

IWERNE MINSTER NEWSLETTER

JUNE – JULY 2024

A NEW IWERNE MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

As an introduction to your new Parish Councillors, please see who they are and what they are responsible for. Full details can be found on the Council's website [<http://www.iwerneminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk>] or contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@iwerneminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information.

- **Human Resources**
Chairman [Cllr P Le Prevost]
- **Finance sub-group**
Clerk [Mrs N Phillips, Chairman]
- **Governance, IT and Social Media**
Cllr S Trim, Clerk and Chairman
- **Recreation**
Cllr K O'Connor and Cllr H Overton
- **Emergency Planning**
Cllr S Trim and Cllr H Overton
- **Highways**
Cllr J Goodliffe
- **Development Management/Planning**
Cllr K Skinner
- **Footpaths & Rights of Way**
Cllr K Skinner
- **Community Resilience & Environmental Protection**
Cllr J Goodliffe
- **Trees** To be confirmed

We welcome Heather Overton to the team and will be looking for one more councillor to fill our quota of village representatives. We are sorry that Anne Thomas and Hazel Marsh did not stand for re-election; they were both very energetic and a helpful part of the team. **Paul Le Prevost [Chairman]**

A PLEA: DOG FOULING ON THE FOOTPATHS

In Iwerne Minster we maintain our footpaths. This means cutting the grass regularly. This is a most unpleasant job if there is dog faeces for the mower to hit. It tends to spray everywhere, particularly onto the person mowing usually Rob and Spundee.

Dog Walkers: please pick up after your dog! You are responsible for your dog. Keep an eye on what it is up to; don't walk ahead and ignore it! Remember: you can be fined if your dog fouls a public footpath or pavement. **JG**

BENCH WITH A VIEW...



With thanks to Anne Thomas who saw the project through, to Paul Le Prevost and John Goodliffe who helped with the fixings and to Malcolm Lawrence whose original idea it was to have a bench overlooking the village from Preston Hill. Thanks also go to James Gibson-Fleming and to Angus Campbell for allowing us to use their land. The bench was paid for partly by the Parish Council and partly by donations from villagers.

IWERNE MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL HAS A VACANCY FOR ONE MORE COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council (PC) has one vacancy. What is involved? You would need to:

- attend meetings – face to face every other month and, in the alternate months, workshop meetings via Zoom;
 - work with the current Councillors and Clerk to become familiar with, and contribute to, the business of the PC;
 - help on working parties and projects;
 - help to plan those projects; and
 - prepare reports for discussion at meetings, which are then displayed on the Parish Council's website.
- You must be aged eighteen or over (no upper age limit), and you must have lived in the village for more than 12 months.

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 or Email: clerk@iwerneminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk

Or the Chairman: Cllr P Le Prevost on Tel: 01747 812173

NO PAY; NO GLORY; JUST THE SATISFACTION OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY THAT WE ALL ENJOY BEING A PART OF. WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

IMPHA PLANT SALE



The IMPHA plant sale was held on Saturday May 18th on the Parish Field. As there were so many plants, we had to get out more tables to accommodate them all. Sales were busy and our new card reader really helped! A splendid profit of about £700 was made – an exact figure is not possible yet as we have continued sales of plants via honesty boxes at three locations in the village and some expenses are still to be paid for. The Village Club became a meeting place for coffee and cakes. Thanks go to everyone who baked, served or washed up. Many thanks to all who grew, donated or sold plants and especially to those who bought them. The proceeds will go towards the marquee hire for the Summer Show.

Sue Le Prevost

IWERNE MINSTER SUMMER SHOW

Summer Show preparations are now well under way. The schedule has been printed and will be out for delivery in a few weeks' time. However, as you will see in this edition, some classes are being published early so that people can prepare in advance.

By popular request, we are trialling a bouncy castle this year but for it to be successful, we need some younger parents to oversee the enthusiastic bouncers. Ideally we need several volunteers to do a short spell each and keep the children safe. The bouncy castle will be open between 2pm and 4pm so it should not be too arduous. If you can help out, please let me know.

Sponsorship of the large variety of classes is always welcome and the Show's Treasurer would love to hear from you. A 'begging' letter will be delivered nearer to the Show date as we will need tombola prizes, food and drink goodies for our grand raffle and lots of helpers for setting up, for help on the day and for clearing away. Most importantly we need you to enter and join in the spirit of what has become one of Dorset's best small shows.

Sue Le Prevost (Chairman of IMPHA) 01747 812173/sue.leprevost@btinternet.com

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CLUB

The Club has been busy again. A very happy and sociable Coffee Morning was enjoyed by a good number of villagers. Although Table Tops were offered there was little take up but people were just happy to sit, talk and drink coffee and eat delicious cake.

"Call-my-Bluff" was again a successful evening when the Club challenged IMPHA. The eventual winners were the Club after some entertaining word suggestions from its members.

The re-vamping of the Snooker Room is underway. Steve Harrison with a little help from a few members is painting the walls etc., and will soon be ready for the building of cupboards for extra storage space. The china is also being replaced.

The meeting on June 6th is to be a Member's Summer Party – another opportunity to come and socialise. Socialising at the Club is a real joy – especially to see people enjoying each other's company. Details of this will be advertised.

In July we have the Annual "Boules Tournament" which was cancelled last year. Details nearer the time.

FLOWER ARRANGING – Six ladies enjoyed an afternoon of arranging on Wednesday, 15th May. As a result there is another session in the pipeline. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

Penny Marsh

NGS OPEN GARDEN AT THE HOLLOW

The garden at The Hollow, Tower Hill, will be opening for the National Garden Scheme again this year on Saturday June 15th, Sunday June 16th and Wednesday June 19th from 2pm to 5pm each day. Cream teas and delicious cakes will be served during the afternoon so please do visit and support this worthwhile charity. Everyone is welcome!



IWERNE MINSTER SUMMER SHOW: ADVANCE NOTICE OF CERTAIN ENTRIES

In Sections G, H and I - Exhibits must not have been entered in a previous show at Iwerne Minster.

SECTION G – ART: Open to Amateurs. NOTE: Exhibits should be mounted or framed and have facility for hanging.

CLASS 61. Dorset scene.

CLASS 62. Portrait (people or animal).

CLASS 63. Still Life.

CLASS 64. Water.

CLASS 65. SIXTEEN AND UNDER: Any one of the above.

SECTION H – PHOTOGRAPHY: Open to Amateurs. NOTE: Prints not to exceed 13 x 18cm (7 x 5 inches), and should be unmounted. Digital enhancement/selective manipulation is not permitted. Photographs will be mounted for exhibition therefore their condition on return cannot be guaranteed.

CLASS 66. Skyscapes.

CLASS 67. Seascapes.

CLASS 68. Animals.

CLASS 69. Trees.

CLASS 70. Portals.

CLASS 71. SIXTEEN AND UNDER: Any one of the above.

SECTION I – HANDICRAFTS Note: there are no restrictions on materials used to create any of these craft items. Go mad, be inventive!

CLASS 72. Hand knitted hat and gloves (or mitten) set.

CLASS 73. Soft Toy.

CLASS 74. Unmounted piece of tapestry or embroidery.

CLASS 75. Any other craft – wood, metal, pottery, etc.

CLASS 76. Machine or hand sewn item.

CLASS 77. SIXTEEN AND UNDER: Any one of the above.

NOTE: If the exhibitor is "16 and under" in all the above classes (50, 59, 65, 71 and 77) an age is required on the entry form.

IMPHA COMMITTEE

JUNE 2024 - IWERNE MINSTER CRICKET CLUB – UPDATE



The first opportunity to see cricket return to the village will have (all being well with the weather) taken place on Sunday June 2nd, with two further fixtures arranged for the evenings of the June 10th and 3rd July 3rd. The evening games are set to start at 6pm, based broadly on 20/20 rules. Volunteer umpires welcome!

Central to all of this is the need to continue with the work to prepare the ground, both the outfield and square itself. With support from the Iwerne Estate including the discovery of the previously owned cricket club lawnmower, used to maintain the square, and made available to the IMCC, there is a need for kit such as the basic pitch marking frames, completion of the work required to get both practice nets up and working and, at some stage, site screens. A heavy roller would also be welcome and to support the need for this equipment any donations would be welcomed.

Membership fees have been set at £35 for adults aged 16 and over and free for juniors, those aged up to the 16th birthday. Match fees are set at £5 per game.

Application forms will be available for anyone interested in either playing for or joining the club as a non-playing member. Spectators will of course be welcome at any games.

Repeating the message from the previous newsletter, any potential players or supporters who first expressed an interest in the autumn of 2023 and again this year, are invited to contact me on the email address below, if you have not already done so. That said it is our intention to set up a better platform such as WhatsApp, which is currently used by the IMCC committee. It would also be hoped that an IMCC website could be developed in the near future.

At this stage and repeating the message again our numbers remain the driving force, so if you are interested in playing village cricket for IMCC, please let us know, including your contact details if not already provided.

If you have any questions or concerns at this stage please call me on 01747 811433 or send me an email aojo1980@gmail.com

Andrew Osborne

GOOD NEWS FOR IWERNE MINSTER FROM WESSEX INTERNET

Some of you may be aware that Wessex Internet is bringing full fibre broadband to our village this autumn. In a nutshell, this means that over 200 properties could be connected to the fastest, most reliable broadband, which means a much improved internet connection. For many of us, it will put an end to buffering, poor reception and sluggish speeds – whether working from home, booking medical appointments, shopping online or browsing the internet.

It is early days, but Cllr Paul Le Prevost and Cllr Susan Trim met with a Wessex Internet Community Engagement Manager to find out a bit more about their plans, timings and how they will communicate with everyone on progress. During June, their external team will be out and about as they determine the proposed route of the main network. This will involve talking to some residents and landowners. Constructing the network will start in August, and this will be complete by September. After this, they will be ready to bring the full fibre connection direct to individual properties.

There is no need to worry if you are unsure of what this means for you – Wessex Internet will start engaging with everyone in the next couple of months.

Look for updates and details of Public Meetings, which all village residents will be invited to, on the Iwerne Minster WhatsApp Community, The Village Diary, The Village Newsletter, The Next Door Community Forum and Village Noticeboards. Wessex will also be visiting door to door. If you would like to submit your questions in advance of the public meeting please email Wessex Internet using email address: community@wessexinternet.com and put Iwerne Minster Q&A in the subject heading.

If you would like to register your interest (it will take a couple of minutes online) it will enable Wessex to keep you updated on what is happening. If you'd prefer to talk to somebody, or send an email, the details are below.

Register your interest online:

www.wessexinternet.com

Email: info@wessexinternet.com

Phone: 0333 240 7997

CLAYESMORE UKRAINE BURSARY FUND

Since the onset of the Ukrainian conflict, the UK has opened its arms to over 250,000 refugees from Ukraine. While some have already returned home, many remain unable to do so. These individuals, separated from loved ones and devastated by the sudden upheaval of war in their homeland, require support, stability, safety, and the opportunity to rebuild their shattered lives.

From the outset, Clayesmore has been steadfast in its commitment to playing its part. Through the incredible support received from both the Clayesmore and local communities, we have been able to provide a nurturing environment to 13 students from Ukraine, ranging from Y3 to Y13. Their words resonate with the profound impact your generosity has had on their lives:

"We all have a niche, and Clayesmore helps you to find it."

"Even when it's raining, they make it feel sunny."

"There is no limit to what you can achieve at Clayesmore."

"Clayesmore creates a safe and happy environment where I feel cared for."

"Despite everything, I have been given an incredible opportunity to gain a broad experience in my education. The school community is so supportive and provides a stable learning environment."

As the war rages on in Ukraine, the heartbreaking reality is that an entire generation of children will bear the impact of this heavy burden for years to come. At Clayesmore, we're committed to providing these children with some hope by offering a safe, caring environment where they can continue their education without fear and find some solace in the warmth of our community.

As we enter the third year of this conflict, however, we do now need to ask for your support. With the well documented increased financial pressures on the school in recent years and the threat of VAT on fees on the horizon, our resources are stretched but we are steadfast in our determination to provide the ongoing support these students need from us. Any contribution you could make to our Ukraine Bursary Fund would help us to make a world of difference to the lives of these resilient young people.

If you would like to donate to our Ukraine Bursary Fund please contact Hannah Lister in the Development Office at 01747 813177.

TABLE TENNIS AT THE VILLAGE CLUB

Iwerne Minster table tennis group has had a very successful year with over fifteen participants and a regular nine to twelve turning up each week at the Village Club. It is a very sociable Tuesday afternoon with tea and biscuits as well as laughter. If you are interested please turn up from 2.30pm.

There is currently a ladies challenge cup being played which was reintroduced this year.

A lot of fun is had by all, and if you are a beginner you are more than welcome.

Our Ping Pong Correspondent



New member Brenda takes her turn at the table with bemused partner Anne...

IWERNE MINSTER 100 CLUB RESULTS

March 2024

£15 Jean & Peter Robinson (25)

£12 Anne Hibbins (16)

£10 Jonathan & Susan Maguire (33)

£5 Dave & Wendy Dobie (94)

April 2024

£15 George Scott (17)

£12 Debs Purdue (46)

£10 Brian O'Luanaigh (39)

£5 Jim Westwood (69)

Last draw for this year. New draw starts in May.

Dianne Benfield

TAKE THE BUS TO SALISBURY

The PlusBus is a fortnightly bus service, operated by Dorset Community Transport, which runs from bus stops in Iwerne Minster to the centre of Salisbury (outside the Odeon) and back. On alternate Tuesdays the 16-seater bus offers free travel to those over 60 who have a bus pass. (Without a bus pass the fare is £8.00 return.) You save on petrol and parking fees.

Leaving Iwerne at 9.30 am and returning from Salisbury at 12.30 pm on Tuesdays, the fast service is great for a 2-hour visit to Salisbury – enough time to do some shopping, meet up with a friend for coffee, or revisit the cathedral or museum.

To use this service, a passenger must register to become a member by completing an application form available from Vanessa on 01258 287987. Once membership is confirmed, a seat must be reserved in advance. (Note: this is NOT a normal request or 'hop on' service.) The Plus Bus will run on June 4th, June 18th, July 2nd, July 16th and July 30th.

Travel Correspondent



SHAFTESBURYCHAMBER MUSIC SERIES RELAUNCHES AT PORT REGIS

Six chamber music concerts were held annually in the school's modern, purpose-built music school before Covid struck. To the delight of keen local enthusiasts, at last the concerts have restarted, with three concerts this year and the full series expected in 2025.

Founded and run by top violinist Ruth Rogers, formerly co-leader of the BSO and with numerous other major domestic and international accolades, she ensures varied musical programmes with famous names in music making, for example Pavel Kolesnikov.

The concert given by her Iuventus String Quartet on April 20th played to a full house of appreciative music lovers and supporters, and two more are scheduled: on Saturday June 15th (piano quartets and quintets play Mozart, Schumann, and Dvorak) and Saturday September 21st (Beethoven, Elgar and Brahms). The concerts start at 6pm. Tickets are £20. For further information contact info@ruthrogers.net

THE VIEW FROM ST MARY'S

Since the last newsletter we have had a busy time at St Mary's. A large congregation celebrated Easter and the resurrection. The church was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies. Jenny Parkhouse has written about the significance of lilies at Easter in Valley Views.

A few teething troubles following the refurbishment have now been sorted out and the church is being used for far more than the regular Sunday services. The first service of Choral Evensong to be held at St Mary's for some years took place in April. It was very well attended and the large congregation enjoyed the fine language and some splendid singing by the seven strong choir. There are more such services planned for July, September and November (All Saints Day).

St Mary's was the venue for the presentation to the community of the Iwerne Minster Emergency Plan. It was very well attended (the church was full) and it was reassuring to learn what measures are in place should they be needed.

The church will shortly be holding a film night as part of the Diocesan "Making Jesus Known" initiative. The film, *The Most Reluctant Convert* tells the story of C.S. Lewis's conversion from implacable atheism to firm faith and one of the greatest Christian writers of the twentieth century. (Lewis is played by Nicholas Ralph, James Herriott from *All Creatures Great and Small*).

On July 29th St Mary's is hosting a Women's Breakfast Buffet. The buffet will be followed by a Bible based talk and discussion led by Carolyn Jervis, looking at how we can be sure that we are loved, redeemed and secured. Anyone interested in attending what promises to be a special event please contact Carolyn or Jenny Parkhouse.

Consideration is also being given to hosting a regular coffee morning in the church. Questionnaires will be sent out to see if there is an appetite for this. It will, I am sure, involve cake!

As well as the church itself, the North Chapel, now known as the Church Meeting Room is also available for use by the community. It is ideal for meetings of around a dozen people. The group that has been meeting for Bible study for the past three years now meets there on a Tuesday afternoon.

A new series has just started looking at the book of Acts, and the founding of the early church after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Please contact Carolyn or Jenny for more information.

And finally we welcome a new addition to the clergy team. David Sinclair will be ordained on June 30th at Salisbury Cathedral and will join the Benefice as a curate on July 14th. David worked for 30 years as an accountant and financial planner before training as a counsellor. He has undertaken numerous different roles in the church. We are looking forward to welcoming him to the Benefice.

David Parkhouse

MAY WALK 2024



May's walk of the Iwerne Valley Walking Group saw us tramping the boundary of Rushmore Golf Club. Dodging golf balls, earnest golfers and the potential of thunder, the walk took us through two counties – Wiltshire and Dorset – and we made it back to the clubhouse in fine form.

Although the bluebells were no longer in view (*apparently they are lovely around the golf club*) the garlic was still out in force and the pungent smell of said bulb accompanied us for most of the walk.

The group traversed gentle hills, hidden valleys, woods and the edge of the golf course, often accompanied by the calling of lambs who were a little nervous of eleven walkers and three (on-lead) dogs walking through their midst. We were very lucky with the weather, and it really did feel like early summer with everything so green.

The walk ended at the Club House where the overall verdict of the welcome and food was "fantastic".

Kathryn Reed

SUTTON WALDRON IWERNE MINSTER W.I.

TALK IN APRIL: ABINGDON HALL TAPESTRY

This was a very special talk given by Maggie Hale who has lived here for fifteen years. Maggie described the ambitious project which she and other villagers are currently creating for the arched window in the Abingdon Hall. The idea came originally from images on a map of the village which the late David Hicks, a talented artist, created for the wedding of Maggie's daughter. These images were later transferred onto tea towels and finally Maggie had the idea of creating a set of complex tapestries for Abingdon Hall.

Sally Green, sadly no longer with us, helped with the maths, and Judith Dutch spent six months creating eleven watercolours of the original images and then very skilfully transferred them onto canvas. The images reflect the passing seasons and form a continuous landscape highlighting various iconic village buildings and views.

With the help of the late Sheelagh Duly's legacy to the Abingdon Hall, Maggie and Judith went shopping in Herrings in Dorchester and bought many skeins of wool in a rainbow of colours. These wools were then meticulously sorted and labelled by Trish Neal. Keith Richards in the D.T. department at Clayesmore School has been very helpful too, using a specialist computer programme to ensure that the measurements of the individual tapestries were accurate; the ovoid arch makes this a tricky business! Then came the delicate task of choosing which embroidery stitches to use to both cover the canvases and to convey the beauty of Judith's artwork.

Villagers were invited to join Maggie and her team and after a lot of practising of stitches, they set to work. A dedicated group of embroiderers now meet in the Abingdon Hall on Wednesday mornings, enjoying not only the satisfaction of seeing their dedication creating a new work of art but also the pleasure of each other's company.

We look forward to witnessing the final product when it is in situ and are certainly fortunate in having so many people who are willing to create such a thing of beauty for us to admire.

MG

TALK IN MAY: BUILDING AN ECO HOUSE

A select group met in Sutton Waldron to listen to an excellent talk by Anthony Lamb about the house he and his partner, Andy Andrews, have built from scratch near Wells in Somerset. With the help of photographs taken to document each stage of a very arduous process, Anthony demonstrated how his eco-friendly house took shape beginning with the purchase of a condemned cottage built on clay. They built a very sturdy foundation on concrete piles and then erected a timber frame of Douglas fir. They built the walls of straw bales having attended a course which taught them how to create different sized blocks of the straw using bale needles and bale twine, finished off with a hedge trimmer to slice and smooth the bales so they fitted into different spaces. The straw was rendered with lime and will be regularly lime-washed. The roof, which had been put up earlier using tiles recovered from the old cottage, has modern solar and thermal panels to ensure they have hot water and electricity supplies. Inside it is beautifully fitted out with wood everywhere. The building has many eco features, like a heat recovery ventilation system and a green sedum roof, so it never gets cold. To top it all, Andy has created a lovely garden and they look over the vale towards Glastonbury Tor. The building took a year and they were helped by many friends and some skilled professionals but above all it took determination on the part of Anthony and Andy to see their project to completion. **MG**



DUCKLINGS RESCUED IN IWERNE MINSTER

Sophie (from Stubhampton) and her daughter were driving on Tower Hill on Saturday 27 April, when they heard a great commotion: a mother duck had lost two ducklings through the grating of an old road drain. Sophie called Tim Ingram of Home Farm House to help. Unable to open the grating and free the ducklings (the grating was firmly rusted into its surrounds), Tim went off for help.

Soon Sue Le Prevost, Dianne Benfield and Anne and Richard Thomas came to assist. Despite Sue's crowbar they were still unable to get access to the drain. Then the three ladies had a brilliant idea: get a small fishing net. This fitted through the grating but the ducklings weren't keen on being caught; in fact one of them disappeared along the overflow pipe! Luckily this little duckling reappeared, and then with assistance from all, the two ducklings were successfully netted up through the grill one-by-one and happily reunited with their mother.

There's now chicken wire over the grating!

Tim Ingram



Dianne Benfield with one of the rescued ducklings

JAZZ IN THE TITHE BARN FOR CHARITY

We are holding a Jazz Evening in the Tithe Barn on Saturday July 6th in aid of Julia's House hospice for children. A jazz trio, led by Nick Sorensen, will perform from 7:30 pm (doors will open at 7:00pm), and people attending should bring their own picnic and refreshments. Tables and chairs will be provided. Entrance will only be by ticket (at £10 each) bought in advance, with all proceeds going to Julia's House children's hospice. Tickets will be on sale at the Village Shop, and some tables of 6 and 8 can be reserved in advance on buying tickets.

For those concerned about the noise, the music will finish at 10.00pm! There will be two sessions of an hour: 7.30 - 8.30pm and 9.00 - 10.00pm.

Christine and Tim Ingram

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