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Welcome from the Chair

Welcome to the August 2024 issue of the Ivinghoe Beacon Magazine.



Karen Groom,
Chair, Ivinghoe Parish Council

Albert Reynolds

Albert was a Parish Councillor representing Ivinghoe Aston for many years, we worked together as Councillors on local matters. Albert was passionate about Ivinghoe Aston and was a popular and active member of the local area. His contribution to the local community is greatly appreciated. On behalf of the Parish Council and wider community I would like to send condolences to his family, he will be missed by many.

Local Events

Recently we enjoyed the Ivinghoe fete in the sunshine, it was a lovely sunny afternoon and well attended. Thank you to the organisers. This month we can look forward to the Fairground visiting Ivinghoe Lawn.

Verges

At the time of writing the verges continue to be overgrown, with Buckinghamshire Council cutting back on grass cutting this has caused a problem for the parish. In the spring Ivinghoe Parish Council should be offered a devolved services payment from Buckinghamshire Council. The annual payment would partly contribute towards grass cutting in the 30MPH areas. This will be considered by the Parish Council in the Spring when the offer is made.





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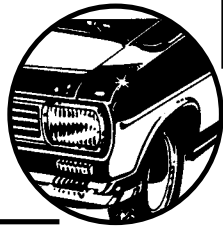


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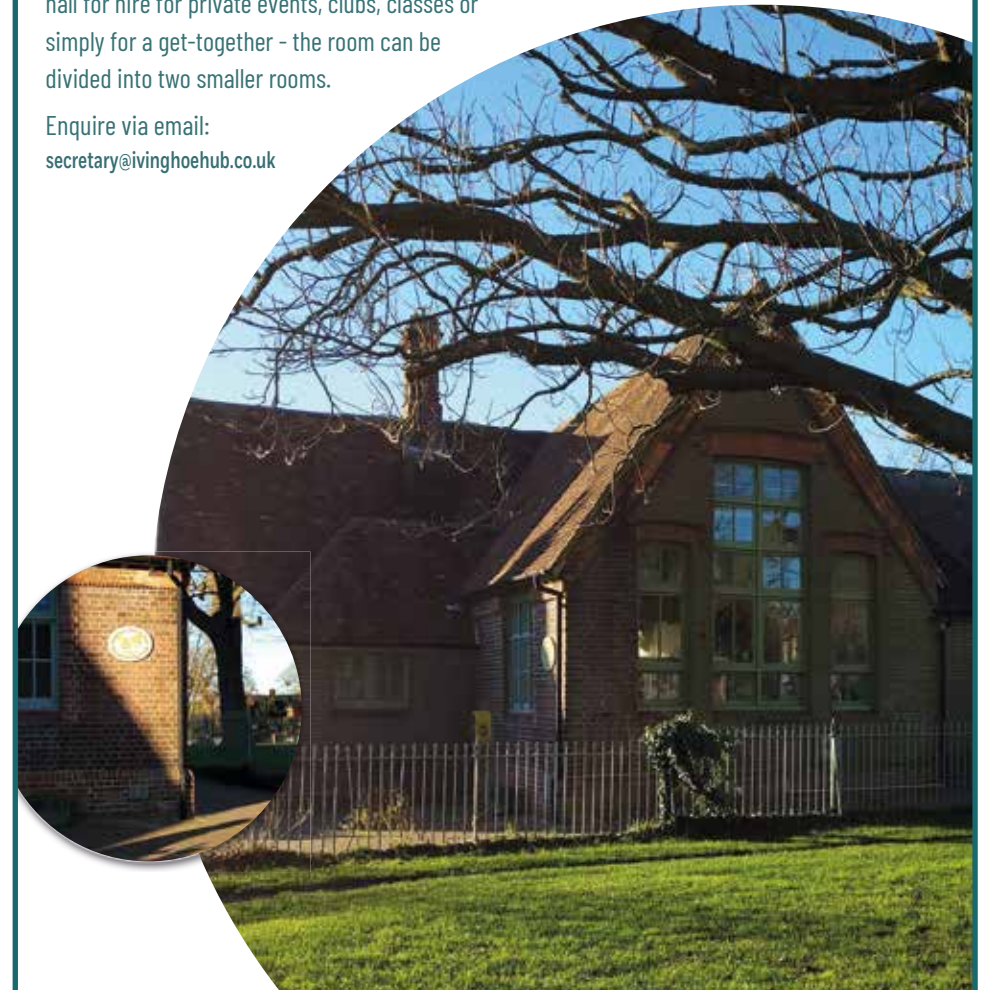
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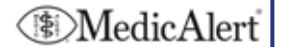
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MedicAlert and Thames Valley Police: Introducing Safe and Found

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Albert Reynolds

One of the wise old men of the village, Albert Reynolds, sadly passed away on 8 April. Though there is a fuller tribute to Albert in this edition, I cannot not make mention of him here. Albert was very well known around the village and during his time here he took part in just about anything and everything in support of the village from being a parish councilor, driver of 'Queen Elizabeth's' royal tractor at the jubilee celebrations and being a long serving Christmas elf.

I am sure we all send our best regards to Shelley, Julie and their families.



D-Day Remembered

I sort of set aside my hunt for village history with the aim of trying to find something that was appropriate to the recent 80th anniversary of D-Day. In doing so I stumbled across a letter by a former resident, Stan Kershaw, which by itself does not appear to have any link to the D-Day period until that is you look into what he has written:

Boyhood Memories of Ivanhoe Aston

A Memory of Ivinghoe Aston

I have very fond memories of Ivanhoe Aston. My Aunt and Uncle Tom and Florence Boanson moved there from Sunderland in 1939 along with their 2 sons George and Tom. To my knowledge they were the first tenants of 3 Ashbys Villas. Uncle Tom worked at Ashby's Lime Kiln which was half way up the hill. George was in the RAF but was killed in June 1944. People I remember from then were Mr Vaux who had 3 girls and 1 boy, Mr Coleman with daughters Lil and Joan and a son who's name was either Raymond or George, Mr Bryant with son Bill and also the Puddyfoot family. The Swan Pub was owned by Mr and Mrs Wibdon and he used to snare rabbit's up by the Kilns. The families next to the Pub were the Puddyfoots, the Kheo's and the Rogers. The local farm was the Turneys latter to the Whites. Down near the canal there was 3 very large oak trees which were cut down after the war.

I came from Sunderland and spent most of the war years in the village with my aunt and uncle which were very happy times with some lovely memories.

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Picking up the detail about George Boanson and a little research I came across the following:

Flight Sergeant John George Shepherd Boanson (1873573)

George Boanson served with 514 squadron based out of RAF Waterbeach in Cambridgeshire and was a mid gunner in an Avro Lancaster II.

On June 8th 1944, two days after D-Day, 514 Squadron Lancaster DS822 and her crew were part of a large RAF bombing raid on German communications and transport targets near Paris, intended to slow down the progress of German reinforcements heading for the Normandy beaches.

The aircraft was shot down by a Luftwaffe night fighter at around 2:00 am, crashing in a forest near the village of La Celle-Les-Bordes. Three airmen died in the crash, whilst the four survivors baled out and attempted to evade the occupying German troops and the Gestapo. George Boanson was one of the three crewmen to lose their life that evening. He was just 21 years old.

The story though did not end there because a local boy by the name of Francois Ydier who lived close to the crash site went on to write a book, *The Boy and the Bomber*. Published in 2016 it tells of the profound affect the crash had on his local community and how the surviving airmen were helped to evade capture.

John George Shepherd Boanson of 3 Ashby Villas, Ivinghoe Aston was laid to rest at La Celle-Les-Bordes Communal C, France.

Pounds and Pinfolds

I couldn't resist this one having come across a website dedicated to the recording of pounds and pinfolds in the UK. What is a pound or pinfold

I hear you ask!

Well, they are structures built to confine stray stock or animals found grazing on land for which their owner did not have permission. They are basically a pen in which animals are kept to be collected by the owner usually upon payment of a fine from the local lord of the manor. The pounds were made from various materials, wood, stone and usually located on the fringes of a settlement and the local manor. According to the website Ivinghoe Aston has its very own one!

Its location was at grid reference: 495228,218193 which puts it just about where the flag pole is today. Apparently a local map of 1879 shows said pound and a nearby old letterbox.

From Rubbish to a Bonfire Pile to Impassible Paths

The debacle surrounding the removal of those huge piles of rubbish took an age to resolve itself only for a new pile of garden waste to appear not more than a few days later. As of Sunday 23 June that pile was still here. The only difference being that it has now transformed itself into what must be a potential fire hazard (or at least it could easily be). Additionally some paths through the village have obviously suffered from **No Mow May** and are now into **No Job June!!**

Maybe in a future edition the BC report will be able to talk about all the great things done to resolve these sort of issues in our parish.

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WI News...

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Women's Institute



Our new financial year started in April with an interesting talk and slideshow by Kenneth Brazier on Kilimanjaro and the Mercy Ships. Ken has been raising money for charity for many years with over 20 challenges either cycling or walking and when he was 67 he decided to raise money for the Mercy Ships Charity by being part of an expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. The Mercy Ships Charity is a Christian charity that supports 2 large hospital ships which provide hope and healing in Africa through surgical care and surgical education.

His aim was to raise £5000 for the charity by climbing Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa and the highest free standing mountain in the world. Statistics demonstrate that 20% of climbers do not make it to the summit and more people die attempting to climb this mountain than climbing Mount Everest in spite of there being more people attempting to climb Everest. The greatest obstacle to overcome is altitude sickness which is fickle as it will affect some people but not others. Luckily Ken came into the latter category. If you are affected by altitude sickness, the only way to save your life is to descend.

As part of his talk Ken showed his original rucksack and then like Mary Poppins' bottomless carpet bag, produced everything he took with him for the

trip. He had a suitable vest to allow for the wicking of sweat, 3 checked shirts, 2 pairs of walking trousers that could be unzipped to become shorts, a lightweight waterproof jacket, a water camel, waterproof trousers, a liner and thicker sleeping bag, ski gloves, a head torch, iodine drops to help with water purification (the climbers had to drink 4 to 5 litres of water a day), orange vitamin C tablets, a warm wind proof jacket for the colder higher altitudes and walking poles to help with knees and balance. These items were the minimum that Ken could take to survive the heat of the Equator at the bottom of the mountain and the cold and snow when they reached the summit.

The group took 6 days to walk slowly to the summit so that they could acclimatise to the altitude. The slides showed a desolate landscape with very little wildlife. The high altitude affected people differently with Ken feeling unwell and another man suffering from hallucinations about a train. Ken, the "old man" of the trip actually reached the summit first in his group. It was a momentous achievement.

The trip back down to the bottom, in comparison only took one and a half days. The guides and porters sang their ritual Kilimanjaro song and the group bid them an emotional thank you and farewell as throughout the whole trip their lives had been in these peoples'

hands. Ken successfully beat his target of £5000 sponsorship money to the tune of £16000. A triumph! Ken is a charming and adventurous person who has no intention of giving up his challenges and at the age of 83 is planning a trip to North West Spain to walk along the Pilgrimage Way. The talk was enjoyed immensely by our members.

Our May meeting was a celebration for our 107th birthday. We met in Pitstone Pavillion and enjoyed an Afternoon Tea with Prosecco to celebrate. It was exciting to welcome members from surrounding WI's to our meeting as we had not been able to do this for several years. We had members from Long Marston, Aston Clinton, Cheddington, Marsworth and Drayton Beauchamp. Everyone said how good it was to all be back together again. We were then treated to a talk by Thelma Sackman, Vice President and WI Advisor. We were told the hilarious story of her growing up as a child of an army officer, always on the move and her training as a nurse and career in the NHS. It was a fabulous evening enjoyed by all who attended.

June's meeting was held in Ivinghoe Town Hall and we welcomed 2 new visitors interested in joining our group. Our talk was changed tonight due to unforeseen circumstances and we were delighted to welcome Michael Kerry-White and his presentation on "What did Ancient Civilisations do for us". The talk was on the lesser known inventions that have ended up being a big part of the Western way of life. We were first informed of the inventions created in China. Four thousand years ago the Chinese invented the compass. Then a moveable printing press was developed

2000 years BC and was made using movable clay pieces. Whilst looking for the Elixir of Life the Chinese made gunpowder which was then used for fireworks. Ironically, the Mongols took the gunpowder and used it for warfare. 1500 BC the Chinese invented the first seismograph using levers and a ball to show where the earthquake was coming from. They were also the first to develop paper money as gold and coins were too heavy to carry around to pay for goods. One of their favourite inventions was the kite which was used by children to play with and then developed into hang gliders and gliders. Who knew that tea originated in China and was stolen by a British man who took it to Darjeeling in India where it then spread widely around the world. We next learned that the Egyptians invented eye makeup using Kohl. Both men and women used it to protect them from the gods. Other inventions included toothpaste, door locks, the Barber industry and bowling. The Greeks were mentally clever but did copy a lot of ideas. They invented the Hippocratic oath, Architect design, Philosophy, pneumatics, the alarm clock, the Jury system, the steam engine and also vending machines to dispense holy water for a coin. The Romans built the first proper roads and aqueducts. They invented signposts and mile markers, inventing an Odometer to measure miles. The introduction of cheap and then free food for the poor eventually resulted in bankruptcy for the Roman Empire. They also invented concrete which was used in the building of the Roman Pantheon. Another great invention was flushing toilets and they also created adverts and trade markers. The Indians invented ►

the term “zero”. They were the first country to discover diamonds and the first to introduce cataract surgery. The Americans discovered cocoa and invented chocolate. They also discovered popcorn and were the first country to offer free mandatory education. All these inventions were obscure but in the words of Jonathan Swift “The greatest inventions were produced in times of ignorance (such) as the use of the compass, gunpowder and printing”. Tessa gave our vote of thanks for this interesting insight into how items we take for granted were introduced to the Western World.

Our interest groups are continuing to meet up. Random Readers meet monthly in Ivinghoe library. Spare books will now be brought to meetings to share with all members with the surplus being passed onto the Church. The Knit and Natter group knitted and refurbished poppies to beautifully decorate the villages on 1st June for the D-Day anniversary. Craft group have been very busy and led by Sue in April made some lovely needle cases. This was followed with beautiful but simple watercolour and ink cards and bookmarks. Then an extra activity was arranged with 14 members attending a Fused Glass Workshop in the Hub producing beautiful glass pieces. The Social group have met up for several coffee mornings in the Daisy Chain Cafe. Seven members visited a company in Clapham to look at some amazing dance costumes including the dresses used in the show Strictly Come dancing. They had a fabulous day with a talk about how the dresses were made and the fact that only 50 colours are used so that they always match. The company was started by Peggy Spencer

and is very successful. It is always extra busy when the new series starts and dresses can be bought or hired for a price! There is an outing planned to visit Ampthill Wool festival in July.

The Walking group had a very muddy walk on Good Friday along part of the Hertfordshire Way from St Albans to Markyate. There was a coffee stop at The Mill at Redbournbury which included hot cross buns- delicious. The walk involved crossing a section where the river had flooded the path. The water was deep and we had to cross on 2 long branches. A big shout out must go to Angela who had a broken wrist and was in two minds about turning back and Jill who had wellies and was able to help her cross the water without falling in.

Also at our June meeting we congratulated Sue and Maggie for abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. These 2 brave ladies showed no fear and really enjoyed their experience. They retold their story with a great sense of adventure. We all felt very proud of them. They raised £3000 for their chosen charities with Maggie’s half going to the Keech Hospice and Sue’s half to the Rennie Grove Peace Hospice. A fabulous result for these wonderful ladies.

Future events planned for our WI is a Tombola and Cake stall at the Ivinghoe Fete on 22nd June and a Promo day with a Cake stall at the Windmill Fest in July. Our July meeting is an interactive meeting where we are going to learn how to Jive. Sounds like a lot of fun. If you would like to give our friendly group a trial please email annetteipwi@btinternet.com to find out more details. We would love to see you and welcome you to our WI and all it offers.



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Tribute to Albert Reynolds



Albert Reynolds, much loved resident of Ivinghoe Aston for 50 years, died peacefully on April 8th, with his daughters, Shelley and Julie by his side.

Albert was born in Markyate. He attended the village school.

He would help his father at the cafe the family ran on the A5.

On leaving school, after many varied jobs he ended up running the Milk Bar on Dunstable High Street, for about 15 years, with the family living above the premises.

Albert married Margaret in 1959. The family moved to IA in 1974, living at Six Acres, with Albert starting work as a despatch supervisor at Mothers Pride in Leighton Buzzard.

The land was previously scrub land and Albert worked hard to clear it and transform it into his beloved garden.

On retirement from the bakery, Albert worked a variety of jobs – gardener, filling in graves, house clearances, auction minder and caretaker for our old village hall.

Albert was always willing to get involved in village activities, such as royal celebrations(including dressing up as the Queen for her 50th jubilee celebration), running crockery smashing stall at the village fetes, being our flag master, helping Father Christmas deliver presents at the pub on Christmas Day.

He became a regular down the pub on a Saturday night. He enjoyed kareoke, on a slow night he could always be called on to get the singing started.

He also enjoyed quiz nights, some times with his team being called "Where's Albert?". In a poignant moment, Shelley, Julie and Shelley's husband John formed the Where's Albert team in the first quiz night shortly after his death, going on to win the night.

Albert also served as a councillor on the Ivinghoe Parish Council for many years.

After the council he became Chair of Dagnall allotment society and spent his Sunday mornings at the society shop.

Albert was cremated in a private, family-only ceremony, with a celebration of his life planned for August.

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4th Sunday of the Month	10:00am Holy Communion
5th Sunday of the Month	10.00am Benefice Communion

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A love of reading at Brookmead School

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

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

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

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

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



Brookmead Library – themed area

Brookmead – shared reading area

Ivinghoe Allotments

News
from the
Allotment

Dearest Gentle Reader. We have been apart for far too long. At last London's fashionable set has made its return and so too has this author's... oops, wrong news sheet. At the allotment, here in Ivinghoe (and not Bridgerton) there are no gossamer gowns, salacious gossip or delightful romping, unless you count the behaviour of the far too many slugs and snails.

Indeed, the main focus of conversation amongst gardeners and allotmenters alike this summer, is the catastrophic quantity of slugs this year (for context it is now late June and the rain has only just subsided to finally, make way for some sunshine). There are over 44 species of slug in the UK and 90 of snail. Although just a quarter of domestic slugs actually feed on live plants those that do seem hell-bent on eating everything, including plants that they usually don't touch, such as potato leaves and tomato plants. Both Ernie (my allotment neighbour) and myself have lost our entire broad bean crop, totally destroyed. Sadly, there will be no home-grown broad beans for the BBQ this year.

In an article in Country Living' RHS's principal entomologist, Dr Hayley Jones, said that 'Not only do the milder temperatures and rain provide the ideal conditions for the gastropods to

survive, but it also helps them to thrive and reproduce'. Just so you know and in case you wondered, snails and slugs eat with a jaw and a flexible band of thousands of microscopic teeth, called radula. The radula scrapes up, or rasps food particles and the jaw cuts off larger pieces of food, like a leaf, to be rasped by the radula. Feel free to check the internet for nightmare inducing photos of a slug's mouth, but don't say you weren't warned!

The lament on all our lips is how to get rid of these eating machines, as nothing seems to work, not even the usually reliable beer traps or copper rings. The best, most organic, beautiful, but perhaps not terribly practical solution is to keep ducks, especially runner ducks. They are beyond brilliant at keeping down slug populations without nibbling your vegetables and plants. They also provide eggs – result!

In previous missives I have mentioned my polytunnel. The good news is that it is up and running, assembled by two fabulous, practical men in the worst wind and swirling rain. They built the main frame, then battled with a billowing plastic sheet which they stretched over the frame.

I have since weeded and laid down permeable matting to deter any weeds



from returning in the future. I also visited Pitstone allotments where I was kindly shown around different polytunnels, each with a distinct layout for me to consider.

At the moment I have laid out the dimensions of potential beds with string, two to the side, one in the middle and placed various pots containing tomatoes, aubergines, melons, peppers and gherkins within those dimensions. I have hung a basket of storage tomatoes and another few of strawberries. By the time you read this I will have many pictures of the abundant produce (hopefully).

I also wrote about growing in pots last time. So far, I have planted carrots, potatoes and lettuce. The carrots have been a disaster, but I think I used sacks which were too large and ran out of poor sandy earth. As a result, they were only half filled and I suspect (strongly as they were hidden behind my polytunnel), that I neglected to water them properly. I will re-site them shortly in more elevated and conspicuous positions, re-planted in full bags of poor soil. I will also water them regularly.

The potatoes, all in pots of various sizes, have a good amount of foliage even though some have been ravaged by the aforementioned beasties. I am still hopeful of achieving a good crop of

the various varieties sown. However, once again I did not heed my own advice about positioning them in easily accessible places. Actually, I thought that I had on this occasion, but did not realise that the Jerusalem artichokes, which I believed I had dug up would reappear in a small but extraordinarily dense group in front of a good number of the bags. I will only know how this affects the yield once the bags are emptied. It will be a learning experience and you never know, some may be winners at this year's **Horticultural Show on Saturday 17 August.** ►



You may recall that I recommended radishes as a suitable vegetable for entry into the Show. I chose a heritage variety called 'Radish Fire Candle' (seeds supplied by the excellent 'She Grows Veg' company). The crop was good, and they were delicious, but I left some in too long which rendered them tasteless and tough. I have since sown another variety (seeds from the same company) called 'watermelon' and am very excited to see how they turn out.



Re: the Horticultural Show, don't forget that you can enter free, ONLINE, or by post until Thursday 15 August 2024. For further information, please see the various local magazines, leaflets, social media or via the Ivinghoe and Pitstone Parish websites.

Another recent discovery – did you know that you can eat sunflowers? I didn't either. Apparently, according to the She Grows Veg blog 'There are a number of really interesting ways you can eat sunflowers that make them worth growing even more. From microgreens to seeds and even the

heads and unopened flower buds, sunflowers offer a variety of textures and flavours that can enhance your meals'.

Sunflower seeds are the most well-known edible part and can be used raw or roasted as a snack, in baking, sprinkled on salads or 'blend roasted sunflower seeds into a creamy spread' and used like peanut butter. According to the blog one can eat the entire sunflower head. 'Brush the heads with olive oil and season, then grill or roast until tender. The flavour is like that of artichoke hearts. The head can also be sliced into thick slices and sautéed in butter and oil until tender'.

I am definitely going to experiment with these suggestions and others mentioned in the blog.

I am aware that it is a long-standing tradition for this column to outline growing plans for the next few months. The impact of the weather this year, compounded by locust-like slugs consuming everything in their path, means that my plants, floral and vegetable, are at least three weeks behind schedule. So, when I contemplate what needs to be done next, I'm mindful that the timing is not exact and more than a little judgement is required.

Basically, August is about maintenance i.e., weeding, dead-heading and watering, though this year you may still be planting out the last of your seedlings and harvesting crops which in previous years, you might have completed in July. Most importantly, we all (me included) need to take some time to sit, look around and appreciate all that we have achieved. Don't judge, enjoy barbecues and gradually consider when to start sowing winter crops.

For September, continue to plan and sow winter vegetables. In the garden, re-dress bedding plants into their winter attire. October would be the perfect month, if you have a mind to change the shape of a garden bed or two, or perhaps the whole garden. Cut back perennials and prune spring/summer shrubs. In both the allotment and garden it is wise to weed and of course, apply a thick layer of mulch to prevent regrowth and help feed the soil. If frost has spread its icy fingers, then either dig up your dahlia tubers and store or leave in the ground, covering them with a thick mulch.

Despite the slightly doom and gloom tone of this article, I hope we all get a fantastic glut of tomatoes. I think that there is nothing more delectable than tucking into your own home grown 'poison apple', a name applied to the humble tomato long ago after several aristocrats died after consuming them. It later transpired that the tomato's acidic profile caused lead to leach from the pewter plates used in European dining. It was believed that the tomato caused lead poisoning.

A few weeks ago, I cleared my fridge and was left with a large amount of leftover heritage tomatoes and yoghurt. With the prospect of impending guests expecting to be fed supper, Mr Ottolenghi, as oft happens, came to the rescue. I tried his recipe for 'Hot Charred Cherry Tomatoes with Cold Yoghurt' from his 'Simple' Cookbook. Serves four as a starter.

Ingredients: 350g cherry tomatoes (or equivalent in cut up larger tomatoes), 3tbs olive oil, ¾tsp cumin seeds, 1/2tsp light brown sugar, 3 garlic cloves finely

sliced, 3 thyme sprigs, 3 sprigs fresh oregano plus extra to serve, 1 lemon finely shave the skin of ½ to get three strips and finely grate the other ½ to get 1 tsp of zest, 350g extra thick Greek style yoghurt, salt and pepper.

Method: Preheat the oven to 200C. Place the tomatoes in a mixing bowl with the olive oil, cumin seeds, sugar, garlic, thyme, oregano sprigs, lemon strips, ½tsp of flaked salt and a good grind of pepper. Mix to combine, then transfer to a baking tray. Roast for 20 minutes until the tomatoes are beginning to blister and the liquid is bubbling. Turn the oven to the grill setting and grill for 6-8 minutes, until the tomatoes start to blacken on top. While the tomatoes are roasting, combine the yoghurt with the grated lemon zest and 1/4tsp of flaked salt. This can be made in advance and kept in the fridge. Once the tomatoes are ready, spread the chilled yoghurt on a platter (preferably with a lip) or in a wide shallow bowl, creating a dip in it with the back of a spoon. Spoon over the hot tomatoes, along with their juices, lemon skin, garlic and herbs. Finish with the picked oregano and chilli flakes. Serve at once with some bread.

Bon Appetit



SATURDAY 17 AUGUST
The Ivinghoe, Ivinghoe Aston and Pitstone
Horticultural Show

The Hub
 Entrants from 9am (for more information please see forms)
 Judging From 11am
 Public viewing – 2-4pm

- Prizes:** Certificates will be awarded in all classes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Winner Cups awarded for highest points gained in each section. Cups engraved with winner's name and awarded for one year. The Onion Cup is only for Class No. 5 (3 Onions – tops tied).
- All entrants to take note of MAXIMUM measurements for relevant classes.
 - Cookery classes to follow recipes where specified.
 - All craft items to have been produced in the 36 months preceding the date of the show.
 - All vegetable, fruit and produce classes to have been grown by the entrant and presented on approximately 25cms (10") plates where applicable.
 - Eggs from own poultry.
 - Plants and grown flower entries to have been grown by the entrant.
 - Flowers for arrangements can be freely sourced.
 - Jars of preserves can be any size but must not have screw top lids - cloth or cellophane lids only.
- The Judge's decision is Final!**
- Cookery - Set Recipes**
- Victoria Sandwich**
 6 eggs; 340g/12oz caster sugar plus extra for dusting; 340g/12oz self-raising flour; 3 tsp baking powder;

- 340g/12oz margarine or soft butter; raspberry jam to fill.
Method: Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas4. Grease and line 2 x 20cm/8in sandwich tins. Break the eggs into a mixing bowl, add the sugar, flour, baking powder and butter. Mix with an electric mixer or wooden spoon. Divide the mixture evenly between the tins and bake for 25 minutes. Leave to cool on wire rack. Spread the jam on one cake, placing the second sponge on top. Sprinkle with a little caster sugar.
- Shortbread**
 125g/4oz unsalted butter, softened; 180g/6oz plain flour; 55g/2oz caster sugar plus extra for dusting.
Method: Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas mark 5. Beat together butter and sugar until smooth. Stir in the flour to get a smooth paste. Turn onto a worktop and gently roll out to a 1cm/1/2" thickness. Cut the shortbread into rounds with 8cm/3" cutter. Place on lined baking tray. Chill for 20 minutes. Bake for 15-20 mins or until golden brown. Sprinkle with caster sugar and leave to cool.
- Everyday Fruit Cake**
 400g mixed fruit
 125g unsalted butter at room temp
 3 large eggs
 60ml (4 tbsp) milk
 1 rounded tbsp jam
 125g soft brown sugar
 250g self-raising flour
 2 tsp mixed spice

Method: Preheat oven to 170C/150C fan/ gas mark 3. Line a 2lb loaf tin. Weigh fruit and put to one side. Put all ingredients, except the fruit, into a large bowl. Beat together well, but do not over do it. Mix in the dried fruit by hand. Put mix into tin and bake for 1hr 15 min. Check after this time and if knife is not coming out, clean and check again after 10 mins, repeat until cooked.

Schedule and Entry Form
 This form can be emailed or posted (no charge for advertised entries) at any time up until Thursday 15 August 2024. General address to: John Lewis, 25 Treasury Row, Welwyn, Herts, SG13 7NF, or email: jpr@johnlewis.com. Including choice on the day, will be accepted but will be charged 50p per entry.

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Classes

Children's Section

Age 5 and under and age 6 and over

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

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Vegetable Fruit & Produce Section:

Vegetables

4. 5 coloured or white potatoes.
5. 3 onions - tops tied.
6. 5 shallots - tops tied.
7. 5 French beans -dwarf or climbing.
8. 3 carrots – tops trimmed to 75mm (3”).
9. 3 beetroot – tops trimmed to 75mm (3”).
10. 5 tomatoes.
11. 3 courgettes – 150mm-200mm (6”-8”) optimum length
12. 5 radishes – as pulled, roots washed.
13. A bunch of 9 spring onions.
14. 5 runner beans
15. Longest runner bean
16. A pair of any other vegetable not listed above.
17. Collection of vegetables. No

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

18. Bunch of culinary herbs.

Fruit

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

Plants and Flowers

Section:

Grown Flowers (see rules)

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

Flower Arranging

27. An arrangement in a jam jar.

Cookery and Produce Section:

Cookery

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

30. Shortbread - see recipe overleaf.

31. Fruit cake - see recipe overleaf.

32. A loaf of bread.

Produce

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

Craft Section:

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

47. A pair of knitted socks, any size, any pattern.


48. A framed hand or machine sewn picture with a garden bird theme.

49. Pressed flower art (this can be anything you like the more imaginative the better eg; bookmark, greetings card, picture, decoupage, etc).



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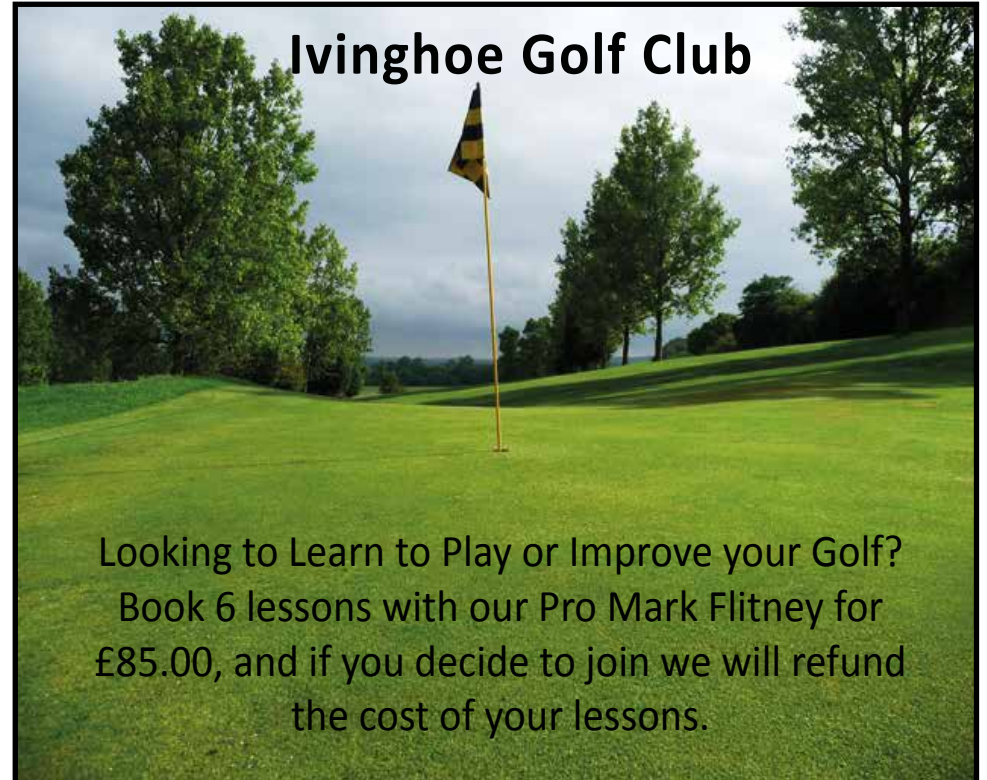
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Ashridge Ramblings

Exciting Developments for Visitors and Wildlife

In a previous **Ramblings**, I explained why Ashridge needs to strike the right balance between supporting visitors and reducing impacts on the estate's wonderful wildlife. There is now much more 'flesh on the bones' (or should it be 'leaves on the trees'?) of the **Protecting Our Roots** project.

Over the next few years, the proposal is that visitors will be encouraged away from the current centre of gravity around the monument, although some facilities would remain there. Three new 'hubs' would be established in ecologically less sensitive areas and would showcase aspects of the estate that many will not have previously appreciated.

One hub is proposed to be at Ward's Hurst Farm, off Beacon Road near Dockey Wood. This site has amazing views across to Dunstable Downs and would be a great spot for a picnic as well as a starting point for a magnificent woodland and grassland walk to Ivinghoe Beacon. If successful, the farm buildings would be repurposed to provide a range of visitor facilities, an orchard and a kitchen garden. Wildlife-rich habitats would be protected and restored using traditional practices such as conservation grazing and coppicing.

The next hub would be on land within the northern part of Hill Farm, across the road from Northchurch Common. You may already be aware of the café in the southern part of the farm, open during the summer months. This is a marvellous hedgerow habitat, with pockets of mature woodland which would be enlarged by



new planting. Scrub, wetland and grassland habitats would also be created. Facilities would include car parking, toilets and a café, and this would be a terrific centre for walking, cycling, play and education. New trails would be created to suit all abilities.

The final hub would be at Pitstone Quarry, north-east of Northfield Road and south-east of the B488. This is a longer-term project which would eventually include opportunities for organised swimming as well as walking in a newly landscaped, biodiverse habitat. The proposals include parking, toilets and hopefully somewhere to purchase refreshments.

All of this would increase opportunities for visitors to enjoy the great outdoors whilst protecting and enhancing the natural wonders of the Ashridge Estate. You can discover more on the website, and I will keep you abreast of developments through this column. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/essex-bedfordshire-hertfordshire/ashridge-estate/protecting-the-future-of-ashridge-estate>.

Rikki Harrington
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Buckinghamshire Councillors Report

Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor Derek Town



Countywide grass cutting and weed spraying programme is underway

In recent weeks, council crews have been busy working across the county as the annual programme of grass cutting and weed spraying gets underway.

Grass and roadside vegetation has grown even faster than usual for this time of year, following the very wet winter and ongoing spells of heavy rain throughout spring, together with periods of sunshine. To deal with this exceptionally fast growth, the council has brought in additional grass cutting crews.

Three rounds of cuts are scheduled at rural road junctions this year, in order to maintain good visibility for road users, with the first now completed. Two cycles of urban verge cuts are also programmed to take place in areas where this service has not been devolved to parish and town councils. The first urban cutting cycle has begun. Additionally, crews will be attending locations across the county where

reports have been made of roadside cuts being needed to maintain road safety. To date more than 150 of these reactive cuts have taken place with crews primed to go out when new issues are reported on Fix my Street.

In addition to grass cutting, work is also in progress to tackle the growth of weeds alongside footways. Two cycles of weed spraying will be carried out across the whole county on all public footways over the coming months, as well as 'siding out' at targeted locations. This is the process of clearing edges of footways where weeds and vegetation have grown through. Crews will use Glyphosate to spray weeds. The chemical is not harmful to people or animals and can be used safely close to water courses. The spray is applied in a fine mist, in very small doses and starts to work within an hour of application. It can only be applied during dry weather.

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