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of Ivinghoe Parish Council

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Welcome from the Chair

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

Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine

Ivinghoe Parish Council is seeking your views on this magazine. With increasing costs, the magazine is under threat.

Please let us know if you value this magazine or perhaps do not have any strong feelings about this. Please share your thoughts by email ivinghoeeparishclerk@gmail.com or you can write us using the black letter box located by the entrance to Beacon Villages Community Library in the Town Hall. The deadline for responding is the 18th March 2022.

Roads and Bridleway

Buckinghamshire Council has informed us that they plan to resurface and plane and patch Ivinghoe High Street, Ivinghoe outside Brookmead School and Maud Janes Close junction at the end of February.

The Ivinghoe Safety Scheme is due to be installed by Transport for Bucks during the School summer holidays. As always please check our website www.ivinghoeepc.org.uk and Facebook page for updates.

Ivinghoe Parish Council continues to pressure Buckinghamshire Council to repair 'cow corner' in Ivinghoe Aston and is working with Buckinghamshire Council on possible traffic calming measures for Ivinghoe Aston.

Ivinghoe Community Speedwatch volunteers remain very busy and have



Karen Groom,
Chair, Ivinghoe
Parish Council

been supported by visits Thames Valley Police Safety Camera in Great Gap. Thank you to all the volunteers that make this work.

The bridleway between Ivinghoe Aston and Ivinghoe has been cut back by Buckinghamshire Council, after months of pressuring Buckinghamshire Council we thank Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Brazier for supporting Ivinghoe Parish Council with this.

Ivinghoe Lawn

New saplings have been planted in the area behind the Scout Hut in Ivinghoe Lawn. The saplings were a donation from The Woodland Trust and have been planted by John Groom and William Bamber, thank you to both and we look forward to watching the saplings and grass seeds develop in this newly restored area.

Ivinghoe Aston Park

The Brownlow Café in Ashridge has kindly donated a picnic table to the play area in Ivinghoe Aston for residents to use. The Woodland Trust has kindly granted Ivinghoe Parish Council 120 saplings which will be planted to ▶

reinforce the hedge at the boundary of the park and will encourage wildlife, these are expected to be delivered in March.

Buckinghamshire Council – Reporting Problems

Please use the FixMyStreet app to report potholes, fly-tipping, fallen trees and any other problems with the Highways.

Buckinghamshire Council also have a Report It facility through their website 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 on footpaths in both Ivinghoe and Ivinghoe Aston. 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.

Fly Tipping

Fly Tipping has increased in Ivinghoe Aston, Ivinghoe Parish Council works with the Buckinghamshire Enforcement Team and we know they are having success tracing the waste and finding the offenders.



Buckinghamshire Council

Buckinghamshire Council invite your comments on the Ivinghoe Area Freight Zone Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The purpose of this order is to reduce Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) traffic in the Cheddington, Ivinghoe and Mentmore area. This is the first TRO of its kind in Buckinghamshire and is the result of 3 years of research, monitoring, discussions,, public engagement and detailed planning. The original proposals have been amended to extend the eastern area of the proposed weight restriction zone up to the B440. This amendment was made upon conclusion of a previous consultation where this amendment was heavily suggested in the comments and responses.

To take part in the consultation, please go to <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/copy-of-ivinghoe-freight-tro-2022/>

Consultation ends 23rd February 2022.

Parish Council Meetings

Ivinghoe Parish Council continues to meet at Ivinghoe Town Hall, the dates for 2022 meetings are: **7th February, 7th March, 4th April, 9th May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st August, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December.**

Beacon Community Choir

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The vllAge Hack

First, may I wish one and all the very best for 2022 (and beyond for that matter). Last year was a challenging year for one and all with restrictions, then reduced restrictions, then some restrictions but not the same ones, then almost no restrictions, then a few more restrictions, then...

For this edition I just wanted to pick out a couple of moments that show what a fabulous village we have here in Ivinghoe Aston. Both very different show what can be done when a few minds get together in a common cause.

A Village Out to Play – Freedom Festiva

On 9th October 2021, Ivinghoe Aston hosted its very own 'Freedom Festival'. With the loan of a field, loads of effort and much preparation the scene was set for a night of enjoyment. And so it was that after many long months of not being able to go out and properly socialise, approximately 120 villagers came out to play.

We sang and danced the night away in true Ivinghoe Aston style. We were entertained by two very talented local bands McVicar and Booby Trap, along with soloist Charlie Lovell and our very own Pam Ayres, Clare Pasquale.

A hugely enjoyable and very successful evening was had by all. An event we have been asked to repeat, so watch this space!



Preparations done



The setting and perfect weather



Night descends and the bands play on

If you're reading this you're on Camera!

If ever a village sprang into action it was here in Ivinghoe Aston following a few un-welcome visitors just before Christmas. First, around 4.20am on 22 December a couple of prowlers were recorded and seen in a few back gardens obviously intent on grabbing a few free Christmas presents. They were recorded leaving empty handed around 4.50am.

By now the village Facebook group was buzzing and a plan of action sorted to stop these toe rags spoiling Christmas in our community. In very quick time a WhatsApp group was created specifically to exchange information about further sightings and a few stalwarts decided to start late night walks to deter further unwanted visitors (having discussed the way to go about it with the police). And so it was that a few nocturnal bodies wearing hi-vis bibs and carrying torches took turns to walk up and down the village with one very hardy hero in their car all night and often driving in and out of the village.

We believe a couple of potential visitors travelling in slow moving vehicles may well have been put off by the patrols. Since then a number of households in the village have increased their security measures. I am kind of hoping that the lowlifes involved get to realise that once you get into the village they're being watched.



In Gardens



Walking past homes



Our femail visitors

Jubilee Time!

As you'll all be aware our Queen is going the be celebrating her platinum jubilee in June this year and, as with her golden jubilee, there's going to be an event in the village. By the time you read this there may well be a fixed date but if not then it'll be some time in early June (most likely over the extended bank holiday). So, keep your eye open for further details.

Phil Jones (2 Ashby Villas)
pajones58@googlemail.com



Ivinghoe Town Hall & Beacon Villages Community Library

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Greetings from your Town Hall Management Committee!

Things are getting better all the time! Whilst we are very keen to open the Hall to everyone that wants to use it, we have to be mindful of Government guidance and the safety of our hirers. To enhance that, we have 'serviced' our Ventaxia System for a brilliant ventilation system. In addition, the exterior of our beautiful 17th Century listed building, received a spend of £40,000 2 (yes 2!) years ago by Bucks County Council which means that all of the 7 Gothic windows actually open!

Just before Christmas Bucks CC also performed their statutory 6 monthly

safety checks for the Fire and Smoke detection system. And the chair lift also passed its safety check too.

So you can be confident when booking that you are entering a safe venue. Talking of which, don't forget that you can now book online at www.ivinghoetownhall.org.uk.

It's great for all those family parties that we all need to catch up on!

As restrictions ease, we look forward to welcoming more of you to our Town Hall. All of our regular groups are back now but you can always check availability on our website if you've got an idea for something new!

We look forward to hearing from you.

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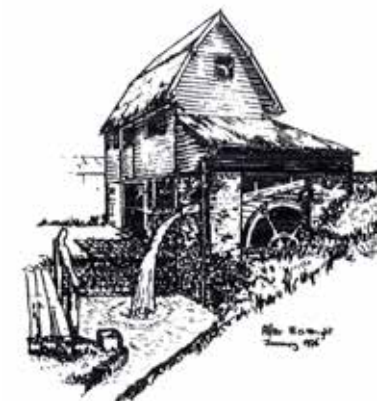
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Ford End Watermill, for those not familiar with it, is a small farm mill, which has produced flour and animal feed for centuries. On Station Road, just a short distance from the centre of Ivinghoe, it is run today entirely by volunteers. The mill is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



Would you like to join our team of volunteers?

We would welcome volunteers who can:

- help maintain the mill through this Autumn, Winter and Spring in readiness for next year's openings.
- help us welcome our visitors as they arrive for one of our openings each Summer - on Sundays and Bank Holidays; and/or
- guide visitors around the mill describing how we use the power of water from our millpond to drive our waterwheel, our gears and our millstones to produce our sought-after wholemeal flour.

There are opportunities for individuals with a variety of skills. So whether your preference is to meet our visitors, to explain all about the mill to visitors or to get to grips with the mill building and its machinery – the choice is yours. We can provide you with the necessary training and we have all the relevant information about the mill – how it works, its history and how it has been restored.

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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‘WhatsApp-ningin Ivinghoe?’
COVID-19 duration,
community help in Ivinghoe village.

**Your Volunteers in every, lane and close in
Ivinghoe!**

**We are now 22 Ivinghoe residents using
smartphones,**
**who have volunteered temporarily to support
continued Ivinghoe wellbeing
for Ivinghoe villagers between us.**

Firstly, in touch with our neighbours from our homes,
then spreading that support-plan joined-up across all of
Ivinghoe village.

Keeping channels open between us by texting, email and
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WI News...

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Women's Institute



2⁰²¹ has been quite an eventful year as we were able to get back to meeting together in Ivinghoe Town Hall. During the summer many of our members enjoyed a picnic on Ivinghoe Lawn and managed afternoon tea in members' homes. Our interest groups have continued to meet either in person or via Zoom.

Our first get together was in September where some of our members enjoyed a lively games evening organised by Sue Eyre. Much fun was had and laughter could be heard throughout Ivinghoe. Prizes were awarded for the winners of the most interesting items in handbags!

We have been entertained by lively, interesting speakers, not least Andrew Thomas who had us gasping with admiration at the wonderful displays for Bonfire Night which the town of Lewes manages to organise to entertain the residents and the many visitors. We were more than surprised that accidents are few and far between, particularly when rolling flaming barrels down the streets.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 19:45 in Ivinghoe Town Hall, but members who are unable to attend or cautious about face to face meetings, are able to

participate in the meeting via a Zoom link. This facility has proved invaluable for many of our members, enabling them to 'attend' the meeting without leaving home or putting themselves at risk of the virus.

Next year our speakers range from a Taxi Driver Poet, (who entertained his clients with his own poetry), Tea Tasters (who will send samples for us to taste), A representative from The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (who will tell us how the organisation started and how it continues to evolve), and A Chocolate Maker (giving us a demonstration, just in time for Easter)

November was the time for our Annual Meeting. Ten members were elected to the Committee, and from those Annette Hutchinson was nominated and elected as the new President. The new Committee are committed to working in order to promote and strengthen the Women's Institute in both Ivinghoe and Pitstone. If anyone needs more information about us then please contact Annette by email AnnetteIPWI@btinternet.com.

If you'd like any more information about our WI, please contact me, Sue Eyre on **07742138955**.

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Ivinghoe Speedwatch



The Thames Valley Police Speed Camera Van was Spotted in the vicinity at least 3 times in recent weeks...

Speedwatch within the Ivinghoe parish is very much an educational tool. Its primary aim is to educate speeding drivers that speed within our communities is not tolerated and is there to help protect the community from speeding vehicles.



The education program works in a 3 stage process

Step 1. Community Speedwatch teams report any speeding vehicles to Thames Valley Police, who in turn send out educational letters about their speed to the owners of the vehicles. Vehicles reported as speeding over the police criteria are also warned that their speed could have meant a trip to the magistrates court if it had been reported by a police officer. Habitual offenders can also be put on a police watch list.

Checks are also made by TVP against Tax, MOT and Insurance databases and offenders are dealt with accordingly.

During the recent Covid break, Community Speedwatch has been upgraded. Until recently each police force had its own Speedwatch and they never overlapped but with effect from December 2021 Speedwatch has gone national.

Step 2. Once a site has been identified as being bad for speeding, the local police team will come down and do supplementary speed checks. The educational program at this point is escalated and speeding drivers could end up with points, fines, etc.

Step 3. If the local police team cannot resolve the speeding issues, then the Roads Policing team get involved, namely the TVP camera van. Depending on the nature and seriousness of the speeding the camera van visits more often.

The fact that the camera van has been seen at least 3 times and twice within a week tells you how seriously TVP are taking the speeding issues around the Ivinghoe area.

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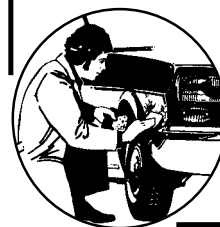
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BeaconLit Book Festival:

Ivinghoe's Book Festival returning to full strength



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Nazir Afzal OBE is former a Chief Crown Prosecutor and was Chief Executive of the UK's Police & Crime Commissioners. During

a 24-year career, Nazir prosecuted some of the most high-profile cases in the country and advised on many others, with a special focus on domestic violence, child sexual abuse, and honour-based violence. He worked personally on the most high-profile cases, whilst simultaneously overseeing the thousands of prosecutions each year, and is particularly notable for his prosecution of the so-called Rochdale sex grooming gang. Today he sits on the board of the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO) and is also National Adviser on Gender Based Violence to the Welsh Government. In 2018, he joined the advisory board of Google's Innovation Fund for counter-extremism. His life and work are the subject of his autobiography, *The Prosecutor*.



Bella Ellis is the Brontë-esque pseudonym of Rowan Coleman, the acclaimed author of numerous novels for adults

and children. She first visited the former home of the Brontë sisters when she was ten years old. From the moment she stepped over the threshold she was hooked, and she embarked on a lifelong love affair with Charlotte, Emily, and Anne; their life; their literature; and their remarkable legacy. The latest book in the series is *The Red Monarch*.



Ruth Hogan has now sold over a million books. Her first novel, *The Keeper of Lost Things*, was a Sunday Times bestseller and a

Richard and Judy pick and is published in over 30 countries. Her next novels, *The Wisdom of Sally Red Shoes* and *Queenie Malone's Paradise Hotel*, helped establish her as one of the queens of uplifting fiction. *Madame Burova*, her fourth novel, is set in her beloved Brighton. Ruth lives in a chaotic Victorian house with an assortment of rescue dogs and her long-suffering husband.



Cara Hunter is the author of the Sunday Times bestselling crime novels *Close to Home*, *In the Dark* and *No Way Out*, all

featuring DI Adam Fawley and his Oxford-based police team. *Close to Home* was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick, was shortlisted for Crime Book of the Year in the British Book Awards 2019 and *No Way Out* was selected by the Sunday Times as one of the 100 best crime novels

since 1945. Cara's novels have sold more than three quarters of a million copies worldwide. Cara Hunter lives in Oxford, on a street not unlike those featured in her books. *Hope to Die* will be published in July 2022.

The committee will be adding more names to this impressive list, and will keep you updated on the programme and plans for ticket sales.

You can keep up with all the festival news via the website at beaconlit.co.uk.

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

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



News from St. Mary's Church, Ivinghoe

Appointment of new Vicar

We are pleased to announce that after a long period without a priest, we have now appointed a new vicar for the churches in Ivinghoe, Pitstone, Slapton and Marsworth.

Revd James Grainger-Smith will be joining us later this year. He is an experienced priest who is at present the vicar of several rural churches in East Yorkshire.

He is married with two sons and is looking forward to coming to live in Ivinghoe with his family and to get to know members of the local community as well as those attending the three

churches in the benefice. His youngest son is taking his A levels in the summer and for that reason James and his family will not be moving to be with us until the early summer,

In the meantime, our weekly and Sunday services will continue at St. Mary's Ivinghoe. Visit our website for more details: www.ivinghoe-church.org

For enquiries about weddings, baptisms or funerals, please continue to phone **Sandra** or **David Green** on **01296 668648** or our benefice administrator **Carolyn Pankiw** on **01296 661246**.

For food bank enquiries contact **Babs Byrom** on **07860 780127**.

If you would like any further information regarding events or church services please contact myself, on **07860 780127** or David Green **01296 668648**.

David Green – Churchwarden



Beacon Community Choir Yvingho Tales

St Mary the Virgin Church, Ivinghoe
27th & 28th November 2021

Take a cold winter's night, a church lit by frosty moonlight, a choir straining at the leash to be freed from the penal servitude of the pandemic, a bunch of strolling players ("strolled" up from Slapton), a wee folky band of fiddle, accordion, pipes and flutes, tambours and bells, and a true story from the depths of the thirteenth century, when the village of Ivinghoe was content in its smallness, and happy as it was, but big in the plans of a power-hungry bishop, one Peter de Roches, keen to increase the prestige and influence of his diocese. Then add local author and playwright Dave Sivers to fashion and hone the story in the style of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales (very fashionable at the moment with Zadie Smith's *The Wife of Kilburn* at The Kiln). And, finally, introduce Judith Sheridan, long-time Music Director and conductor of the Beacon Choir, who has composed and arranged a score at once medieval (somewhere between the school of "Notre Dame" and "Sumer is icumen in"), with drones and parallel fifths and modal melodies, but also sprightly folky elements, incorporating themes of the period, adapted for the choir, others newly composed but always with a healthy dash of contemporary choral writing thrown in, and you have the ingredients of an intriguing evening's entertainment. As the plot winds its way through euphoria to disappointment, to rebellion, then disaster, and finally to redemption, we are on a roller coaster of emotions. Using different textures, such as "industrial" percussion in the building sequences, and a terrifying textural effect as dozens of disparate tuneless voices whisper of the burning of the crops, the trees, the wildlife, and most of the village including the half-built church, the full tragedy of the villagers is felt. When finally, one Bishop Richard de Chaseport comes to the rescue and funds the building of the church which still stands today, the relief is palpable! Congratulations to all involved, The Beacon Choir, The Slapton Players, the tireless band of musicians, expertly marshalled and directed by Judith Sheridan, Dave Sivers for the vibrant text, all ably assisted by imaginative lighting and sympathetic sound.

John Cameron – President of the Choir



CAN YOU HELP?

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

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

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

For more information please contact either:

Jean Booth 01296 661745
jean.g.booth@btinternet.com

or

Annie Stack 01296 668020
annie.stack12@gmail.com

Tots Praise at St. Mary's is back!
Fun for under 5's and their parents
and carers



Fridays:

7th and 21st January

4th and 18th February

4th and 18th March

1st April

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

For more details contact Sandra on 01296 668648

IVINGHOE HANDBELL RINGERS

Ivinghoe Hand Bells have restarted!

The Hand bell players will meet on **Monday afternoons** at **1.30pm** for an afternoon of ringing. Starting on **January 10th 2022**.

Please contact **Eilish** on **01296 668122** if you would like to join the group.

The bells belong to St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe and have a very beautiful tone. The music has been written by people in the village since the end of the last war.

If you are interested there is no need to read music, we play by numbers, 1234! A sense of rhythm is useful and an enjoyment of playing in a team.



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.

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The Bishop of Bedford blesses the new Tring School building

On 8th December, Tring School was delighted to welcome the Bishop of Bedford to bless the new school building. The Rt Revd Richard Atkinson was accompanied by the Head Students, school governors, members of the school Leadership Team and the Reverend Jane Bannister.

The Blessing was carried out by Bishop Richard on the middle floor of the three storey atrium which forms the new dining room in the school. After the Blessing the group toured the whole of the enormously impressive new building.

The contract to design and build the new school was awarded in the summer of 2019 with planning permission being granted in January 2020. The project kicked off on-site in March 2020 and of course we all know that was the month that the global Covid pandemic was declared.

The entire construction programme has been carried out against a backdrop of lockdowns, restrictions on travel, school one way systems, mass testing, Brexit, school closures, HGV driver shortages, remote learning for students, resource and labour shortages etc etc. The context could hardly have been more unusual and challenging.

Remarkably, despite the myriad of obstacles and unforeseen circumstances, the construction has been completed on budget and on time. Items are being decanted from the old school and the temporary classrooms into the new building over the Christmas break. The

building will be officially handed over to the school on 6th January 2022 with students returning on 11th January.

The final phase of the programme is the demolition of the original school followed by the landscaping and construction of a new car park to be completed by the summer of 2022.

The building is very attractive with a brick frontage within which is a large in-laid cross. The windows are large and obviously double glazed. The sides and rear of the L-shaped building are a mixture of bricks and light grey render with occasional dark red panels to reflect the school colours. The unusual design is highly effective.

The inside of the building is even more impressive. The classrooms, laboratories and all of the other teaching rooms are very spacious with large windows to allow maximum natural light. The corridors and stairwells are wide and allow a two-way flow of staff and students. The dining room is an atrium at the heart of the school. The four court sports hall is larger than a normal school facility in order to meet the Sport England specification for a number of sports at national level. The activity studio is equally impressive and includes a large skylight to allow natural light to flood in. The Learning Resource Centre and the Sixth Form are on the second and third floors respectively and both enjoy fantastic views towards Tring Park and Wendover Woods.

Every single teaching space will benefit from new and high quality ICT equipment.

The front of the new building will be significantly further back from the road thus reducing the impact on the local community; this has been a key element in the exterior design and landscaping.

The planning, design and construction of the new school has literally taken years to reach this point. The Government funding was first awarded in 2015 but due to the challenges caused by the configuration of the site it wasn't until late 2018 that the ball began rolling in earnest.

The final cost of the project is about £30m making it one of the largest projects of its kind in the UK. The school has invested nearly £1m of its own money to increase the size of the sports hall and to create dedicated spaces for pastoral support and mental wellbeing.

Alongside the construction of the new building, the school has invested over £350k on the refurbishment of the retained Beloe block. All of the teaching spaces in this block will have an identical configuration to those in the new building. This includes a state of the art 86 inch interactive screen in every room.

The school is also hoping to invest in many other new items such as cricket nets, dining room furniture, outside green spaces, high quality audio/visual in the dining room and the activity studio, outdoor furniture, a boulevard of trees,

sports equipment and a whole load more.


None of this comes cheap and the school's The Big School Fit Out fundraising campaign is just over half way to reaching its target of £50,000. If you would like to support the school, please visit www.rocketfund.org and search for Tring School.

The new school building looks fabulous, both inside and outside. It will be tremendous for the students, the staff and the entire community of Tring. The school is already considered outstanding in many areas and the new building with so many new and innovative facilities will take it to another level.

The new sports hall has a "pulastic" floor and will be a magnificent addition to the facilities readily available in the town of Tring. The two storey high activity studio has a mirrored wall, ballet barres, a partially sprung beech floor and a state of the art sound system. Both of these facilities are available for community use during evenings, weekends and school holidays. They are integrated with the 25m swimming pool to form the Tring Sports Centre. Please visit <https://tringsportscentre.org/> for further information.

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Ivinghoe Allotments

News from the Allotment



I am writing this in that period between Christmas and New Year's Eve, which no one knows what to call (Twixmas), but as you will be reading this in February, the star on the tree will have faded, as will the memory of mince pies and tinsel. You may by now have suffered dry January, moist January and/or Veganuary and to dampen the mood further I will let you know that my Christmas potatoes failed and I blame Jack frost. My celeriacs were all show on the surface, but offered absolutely no substance underneath, which necessitated a quick emergency dash to the farm shop to offset any danger that my family would go without their celeriac soup with truffle oil on Christmas day, an apparently unforgivable omission.

That's enough gloom for as February begins, it brings the promise of Spring to come.

Sarah Raven says that 'February can be a very mixed month weather-wise, from sunshine warm enough to take your coat off, to snow or heavy, freezing rain. On good days, take time to get out into the garden to work and look around.

If the ground isn't too frozen or waterlogged, you can dig over the soil, or turn the compost if you have any. Tidy away any debris on beds and the lawn if it isn't too wet or frozen to walk on. Get organised and buy all the seeds and

compost you're going to need for the coming months.'

During January I do try to sort my seeds by sowing month and clean out the greenhouse. I do this so that from February onwards, especially when the weather is inclement, I can sow my seeds (I particularly love to do this when the rain is lashing down, the heater fired up and a podcast is playing). The first seeds I'd take care of would be broad beans, early leeks, first early peas, beetroot and even tomatoes (if in an area of blight, plant blight resistant). Seed potatoes will be in the shops by then. These will need chitting so, as Ernie said in his February 2021 article, save those egg cartons.

March and April (early Spring) can be a tricky time of the year. If the lengthening days entice you into a false sense of security, you may regret it if a cold snap brings chilly nights and frost. So if you decide to sow anything outside, please make sure that all tender plants are covered with a fleece to protect against a cold snap attack. You should also dig out any remaining winter crops such as brussels sprouts, cabbages, celeriac, kale, etc, which will otherwise bolt or deteriorate. To replace these, I sow courgettes, carrots, outdoor cucumbers, radishes and summer squash.

One of the other things to sow in the

greenhouse (or even on your windowsill) in early spring is sweetcorn. But what should you do once you've harvested the corns and all that's left are the stalks? Russell, who has a lovely allotment with a beautiful willow fence, has written a piece which will help rid you of your old sweetcorn plants.

'I was lucky enough to enjoy a day as a Zookeeper at our local zoo (ZSL Whipsnade) in mid-October. Great fun all day, but what I did notice when leaving the rhino area was a pile of old sweet corn plants. These are woody and difficult to compost for gardeners. Apparently large mammals – rhino and hippo – love them and are offered alongside a balanced diet as 'Browse'. Essential a little fun snack. So, I grabbed my old plants and a few from other



allotments and brought them back to the zoo later that week. The photos show my journey.' from allotment, waiting at

the security gates for a keeper, until we arrived at the Hippo headquarters. As I left, I snapped a final shot of the hippos outside in their enclosure. I'm sure I saw them licking their lip (do Hippos have lips?). So, if you have a few sweetcorn plants left over next year (once you've eaten the delicious corn), let Simone know and we can arrange for these to go to a great home. I promise the hippo and rhino will be very grateful'. ►



As I am writing this just after Christmas and you are reading it when the last of the sprouts are ready to dig up, here is a really delicious recipe for deep fried Brussels sprouts (I know because I have made it) from James Martin:

Ingredients: 400 Brussels sprouts, 1 kohlrabi, ¼ bunch parsley, 250g extra virgin olive oil, 50g Sherry vinegar, 1tsp Dijon mustard, 1 small garlic clove thinly sliced, zest of ½ orange.

Hazelnut Mayo: 2tbs chickpea water (from tins), 1tsp rice vinegar, 1tbs 100% hazelnut paste (or praline or Nutella), 1tsp Dijon mustard, 300mls veg oil

Method: Brussels sprouts: Wash (if necessary) and cut the Brussels sprouts in half. Dry thoroughly. Deep fry in a deep fat fryer or shallow fry in a large saucepan at 180 degrees until dark brown (about 2-3 mins) the centre should still be green.

Remove from the oil and place in some kitchen roll. Season with salt.

Pickled Kohlrabi: Mix the oil, vinegar, Dijon, garlic and orange together until it emulsifies. Peel and cut the Kohlrabi into quarters and slice it thinly. Chop the parsley and sprinkle on the kohlrabi. Cover with the dressing.

Hazelnut Mayo: Whisk the egg yolk and vinegar for 30 seconds then add the Dijon and hazelnut paste and keep whisking. Slowly add the oil whilst whisking to form a Mayo. If too thick, add a few drops of cold water. Season.

Roast a handful of whole hazelnuts for 5 minutes at 175 degrees. Break them up and add to the dish at the end.

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Ivinghoe, Ivinghoe Aston & Pitstone Horticultural Society

Sadly, we were unable to hold our annual flower show due to the ongoing pandemic.

However, the keen allotmentee's from Pitstone and Ivinghoe allotments couldn't be put off and managed to stage a socially distanced version of the annual inter village challenge for the 'Harry Ecklethwaithe Shield' in the autumn, with the theme being "anything goes". The result was two spectacularly staged displays of fruit, veg, flowers, cookery, produce, arts and crafts, in which Pitstone narrowly edged the Judges verdict.

We'd like to thank our judges Bob and Amy along with all those who contributed to the fine exhibits.

Karen, our Chair, presented the trophy to Ingrid and Rob representing the Pitstone allotmentee's.

As last year, the prestigious RHS Banksian Medal, (in normal times awarded to the top points winner at the annual show for horticultural achievement), was again awarded to a person or group contributing to helping in the community with a horticultural theme. This year the committee unanimously decided to award it to Pitstone Allotment Association's educational group for their fantastic efforts hosting the PACE charity for visits to the allotment site. An article can be found on PAA's website after their first two visits, see below, a subsequent visit took place in the autumn, and it

is anticipated that regular visits will be made by PACE to the site in the future.

<http://pitstoneallotmentassociation.org.uk/category/news-from-the-chair/>

Ingrid and Rob accepted the award from Karen on behalf of Gill, Marge, Geoff, Brian and the rest of the team.

Fingers crossed that we will have proper show this year.



Pitstone's Display



Ivinghoe's Display



Karen with Rob and Ingrid

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Ashridge Ramblings – Farewell and thanks to the Brownlow Café

The new year got off to a bitter-sweet start at Ashridge. Ian, Jensigne and their team, who ran the Brownlow Café at the Visitor Centre so brilliantly for 13 years, said goodbye – and in style. On one of the warmest early-January days on record, well-wishers flocked in for a last Brownlow breakfast or latté and scone, and were treated to the sound of the band “Mexican Way”. Ian and Jensigne mingled, customers sang and dogs barked their appreciation.

What made the Brownlow Café so exceptional? It was a combination of local produce expertly prepared and served by a truly charming and dedicated team in the most attractive of surroundings.

The National Trust will be opening a new café in spring, including indoor seating in case you prefer four walls and a ceiling to no walls and a sky. For the sake of the Trust's funds, I hope it does well but, without question, the Brownlow Café is an extremely hard, if not impossible, act to follow.

I end with personal thanks (but suspect I speak for many) to Ian, Jensigne and their wonderful team. All good wishes for a successful venture elsewhere. I hope it's nearby (and includes giant, cream-stuffed scones)!

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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 – ivinghoeaparishclerk@gmail.com

Bucks Councillors Report

70 Trees for 70 Years

Do you have a favourite tree or woodland in Buckinghamshire? An ancient oak you always pass on your walks? An area of woodland where you love to sit and enjoy the sunshine? Or somewhere that evokes fond childhood memories?

In addition, BC are still asking for offers of other support such as accommodation, translation skills, community support etc. At present we do not need offers of second-hand clothing. You can offer your help or support via the dedicated pages on our website.

Bucks Council are looking for the best-loved trees and woodlands in Buckinghamshire, as part of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

To mark her Jubilee year in 2022, HM The Queen has launched a unique tree planting initiative called The Queen's Green Canopy which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, The Queen's Green Canopy BC dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

Alongside this, we would like to celebrate more of Buckinghamshire's trees and woodlands, and are inviting residents to nominate their favourites. We are aiming to compile a list of the 70 most-loved trees and woodlands in Buckinghamshire.

To take part, take a photo of your chosen tree or woodland, tell us

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The trees or woodland must not be on private land that is not accessible to members of the public.

You can nominate more than one tree or woodland. If more than 70 trees are nominated, the top 70 with the most nominations will be chosen.

Nominations close at midnight on 1st May 2022.

Find out more about the Queen's Jubilee and how you can celebrate via our website <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/the-queens-platinum-jubilee/>

BC are encouraging residents and community groups to support tree planting as part of the Bucks Tree Mission – a shared mission to plant trees for a greener future.

The Bucks Tree Mission is an important part of our Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy. The strategy will reduce our carbon emissions by 75% by 2030 on the way to achieving net-zero no later than 2050.

For information about Bucks

Tree Mission <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/trees-and-hedges/tree-planting-schemes/>

Buckinghamshire Council wins national award for 'Best Promotion of Two-Year-Old Funding'

At the National Association of Family Information Services (NAFIS) awards in November 2021, Buckinghamshire Council's Family Information Service won a national award for the 'Best Promotion of Two-Year-Old Funding'. Entries for the award were judged by a panel of parent champions.

Two-Year-Old Funding is available for parents who meet certain criteria. It entitles them to 15 hours per week (term-time) or 11 hours per week (all year) childcare at a nursery, pre-school or childminders.

The award was achieved due to the close collaboration with the council's Early Years and Childcare Two-Year-Old Funding team to develop an effective campaign that uses a range of promotional materials across digital channels. This includes videos exploring what Two-Year-Old Funding is, the benefits of taking up a funded childcare place, and a targeted video which goes out alongside the distribution of leaflets across the county.

Parents and carers who are interested in finding out more about the funding can do so by going to <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/childcare->

[and-early-years/paying-childcare/2yo-funded-childcare.](#)

Buckinghamshire residents receive awards in the Queen's New Year's Honours list

Awards for 32 Buckinghamshire residents were announced today in HM The Queen's New Year Honours List. These men and women have been recognised for their outstanding work in supporting key services and communities, ranging from a commitment to voluntary services for young people to community support efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic.

There are two recipient's within the Ivinghoe ward, these being – **Medallists of the Order of the British Empire (BEM)**

Mrs Carol Mary Lister: For services to the community in Cheddington, Buckinghamshire particularly during Covid-19

Mrs Pamela Susan Gail Steed: For services to the community in Cheddington, Buckinghamshire particularly during Covid-19

Buckinghamshire Council announces 2022/23 budget proposals

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While many other councils are struggling to meet the financial pressures, Buckinghamshire Council can balance its budget whilst continuing to allocate funds to key projects residents have asked for. However, this is only possible by making some difficult funding choices.

All councils are operating in a highly uncertain financial landscape, coping with significantly increased demands on services, alongside the added pressures of the Covid pandemic, whilst seeing reduced funding streams from areas such as car parking and leisure centres. In Buckinghamshire we are managing many competing challenges, from higher costs, because of inflation, to the financial pressures many of our key providers are facing. It's also a big challenge recruiting and retaining staff in vital areas such as social work, where we need to be able to offer competitive wages to hire and keep staff in these critical roles.

Our prudent financial management through these challenging times means Buckinghamshire is in a positive position of being able to bring forward plans to balance the books while still delivering the service improvements in areas our residents have asked us to prioritise, such as committing over £100 million to roads and pavement improvements and our plans to open a new Household Recycling Centre in the north of the county.

As with all local authorities, the biggest budget pressures come from those services we are legally required to provide, particularly social care for

both Adults and Children. Overall, 57% of our net budget is spent on these services. In total we budget to spend approximately £295 million on social care services in 2022/23. Protecting the vulnerable and helping those that need the Council's services the most is arguably the most important work we do. We need to balance this alongside spending on the biggest priorities for our residents, like roads and pavements maintenance and improvements, tackling climate change and supporting our residents and businesses to build back from the pandemic.

It means difficult choices are being made and the budget proposals include the following ways of raising the necessary revenue for 2022/23:

- Increasing Council Tax in Buckinghamshire by 3.99% (a rise of £1.23 per week for the average Band D property). This includes a 2% precept to help pay for Adult Social Care
- Reducing some of the funding for our sixteen Community Boards
- Continuing the significant savings being made as a result of becoming a single unitary council
- Using a one-off sum of £1.36 million from the General Fund to balance the budget and mitigate risk in 2023/24

Making these decisions allows the Council both to balance the books (a legal requirement) and still continue many key projects such as:

- Fighting Climate Change by planting more than half a million new trees in Bucks, one for every resident
- Again next year, cleaning out every one of the 85,000 gullies in the county
- Spending more than £100 million on

our roads and pavement improvement programme

- Enhanced street cleaning in local communities – part of our 'Big Bucks Tidy Up' programme

Our capital budget spans the next four years and proposes spend in the following key areas:

- £37.9m to support Economic Growth & Regeneration
- £136.4m on schools, and school improvement projects
- £117.9m on overall transport and Strategic Highways maintenance including i) £61.6m on major highway resurfacing schemes; ii) £17.7m on smaller planned surface repairs (known as 'Plane and Patch' repairs); iii) £8.5m on pavement repairs; iv) £8.4m on Street Lighting repairs, replacement and maintenance; v) £8m on drainage works to reduce flooding on our roads
- £120.5m on Strategic Infrastructure
- £24m investment in Waste, primarily on vehicle replacement and a household recycling centre in Buckingham
- £21.7m to support Housing and Homelessness including affordable housing action plans and disabled facilities grants

Buckinghamshire Council runs a robust and thorough budget scrutiny process, going further than many other councils to offer its residents the chance of hearing directly from councillors about the budget plans and giving residents the chance to question, challenge, and feedback direct through public budget scrutiny sessions which will begin on Monday 10 January. The details can be found on the Council's website at the meetings calendar page.

The Council's Cabinet has approved the plans at a meeting earlier today (Thursday 6 January).

Buckinghamshire Council awards Household Recycling Centres contract to FCC Recycling

Buckinghamshire Council has awarded the new contract to manage and operate its nine Household Recycling Centres to FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd. The contract is due to start on 1 April 2022 and run for five years with the option to extend a further five years (ten in total).

Buckinghamshire's Household Recycling Centres attract over a million visits a year and handle more than 60,000 tonnes of waste. FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd, which manages the current contract for Buckinghamshire's Household Recycling Centres, was agreed as the successful bidder, subject to contract, at the council's Cabinet meeting in December.

The new contract is worth £15 million over five years rising to £28.5 million over ten years if the contract is extended. Some elements of the successful bid include:

- Partnership with South Bucks Hospice to ensure more waste is reused from all sites through the shops at Aston Clinton and High Wycombe
- A Waste Awareness and Education Manager to support residents and the wider community to recycle and reuse more
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Fly-tipping – notes from Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement Team

- If reporting dumped **waste for clearance** pls use **Fix My Street** www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk unless on **private land** then report to mailbox SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
Fix My Street reports for public land are sent automatically to the right clean-up team, which helps us a lot, and all FMS reports are copied to the Enforcement Team including images and location map.
- If you see someone fly-tipping **please don't put yourself at risk - don't interfere**, just take details (they might take the waste somewhere else to dump it with no witnesses if you shout at them !)
- Report details incl **vehicle registration index, location, date and time** to mailbox SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- No need to put yourself at risk taking photos, but always helpful if you're able to do so **safely**
- Householders must **by law** use only a registered waste carrier (or council waste removal service)
- We ask everyone to **insist they pay online** which is far more traceable than cash
- Please make a note of the waste carrier vehicle registration index just in case
- Householders will be viewed as witnesses (rather than potentially defendants) in Bucks if they make traceable payment (not cash) even if their waste is fly-tipped
- Use someone you find to take your waste away - not someone who "finds you" don't use 'man with van' who knocks at your door unrequested
- Most of the waste which is fly-tipped in Bucks is brought in from elsewhere (mainly London and Slough)
- 2/3 of fly-tipping is trade waste (which means someone paid a waste carrier to take it away) and not a resident stupidly dumping their own waste
- On average there has been more than 1 dumping conviction per week for 10 years in Bucks
- Average total offenders pay at court is £1,875 (includes both dumping and duty of care failure cases)
- Fines have increased since 2014 Sentencing Guidelines came in
- Re-offenders are much more likely to be caught and will be at a higher risk of a prison sentence (to a maximum of 5 years)
- Buckinghamshire Council receives back over 70% of the investigation and clean-up costs for fly-tip court cases back to Council bank accounts
- Never be tempted to add items to fly-tipped waste – this would be viewed as fly-tipping (by you !) and a '**Zero Tolerance**' policy applies
- **Household waste is free** to take to the Household Recycling Centre, aka 'the dump' (includes fridges, mattresses, sofas, household black bag excess)
- 'Household waste' usually means the things you would take with you if you moved house, plus plant based garden waste – full details at :- www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres/waste-we-charge-for
- Waste management has never been 'free' – there are always costs, sometimes paid by taxation
- HRC site users pay for expensive extra services, rather than everyone subsidising through council tax
- S.C.R.A.P. Fly-tipping campaign <https://www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/scrap-fly-tipping/>



Follow Fly-tipping Enforcement team on Twitter at [@BucksFlyTipping](https://twitter.com/BucksFlyTipping)

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