

# IWERNE MINSTER NEWSLETTER

APRIL – MAY 2022

## STORM EUGENE BRINGS DOWN TREE ACROSS WATERY LANE AND PARISH FIELD

VIEW FROM THE PARISH FIELD BEFORE...



AND AFTER THE WORKERS HAD BEEN THERE!



## OPEN GARDENS

Iwerne Minster Open Gardens event is taking place on Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26th. We need people to help with selling tickets at the gate and serving teas. If you can help with this please contact either Sue Le Prevost 01747 812173 or Dianne Benfield 01747 811507. If you would like to open your garden and you haven't already put your name forward, please contact us as soon as possible.

## IWERNE MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

**You can make a difference!**

The Parish Council (PC) has a vacancy:

**WE NEED ANOTHER COUNCILLOR.**

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;
- 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:**

Tel: Clerk – Nicky on 01747 850515 or email [clerk@iwerneminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@iwerneminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Or the Chairman:

Tel: Chairman – Cllr P Le Prevost on 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!**

## CITIZENS ADVICE

Do you need advice or guidance on matters such as housing, law, benefits like Universal Credit, consumer support (maybe you've a problem with a product or service you've bought), or ... well, just about anything? The Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB) may be the place to try.

To contact them you can go to CAB's website: [Contact us - Citizens Advice](#). Or you can 'phone: **0800 144 8848**

If you want to talk face to face, the nearest offices are:

The Courtyard, Newbury Court,  
**GILLINGHAM**, Dorset, SP8 4QX (8.31 miles,)  
Manor House, Newland, **SHERBORNE**,  
Dorset, DT9 3JL (14.25 miles)  
Hanham Road, **WIMBORNE**, Dorset, BH20  
4RA (17.06 miles)

Our parish council is a donor supporting Dorset CAB, so let's use it!

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## NEWS FROM THE CLUB

The Club's year got off to a hilarious start with the annual pantomime. Despite having to postpone it due to Covid, it was a great success both from the performance and financially. £1,300 was added to the repair fund. Our thanks go to the hard working crew for making it yet again "the best ever".



Moving on, the next event will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> in the Village Club at 10 a.m. There will be coffee, and cakes, books

to browse and a small gift stall. This will follow on from the IMPHA Daffodils for Marie Curie which is at 9 a.m. at the Chapel end of the village. So after you have donated to the daffodils, you can come to the Club for a coffee.

You will soon be receiving a letter giving you details for the Village 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebrations. All offers of help and ideas will be very welcome to the organisers.

**Penny Marsh**

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## NEWS FROM IMPHA

Please bring your IMPHA daffodils to the table outside The Chapel at 9.00am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April for public judging. We are raising money for Marie Curie and ask everyone to come and look at the daffodils and vote for your favourite with a donation! All money will be go to this worthwhile cause. Daffodils can then be collected at 12.00 midday.

IMPHA will be holding their annual Plant Sale on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May on Parish Field starting at 10.00am. There will be the usual assortment of colourful annual bedding at less cost than the garden centres, as well as perennials and vegetable plants. Do come and fill your gardens but also enjoy a social morning with coffee and cakes.

We are also preparing for the annual Summer Show on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August and the Gold Club flower plug plants will be available for collection from the meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March and then from The Hollow afterwards – you do not have to be an IMPHA member to enter anything in the Summer Show. Art, Photography and Handicraft categories will be displayed on noticeboards very soon, so there is plenty of time to prepare your entries. Please look out for the flyer which every household will receive, requesting help in various forms to make our village show successful.

Finally, we always welcome new members. You do not have to be a keen gardener to enjoy the monthly speakers, outings and Christmas social. **Sue Le Prevost (IMPHA Chairman**

## THE QUEEN'S 70<sup>th</sup> JUBILEE

Remember the Street Parties for the Coronation? Bring your own is the order of the day when Iwerne celebrates the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> jubilee.

On Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June there is to be a Barn Dance for everyone in the marquee. Entry is free and you bring your own picnic, drink and gazebo etc. and dance in the marquee from 7.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

On Saturday there will be sports and competitions for children [and adults!] when, like the street parties, you bring a picnic. There will be tea in the marquee for those who feel unable to dance on Friday. This will be free but by ticket. There will also be a raffle with any surplus funds going to a community project.

**Lots of help will be needed , so if you feel you can offer help of any kind please get in touch: Penny 811339 or Diane 811507.**



### DORSET ART WEEKS

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May to Sun 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Building on the success of previous Dorset Art

Weeks, three Iwerne Minster artists are exhibiting in the village this year: **Saskia Darell** (oils and watercolours) at the old Co-Op on Tower Hill, **Kim Pragnell** (seascapes and landscapes) on Shute Lane and **John Goodliffe** (stone carving) on Church Hill. There will be plenty of signs around the village to guide you to the venues. They are exhibiting their work in their homes and gardens, and will be open for viewings most days (though not Mondays) from 11:00hrs until 17:00hrs. They will be delighted to welcome you to their exhibitions.

If you see something you like, a range of payment methods are available!

**John Goodliffe**

## IWERNE MINSTER 100 CLUB

### January results

£15 Barbara Ball (58)  
£12 Marion Harrison (50)  
£10 John & Carol Carter (97)  
£5 Roger Naylor (5)

### February results

£15 Helen Peat (14)  
£12 Julia Cox (51)  
£10 Val Baker (13)  
£5 Anne Hibbins (16)

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## CLAYESMORE CHARITY WALK

Sunday 8 May 2022

All are warmly invited to join with family and friends to raise money for Clayesmore School's chosen charity, DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

There will be three walks to choose from, all taking full advantage of our beautiful Dorset setting.

There is a registration fee of £5 per adult, to cover the costs of refreshments and administration, but all other money donated will go straight to the charity. Children are free.

Find out more at [shop.clayesmore.com](http://shop.clayesmore.com) or email Sarah Kerr at [skerr@clayesmore.com](mailto:skerr@clayesmore.com).

**Sarah Hart**

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## CLAYESMORE PLASTIC BOTTLE COLLECTION

**Many thanks to everyone who has donated a plastic bottle for Clayesmore Prep School's greenhouse project. We have received our target and therefore will not be requiring any more bottles. The build is in full swing and we will send a photo soon of the finished product.**

**Sarah Hart**

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## JANIE LILLIAN MANT 1922-2022



Janie was an only child and when her father died, her mother took her to Canada and New York to help look after relatives there. They eventually returned to live in Parkstone where they stayed with an aunt. Janie loved the freedom she had there and would describe riding round on her bicycle. As an adult, her first job was teaching people to use electric cookers in London, where she met and married Mr Jiggins. They had two daughters, Jacky and Janice. Mr Jiggins passed away when the girls were quite young and Janie then got herself qualified as a teacher. She worked very hard and managed to support the children and buy a house. She was a very competent housekeeper and made life as comfortable for the girls as she could. She loved her garden.

Jacky and Janice did well at school and went to university. Janie then moved to Iwerne Minster and ran a craft organisation in Sturminster Newton. She especially loved her work as a guide at Salisbury Cathedral and went on guiding into her nineties when she was forced to give up because of her poor eyesight. She used to paint and loved art and ballet. Latterly she wrote five novels with the help of an amanuensis. Her strength and determination to overcome the many challenges she faced during her life were remarkable.

Janie's second husband, John Mann, was a widower and an old friend who gave Janie 18 months of happiness before he too passed away.

Janie lived in the village for over half her life, most recently in School Garden. She moved to Millbrook House in Child Okeford two and a half years ago where she died on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Her funeral was held recently in Salisbury.

Donations in Janie's memory can be made to the Salisbury Cathedral Guides by cheque (to 'Salisbury Cathedral'), cash (with an accompanying note please) or direct bank transfers. For the latter these are the Cathedral's bank details:

Account name: Salisbury Cathedral

Acc no: 00399585

Sort code: 30-97-41

It would be very helpful if a reference was also included, such as your Janie's name, so that a receipt can be sent.

Janie's daughter, Jacky Hartnett, would like to compile a book of memories of Janie, including stories and photos. If you can help Jacky, please send her an email at: [jacky.hartnett@icloud.com](mailto:jacky.hartnett@icloud.com)

## **THE VIEW FROM ST MARY'S: PART I**

The work on the redevelopment of St Mary's Church continues steadily. The pipes for the under-floor system have all been installed in the nave and fixed in place with the first layer of limecrete. The nine large ledger stones have been positioned at the final floor height, and the top level of limecrete is now curing. Scaffolding is being erected so that the panels in the nave roof can be painted. When this is complete, the stone floor will be laid.

The church is being redeveloped in response to the request from the village, back in 2013, to make the church more comfortable and flexible for large village events. It has taken us longer than we hoped to respond to this request, and we hope that villagers will support us by using the church for their events once work is complete

The building costs about £40,000 p.a. to run, and this will only increase. This includes the share, which pays our contribution to the costs of our Priest, David John. There is also the additional cost of maintenance which tends to be kicked down the road, until it becomes unavoidable. In our case we know we have about £90,000 to find to repair the exterior stone work, in addition to an estimated £30,000 for a new access suitable for every degree of mobility.

When I was a boy, living in Claines, just outside Worcester, the church had its own vicar, at least two services every Sunday, as well as a choir and organist, Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Mothers' Union, WI, Young Wives, bell ringers and lots of other events and groups of people associated with the church. The money to run the church came with the people who used the church. This wealth is still owned by people, but because fewer people use the church building or attend services, the money to maintain the building and churchyard, and pay for the clergy continues to shrink.

Churches are owned for the country by Historic England, and administered through The C of E. Many parish churches are losing their congregations and therefore their money, through old age and death, and younger people, who have the wealth, are not replacing them.

In our case, we are not yet at that stage, because many people in the village do regard the church and churchyard as a village asset and are prepared to help us financially. We have committed our accumulated savings to the redevelopment, and have faith that the village will continue to regard the beautiful building and curtilage as a village asset, and will continue to offer support.

**Richard Hood, Churchwarden**

## **THE VIEW FROM ST MARY'S: PART II**

Since Christmas the cold weather has driven us out of St Mary's and we have been holding services in the Abingdon Hall. This has worked well as a stopgap, but at the beginning of March we decided to return to St Mary's, thanks to Richard having procured some extra heating – and to the arrival of spring! That this was the right decision has been borne out by the numbers attending, although be warned – coats are still required!

We are not for the moment holding the 8 am communion services on the third Sunday, nor Matins, but we hope to restart these before too long. It will be good to get back to our normal service patterns,

In addition to our Sunday services we have held an 8 week course on the Bible, led by Caroline Jervis and Jenny Parkhouse which was very well received by those who attended. The online TGFF services have continued once a month on Friday evenings and we are currently enjoying a series of talks for Lent given by the clergy. So we have not been idle.

Coming up shortly we have our Annual Church meeting at which church members hear reports on the activities of the last twelve months. It has been an eventful year. After the meeting, copies of the reports will be available in the church for anyone who is interested.

During the past year Debs Purdue has been engaged in a project to map the churchyard. It is now much easier to find details of the graves and burials in the churchyard. Simply go to the Iwerne Valley Benefice website, follow the link to "Our churches", then to "St Mary's Iwerne Minster" and you will find a further link to the search facility. Once the alterations to the church have been completed we plan to place a hard copy in the church.

We are pleased to welcome Toby Carson to the team. Toby is a teacher and a Licensed Lay Minister, and will act as curate when he is ordained next year.

And soon it will be Palm Sunday and then Easter – two of the most significant days in the church calendar. This year our services will be held in Clayesmore chapel – watch the noticeboards for and the website for details of these and other services around Easter time.

That part of the church that is not a building site remains open most days for quiet reflection and prayer, and the churchyard is always open – all are welcome.

David Parkhouse

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## **WALK FROM STOURPAINE FEBRUARY 19TH 2022**

As Storm Eunice battered and raged on February 18th the organisers of the walk, Clare Martin and Antonia Eastman, wondered what the morrow would bring: should they cancel the whole thing, which would be bad for the pub and disappointing for the dogs, should they keep the lunch but abandon the walk, or should they just be thoroughly British and carry on?

In the event, and after consulting the Met Office forecast, a compromise was reached.

Nineteen members of the group braved trees flailing in the strong wind and drove through lashing rain and deep puddles to foregather at the *White Horse* in Stourpaine where splendid pre-ordered meals were enjoyed. While delicious leisurely lunches were consumed the clouds parted, the rain stopped, the wind dropped and the sun came out.

Thus, about eleven doughty walkers donned wellingtons and coats and accompanied by motley mutts set off to climb Hod Hill. Magnificent views were admired from the ramparts of the hill fort and some of the party heard a lark. Members managed to descend the hill on the other side without mishap, although it was very slippery, especially in the gateway. The intrepid group then sloshed and splashed its way along the path by the river into which two of the dogs plunged and swam, washing some of the mud off.

The muddy conditions slowed progress down the track but nevertheless the group returned to the car park with no injury and in good spirits. It was, in the end, a very good lunch and an enjoyable afternoon.

Antonia Eastman



## REVIEW OF *SLEEPING BEAUTY*

After the hiatus necessitated by lockdowns, it was great to be back in the Village Club as part of a real audience watching this season's panto, *Sleeping Beauty*. The script, by Adrian Delso, was both witty and topical, and gave the cast ample opportunity for their talents to shine.

Like all good pantos, the story was easily recognisable: the forgetful king (a twinkly and humorous Rod Major) and his very glamorous queen (Caroline O'Brien) are celebrating the birth of their baby, Fleur. A colourful troop of guests arrive to sample a very dodgy sounding banquet cooked up by chef Stuart Jones and sous chef Penny Marsh. The three fairy godmothers arrive in all their shiny finery: Fairy Cakes (Miggie Hilson), Fairy Liquid (Minnie McCann) and Fairy Colin/Coleen (Emily Delso). The latter's confusion over gender allowed for a lot of very funny jokes and Emily's DMs with their silver laces and her tough-boy stance said it all. She also dealt admirably with an errant moustache.



The fourth fairy godmother, omitted from the guest list, arrives in a rage. Deb Jones was impressive as Californian Morgan (NOT Megan, as she kept telling us). She seemed to be enjoying every minute acting the villainess of the piece, especially as she condemns poor Fleur to an early grave. Luckily Colin/Coleen can commute this to a long sleep. Fleur will need a handsome prince to bring her back to life.

Six hundred years later, the prince arrives – it's Prince Henry played to perfection by Richard Thomas. In his army fatigues and ginger wig, he bore an uncanny resemblance to a certain member of the Royal Family. (Even his eyebrows

were orange!) Alas! Before he can reach Fleur (Jordanne Suter) lying asleep and looking suitably youthful and attractive, Henry is captivated by the much more powerful Morgan. But another saviour waits in the wings – Brummie Harry 'Finger' Prince, a humble commoner who lives in a certain unfinished bungalow in Iwerne Minster.



Gareth Jenkins gave a notable performance as Fleur's beau.

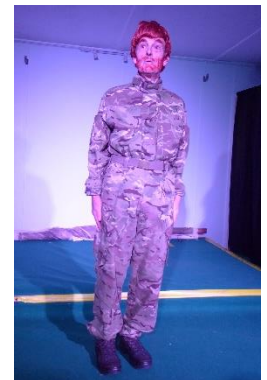
The other highlights were the music – the cast was in excellent voice with Stuart on the keyboard and the set, pleasingly uncluttered, was brought to vivid life by Saskia Darell's very effective backdrops.



and other topical references. Mr Memory Man (aka Dominic O'Brien) had us in stitches as he kept popping up in the wrong show and evoking the mock ire of director Adrian Delso.

A big thank you to all the cast and crew, especially those whose names do not appear in this write up. You did us proud!

**MG**



## SWIM WI UPDATE MARCH 2022

Mindful that our members spent so much time through the various lockdowns in isolation, the SWIM Committee have been determined to provide continued variety in the annual SWIM diary for 2022.

The new year started with a fun "Buns n Bingo" session with prizes hosted by Liz Westwell. This was followed in February by an entertaining speaker called Alan Jones. Alan had been a roving reporter for the BBC and he gave us anecdotes of the various places and people he encountered. Some serious. Some hilarious!

As we approach Spring and the days are lengthening and brightening, it was time for beauty advice as we review our wardrobes, make up etc. Bringing glamour to our March meeting, Julie Jackson was another engaging speaker talking about colour and how it affects our confidence. Some of the members had great fun trying on various lipsticks and chatting to Julie whilst we were served delicious refreshments by Fran Deeming, with Pam and Marilyn assisting. Maggie Hale brought a new resident, Heather, along as a guest. We hope she enjoyed meeting everyone and the refreshments of course!

Our annual meeting takes place in April and with the terrible news coming out of Ukraine and the plight of its people, the committee and I will make cakes to sell, hold a raffle and charge for tea and refreshments. We hope that our members will be as generous as always with their donations. The money raised will be sent through an official organisation by our treasurer Sandra Jelbart. Lavender Buckland has already organised a collection of clothing and medication and explained to me that money is needed. We hope that even our small contribution may help in some way.

**Barbara Ball and the SWIM Committee ladies**

## SLUGS AND SNAILS

The gastropods are awakening from their winter hibernation! And they'll be marching and munching on your tender shoots! How to defend against them? Everyone has their own pet method – beer traps, crushed egg shells, evening patrol with a pointed stick, even seeding the soil with a certain nematode worm. The use of pesticides is frowned on, and anyway, this year the neurotoxin metaldehyde, used in most slug pellets, will be banned in the UK: too many dogs, hedgehogs and cats are killed by it.

Moreover, the Royal Horticultural Society has decided that gastropods should no longer be classified as garden pests: they are, in fact, one of the great recyclers and a food source for many mammals and birds.

So, is there a non-lethal way of controlling them? Research by Rory McDonnell of Oregon State University experimented with many attractants – lettuce, cabbage, different beers (e.g. Golden, IPA, Guinness, low alcohol), decomposing fruit, cat food, etc. but found that simple **bread dough** was the best. Just flour, water and yeast rolled into balls and left in the garden where you can hand collect the gastropods each morning. (What you do with them is up to you – set up a gourmet restaurant for hedgehogs, perhaps?) The ingredients are **simple and non-toxic**. What's not to like?

For more information see the New Scientist magazine, 5/3/22.

**John Goodliffe**

## Can you help a child get to school?



We are looking for people who are caring, flexible and with an understanding of young people with additional needs. We need drivers and passenger assistants for routes throughout Dorset. You need to be available morning and afternoon to coincide with school opening and closing times with all holiday leave to be taken in school holidays.

Find out more at [jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) and choose Transport, Policy, Driver & Passenger Assistance.



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