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# Welcome from the Chair

I would like to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year.

## Play Areas

At the time of writing to play areas remain open, there is signage to remind users and parents/carers to social distance and use hand sanitiser. It is especially important users follow the government guidelines.

## Shop Local

In Ivinghoe parish we are fortunate to have great local businesses, please continue to shop local and support the very local economy.

## Road Safety – Ivinghoe

Safety improvements for Station Road and outside of Brookmead School will be starting later this year by Transport for Bucks.

## Road Safety and Improvements – Ivinghoe Aston

Transport for Bucks have confirmed the length of road through Ivinghoe Aston between the B489 and Slapton is scheduled for resurfacing during 2023/24.

In the meantime, as the weather improves the velocity machine will overlay larger areas of road surface failure.

Cow Corner – There are plans to rebuild the edge of the carriageway on this bend and replace the damaged drainage. This will also involve clearing a substantial length of ditch so the surface water can flow away. It is anticipated the work will be undertaken during 2021/22. In the short term 'Cow Corner' will have cones in place



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

to direct traffic away from the potholes hidden under the water due to the drainage problems.

During the coming spring the centre lines, slow markings and 30/40 speed roundels will be refreshed. Worn signage will be replaced within the next few weeks, this includes yellow backed 30/40 signs in the village. Also, new village gateways will be installed at either entrance to Ivinghoe Aston.

## Buckinghamshire Council – Reporting Problems

Please use the **FixMyStreet app** to report potholes, fly-tipping, fallen trees and any other problems with the Highways. You will see further details inside this issue of The Ivinghoe Beacon.

Buckinghamshire Council also have a Report It facility through their website [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk), you can use this to directly report problems with Rights of Way (Footpaths and Bridleways) in the area.

## Dog Mess

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in the amount of dog fouling on Ivinghoe Lawn and surrounding areas. Please remember this is illegal and there are fines of £1,000 for anyone found allowing this. ►

Ivinghoe and Ivinghoe Aston both have dog bins for your convenience.

### Double Yellow Lines – High Street, Ivinghoe.

Ivinghoe Parish Council is working with Buckinghamshire Council on a resident started proposal to instal no waiting double yellow lines to overcome a safety issue. There will be a full public consultation about this project which will allow you to express your views. This will be well publicised at the time.

### Parish Council Meetings

Ivinghoe Parish Council continues to hold monthly meetings, these are held remotely using Zoom. The agendas and login details are available through the [ivinghoe.org.uk](http://ivinghoe.org.uk).

uk website. The dates for 2021 meetings: 2 March 2021, 6 April 2021, 18 May 2021 – Council and Annual Meetings, 1 June 2021, 6 July 2021, 3 August 2021, 7 September 2021, 5 October 2021, 2 November 2021 and 7 December 2021.

### Local Council Elections

The Local Council Elections are scheduled to be held on the 6th May 2021. If you are interested in becoming an Ivinghoe Parish Councillor, please contact the Ivinghoe Parish Clerk for further information and a nomination pack, Email: [ivinghoe-parish-clerk@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoe-parish-clerk@gmail.com)

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# The vllAge Hack

## Hello

So here are my first musings about the goings on in the small hamlet that is Ivinghoe Aston where nothing ever happens! I'm not quite sure how things will pan out, suffice it to say that I'll no doubt fill it with jibber jabber. I will of course cover items of news but I'd also like to see if we can't uncover a bit of village history. IA has after all been around in one form or another since Saxon times, contains 7 grade II listed houses, a medieval moat and most importantly a PUB!

## It's Rubbish!

There are a few things that get IA residents goat, one being fly tipping. In the past, a couple of our well know beauty spots at either end of the village have seen some less than artistically arranged rubbish piles. However, on the evening of 8 November some inconsiderate 'person' decided it was OK to do a drive through fly tip right in



the middle of the road!

Many thanks to the diligent villagers that spotted, reported and coned off the area to make it safer. Maybe it's time to invest in some solar security cameras strategically positioned in the village. In the meantime keep your eyes peeled!

## Crash, Bang, Tinkle, Tinkle

Another one of those goat getting things is speeding which despite the speed cameras seems to be happening ever more regularly. Our latest incident comes somewhat closer to home for my family. This time at around 6.30am on a clear morning with obstacle free vision through the village a scaffold truck managed to hit the rear end of my daughters car. Though we don't have a full video of the collision, our neighbour did pick up it's sound and immediate aftermath. Have to say it sounded like something out of a Tom and Jerry cartoon with a screech of brakes, an almighty bang and the tinkle of hub caps rolling along the road. Despite the near 50m long skid marks the driver did confess to travelling at 30mph!

## Did You Know?

As Ivinghoe Aston has been around quite some time I thought it might be of interest to try to discover more about our history. Nothing too detailed just an insight into some of the lovely houses we have and something of the folks that have lived here in the past.

So it was in an idle chat with one of our longest serving residents, Mary Draper, that she mentioned a name that was known to me, albeit from the

distant past. "Did you know" she said "that Bernard Miles the actor used to live at Crabtree Farm House?" For those that don't know, he was best known as an actor (and was the one that said of Mackeson beer that it "looks good, tastes good and by golly does you good"). He lived at Crabtree Farm House with his actress wife Josephine Wilson, daughters Sally and Bridget and son John Miles. He was also well known for delivering monologues as a 'country yokel' in a broad Buckinghamshire accent.

Well, after a short investigation I came across some of his monologues which clearly talk of the local area. An album of his called Over the Gate released in 1956 by HMV includes a monologue entitled Billy and Toggie.

The opening part of which goes: "I 'ear ole Billy Collets dead, across at Ivinghoe Aston. Last Friday 'e died. I reckon they'll miss 'I'm over there".

Later it goes on with: "Not like ole Toggy Bygreaves acorse at Pitstone. He was supposed to 've bin dead 'n' buried one time".

I just wonder who these and other characters were? Were they real or imagined? Maybe someone knows? Anyway, if you have any info on folks that lived in the village and you're happy to share it then please get in touch.

## The Saga of the Stove

For those villagers in the know I just want to keep you up to date with progress on our sitting room log burner repair! So, here it is sitting on my workbench having been resealed and

bolted together. Who knows, by the next edition I may have put the door back on!!



## Gordon Ford

Gill Ford and family would like to take this opportunity to thanks friends and neighbours for the overwhelming number of cards and flowers with such heartfelt messages which has meant so much and for your support and respect at such a sad time.

### Gordon Philip Ford

(24 July 1939 – 5th December 2020)

**Phil Jones** (2 Ashby Villas)  
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*Please get in touch if you have any news, views or ideas!*





# Ivinghoe Town Hall & Beacon Villages Community Library (Charity No. 300287)

## Greetings from your Town Hall Management Committee!

The scaffolding is down and all the restoration works are complete at our beautiful Town Hall!

It took a little longer than we'd first thought, but in the event it really didn't matter; everything went very smoothly and with minimal inconvenience (we hope!) It is all looking really good and we can rest easy that our Town Hall is in a good state of repair for years to come.

We would like to extend our thanks to Jeff Lewis the Project Manager from Bucks CC, and to Towfields the contractors, for their professionalism and consideration of the needs of our community during the project.

Ivinghoe Town Hall Management Committee would also like to publicly thank Stephen Swinbank who liaised with the personnel involved and worked tirelessly to ensure that all went well, on a daily basis. Stephen you are a total superstar!

At the time of writing, we have just moved into the new Tier 4. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, we may have moved back down but we are certainly continuing to live in uncharted waters where we must all make sure that we look after each other by looking after ourselves.

It is perhaps not appropriate to be talking about bookings at the Town Hall just yet, but it is good to look to the future. The committee of Ivinghoe and Pitstone WI are very much hoping to be back to a physical meeting for our birthday in May. So if you've got an event coming up later in the year, do please keep us in mind for your venue. We very much look forward to welcoming you.

We have received some concerns about a lack of social distancing in the hallway outside the Library and Post Office. We appreciate that in the colder weather it's more tempting to queue up inside but we still need to maintain our distance from each other. We would respectively ask therefore that the

queues are formed outside at each side of the main door at busy times.  
**Thank you.**

**Until then, stay safe and keep smiling – it brightens the day for everyone you meet!**

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John Harris [www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk) Email: [john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)

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# WI News...

## Ivinghoe & Pitstone Women's Institute



Over the festive period, our WI ladies enjoyed receiving a beautifully decorated giftbag of goodies each aimed at pampering the mind, body and tummy!

This was followed the same evening by a zoomed concert from the wonderful Jacob Cole accompanied by Janice Tsui on the grand piano, from the Barbican in London. What a wonderful treat and pampering for the soul!

I am so very glad that we did this, as very soon afterwards we found ourselves back in lockdown, in Tier 4. This has had a massive impact on us all in our day-to-day life as well as our social interactions... or lack of!

For our WI, it means that we have had to call a halt to our groups – Random Readers, The Chiltern Walkers and the short walking group had all been able to resume briefly but no longer.

But we're still active as a group via WhatsApp, zoom, email and phone – all safe avenues of communication, virus free!

Our committee meets shortly to put a programme of activities and events together for when we are allowed to meet once more – we fully intend to hit the ground running, to make up for lost time!

And until then, we have got some cracking zoomed speakers lined up for the next three months.

Tier 4 or Lockdown, whichever it is to be,

has given us an unexpected opportunity to broaden our horizons.

January saw us travelling to the North Pole through the eyes of our speaker Misba Kahn. She gave an entertaining and informative presentation on her experiences as part of the The Women Euro Arabian North Pole expedition.

### In her own words:

*I am first and foremost a mum of two. I have always encouraged my children to outdoors – this gave me great satisfaction. I slowly started transferring the skills from what my children were learning in outdoors to myself.*

*I am a keen walker, which has given me skills in confidence and I starting pushing myself both physically and mentally. Manchester has great access to the Lake district and the Peak District. I am part of The Women Euro Arabian North Pole expedition.*

*The team involves 12 women from across Europe and the Arabian Peninsula; and I have the honour of representing our country. The team members are not elite athletes but ordinary women – representing a diverse variety of occupations and backgrounds from journalist, scientist outdoor professionals, teachers, businesswomen and mothers – selection from over 1000 applicants.*

*The core purpose of the expedition is to foster greater dialogue and understanding between women from the Western and Arabian cultures, in addition, the expedition*

*will work to inspire women to reach beyond the expectations; to demonstrate the potential of greater intercultural understanding; and to raise awareness of women in the North Pole, who will find exceptional courage and teamwork to overcome the extreme conditions.*

Courtesy of [wearethecity.com](http://wearethecity.com)



Misba Kahn – above

Looking forward, the speaker for our meeting in February will be David Allen, a locum solicitor, with a talk on The Weird and Wonderful World of The Law.

### David's biography says:

*David Allen's talks are not to be missed, and as an audience member you are guaranteed to come away in a good mood, almost always having learnt something, from Victorian history through to film set gossip about Hollywood greats.*

*With over 10 years experience, London born David is a very popular public speaker, who is the perfect combination of being both hugely knowledgeable and a very skilled and entertaining storyteller.*

*Funny, light hearted, but meticulously well researched, his talks are both fun and thought provoking, and are either taken*

*from his own life experience - travelling the world, or in his professional life as a solicitor, actor and professional storyteller – or are based on hours, days and weeks of tireless historical research, trawling through the archives and records dating back to the 1800s.*

*A performer at heart, David has appeared in a variety of shows for children and adults, including his one man storytelling shows on factual Victorian Murders. With other theatre companies, David has employed his gift for improvisation in various plays with a particular focus on immersive theatre, such as the award nominated Jack the Ripper's London and Follow the Rabbit.*

Many thanks for your talk on 'The Weird & Wonderful World of the Law'. It was hugely entertaining as well as being informative: the other ladies and I have not had so much fun for a long time

Margaret Worrall, Owlsmoor WI

David Allen



The February meeting will be online via Zoom, further details from **Sue Eyre, 07742 138955**

Our hugely popular quiz nights continue, again online, with thanks going to our now very experienced quiz master Sue Eyre for organising these events.

Christine Linley, IPWI Correspondent



# BeaconLit Book Festival:

## Helping our Library and Crossing Fingers for 2021



The hope that Coronavirus vaccines may see a return to something like normal life this year must have everyone crossing their fingers for so many things: seeing family and friends; getting out and about; and enjoying live events once more.

After the disappointments of 2020, the organising committee for BeaconLit – our very own book festival – is hoping that Festival 2021 can take place on **10 July in Ivinghoe**. It may be too soon to know how far the roll-out will have gone by then, or the extent to which restrictions will have been relaxed, but plans are in place to stage the event if possible.

The committee are aiming to retain as many of the thrilling literary line-up – **bestsellers, hot new talents, top historical fiction authors, and much, much more** – as possible. If you're a book lover, keep up to date with the news by subscribing to the festival emailing list at <http://www.beaconlit.co.uk/contactandfind.php>

BeaconLit is run and staffed entirely

by volunteers. As well as promoting books and writing in our area, the festival also exists to support **Beacon Villages Community Library (BVCL) in Ivinghoe**, which is also staffed by volunteers and relies on fundraising to continue serving our communities.

The loss of Festival 2020 has left a big hole in the library's finances. **Can you make a small donation** to ensure this valuable resource can still be there for our villages? You can do so at <http://www.beaconlit.co.uk/beaconlitonline2020.php>, where you can also find details of last year's virtual mini-festival, **BeaconLit OnLine 2020**, still available to view for free on YouTube at the **'BeaconLit Events channel**.

Local writers can also help the library, as well as being in with a chance of a prize, by entering the **500 word BeaconFlash flash fiction competition**. Full details are at <https://beaconlitblog.wordpress.com/>

Let's hope 2021 proves to be a much happier New Year for local book lovers!

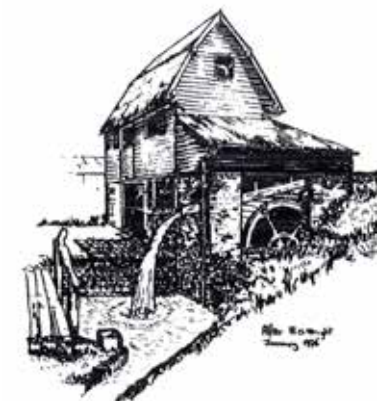
Have you ever thought about 'growing your own'? Growing your own fruit and vegetables can be a very satisfying experience and in Ivinghoe we are very lucky to have some beautiful allotments just off Church Road, overlooking St Mary's Church. If you are an Ivinghoe resident and would like some more information about availability of plots – we have them in a range of sizes – please contact the Parish Clerk at [ivinghoechurchclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoechurchclerk@gmail.com)

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



## FORD END WATERMILL

Ford End Watermill, for those not familiar with it, is a small farm mill, which has produced flour and animal feed for centuries. On Station Road, just a short distance from the centre of Ivinghoe, it is run today entirely by volunteers. The mill is fully operational and we mill at each opening to the public. Our wholemeal flour is much sought after.



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We would welcome volunteers who can:

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We are a friendly group. All of us are committed to conserving this priceless resource for future generations. We can provide new volunteers with the satisfaction that comes from showing how the sustainable power of water can be used to produce flour for the baking of bread.

So, if you are interested, please telephone:

John Wallis on **01296 661997**;

Chris Tugby on **01442 825421**; or

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## Dear Dog Walkers of the Parish

The walks round here are nice, we think you'll all agree,  
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You make a little effort; you simply bend and scoop,  
And have a thought for fellow (wo)man, do not commit a sin,  
You know you need to pick it up, and put it in the bin!

(The Dog Warden can be contacted on 01296 555605)



# Hub News...

**H**ello everyone, Season's Greetings, a repeated New Year 2021 blessing and a slap on the back for still being here!

All Hub Trustees wish everyone as good a 2021 as you and yours can push for! We reflect on the previous year which had started out so hopeful – fellow Trustees Russ Eyre and Bob Corn up a ladder painting the new Vent Extract System which we had had installed into the Café's Kitchen, then we arranged for a new floor in the Main Hall with new floor finishing in the Hall and Café – then Covid-19 hit!!! Virtually all Bookings dried up almost immediately from March 2020 – we hastily negotiated Grants (three by now - one larger, two much smaller!) to keep all afloat, and we continue to keep the 'Back Room' stuff going – keeping abreast with all Government Covid-19 updates, updating the Booking Form and Conditions, and installing the necessary hand-sanitisers, signs, etc. – including the required NHS Tracking Code Signs, myself repainting all the inside Hub walls slowly and reflectively!

As usual the practical daily jobs needed doing, so – reading meters, negotiating services maintenance contracts, emptying the refuse bins which hang on the Hub fences, a bit of gardening, paying bills, checking the answerphone, sorting booking dilemmas and all of the stuff necessary to keep the Hub going – incidentally after nine years of volunteering – that we now so need volunteer help to continue with! (We are 5 shielding now aged volunteers, three of whom are unwell). **Please phone me as Chair at**



**home on 01296 662267 if you are able to offer some volunteer time.**

With the Hub mostly closed to bookings and the first Lockdown imminent we retired homewards, we set up the **Whats-Appening in Ivinghoe? Village Mutual Aid Group**, back in March 2020, using the Hub's phone number (**01296 661666**) as a helpline – successful in running medicines from the Pharmacy around the village and down to Great Gap, the 26 volunteer Group members also arranging for shopping for sheltering neighbours, dog walking, supportive phone calls and helping out as best we can supporting villagers finding ways of getting through all the changes caused by this awful Virus Covid-19! Seeing how this has brought us all closer, mutually cooperative and friendlier, it seems to us that it is a good start to taking supportive neighbouring forward into at least the next six months and as a principal for sharing what works, onward into the happier, free-er years to come!

**After all of that – again, we wish everyone a Safe and Happy, Healthy, vaccine supported 2021! Stay strong, Carol Tarrant**  
**ivinghoeoldschoolcommunityhub@btconnect.com**

## Our Hub run by this community for all

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2. The process is explained by obtaining from either source a **vital Booking Form** which includes the extra special options bookable, the insurance cover and awareness of the hirers cleaning up obligations – to be filled in and returned within 7 days and the fee paid – if not then – no later than 3 days before the date booked.
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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.

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## News from St. Mary's Church, Ivinghoe

During Christmas at St. Mary's was much more scaled down this year, but we did manage to hold a carol service in church in December. We also held events for children by 'Zoom' and in the churchyard.

No news yet about a new vicar but we hope that there will be news on this in the early part of 2021.

For details of Sunday services, look on the church website <https://ivinghoe-church.org>

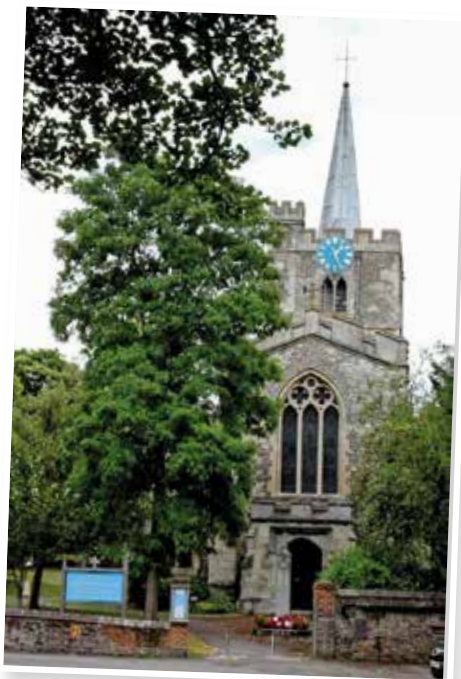
We continue to hold services on Facebook and on the phone every Sunday morning at 9.30am led by Revd David Holloway. [www.facebook.com/stmary.holycross.allsaints](https://www.facebook.com/stmary.holycross.allsaints)

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Running the Food Bank from St. Mary's has taken much time and preparation and Babs and her team together with amazing support from the local community has enabled us to help many families who are struggling to make ends meet as government restrictions continue. Babs writes:

*'During the past 10 months we have provided both fresh food and food bank items on a weekly basis to many families in our villages. We could not have done this if it were not for the kindness and generosity of many of you in our community. It would be far too long a list to name all the different organisations, businesses and donors so we would like to say a big 'thank you' to you all for enabling us to make this happen.'*

Our base at St Marys Church, Ivinghoe,



works well both for storage and logistics.

As donations were so plentiful of Christmas food items, we were able to deliver Christmas hampers to all our families which were very well received. We know that the contents made a big difference in helping them enjoy their Christmas celebrations.

Our numbers asking for help are increasing on a weekly basis, so please continue with your goods and monetary contributions. We really do need as much as we can get. If you would like to know more or wish to donate please give me a call (Babs) on **07860 780127**.

**A very happy New Year to you all** from Babs, Norma and all our helpers.

**David Green**

### Did you know that your local churches in Ivinghoe, Slapton and Marsworth run a Food Bank?



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All calls will be dealt with confidentially and we will arrange for a box of food to be left on the doorstep.

# Update on Tring School

## New Build – December 2020

After moving into the temporary “Modular Village” on the school field in August the first phase of the demolition of several blocks of the old school commenced. For those of you who know the school, Neville was the first building to go followed by Watkins, Hobson and half of Fells. This was a fascinating process that at several points was greeted by a mixture of cheers, gasps and even applause as the students and staff watched buildings be torn apart before their eyes. It also brought some mixed emotions and a hint of sadness for some of us.

This demolition was completed on 9th November 2020. After this we moved into a period of grinding down the fabric of the old school which will (poetically and symbolically) form part of the foundations for the new school. Alongside this the build area has been levelled, various tests on the ground structure undertaken and then the ground broken in preparation for the foundations. All of these activities led to a fascinating variety of vehicles and machines being on site and has at times caused the whole school to vibrate.

The first delivery of concrete was on 27th November and since then there has been a steady stream of lorries with fresh deliveries. The contents of the lorries are creating the foundations for the steel work that will form the framework of the new building. The initial pieces of this steel structure are due to arrive in the week commencing

14th December and it will be a momentous occasion when the first of these is installed.

Throughout all of this the school has continued to operate in a Covid-safe manner. Having to manage the school and the environment for the new build at the same time as following all of the Covid guidelines has brought it's challenges, of course, but nothing that we haven't been able to successfully deal with. Similarly, all of the meetings with Bowmer + Kirkland (the contractor) and the DfE have had to be held “virtually” and given the level of detail and meticulous planning required for every step of the process the amount of work involved has been enormous.


At the moment the new build project is on time and on schedule to be completed late in 2021 with the new buildings coming into operation at the very start of 2022. After this we still have to demolish most of the remaining old buildings (excluding the Beloe and Desborough blocks) and complete the parking areas and landscaping.

2021 is going to be a very exciting time for Tring School. Our new buildings and sports facilities will be very “*state of the art*” and we can't wait to see them start to take shape and then be completed before our very eyes. Please do visit the school website to see regularly updated photos, drone footage, the plans for the new building and a virtual “fly through”.

*Tring School Photographs – opposite page*







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**To join us,** please visit our website at **[Girlguiding.org.uk](http://Girlguiding.org.uk)**



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

## Tales from the Plot



Despite all the restrictions imposed upon us as a result of this dreadful pandemic I hope that you all have stayed safe and had a happy Christmas. Like millions of other people we missed having our families with us at this special time but we still had a peaceful and happy Christmas.

As you can imagine, it has been quiet on the plot at this time of year, partly due to the very wet weather and the occasional bout of frost. I managed to carry out some maintenance work and transplanted some fruit bushes. If you cannot attend your plot 24/7 like myself then I would highly recommend once the growing season has ended and your plot is clear to cover it all up with black plastic – the type builders use. Despite the rain and frost I was able to turn my beds over in no time at all – the soil was very workable with minimal weeds.

Over the next few weeks, we shall all be busy planting our onion, leeks and certain types of tomato seeds for the propagator (or window sill) and in February we shall be turning our attention to the seed potatoes – so don't forget to start collecting your egg boxes to put the seed potatoes in; they are ideal for this and cost very little. Depending on the weather, shallots can be planted outside, peas and broad beans can also be planted outside but under cloches. I personally prefer to start them off in the shed – it seems to give them a good start. As all gardeners will know – this is an exciting time of year.

On the 5th September 2020 we held our first barbecue (closely following Covid guidelines) on the site and a very successful afternoon it was, this was held in the open space in the allotments.

Since the first lockdown there has been a surge in applications for an allotment. It would appear there are thousands on waiting lists across the country, and in one particular area in the North there has been a 700% increase! I understand we currently have a waiting list for plots in Ivinghoe and if you are considering taking an allotment on please contact Bridget Knight, Parish Clerk to check availability and add your name to the waiting list.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy 2021.

### Mind how you go...

Ernie – Ivinghoe Plot Holder



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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  
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# Ashridge Ramblings – Ashes to Ashes

My last ramblings mentioned the doomed ash trees, identified by a blue spot, which are suffering from ash dieback and are a potential hazard because of their proximity to roads, paths or property. Since then, quite a few (two) people have asked me what happens to the felled wood. Is it good enough for use as timber? Is it left for saproxylic insects (those that feed on dead or decaying wood)? Buoyed by the fact that two people had actually read my piece, I put the question to Ashridge's Countryside Manager, Emily. The wood is being sold to a local traditional brickmaking company, which fires its bricks in a wood-fired kiln. I remember learning, as a Scout, that ash is one of the very best woods for burning, creating a steady flame and good heat output, so this makes a lot of sense. It really is ashes to ashes.

Emily told me a lot more that is worth passing on. Ashridge is not carrying out 'sanitation felling', which aims to eradicate the disease locally by removing all the ashes. Instead, as recommended by the Forestry Commission, they are being selective, in the hope that some of the trees are resistant and will make it through. Also, trees with appropriate cracks, splits, holes and hollows are suitable for bats. A number these will be treated to a 'haircut' rather than being felled, in order to preserve this habitat. The work will be carried out by a specialist tree surgeon, alongside a bat expert.

Interestingly, the National Trust has found that, nationally, ash trees on chalky soils have been hardest hit. On the



Ashridge Estate, Toms Hill, near Aldbury, is the worst-affected area, and contractors should have been busy, by the time you read this, carrying out work on the steep slope there. There has already been considerable felling near Frithsden and Little Gaddesden.

Ash dieback is likely to have arrived in the country through the international sale of tree saplings. If buying trees of any species, be sure that they are UK-grown. There are diseases around the world which, together, pose a threat to almost all our native tree species. Losing elms was truly tragic, as is losing so many of our ashes. Imagine it happening to beech or oak.

At the end of February, Ashridge's General Manager, Susie Mercer (who is also responsible for Dunstable Downs, the Tree Cathedral, Shaw's Corner, Totterhoe Knolls, Sharpenhoe Clappers and Sundon), will be moving on. Managing such a massive portfolio has so many facets, and Susie has been a complete star. Her multitalented input will be greatly missed. Thank you, Susie.

**Rikki Harrington**

(Ashridge Estate Committee Member)

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# Councillor News from Anne Wight

## News from the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board

As Chairman of our Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board, I thought I might take this opportunity to give you and update as to how our board activities are progressing. As you may know, the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board is made up of local residents, groups and organisations along with local elected councillors. Its purpose is to bring people together with Buckinghamshire Council to identify what matters most to our area and find solutions to address those issues.

I am pleased to say that we have successfully identified priorities for action and our subcommittees have already come together and are making plans to focus on these. For our board, stakeholders felt that our focus for this year should be on the environment (including littering and wildlife), transport, health and wellbeing for all, and Covid-19 recovery. More specifically, our subcommittees are working on improving our amenity and biodiversity by looking at projects to regenerate our countryside and protecting our wildlife. Electric car charging point infrastructure is another really exciting area which one of our subgroups is devoted to exploring, while our transport subcommittee is keen to see what traffic calming initiatives might be possible in our local area. These are just some of the ideas which we are currently working



**Anne Wight**

Buckinghamshire Councillor,  
Ivinghoe Division

on, and we are very open to looking at others. If you feel strongly about any of these or other local issues, we warmly invite you to get involved and have a say as to what local projects you would like us to take forward – please email us at [wingandivinghoeceb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:wingandivinghoeceb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

We would also like to thank all of our working groups for their proposals of projects to benefit our local communities. I'm very happy to say that our Community Board has funds to help tackle these priority issues and so far we have supported the following:

- Varied Covid-19 Community response projects;
- Nearly £4,000 towards play equipment for younger children at Mentmore Green;
- Supporting victims of abuse affected by Covid-19 with £2,139 towards funding a Crisis Councillor for Aylesbury Vale and Milton Keynes Sexual Assault and Abuse Support Service;
- Nearly £48,000 in total for traffic calming in Ivinghoe, Cublington and Pitstone parishes as well as improved road signing and lining in Aston Abbots.

We still have substantial budget left for project funding this year, so if you'd like to join the working groups looking at how this money is best spent, do get in touch.

The only upside of the Covid-19 pandemic is that it has reminded us all of the strong spirit of cooperation and support in our area. So our Community Board, made up of local residents, groups and organisations along with local elected councillors, was delighted to put forward nominations for the Wing and Ivinghoe area in the recent Proud of Bucks Community Awards. These awards recognised those who have gone above and beyond during coronavirus.

I'm delighted to say that the winner for the Wing and Ivinghoe area award was Chedderoo – a village volunteers force who formed in response to the Covid-19 crisis to support the local community in Cheddington. The group collected and delivered prescriptions and medication, delivered shopping to those who were shielding and offered whatever support was needed to local residents. Although we were not able to undertake a full presentation of the awards in person due to the pandemic, I want to extend my warmest thanks and congratulations to organisers Carol Lister and Gail Steed for all their hard work. Highly commended also for their commitment to looking out for people during the ongoing difficult times were Tais Bonafe (Wingrave Together) and Watermead Volunteer Army. Well done to all the worthy winners! Finally, I am pleased to announce that you can now find us on Facebook – if you search for Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board you can get all the

latest news and find how to get involved. We'd love to hear about what you're doing and we would be delighted to help spread the word about community events and initiatives in the area, so please do like and follow us!

If you would like to find out more about your local Community Board and get involved, contact us at [localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

For more information please see our Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board webpage: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/wing-ivinghoe-community-board/>

**Anne Wight**





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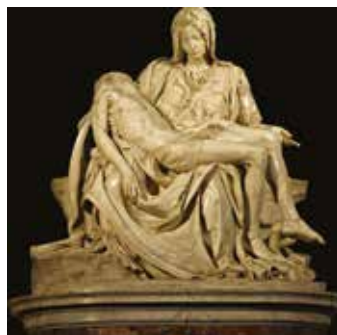
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# From Buckinghamshire Councillors Sandra Jenkins and Derek Town

## New advisory covid 'marshals' out and about across Bucks

From 2nd December, new advisors have been on hand to offer guidance and support to local residents about the latest coronavirus Tier 4 rules and staying safe during the ongoing pandemic. Although the new team has no enforcement role, their advisory work supports the activities of Buckinghamshire Council's Environmental Health and Trading Standards Officers who are providing more detailed additional help to local businesses. The Trading Standards and Environmental Health teams are also working jointly with the Police to help with general covid safety awareness raising as well as in response to local concerns or enquiries.

## Freeze out doorstep cold callers this winter

Doorstep crime increases during the winter months due to bogus callers and rogue traders taking advantage of our need for a safe, warm and dry home during bad weather. When rain, sleet or snow sets in it can be difficult, especially for vulnerable residents, to check their property is in good order so when they are told by an individual posing as a legitimate workman that they have a tile missing, or that their chimney is in danger of falling down and killing someone, they struggle to argue and feel compelled to have the work done.



And with most of us at home due to the latest Covid lockdown, unscrupulous traders know there's a greater chance of finding someone in who will answer the door or be tempted by a flyer through the letterbox. Of course, winter is also the time of year where genuine issues become more apparent, such as a leaking roof or gutters, or if more urgent work is needed after extreme weather. Distressed residents may become more tempted to contact a stranger who posted a flyer through their door. Fraudsters will often do shoddy or unnecessary work for hugely inflated fees, or simply take money for a job they have no intention of carrying out. In many cases, the property is left in a worse condition than before with the home owner facing additional costs to rectify the damage. Fred Wilson, Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services at Buckinghamshire Council, says "With a lockdown, fraudsters may think it's an ideal opportunity to catch vulnerable

people stuck at home and pile on the pressure for a job. However I would encourage residents to get in contact with our team if they are concerned, want to report anything suspicious or just want to get one of our free information packs." Fred added, "By taking a few simple precautions, we can all freeze out cold-callers this winter."

## Trading Standards bosses offer the following top tips to avoid getting tricked out of your money:

- Be sceptical, don't be afraid to say 'no thank you, please leave' and shut the door.
- Take your time, don't be rushed.
- Know who you're dealing with, if you need help talk to someone you know or get in touch with the council.
- Protect your financial information, especially from people you don't know.
- Never engage with someone or allow them access to your home unless you are able to verify their authenticity and who they are.

We urge all householders to only use Trading Standards approved traders **traders4u.co.uk**. If you would like to report a concern or receive one of our No Cold Calling packs, call **0300 123 2329**.

## Buckinghamshire Council takes next steps to purchase Friars Square, Aylesbury

On 15th December 2020 Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet agreed to enter into negotiations with the current owners of Friars Square Shopping Centre, Aylesbury, with a view to purchasing the centre. The Council

has already sought independent property advice on this and every step made will be subject to meticulous legal and financial considerations before any final purchase decision is made.

Steve Bowles, Cabinet Member for Town Centre Regeneration said: "Whilst the Centre would be bought as a going concern, we are considering the purchase of Friars Square shopping centre not as a retail investment but as an opportunity to acquire the land for the longer-term future use which will allow the council to bring forward a significant regeneration scheme for Aylesbury town centre. The Aylesbury Garden Town Masterplan sets out this ambitious vision for the town centre, part of which is the station quarter." <https://www.aylesburygardentown.co.uk/masterplan>.

If the bid is successful, it would be financed by a Public Works Board Loan, paid back over a period of 40 years.

## #YouCanAdopt – we've been busting myths about adoption in Buckinghamshire

Did you know you can adopt if you're single? Did you know you can adopt if you're gay? Did you know the adoption process need not be daunting and there's support all the way? Throughout this autumn, Buckinghamshire Council's been taking part in the national **#YouCanAdopt** campaign which aims to break down common misconceptions about adoption that might be putting people off moving forward with plans to adopt. In fact, if you can provide a loving, safe and stable home for a child who needs adopting, then chances are ►



you will be able to adopt.

In Buckinghamshire, anyone considering adopting with us can use our online 'checker' to see if they're eligible and to find out more about the process. Adopting with Buckinghamshire Council means you'll get support every step of the way including after you've completed the process and have become an adoption family.

In Buckinghamshire we always need adopters who want to parent older children, sibling groups and children with additional needs. We would also want more people from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds to adopt; this is because we want as wide a pool as possible of adoptive parents so we can find matches for our children more easily. It's important to have a wide variety of different cultures and backgrounds to find the right families for our children.

Tony Green is Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Youth Provision.

**He said:** "It's been great to see the **#YouCanAdopt** campaign highlighting these myths around adoption. I really hope there's no-one out there who would like to adopt but who is put off by misconception. The reality is that we really welcome all enquiries so if you think you could provide a safe and loving home for a child who needs adopting then please get in touch with our friendly team.

We would especially like to hear from you if you are thinking of adopting a child aged 3 or older, or would be interested in adopting siblings to help keep brothers and sisters together. We also need adopters who can initially act

as foster carers for young children before they adopt them – this is called 'Early Permanence'.

Either go online at **[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/adoption](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/adoption)** or get in touch with our team on **01494 586 349** to find out more about adopting with Buckinghamshire Council."

To find out more about the **#YouCanAdopt** campaign check out the **#YouCanAdopt** hashtag on social media

### **Cabinet announces 'incredibly difficult' budget proposals**

Cabinet today has announced its budget proposals for the next financial year starting in April, which includes plans for a 1.99% increase in basic council tax, together with a 2% rise in the Government proposed Adult Social Care Precept to help fund care for the elderly and vulnerable.

Described as 'incredibly difficult', the billion pound plans focus primarily on next year. This is due to the uncertainties over future funding levels given the on-going effects of the coronavirus pandemic and comes the day after a third lockdown was announced by the Government.

Cabinet's proposals, which factor in the increasing demand for services and loss of income to the council as a result of the pandemic, are being seen as a 'Covid-19 response and recovery' budget. However, the proposals also include investment in key service areas such as schools and school improvement, road maintenance, strategic transport and infrastructure projects, waste, housing and homelessness and leisure centres. A small amount of the council's reserves

is also planned to be used to help balance the books and reduce future identified risks.

Speaking after the Cabinet meeting, Leader of the Council, Martin Tett said the pandemic was having a momentous effect on budget planning. "While we are grateful for the significant Government grants we are getting to cope with the effects of the virus, it remains incredibly difficult to deliver a legally balanced budget. The new year lockdown just highlights the uncertainty and the difficulty of knowing what's round the next corner.

"That said, we believe these proposals are realistic, flexible, and most importantly, affordable to local taxpayers given the circumstances. Indeed, the Government proposes councils increase the amount they raise specifically for Adult Social Care by 3%, however, while there remains acute pressures in adult social care, we believe that this would not be reasonable given the pressure on residents' finances as a result of Covid. We are therefore proposing only to increase this by 2%, rather than the 3% allowed by Government.

"While I see this as a budget that manages current pressures, it's also a budget that paves the way for longer term economic recovery post-Covid, which invests in infrastructure and also puts us firmly in the starting blocks to help rebuild Buckinghamshire and importantly jobs, after the pandemic ends."

The proposals will now go on to be fully scrutinised by a special cross-party Budget Select Committee. Their findings will be presented to Cabinet on 16 February so Cabinet members can agree the final budget proposals to

be presented to the full Council at its meeting on 24 February.

### **Surveillance in Chilterns AONB catches Aylesbury fly tipper**

Beni Barariu, 31, of Oak Green, Aylesbury, pleaded guilty at High Wycombe Magistrates' Court on 9 December 2020 to fly-tipping waste at Longdown Hill, Cadsden, Princes Risborough, on 5 May 2020.

Cadsden is one of many locations around Buckinghamshire periodically targeted by the Council's waste enforcement team with anti-fly tipping surveillance. The court heard that on the evening of 5 May 2020 a surveillance camera on Longdown Hill in the Chilterns AONB captured waste car parts being dumped at the roadside from a large black 4x4. The vehicle was traced from its registration number to the defendant Beni Barariu. The waste included a car seat, two tyres and interior vehicle trim.

Mr Barariu was interviewed under caution by council investigators at Aylesbury Police Station in June 2020. He admitted dumping the waste and stated that the material had come from his own home. He said he had the waste in the vehicle and had acted on the spur of the moment.

The magistrates fined Mr Barariu £615. He was ordered to pay clean-up, investigation and legal costs of £1,200 and a victim surcharge of £62 – making a total for him to pay of £1,877.

Bill Chapple OBE, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change said: "The fact that Longdown Hill is within the Chilterns AONB and part of the ►

natural heritage of Bucks much prized by locals and visitors alike doesn't seem to have been a deterrent to this offender.

*"But regardless of where Illegal dumping takes place, Buckinghamshire Council's zero tolerance approach means that we'll take enforcement action against offenders whenever and wherever we can obtain evidence against them."*

*"In this case, our surveillance cameras once again proved their worth, and provided evidence of the offender dumping car parts from his vehicle onto the verge. Waste such as this can be taken to your local household recycling centre for a modest charge – surely preferable to court fines, costs, and a criminal record."*

In closing may we wish you a Happy and healthy New Year and we all hope once the vaccine has done its job we will

all be able to get back to some normality. In the meantime please take care and stay safe.

Kind regards. Sandra and Derek.

Check out the SCRAP fly tipping code:  
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## NEW MEMORY SUPPORT SERVICE IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

If you are concerned about your memory, the earlier you seek help the better as there may be support or treatment available that can help you.

There are many different things that can cause memory problems but sometimes it can be an early sign of dementia.

This new service helps you to take control of your situation by offering a single point of contact for:

- Advice and support through memory screening and diagnosis
- A listening ear and practical support afterwards

Get in touch today to find out more.

01296 331749

[memorysupport@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:memorysupport@alzheimers.org.uk)



## Volunteer and help bring a smile to someone's face...

### ...our volunteer befrienders do this every day

Living with dementia can be isolating. Alzheimer's Society volunteer befrienders make a difference. Find out more about volunteering with us by having a chat with Laura or Lisa on 01296 331722 or emailing [bucksbefriending@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:bucksbefriending@alzheimers.org.uk)

### We'd love to hear from you.

[Alzheimers.org.uk](http://Alzheimers.org.uk)

Alzheimer's Society operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.  
Registered charity number 296645.



## Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council

# TfB's winter service continues throughout Buckinghamshire



**16 December 2020**

Although this winter things are slightly different, one thing remains the same: our winter service!

With the winter period now well underway, Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) gritters are regularly out and about on our 25 pre-selected priority routes to keep them safe and useable, whatever the weather. With 10,500 tonnes of salt stashed away ready to be used between now and April, it's safe to say that our winter service delivery teams are well prepared!

Daily decisions are made about whether or not gritting is required, based on the local weather forecasts and road temperatures, which are always a few degrees cooler than air temperatures. If it looks like the road temperatures are going to fall below 0.5 degrees centigrade, the gritters will be sent out to salt the roads and keep the travelling public safe.

Despite gritting taking place when the temperatures drop, there is never any guarantee that the roads will remain clear of ice and snow. This can happen for a number of reasons, such as needing to wait for rain to clear before gritting, as it cannot be applied in wet weather, or if

temperatures drop severely, causing the salt to become less effective.

This year, in addition to the usual routes, we will also be gritting at Covid Test Centre locations, as well as installing grit bins at the test and vaccine centres, ensuring that everybody who needs to access them can do so safely during the winter months.

TfB shares daily gritting updates on social media, accompanied with adorable animal photos that are sure to make you smile! Make sure you follow them **@tfbalerts** – or for more serious updates, minus the animal photos, follow **@twitgritter**.

Buckinghamshire Council Transport Cabinet Member, Nick Naylor, said: "It's during the winter service that TfB really shine. It's been an odd year for everyone, but I am proud of the work that has continued regardless from TfB. Whilst many of us will be enjoying Christmas festivities as best we can during these testing times, please spare a thought for our winter crews who will be on call 24/7 – even over Christmas – keeping the roads clear and serviceable, not just for us, but for key workers too. If you see them out and about, be sure to give them a wave!"

Contact us at: **communications@buckinghamshire.gov.uk** (monitored during office hours). **For urgent Out Of Hours enquiries call 07825 430 978.**

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*Two of the gritting fleet, ready to roll*



## This is an increasing problem at Ivinghoe Lawn

If you witness a dog owner not clearing up after their dog please report to Ivinghoe Parish Council who will pass this to the authorities.

There is a £1,000 fine.

Tel: 07960 605393 Email: [ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com)



Thoughtless dog owners

We're watching you!

9 out of 10 dog owners  
clean up after their dog.

Are you the one who doesn't?

Bag that poo, any rubbish bin will do

