



IWERNE MINSTER NEWSLETTER

June – July 2023



GOD SAVE THE KING!

For the second time in a year, we celebrated a Royal occasion – the coronation of our new King, Charles III. As usual for these celebrations, the Parish Council, IMPHA, Abingdon Hall, the Church and Village Club got together to organise the events. On Coronation Day villagers were invited to watch the ceremony on a big screen in the church. On Sunday, May 7th, there was a Thanksgiving service in the church in the morning. After the damp day on Saturday the sun shone as villagers gathered on the field for a “Picnic in the Park”. Everyone was invited to bring a picnic for the celebration. There was a ukulele band playing and an exhibition of past coronations in the club house. Teas and ice creams were served by club members. The children had a crown making competition and they created a wonderful display. These complimented a beautiful crown cake made by Iveta John which she cut during the afternoon when three cheers were raised for the King. The children were presented with



Coronation lapel badges and also joined in a treasure hunt organised by Heather Overton and Susan Trim. A raffle was held and £300 will go to a community cause. Thank you everyone who helped make it such a happy afternoon. There were also plenty of flags and bunting about the village.

Penny Marsh

IWERNE MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Sadly we are saying goodbye to two of our longer standing Councillors. Firstly, Arthur Evans who joined the Council in 2015 and then Brian O’Lunaigh who joined in 2016. Both have been much needed cogs in the way we work and will be missed in many ways. Arthur initially got involved in our Neighbourhood Plan as the project’s Chairman, then with Highways and finally Village & District Liaison. He should be thanked primarily for the work he put into the Neighbourhood Plan, which was a thankless task and was finally rejected by the village for various reasons. Brian started with Highways and then moved on to Planning but also was a link to the Community Speed Watch and our representative on the A350 operational group. Brian’s work on Planning was an exemplary example of the way to deal with a very difficult subject. Not every villager agreed with his findings as they had other agendas/views to put forward; without his efforts on our behalf and resulting reports we would be failing in our responsibilities as a Parish Council. Thank you to both these volunteers for everything they have done.

This means that we now have two vacancies which are being advertised to one and all with notices on the Village Notice Boards. More details can be found on these notices but if you are interested in working with a great team to improve and maintain the services for the village, please contact the Clerk, Nicky on 01747 850515 orclerk@iwerneminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk or the Chairman: 01747 812173

Paul le Prevost



IWERNE MINSTER WHATSAPP GROUP

Due to delays with notifications on the Next Door system, a small group of people have been testing WhatsApp Communities as a system for broadcasting village information. The system is secure and your data will only be shared with the administrators, Susan Trim and Kerry O'Connor. Other members will not be able to see you are a member or be able to send you messages. If you would like to sign up to this scheme to receive village news or if you have any village news to share, please contact Susan Trim on Cllrstrim@iwerneminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk or send a Private Message through the Next Door Community. We will not be posting all the information which currently goes out on the Next Door Community; it will simply be for village news so you will not be receiving constant alerts from us.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED IMPHA DAFFODIL COMPETITION



This year we were given a trophy in memory of Bob & Edna Slade, which was kindly presented by Andrew Slade to Dianne Benfield who gained most points by public voting. Over £200 was raised from generous donations for Marie Curie.

HELP WANTED

A working party meets in the churchyard once a month to help keep ivy and brambles at bay, and to straighten those gravestones which are leaning. Coffee and biscuits supplied. If you would like to join us please contact David Parkhouse on 812603.

IWERNE MINSTER POP UP THANKS



Thank you to all who attended or helped at the Iwerne Minster Pop Up in April and made it a success. Dorset Police, Cllr Jane Somper, Dorset Council, Foster with Dorset Council, Ridgewater Energy Ltd, Shroton Oil Scheme, Iwerne Minster Defibrillator and First Aid Team, White Hart Link, Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Weldmar Hospice Care. Thank you to Wessex Internet and Caroline O'Brien for donating refreshments and Julia Cox, Emma Gibson, Heather Overton and Pat Spooner for serving them. We are now looking at grants to enable us to arrange a second event.

Susan Trim and Kerry O'Connor



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PROBLEM IN THE VILLAGE? REPORT IT!

Problem with surface water flooding due to blocked storm drains? Or dog dirt, or full waste bins? There is action you can take! Report it to Dorset Council.

DC has a user friendly website ([Home - Dorset Council](#))with many issue-specific reporting forms. Or you can go straight to the relevant one :

- For **blocked storm drains or gullies**, go to: [Report a gully, drain or flooding issue - Dorset Council self - Information service portal \(achieveservice.com\)](#)
- For **full waste bins**, including full dog poo bins, go to: [Report a public litter bin problem - Dorset Council self - Welcome service portal \(achieveservice.com\)](#)
- For **dog fouling**, go to: [Report dog fouling in Dorset - Dorset Council self-service portal \(achieveservice.com\)](#)

Of course, you can always contact a parish councillor, but it is better to “cut out the middle man”. Do it yourself! Numbers count! The more people who report issues, the more we will be heard. **John Goodliffe**

ANYONE FOR CRICKET? IWERNE MINSTER CRICKET CLUB – RELAUNCH

We have a lovely cricket pitch in the village, with a pavilion and nets, and a local pub to discuss games to be played, those that have been played and, at the moment, how we can restart the game of cricket for anyone interested in playing for or importantly wanting to support the club.

The only question at the moment is how many are interested in playing cricket here in Iwerne Minster?

With the right level of interest, through sufficient players and interested supporters we will then be able to pursue the need to obtain, or perhaps regain, the necessary approval to relaunch the **IMCC** here in the village. At this stage the numbers are going to be the driving force.

Would **you** be interested in playing village cricket for **IMCC**? Initially please let me know by email at: Andrew Osborne via aojo1980@gmail.com or 01747 811433

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CLUB

We look forward to a Coffee Morning on Saturday May 27th. In June we have a “Midsummer Soirée” and on July 15th the annual “Boules” Tournament. Look out for news of these events on the village noticeboards and in the monthly diary.

Penny Marsh

IWERNE MINSTER 100 CLUB

January results :-

£15 Lionel Stickley (71)
£12 George Dean (36)
£10 Sandie Cuff (92)
£5 Midge & Sarah (34)

February results :-

£15 Jenny Card (91)
£12 Terry Payne (43)
£10 Trevor Rees (77)
£5 John & Carol Carter (97)

March results :-

£15 Mervyn Marsh (35)
£12 George Scott (17)
£10 Jean Whittaker (27)
£5 Ann Naylor (21)

April results :-

£15 Terry Payne (43)
£12 Debs Purdue (46)
£10 Marian Harrison (56)
£5 Sue le Prevost (75)

The 100 Club starts again in May and unfortunately we have lost a few of our members this year so there are some spare numbers. If anyone would like to join please contact either Mervyn Marsh or Dianne Benfield. Subscription is £12 for the year and all profits are shared between the Village Club and the Abingdon Hall.

IF YOU'RE READING THIS NEWSLETTER IN THE PAPER FORM AND WOULD BE WILLING TO RECEIVE IT ELECTRONICALLY, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO JOHN@HAIRY-BARBARIAN.COM WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

THE VIEW FROM ST MARY'S

In the last newsletter I reported on the completion of the refurbishment of St Mary's, and I hope that many of you will have visited the church to see how it has been transformed.



On April 24th, a full church enjoyed an uplifting service of re-dedication to celebrate the full re-opening of St Mary's. This was led by the (relatively) new Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Reverend Stephen Lake, with humour and encouragement. He also re-dedicated the congregation with liberal applications of holy water!

The service was also attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Angus Campbell and John Stokoe, the Chairman of the Dorset Historic



Churches' Trust which has given generous financial support to the project.

It was also good to see a number of former residents of the village at the service. And the twenty strong choir sang beautifully!



A fortnight later we took the opportunity to make use of some of the new facilities at St Mary's by live screening the Coronation of H M King Charles III, using the screen which is fixed behind the arch leading to the chancel. The technology worked well and all who came enjoyed seeing the event on the big screen. We are looking forward to making more use of this facility, especially now that people can watch in comfort!

The next day, Sunday, the vicar led a service of Thanksgiving and Prayer for the new king, culminating in the singing of Jerusalem, the National Anthem, and a rousing rendition of Walton's Crown Imperial by Sam Ryall on the organ.

And on April 28th, the ashes of Bob and Edna Slade, whom many of you will remember well, were interred in the churchyard. As someone put it so well, they have returned to the village to rest.

David Parkhouse

R.I.P.

Derek Pyke

Maureen Wareham

Terry Hawkins

Trevor Lay

Chris Neal

Sally Green

THE RIGHT LIGHT AT NIGHT

In October 2019, Cranborne Chase AONB became only the 14th International Dark Sky Reserve (IDSR) worldwide (there are now only 17). This prestigious status was awarded in recognition of the exceptional character of our dark skies in particular, and nocturnal environment in general.

We need artificial light at night for safety, for work, and for leisure, but nature needs the night, so how do we balance our needs and those of the nocturnal environment? The principles of responsible outdoor lighting are encapsulated in the ditty *Right Light, Right Place, Right Time*.

The last two of these are obvious. *Right Place* is simply to use careful aiming and shielding to direct the light to where it is needed and ensure that it does not intrude where it is neither wanted nor needed, especially upward into the sky. *Right Time* is when it will actually be useful, and this can be achieved by using timers or motion detectors. On-all-night security lighting often merely acts as a beacon to advertise that there is something valuable nearby.

If you drive, you will have noticed that you need to wipe far fewer insects off your windscreen than even 5 years ago. You may also have noticed that you have far fewer moths and insects coming into a lit room if you leave a window open. These two reveal the long-term effects of the *wrong* sort of light: harsh, cold, bright white “blue rich” light. This has been devastating for nocturnal wildlife: amongst other harms, it is a direct driver of the “insectageddon” component of the biodiversity collapse. We are on course to lose 30% of our remaining insect populations in the next 20 years. The American Medical Association has already declared light pollution to be a health risk because of its adverse effects on human health. The *Right Light* is a softer “warm white” light of the minimum necessary brightness, which does not create glare or dark shadows that conceal what the light should reveal.

You can use this handy flowchart to check if your outside lighting is dark sky friendly:

<https://tinyurl.com/2pbny5dv>

Cranborne Chase AONB has funding available to support the movement towards Dark Night Sky friendly light fittings, both domestically and

specifically for farmers and land managers through the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, running until March 2025.

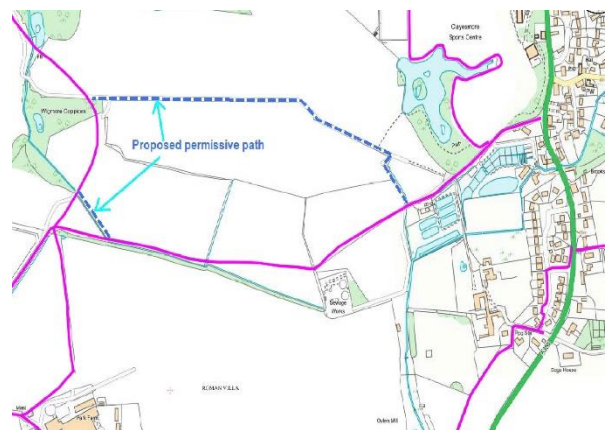
For more information, contact The AONB's Dark Skies Adviser, Steve Tonkin at stevetonkin@cranbornechase.org.uk.

WILDLIFE PROMOTION AND CONSERVATION ON THE IWERNE ESTATE

Those of you who walk behind Clayesmore School and over towards the Wigmore Coppice and solar panels will have noticed new footpath markers and wildlife conservation signage. Building on the experience of their initiative up on Iwerne Hill, the Iwerne Estate team are developing something similar in their fields west of the village. Bird feeders, owl boxes, and other items have been installed around the fields and in the trees. This is more than just ‘nature conservation’. The Estate is keen to encourage and promote our flora and fauna.

To help ensure this is successful, walkers are requested to keep strictly to the public rights of way (RoW). To this end many additional way markers have been positioned to sign the official RoW routes. **Please keep to the proper RoWs! Please keep your dogs under control to give ground nesting birds a chance.** Assuming your cooperation, Iwerne Estate plans to open up a ‘permissive path’ to expedite a circular route from the waste water treatment plant to join the regular path that runs from the solar panels to the Wigmore Coppice. This gives a round trip of about a mile. If it all works well, a further permissive path may be considered extending the route round to behind Clayesmore school.

John Goodliffe



Official rights of way (magenta) and proposed permissive path, (blue dash)

IWERNE VALLEY WALKING GROUP

MARCH 2023



We were a party of 12 (and a dog) on the walk, meeting Jane and Dennis later at the Forester for lunch.

Our walk took us on a circular route starting at the Forester which has been a public house since the 17th Century. The beautiful old, thatched building is made of green sandstone, reputedly taken from the ruins of the old Wardour Castle. The 'Old' Castle, built in the 14th Century was owned during the Civil War by the Royalist Arundell Family. The Second Baron had left the castle in the care of his wife but it was besieged by the Roundheads who were undermining the walls causing Lady Blanche to surrender.

Meanwhile the baron had been killed at the Battle of Landsdown leaving his son, the Third Baron, to retake his castle during which the castle was further damaged. The family built a new stately home 'New Wardour Castle' some one and a half miles away. Stone from the old castle was reputedly used by locals to build and repair village houses, including the Forester's.

Our route from the pub took us quickly through the picturesque village of Donhead St. Andrew where we turned up Wardour road. A well-signposted route directed us through the edge of the forest and through fields up a hill to enter the estate.

From there we followed a path around the (new) Wardour castle, dropping down across fields and passing Ark Farm towards Old Wardour Castle.

Continuing on the path and skirting the ruins we saw four very large ponds as we headed back

through Park Copse where we re-joined the path back towards Donhead St. Andrew and the Forester's for lunch.

Pam Payne and Penny Wintle



APRIL 2023

Ten of us, plus two dogs, set out from the Barford Arms on Saturday morning, skirting Barford Down and then up into Grovely Wood. We connected with the beech-lined avenue, a Roman road that runs from Wilton through the wood, before turning back towards Barford St Martin, traversing the west side of the down and then joining a farm track that took us back to the dead end lane that starts at the pub. We were lucky with the weather - coats were being taken off rather than put on - and after a five mile hike a well-deserved lunch was enjoyed by all back at the Barford Arms. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Louise Parry and Hannah Barrington



SUTTON WALDRON AND IWERNE MINSTER W.I. NEWS



On April 27th some SWIM WI members attended the Beacon Group of WI's Spring Meeting, which was hosted by East Orchard & Margaret Marsh WI at Manston Village Hall.

The speaker, Judith Ford, gave an interesting and informative talk on 'Blandford Forum History: items found during the recent restoration of Blandford Parish Church'.

Amongst other things, we learned about the fire which destroyed 400 buildings in 1731, that bricks for the rebuild were made from the ash and rubble, and that rebuilding the Greyhound Pub was a priority. Also that there is a possible Roman and African connection to the area and that graffiti has been a popular past time throughout the ages from builders (Slasher the scaffolder!) to bell ringers.



Photo is of SWIM WI's exhibition on the night, which also included a beautiful silk christening gown belonging to one of our members, which was handed down over the generations in her family.

Minnie McCann

AN AFTERNOON WITH LESLEY WATERS

On May 17th, members of S.W.I.M. W.I. and their guests were treated to an afternoon with chef, Lesley Waters. She explained how she was born in London and that her childhood memories of food were the usual for that time: fish fingers and Angel Delight. But after she discovered she was good at cooking at school, her career took off. At 15 she

went to Ealing Catering School and learned traditional French cookery. Later she worked for and with Prue Leith and gradually fell in love with a more rustic style of cooking. Her claim to fame came with her appearance on the TV programme Ready, Steady, Cook; she ended up spending 14 years doing it as well as programmes like Can't Cook, Won't Cook. She has written several cook books. She settled in Dorset after leaving London and for many years has run her own cookery schools in various places in the county. Lesley was entertaining and engaging and was thanked warmly for her tal

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET UP WITH OTHER LADIES AND NEIGHBOURS HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

LADIES PLEASE COME AND MEET WITH THE SUTTON WALDRON AND IWERNE MINSTER WI FOR:

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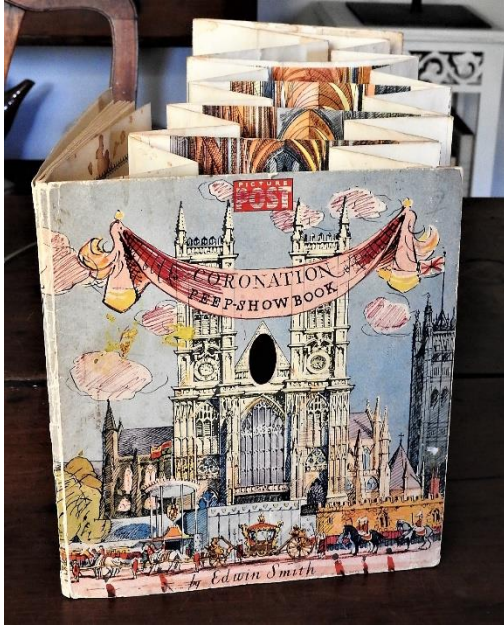
JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY
AT 2.30 PM

AT THE IWERNE MINSTER VILLAGE CLUB.
THERE WILL BE A SMALL CHARGE OF £3 FOR NON-MEMBERS AND THE CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF OUR RAFFLE PRIZES (£1 PER TICKET)

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MEMORIES OF THE CORONATION IN 1953



As most of us were getting ready to watch the Coronation, probably on the television, I was also remembering the previous one as a ten year old schoolboy.

Television ownership in those days was uncommon so I saw the actual thing. Together with my mother and a school friend and his mother I camped out on the pavement overnight to make sure we got a good view of the procession. My father had to stay at home to look after my five year old brother.

I have two very strong memories. Firstly, it was raining. Secondly, as the State Coach came into view the soldiers who guarded the route would get the order "Present Arms!". The soldier directly in front of us managed to catch his hand on his rifle's fixed bayonet. We were all transfixed by the blood that ran down his arm! We saw plenty of the procession but some things stick in your mind more than others.

All schoolchildren were given souvenirs of the day: a teaspoon with your Borough's name and a pen-knife! I still have the spoon. I also still have the cut-out Peepshow that was produced by Picture Post, now a collector's item. Later it was possible to buy some of the Coronation furnishings; my father always liked a bargain and for many years we had very splendid gold curtains which of course were actually yellow.

I am sure that all people of my age and older will be quite proud that we experienced an entire Monarch's reign - I confess that I am.

Michael Crawley

LET THE BELLS RING OUT!

On April 24th at the rededication service of St Mary's, the village was treated to almost three quarters of an hour's uninterrupted ringing of the church bells. This, in campanology terms, is called 'a quarter peal' and is quite an achievement. On that occasion we were fortunate enough to have ringers from neighbouring villages ringing under the leadership of Malcolm Trowbridge, the tower captain of Shroton. In former days, according to Jean Kennard, six bell ringers gathered regularly in Iwerne Minster. Jean has lived in the village for 44 years and learned to ring soon after she arrived. She was for many years tower captain and only retired from ringing in January this year. This seems a good opportunity to thank her for all those years of bringing the joyful sound of bells to this and other villages.

Below is a photo of Jean and her fellow ringers in St Mary's church tower some time in the 1980s after they had rung a quarter peal.



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