follow us on Facebook 'Ivinghoe Fete'



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Mentmore Arts Festival May 2024

he 14th Mentmore Arts Festival will take place from **Saturday May 25th – Bank Holiday Monday 27th 2024**.

We now showcase over 60 artists, twice the number from our opening year. There are painters, ceramicists, glassworkers, textile artists and jewellers to see. Many artists are returning year after year, but we are delighted to welcome new exhibitors again in 2024.

Last year we donated £14,000 between Mind UK, Leighton Buzzard Mencap and St Mary's Church in Mentmore, taking our total raised since the festival began to over £110,000.

This year we will be supporting Guide Dogs for the Blind and MK: Act – a domestic abuse intervention service.

The weekend is an opportunity to have a family day with refreshments available including light lunches and tea, coffee and cakes. There is a bar selling local beer and Pimms. We also have a rare with some great prizes.

Do come and see us and help to support local charities whilst having a great day out.

THE BEACON ART GROUP

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



MENTMORE FESTIVAL

The 14th Mentmore Arts
Festival will be held in
Mentmore Church and
Mentmore Village Hall.
We're raising funds for
Guide Dogs for the Blind,
MK:ACT
& St Mary's Church
Mentmore.

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SATURDAY 25 MAY TO BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 27 MAY

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- PAINTINGS PRINTS
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 - POTTERY

PLUS... TEAS & BAR IN THE VILLAGE HALL

> RAFFLE WITH GREAT CASH PRIZES

OPEN 11am-5pm

ADMISSION

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CAN YOU HELP?

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For more information visit: www.mentmore-arts-festival.co.uk

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The Ecclesiastical Parish of Ivinghoe with Pitstone The Church of St. Mary the Virgin

Vicar

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

Licensed Lay Ministers

Mrs Barbara De Butts 01525 221080 Mrs Sandra Green 01296 668648

Churchwardens

Mrs Babs Byrom 07860 780127 Mr David Green 01262 668648

Our Usual Pattern of Services is:-

Every Wednesday 10:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

1st Sunday of the Month 10.00am Worshipping Together (All Ages)

2nd Sunday of the Month 10.00am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the Month 10.00am Morning Praise

4th Sunday of the Month 10:00am Holy Communion

5th Sunday of the Month 10.00am Benefice Communion

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

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

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

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



Ivinghoe & Pitstone Chapel Fellowship

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

FIRST THURSDAY FRIENDS

Come and enjoy a family film on the **first Thursday** of each month. Time: 2pm - approx 4.15pm in the millennium room, Pitstone Hall

PITSTONE OVER 60s' CLUB

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

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

Interested? Need more information? **01296 668005**

IVINGHOE HANDBELL RINGERS

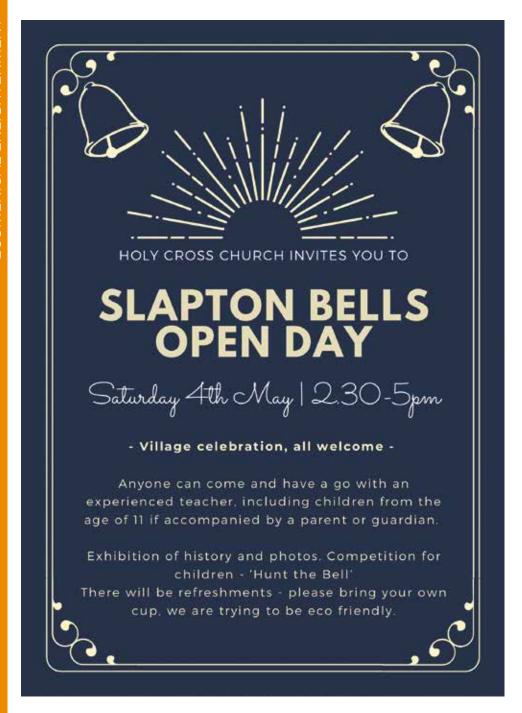
The Ivinghoe Hand Bell ringers meet every Monday at 2pm for practice and enjoyment.

The bells belong to St. Mary's Church , the music is easy to read being numbers 1, 2, 3, or 4. We are a friendly group and would welcome newcomers to learn to play.

Please phone 01296 668122



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St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe

Come and join us for

'Coffee, Cake and Bible Crafts'

Sunday 19th May from 2.30-4pm

Theme: Animals in the Bible







To book a place please contact Sandra Green: sandragreen20@hotmail.com

or book via our Messy Church Facebook page Messy Church at St Mary's Ivinghoe | Facebook

LOCAL FOODBANK

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

Marsworth, Slapton, Ivinghoe Aston, Horton and Cheddington.

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

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

in Ivinghoe and Pitstone.

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

All enquiries will be treated in strictest confidence.



'Tea and Tots' at St. Mary's Ivinghoe



Fun for under 5's and their parents and carers





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

Frídays: Apríl 26th • May 10th & 24th

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For details contact Sandra on 01296 668648



Brookmead School seeks two Partnership Governors

At Brookmead we strive to work closely with families and the wider community to bring learning to life and life to learning.

Partnership Governors are drawn from the wider community and play a special role in representing the interests of the school with the community. Could you share your expertise and learn and grow with us?

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

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

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

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

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



A love of reading at Brookmead School

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

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

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

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

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







Brookmead - shared reading area



Open to all boys and girls currently in Reception year at school

For 3 weeks our FA qualified coaches will run a series of free, fun football related coaching sessions for this group of budding footballers!

To register your interest please email development@pandifootball.net for more information







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

Monday 6-7pm with Tom as Watermill Coloney leader Tuesday 6-7pm with Jakki as Windmill Coloney leader

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

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

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

Friday 7-8:30pm Andrew as Troop Leader

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

on ivinghoe.pitstone.scouts@gmail.com

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

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

Ivinghoe Allotments

News from the Allotment



(utopia) especially after what felt like an

exceedingly wet winter.

As per the title of this article, so what is news from my patch. Last year I said to watch this space for exciting (for me mainly) news of the forthcoming arrival of my polytunnel. In my last article I totally forgot to mention that I had placed an order and it was delivered end March. As I write it's still in bits at the allotment but assembly is imminent.

By the time this article is published and you settle down with your preferred beverage to read it, the tunnel will hopefully be up and running, populated with multiple varieties of tomatoes, aubergines and peppers. If everything is on schedule, my next missive will incorporate photos of the cornucopia of fresh produce, as well as its transformation into flavoursome ratatouille, tasteful passata and delicious aubergine parmigiana.

What else am I growing? There will be no chillies this year as I already have a large quantity of various kinds in my freezer (they freeze particularly well). I

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am, however, growing some unusual varieties of familiar vegetables. I found this website called 'She Grows Veg' (I am not sponsored!) which sells heirloom seeds such as Beetroot Red Toad, Brussel Sprout Red Bull, Chicory Rose of Venice, amongst others.

I also intend to grow carrots, for the first time, but again will steer clear of the more familiar orange varieties. I was drawn to Cosmic Purple and Carrot Gniff (purple/ red in colour) but will not be growing them in the ground but in pots and bags.

To quote Arthur Parkinson in 'The Flower Yard', 'I garden in pots because I do not have a choice, but I rarely resent this. You can fill pots easily, cramming them with colour and textures, creating islands of flamboyance.' Sarah Raven (who does have plenty of space), says in 'A Year Full of Pots' that 'Pots are essential to the character of every part of the garden. With pots, there is one cast iron rule; more is more'. They are, of course, talking about pots full of tulips or dahlias, but I definitely think that the same can be applied to planting vegetables.

In my garden I grow plenty of herbs this way as well as a few Szechuan Pepper plants and an apple tree. At the allotment both carrots and potatoes



will be planted in some canvas and old plastic bags. There are plenty of other possibilities such as lettuce, green beans, radish (in my last article I looked at ways to grow these), courgettes (you might remember that I grow these in old tyres painted in bright colours), peppers, beetroot, chard, spinach, kale and peas.

Not everyone has an allotment or a large garden in which to grow vegetables, or even the time. Pots can be a good alternative, but not only pots. Paul Peacock in the appropriately titled 'Grow Your Own Vegetables in Pots and Containers' suggests that any garden smaller than around ten square metres lacks sufficient space to set aside land for crops. Containers actually give you greater versatility and an ability to move crops around. That can include an old sink, dolly tubs, plastic boxes, hanging baskets, an old bucket, spent compost sacks and anything else you care to imagine.

Whether you use terracotta pots or another kind of container please make sure that there is sufficient drainage. I save smashed crockery or flowerpots for this purpose and they make up the bottom layer. Monty Don pointed out the best shape was curved to stop the hole from clogging and enables the water to drain freely. This would also be enabled if you, in addition, mix the compost with

sand; a 70:30 ratio is ideal according to Paul Peacock. I often add shingle to the bottom layer to aid drainage.

A pot grower should also consider whether the patio enjoys similar rainfall to a full-sized garden or allotment. If the rain misses the actual pot it is clearly of no benefit to the vegetable. Pots require more regular watering even if they are in the ground and will need to be fed with nutrients. In some cases. especially for flowers, a fertiliser is required. Mr Peacock advises that pots on a patio should always be positioned on pot stands where possible; 'if you can't, place them on a stone or a piece of wood, anything to raise them off the ground'. Also, don't forget to leave space around them to provide suitable access.

So, my plan is to attempt to grow my carrots in containers. Lack of space is only part of the reason, the other is the tenacious carrot fly. The carrot fly is a small, black-bodied intruder whose larvae feed on the roots of carrots and related plants, such as parsnip, parsley, celery and celeriac.

To avoid this pest you could sow resistant varieties. Also, don't thin out the plants. Thinning out carrots releases a wonderful carroty scent which attracts the egg-laying female carrot fly. Sow thinly to reduce the need to interfere

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with your crop after germination. You can also use physical barriers. One ideal way to deal with this is to sow in pots on a raised surface such as a table top. The carrot fly can only fly at low levels. One gardener on 'Gardener's World' said that by growing onions next to carrots the smell of the onions outweighs that of the carrots and thus no invasion of the wretched fly.

You can sow carrots in two sittings. In early spring sow early them for their sweet, tender roots. In mid-summer sow a main crop which you can enjoy from autumn onwards. Carrots are best grown where they are to grow as they hate root disturbance. Place the pots in a sunny position with a foundation of a thin layer of gravel or chippings. Next add a 50:50 mix of sharp sand and a low nutritional soil. Spent soil mixed with new compost will be ideal.

John and Julie from Pitstone allotments (and members of the Horticultural Show Committee) grow their prize-winning carrots in deep containers of pure sand. The result is perfectly straight and exceedingly long specimens which I can confirm are absolutely delicious. Yes, in case you're wondering, I had permission



to nibble them.

When you've filled your container, sow the carrot seeds. If you use a 6-9 litre pot place 20 30 seeds on the compost surface to allow for some failures. Add another thin layer of seed compost to cover the seed, water them and keep moist until the seeds germinate.

Turning to potatoes, last year I grew them in both a raised bed and bags. As the results were pretty much identical. this year I will confine them to bags, a strategy which brings distinct advantages. Using containers should free up beds in which I can cultivate far more variety in the same period. If space is at a premium for you, a few bags or pots, even 20 litre pots, take up little room. Potatoes grown in pots can be moved to safety when frost threatens or into a sunny position. At harvest time you can just tip and pick out potatoes as and when you need them. There is no longer the risk that you will cut one in half or spear it with a spade or fork, or leave the odd stray in a bed to return as a usurper amongst the beans next year.

As the compost is fresh and new it should also be free of irritating bugs such as wire worm. These burrow into and ruin your potatoes around harvest time. If potato blight is present, a raised bed or patch will not have been contaminated. The main disadvantage is the need for fresh compost but as this will be recycled (apart from where blight is present) after the harvest, I don't see this as a major issue.

To perfect the growing medium I'd put a small layer of compost at the bottom of whatever container you use, then add a scoop of 'Blood, Fish and Bone' and mix it into the base layer. If the chitted potato has more than three shoots, remove the surplus and place it into the container with the shoots pointing upwards. The aforementioned John advises a ratio of two to a bag if the potatoes are smaller than a hen's egg; only one if they're any larger. In this case, less is definitely more.

Some growers choose to just cover the potatoes and when green shoots peek through, keep adding earth. Others just fill to the top. I tend to do the latter as irritatingly often I seem to locate the bags in inaccessible spots, especially once my other crops have grown, so this counterbalances my bad planning. Then water thoroughly and make sure that the bags do not dry out, potatoes like damp soil. To help maintain that dampness you can cover the soil with grass clippings or chopped up straw if you have access to these, but it isn't essential. Hopefully you will achieve potatoes like these prize



winners grown by John and Julie.

By the time you read this, the traditional planting period (March to April) will have passed, but you could perhaps try growing potatoes as soon as you can. They should still grow and form tubers before the first frost in autumn, especially in sheltered spots.

Alternatively, plant some for Christmas in late August/early September, there are special varieties for this.

Later in the year I will let you know how I got on. In the meantime I wish you good luck with your growing. Perhaps your carrots will be prize winners at the Horticultural Show in August this year and your potatoes in 2025.

And now my suggestion for what to do with your carrots. Here's a favourite recipe for Carrot Bhaji, from The Complete Vegetable Cookbook by James Strawbridge.

Ingredients: (serves 2-4) 1tsp fenugreek seeds, 1tsp black cumin seeds, 1tsp coriander seeds, 1tsp turmeric, 1/2tsp chilli powder, 1/2tsp ground ginger, 400g carrots grated, ½ red onion finely sliced, ½ green chilli deseeded and finely diced, 2tbs flaked almonds, 1tsp salt, 2 eggs beaten, 75g gram flour, vegetable oil for frying.

Method: Carefully toast the spices for 2-3 minutes in a dry frying pan on a medium-low heat, stirring so they don't burn. Allow to cool. Combine the grated carrot, onion, chilli and almonds with all the toasted spices, add the salt and mix thoroughly. Fold in the beaten eggs. Sift in the flour, a little at a time, until you can form the spiced carrot. Mixture into a loose patty. Heat some oil, about 2cm in depth, in a frying pan and fry the bhajis for 4-5 minutes on each side until golden. Finish in a preheated oven at 200C for a few minutes especially if you have made big chunky bhajis. Serve with pickles and chutneys of your choice.

Bon Appetit

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All craft items to have been produced in the 36 months preced the date of the show.
 All vegetable, fruit and produce classes to have been grown by the entrant and presented on approximately 25cms (10") plates

Cookery classes to follow rec

All entrants to take note of VAXIMUM measurements for

Jars of preserves can be any size

cellophane lids only.

Flowers for arrangem

where applicable.

Eggs from own poultry.

Plants and grown flower

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The Judge's decision is Final!

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Classes

Children's Section

Age 5 and under and age 6 and over

- **1.** A miniature garden in a reusable seed tray using natural materials.
- **2.** A vegetable Dinosaur.
- **3.** A plate of 4 sandwiches, any filling, any shape.

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These Sections are open to ALL ages: Vegetable Fruit & Produce

Vegetables

Section:

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

limit on kinds or numbers, displayed in a box, basket or trug (maximum size 50cm (20") in any dimension.

18. Bunch of culinary herbs.

Fruit

- **19**. A dish of blackcurrants, red currants or whitecurrants, can be a single kind or mixed, displayed on a paper plate.
- **20.** 3 sticks of Rhubarb leaves trimmed.
- **21**. A dish of soft fruit (mixed) displayed on a paper plate.
- **22.** Any other fruit not listed above.

Plants and Flowers Section:

Grown Flowers (see rules)

- 23. A specimen rose.
- 24. A vase of mixed annuals
- 25. 5 Dahlias.
- **26.** Sunflowers 3 stems.

Flower Arranging

27. An arrangement in a jam jar.

Cookery and Produce Section:

Cookery

- **28.** A Victoria sandwich with raspberry jam. (see recipe overleaf)
- **29**. 6 savoury muffins, own recipe to be cooked in muffin cases.

- **30.** Shortbread see recipe overleaf.
- **31**. Fruit cake see recipe overleaf.
- **32.** A loaf of bread.

Produce

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

Craft Section:

- **43.** A photograph taken on a mobile phone of village life. To be printed any size.
- **44.** A Four box comic strip of something funny or interesting about your life. This can be of any medium (painted or sketched)
- **45.** An Illustrated recipe no larger than A4.
- **465.** A crocheted plant in a pot.

- **47.** A pair of knitted socks, any size, any pattern.
- **48.** A framed hand or machine sewn picture with a garden bird theme.
- **49.** Pressed flower art (this can be anything you like the more imaginative the better eg; bookmark, greetings card, picture, decoupage, etc).



Parking will be open on The Lawn

Good Luck with your entries



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IVINGHOE ANNUAL MEETINGS

Residents are invited to attend the Annual Meetings Ivinghoe Parish Council and Annual Meeting of Ivinghoe Parish

To be held on Monday 13th May at 7pm Ivinghoe Town Hall

Speaker: Paul Miller, Ashridge National Trust

Refreshments will be available.

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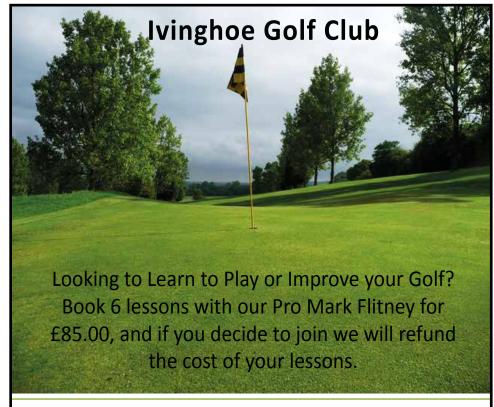


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Ashridge Ramblings

Protecting our Roots -Engagement Event

The 'Protecting Our Roots' project team is holding a second public engagement event to share more about the transformational vision to protect Ashridge Estate for the future. Come along to see more details of their plans and speak to the project team. The event will take place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May between 11am and 4pm on Meadley's Meadow (behind the Visitor Centre. HP4 1LT).

Monumental Task

It's not only Ashridge's nature that needs protection. The Bridgewater Monument has stood proud and tall (33 metres to be precise) since 1832 when it was erected to commemorate the achievements of the so-called 'Canal Duke', Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater (1736–1803). The view from the top makes the ascent of its 172 steps well worth the effort, and thousands of visitors climb them each year. On a good day, you can see the Shard.

The National Trust has the responsibility and privilege of looking after this Grade II listed granite column, and it is now in need of attention inside and out. Internally, repairs are needed to the stairs and the face of the granite, and it could do with a jolly good clean. Externally, biological growth needs removing, the stonework needs cleaning and repointing using a traditional lime-based mortar. Exposed iron cramps need treating or replacing. It is hoped that work will start in July and, once it does, the Monument will be closed for the rest of the year. In the meantime,

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it's safe and open most weekends and holidays when the weather is good, so make the most of it while you can.

Mobility Vehicles

At Ashridge Estate, we offer a wonderful service for those with limited mobility which is completely volunteer led. We have several powered, self-drive mobility vehicles to use on our accessible routes. There are single-seater, two-seater and four-seater vehicles to choose from, all of which are easy to book and straightforward to use. We are looking to increase our team of fantastic volunteers who run this service to ensure it can keep operating seven days a week from 12noon to 4pm. It is a really rewarding role based at the visitor centre. Visitors who use the service are incredibly grateful that the vehicles allow them to go deep into the forest, which they could otherwise not access. If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming a mobility vehicle volunteer, do please contact

Emily on 01442 851227 or email emily.morton1@nationaltrust.org.uk.

The following are quotes from users.

"So pleased I could explore Ashridge today using a PMV. It's a beautiful place and I feel much better when I'm outdoors."

"I used to walk for miles in Ashridge but no longer can. The PMVs are a real blessing and the volunteers who look after them are a godsend to me. Thank you so much."

Rikki Harrington

Ashridge Estate Committee Member



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Buckinghamshire Councillors Report

Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor Derek Town

Secretary of State decision, land adjacent to HMP Grendon and HMP Springhill

In response to being notified of a decision to uphold an appeal against Buckinghamshire Council's refusal of planning permission for a new Category C prison at land adjacent to HMP Grendon and HMP Springhill at Grendon Underwood, Councillor Peter Strachan, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration said:

"This decision is desperately disappointing and is another kick in the teeth for local people already blighted by HS2 and East West Rail construction works in this area. While we understand the need for more prison places nationally, we remain adamant that this is the wrong location for this facility. This is a rural location, which takes in an historic landscape and it will not be easy for families to access the facility to visit inmates.

The council's Strategic Sites Committee unanimously refused planning permission for the prison back in March 2022 and we stand by the reasons for that decision; the committee felt that the combined effects on the local area in terms of sustainability, heritage and the environment would have an overriding negative impact. There was also a feeling that not enough consideration has been given to alternative sites which could be more suitable for such a facility.

It is therefore disappointing to receive news that the appeal against our decision has been upheld. We are in the process of digesting the decision letter in full before determining any next steps".

Fly-tipper's Christmas Day 'gift' to Bucks residents lands him in court

A man who brazenly dumped waste in the middle of a road in Beaconsfield on Christmas Day 2022 has been prosecuted in court following an investigation by Buckinghamshire Council's fly-tipping enforcement team and the assistance of local residents who were outraged by the incident.

Jordan Louis Acton, aged 32, of Ernest Road, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey, admitted to fly-tipping a load of waste at the roadside at Windsor End, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, on Christmas Day 25 December 2022. He entered a guilty plea when his case was heard at High Wycombe Magistrates Court on 25 January 2024. The case had been delayed in coming to court due to a change of address which saw Acton fail to attend an earlier hearing and his subsequent arrest in Surrey.

On 25 December 2022, a commercial truck load of waste was dumped at the roadside near houses and offices on Windsor End in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Vigilant local residents examined the dumped waste and found traceable details which were later investigated by an enforcement officer from Buckinghamshire Council's fly-tipping enforcement team.

Local residents and businesses checked their domestic and commercial CCTV systems and helped confirm the description of the offending vehicle. The description was referred to Thames Valley Police who subsequently identified the vehicle. The details found in the dumped waste were traced to waste which the producer confirmed was removed by Acton and he was identified as the registered keeper of the vehicle seen carrying and depositing the waste.

Acton was interviewed by enforcement officers from the council but gave 'no comment' responses to questions.

High Wycombe magistrates fined Acton £693 and awarded full clean-up and investigation costs to Buckinghamshire Council who brought the prosecution, to a total of £1,838.70. A victim surcharge of £277 was also imposed meaning that Acton has to pay

a total of £2,808.70.

Communities should prepare for groundwater flooding

Communities across the Berkshire Downs and Chiltern Hills should be prepared for groundwater flooding. Residents can **check their risk on the government websit**e. If you are in an area that is not covered by the Environment Agency's groundwater flood alerts but have previously experienced groundwater flooding, you should prepare for groundwater flooding over the coming weeks.

Groundwater flooding is currently occurring in areas across the Berkshire Downs and is starting to appear in Buckinghamshire. **Groundwater levels are high in the Wycombe area** and are being monitored. Buckinghamshire Council have produced **groundwater flood maps** of the likely locations for groundwater flooding, where it is most likely to emerge and what locations it will impact. These are available for Chesham, Marlow, Hambleden, Wycombe and West Wycombe.

If you are experiencing flooding, you can call Floodline for advice at 03459881188. You should **report flooding to Buckinghamshire Council.**

If it is an emergency and flooding is causing a risk to life, you must call 999.

Groundwater can infiltrate the sewage system. If you have problems flushing your toilet or sewage is emerging, contact

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Thames Water on 0800 316 9800.

Groundwater flooding occurs when water gathers beneath the ground's surface, causing the water table to

rise and eventually reach the surface. Groundwater flooding has some key characteristics that differ from other sources of flooding:

- Flooding will usually occur days or even weeks after heavy rainfall.
- Flooding may persist for a long time, often lasting for weeks.
- Water may emerge on hillsides.
- Water may rise up through the floors, rather than entering through doors.

Due to these characteristics, and the fact that groundwater flooding is a less common source of flooding, people are often caught unprepared.

Furthermore, while local agencies are prepared to support you, no measures are available to lower the water table during a groundwater flood. Therefore, residents and businesses must be prepared that groundwater levels will remain high and should undertake measures to protect their property until the water table naturally falls. The most important thing to do to prepare for groundwater flooding is to have a personal flood plan. Flood Mary's website has many resources for creating a plan, including a template to fill in. If residents and businesses already have flood plans, this is the time to review them and action what they can. We advise planning for the worst-case scenario of groundwater flooding lasting for weeks.

This can be incredibly difficult, as homes, roads, and community spaces can all be affected for long periods of time. If you are struggling and would like someone to talk to, the National Flood Forum is a charity to help, support and represent people at risk of flooding. You

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can call them on 01299 403 055.

"Groundwater flooding can have devastating impacts on those affected. One of the best ways to reduce that impact is to be prepared. Ensure you have your flood plan ready and speak to your community to ensure everyone knows of the risk. Groundwater has long been the forgotten form of flooding, and communities at risk do not get the same level of advice and support as they do with other forms of flooding. We are working to change that with Project Groundwater, and we will continue to share our learning to benefit all who experience groundwater flooding."

Project Groundwater supports communities to be more resilient to groundwater flooding. The project aims to increase engagement with communities in order to help build understanding and awareness of groundwater flooding. We are working to:

- improve monitoring of when and where groundwater emerges
- develop a better groundwater flood warning service that will support residents to take action
- investigate what nature-based solutions could be used to reduce groundwater flood risk.

This project is funded by Defra as part of the £200 million Flood and Coastal Innovation Programmes which is managed by the Environment Agency. The programmes will drive innovation in flood and coastal resilience and adaptation to a changing climate.

For more information, please visit:

www.projectgroundwater.co.uk

You can follow the project on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

For more information, please visit: **www.projectgroundwater.co.uk**

Buckinghamshire Council announces Aylesbury town centre improvements

Work is due to start on a number of upgrades and improvements in Aylesbury town centre, to enhance the existing space with attractive lighting and other new features.

Buckinghamshire Council is committed to the positive regeneration of our county and in particular our market towns, as outlined in the Buckinghamshire Regeneration Framework, which has recently been adopted. This includes specific town centre plans to create great, sustainable places to live and visit, where our businesses and communities can thrive and prosper.

As part of a package of investment, these initial measures will bring forward immediate improvements to the heart of Aylesbury, kickstarting the wider regeneration of the town.

A new vision for parking across Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire Council has unveiled its vision and ambition for parking across the county as part of a new Parking Strategy which sets out how the service will develop in coming years.

From embracing new technology to providing customers with greater choice and flexibility and from streamlining parking charges to promoting greater safety and reducing congestion, the document, which was agreed by Cabinet yesterday (Thursday 22 February), starts to align the different on and off-street

parking arrangements from the previous legacy councils into one strategy which covers the whole county.

Key aims within the strategy include:

- A commitment to maintaining the upkeep of quality parking provision across the county.
- Working to ensure the council's parking operations are fully self-funded as is required legally.
- Exploring ways to give people flexibility in parking options across the county.
- Intelligent use of parking enforcement to ensure effective enforcement locally and county-wide.
- A gradual transition to online/digital payments for all parking, reflecting trends in payment preferences which have accelerated in recent years, whilst maintaining cash payments for as long as economically possible in existing locations.
- Ensuring residents and customers are kept fully informed of changes.

The strategy has been informed by a previous review of current parking arrangements and starts to address inconsistencies across the county and identify where changes are needed to provide a better service for residents.

One of the first actions the council is taking is signing up to the National Parking Platform (NPP), a Department for Transport pilot scheme which aims to provide greater flexibility in paying for parking while providing value for money. The scheme will be piloted in council car parks in Wycombe and will allow customers to choose which supplier they purchase their parking time through.

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Council pledges an extra £5 million investment in fixing roads

Buckinghamshire Council has pledged an extra £5 million of funding this coming year to boost investment in repairs to roads across the county, adding to the £105 million already committed to the road network over the next four years.

The money will be used to fund much needed repairs across the county caused by long periods of very wet weather this winter, and councillors agreed to 'deploy the funding as quickly as possible'.

In total Buckinghamshire Council has committed £110m to highway repairs and improvements over the next four years. The overall investment will go towards maintaining and improving the road network across the county, including

a range of works and schemes, from the so-called 'Plane and Patch' programme, where whole sections of roads are resurfaced, to one-off large scale projects like Station Road Cheddington and cleansing our 85,000 gullies

As we move into warmer weather in the spring months the temporary repairs reduce in number so longer-lasting improvement works and bigger resurfacing projects can be undertaken.

This is the second year in a row that Buckinghamshire Councillors have committed an additional £5 million of funding for the county's roads, recognising the impact of two wet winters and what residents have asked for their money to be spent on.

Councillor Derek Town



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



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Buckinghamshire Councillors Report

Report from Buckinghamshire Council

Learn how to be a better Biker

IBuckinghamshire Council is encouraging bikers of all ages and experience to enhance their riding skills with the help of a specialist course.

The Be a Better Biker (BaBB)

workshops are run as part of the council's Travel Safe Bucks road safety initiative, in partnership with Thames Vale Advanced Motorcyclists, Bucks Advanced Riders and Drivers, Milton Keynes Advanced Motorcyclists, Oxford Advanced Motorcyclists and local fire and rescue services. The aim is to reduce the number of bikers killed or injured on the roads and equip motorcyclists with additional skills to keep safe.

Costing just £20 per person, the workshops cover a range of advanced techniques including:

- Manoeuvring
- Overtaking

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- Cornering techniques
- An on-road assessment with a qualified observer
- A review of the on-road session

Courses are taking place across the Thames Valley region and locally at:

- Saturday 6 April Winslow Fire Station
- Saturday 20 April –
 Chesham Fire Station
- Saturday 18 May –
 Princes Risborough Fire Station
- Now in their 15th year of running, the courses have helped hundreds of bikers in Buckinghamshire to improve their skills on the road.

Anyone wishing to take part must hold a full and valid motorbike licence and have access to their own vehicle to use during the course.

For more information, or to book your place, visit: **Book a motorcycle course I Buckinghamshire Council**

Transform your street into a Play Street!

Communities across Buckinghamshire are being invited to take advantage of a scheme which highlights the importance of outdoor play and encourages neighbours to spend time socialising

together, promoting the benefits for health and wellbeing in all ages.

Play Streets invites residents from communities across the county to apply for permission, free of charge, to close their road for a few hours at a time so that they can come together outside their homes to socialise, reduce social isolation and play safely. The scheme is part of the national Playing Out initiative and has been running successfully in Buckinghamshire for several years. Roads are closed to traffic for the duration, but pedestrian access is allowed, and residents can enjoy spending time together outside their homes.

Bin-Spiring volunteers collect bagfuls of litter during Great British Spring Clean

Communities around Buckinghamshire have been busy binning and bagging this spring, as Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean has completed its ninth annual run. Committed Buckinghamshire residents have come together as part of the country's biggest mass action environmental campaign, collecting and safely disposing of litter from streets, parks and open spaces across the county.

Following this year's theme 'the environment is for everyone', community groups and individuals in Buckinghamshire organised over 94 litter picking events around the county – a record breaking year for

Buckinghamshire. The majority of the events took place in the South where more than 926 volunteers collected over 1,723 bags, and clocked over 1,852 volunteer hours.

Although The Great British Spring Clean is over for this year, the need for litter picking stays. The council empties over 4,000 litter bins every week, but over 2 million pieces of litter are dropped every single day in the UK, littering our towns and countryside.

Anyone can organise a litter pick **or join an existing litter pick group**. To get you started, the council can help you to organise a litter pick in your local area by lending litter pick equipment, providing waste bags and collecting the waste after the litter pick has finished. You can find more information on the council's website.

Litter picking isn't just a group activity and doesn't have to take a lot of time. As an individual, you can take part in the **Litter Lotto** – it's easy, simply download the Litter Lotto app on your phone and take a photo in the app, of yourself throwing some litter into a bin. This doesn't only tidy up our streets, but also gives you an opportunity to win instant cash prizes and offers, as well as giving you the chance of winning a weekly £1,000 jackpot. Local Litter Lotto users also have a chance to win an extra £250 in an exclusive monthly prize draw, aimed just at people binning litter in Bucks!

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Councillor Derek Town

Are you struggling with food, fuel, bills and finances?



If you or your family are in need of support, on low income or experiencing a financial emergency or crisis, find out what help is available.

Let us know if:

- you are struggling to afford food or fuel
- you cannot keep on top of your bills
- you are in debt
- you are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home

Get in touch

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- **Q** 01296 531 151

Our phone lines are open:

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