

## News from Ibstone Parish Council

**This newsletter is designed to give you an overview of the work being carried out by the Parish Council on your behalf. If you would like to comment on any of these topics please call our Clerk, Deirdre Hansen on 01494 562254 or at [clerk@ibstone.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ibstone.org.uk).**

We have started 2009 as we mean to go on and are chasing Bucks County Council for an on site meeting to discuss, once again, improved signage to warn HGV drivers of all nationalities that the narrow roads of Ibstone are not suitable for them. You may have seen the signs that have been placed by BCC on Ashfield Barn Road in Turville showing that lorries should not attempt to go there. We will be exploring the possibility of having something similar between the M40 and Ibstone. Ted Howard-Jones has also highlighted the legislation on Graphic signage, and we are seeing if that can be used to strengthen our case. We can't make use of the HGV Weight Limit legislation to deal with this problem, for long and complicated reasons as outlined by BCC (our Clerk will be happy to explain this in detail if you would like to know more!) and the fact that the section of road from the motorway into Ibstone comes under Stokenchurch Parish Council and not Ibstone, adds to the difficulty but we are determined to find a way through. Many thanks to Ted for his input and if you have any ideas, we would also like to hear from you.

The Highways Agency has decided that our M40 bridge is not in as bad a state of repair as was originally thought and reduced works will take place in early 2010. We are intrigued as to why it should suddenly have been given a better bill of health and have asked for more detail on where the original and most recent surveys differ.

More roads – BCC tell us that they no longer approve traffic mirrors on the highway, i.e. the main road through Ibstone. They can of course be erected on private land, and again we are arranging a meeting with the BCC local traffic team to see how safety at this junction, along with the nearby narrow section, could be improved. We really would like to hear your thoughts on this. Perhaps you feel that it's fine as it is and no changes are necessary.

Our thanks are due to Roger Martin-Fagg, Ted Howard-Jones, Kevin Holbrook and Luis Thompson. This team removed the oak tree that had fallen across the pond in the woods opposite the Fox. It had been causing some concern after a dog was injured getting out of the pond.

We now have 2 rubbish bins in place. One is outside the school gates and the other, next to the bus stop. Hopefully this will reduce the discarded coffee cups, drinks bottles and crisp packets that spoil our beautiful village.

Our next meeting is at 7.30 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> at the cricket pavilion. We hope to see you there. In the meantime, we wish you a very happy and healthy new year.