

IWERNE MINSTER NEWSLETTER

August – September 2022

CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE IN IWERNE MINSTER



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CLUB

Already in the past, the 70th Jubilee Celebrations held at the beginning of June were a great success. On Friday June 3rd around 200 villagers enjoyed dancing to “Celtic Confusion” and enjoying their picnic suppers. At one stage a string of over 70 dancers wove their way around the field until it was nearly dark. Thank you to IMPHA for sponsoring this part of the celebrations. The following day, on a glorious sunny afternoon, more villagers gathered for picnics and a tea party in the marquee while children played games on the field. A delicious cake was made by Iveta John and this was duly cut by The Lord Lieutenant of Dorset with his sword, followed by three cheers for Her Majesty. The rain that was forecast held off until later that evening. Although damp, a good congregation attended the Service of Thanksgiving in the marquee on Sunday morning. A raffle was held over two days and as a result, after a few necessary expenses £500 has been set aside for the Community Garden project. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it such a happy and successful week-end. Also, over the Jubilee a quiz was put out: “How well do you know your village”? Although only 2 people submitted their answers for a bottle of champagne, it created much interest. If you would like the answers please contact Penny 811339.



The Hewpurs

The Club is always busy staging or being used for different events and July 16th saw the Annual “Boules” Tournament. Although it was incredibly hot, nine teams battled for the “David Hicks

Trophy”. This is always entertaining to watch and there was some really serious play. The eventual winners were Hewpurs, a team comprising Basil and Debs Purdue and Heather Newsom.

The Plate competition was won by Ukeless, the team being made up of Julia Osborne, Saskia Darell and Caroline O’Brien.



The Ukeless and Kerry O’Connor

There was a bar and a raffle for a bottle of champagne. This event raised £422 for club funds.

Our next event is a Coffee Morning on Saturday 6th August 10.00 a. m. – 11.30 a.m. when we invite you to come along for a cup of coffee, a piece of cake and a chance to chat and put the world to rights!

2021 should have been a big year for the club as we should have celebrated our centenary. Owing to lock down, we were not able to have any kind of celebration, so we plan to mark the occasion after a shortened AGM in November. There will be food and drinks and members will have a ticket to come and celebrate. [If you are not a member, now is the time to join!]. Steve Harrison is compiling a “History of the Club” and would welcome any information/memories relating to the club since its formation. Any contributions will be gratefully received by him before the AGM. Why not come along to the Coffee Morning and see what you can tell us?

Penny Marsh



NEW LANDLORDS AT THE TALBOT



Kim, Steve, Ross and Jack the dog arrived at the beginning of July to run The Talbot. Their son, Ross, will be the Chef. They have been running a pub in Wareham but are pleased to take on the challenge of The Talbot and have lots of ideas about how to make it a success. The emphasis will be on high quality seasonal food which is homemade and locally sourced wherever possible. They are aiming to provide a focal point for the community to gather together whilst experiencing good value food, drink and entertainment. Opening hours will be from midday to late every day.

Steve and Kim hope to make both the front of the pub and the courtyard at the back more appealing with more plants. In October the parent company, Punch Taverns, will be renovating both the outside and the inside of the pub and there are exciting plans to reinstate the bar in the 'snooker room' and reopen the door directly into that part of the pub. Kim is also keen to acquire any bits of memorabilia which relate to the history of the village; these can then be displayed in the pub to bring its history alive. There are also plans to encourage music in the pub starting with the Sara Jones band coming in to play on July 30th in the evening. Karaoke and open mic events as well as a regular markets are also in the pipeline.

Kim and Steve have been heartened by the warm welcome they've received already. Long may this support continue!

Monique Goodliffe

IWERNE MINSTER 100 CLUB

MAY DRAW

£15 Ron Benfield (55)
£12 Robin Tatchell (87)
£10 Fran Deeming (79)
£5 Reggie Tatchell

JUNE DRAW

£15 Debs & Simon Kidd (45)
£12 Mike Deeming (80)
£10 Philip Lishman (85)
£5 Sally Green (22)

NEXT DOOR

Please think about joining your Iwerne Minster neighbours on Next Door

Next Door is the neighbourhood hub for trusted connections and the exchange of helpful information, goods and services. On our neighbourhood site and app, we can share recommendations for traders, plan neighbourhood events, discuss safety, post things for sale and much more.

As a Parish Councillor I also post the latest village planning applications to the site as Dorset Council no longer notify neighbours of new applications. I also post local roadwork information and news from The Blandford Group Practice. **Sign up for Next Door**

at <https://nextdoor.co.uk>

Susan Trim

TABLE TENNIS AN INVITATION TO ALL

On Tuesday afternoons a small group plays tennis table regularly from 2.30pm onwards in the village clubroom.

More players are sought, gentlemen as well as ladies, and anyone who fancies a game will be welcomed.

Prowess unnecessary but a sense of humour essential.

Bats, balls and table provided.

Now what better could there be for keeping the knees in good running order? No need to book: just turn up even if only for a chat and cuppa. This facility is free though it is hoped non-members will think of joining the Village Club.

For further encouragement or info, contact:

Dot on 811852

OPEN GARDENS 2022



The Open Gardens event on the 25th/26th June was a huge success. Sixteen gardens were open to the public and teas were served at The Hollow and Oyles Mill. The weather was perfect, which encouraged 137 people to come on Saturday and 127 on Sunday. The entrance ticket sales amounted to £1320 and the teas raised £796. After we had given a donation of £15 to the Open Gardens website for their splendid advertising, we were able to give £700 each to The Abingdon Hall, Village Club and St Mary's Church.

The comments heard throughout the two days were that our gardens were wonderful (quite a few said the best they had seen), the village was lovely and everyone was so friendly.

My thanks go to all the people who opened their gardens, and also the ticket sellers, the tea servers, Debs Kidd for doing the advertising and Mervyn for organising all the signs.

We are due to do it all again in four years' time so keep gardening, everyone! **Dianne Benfield**



NGS OPEN GARDEN

A big thank you to everyone who helped or visited The Hollow during our NGS Open Garden. We raised £565 for their various charities.

Sue Le Prevost



IWERNE MINSTER SUMMER SHOW AUGUST 21ST, 2022

The IMPHA Show is drawing closer and each household should have received their schedule by now. Please do read it and enter as much as you can – there is something for everyone and we would particularly like to see more children's entries.

We will be asking very soon for the usual sponsorship, as well as tombola and raffle donations, help in setting up before the show and dismantling afterwards. The committee is not getting any younger and we would especially welcome extra volunteers this year. It is a great way to get involved in what has always been an important part of the village calendar.

The Show is a wonderful afternoon's entertainment with two marquees of exhibits, various stalls, The Bell Street Jazz Band and tea and cakes served by the WI – come and enjoy the best of Iwerne Minster!

Sue Le Prevost (Chairman)

NEWS FROM SUTTON WALDRON AND IWERNE MINSTER WI

SWIM WI JUNE OUTING TO THE OLD RECTORY, MANSTON

Fourteen members attended the visit to The Old Rectory, Manston for a tour of the garden. The Old Rectory is owned by Judith and Andrew Hussey. Judith welcomed us all and gave a short introductory talk about The Old Rectory. In 2003 she and her husband decided to convert pastureland into a formal garden which took two to three years in the planning. The situation was flat but with the perfect backdrop of gentle hills. As she said, a flat canvas to work on. The garden has been divided up into 'rooms', including a walled garden, complete with box hedged beds, greenhouse, and chickens. This is both productive and ornamental. There are also several wildflower meadows, a copse, a dewpond, and larger 'rooms' where an artfully placed piece of ornamentation leads the eye.

All in all it was a perfect size to enjoy a wander around on a particularly hot day. Judith and Andrew provided us with a delightful assortment of homemade cakes and tea or coffee and stayed to answer any questions and generally chat about the history of the rectory which they believe was built around 1817 and later extended by the Bower family. Their two dogs were also very pleased to see us and one found several willing laps to sit upon!

Thank you to the events team for organising such an interesting venue, a perfect place for a very enjoyable visit. **Briony Long**

SKITTLES EVENING

Sutton Waldron and Iwerne Minster WI is part of the Beacon Group of WIs. The Beacon Group holds two official meetings a year, in spring and autumn. They also organise events throughout the year for their members and guests. The member WIs are SWIM, Child Okeford, Tarrant Gunville, Sixpenny Handley and East Orchard & Margaret Marsh.

On Thursday 14th July there was a skittles evening held at Tarrant Gunville Village Hall. Each of the five WIs submitted a team of four and a friendly and fun evening was had by all. There was a raffle and Child Okeford WI provided some welcome refreshments. **Minnie McCann**

SWIM WI CAKE UP



SWIM WI held a 'Cake Up' at the Village Club and Parish Field in Iwerne Minster on Wednesday 20th July. This was to welcome local ladies to the area and offer an opportunity to those who might be interested in joining us. One of the committee members commented that, "There really was a lovely atmosphere with a lot of happy chatter". The WI ladies and family and friends produced an amazing spread of food with sandwiches and a wide variety of cakes and scones.

We were entertained by the Shroton Ukelele Band who describe themselves as a little band with a big sound. They sang and played a wide range of songs from 'The Happy Wanderer' through to a Bob Marley medley. The audience sang and clapped along and we all enjoyed ourselves. Around 40 people attended the event, including the band.

It was great to see so many visitors and the weather was perfect for a relaxed afternoon.

Minnie McCann



THE VIEW FROM ST MARY'S

During the last two months progress on the re-development of the church has continued steadily. The floor stone was delivered from the quarry at Langton Matravers. Unfortunately, it was all on a truck and trailer which was too big to go down Church Hill, or Dunns Lane, and so it had to be unloaded at Travis Perkins, and brought to the church on a smaller truck. It is now being laid and looks beautiful.

The new furnace has been manhandled and block and tackled into the basement. The furnace alone weighs 300 kg and was difficult to manoeuvre down the steep and narrow basement steps. It is now fully assembled and has been tested successfully on the under-floor heating system. The radiators are being fitted round the walls. We shall continue to use oil as a fuel for the time being. We did investigate Air and Ground source heat pumps, and found them impractical for the time being, and electrical heating is too expensive. We hope to run the under-floor floor heating at 10°C, which is sufficient to feel warm to the feet. Our sister church at Donhead St. Mary has recently commissioned a system very like ours, and they find that a slightly warm floor makes everyone feel warm

Andrew Slade, son of Bob and Edna, has generously offered to donate six chairs to the church. These will be dedicated to Edna and Bob's time in the village. Does anyone know when they arrived in the village? Please let me know. Thank you. Penelope and Steve Suave were over from Seattle and gave us a handsome donation toward chairs. Treske, the company who make the chairs have a minimum order of 20. If anyone would like to purchase and dedicate a chair to a loved one, please let me know.

On Saturday 30th July, we will be holding our second Curiosity Day. This will be an opportunity to come into the church and see how the transformation is taking shape.

Richard Hood

When the most recent newsletter was published, we were looking forward to the Jubilee weekend – which did not disappoint! The proceedings were brought to a close with a service in the marquee

on the Village Field. This was put together by Rev. David John and featured readings from a number of the Queen's speeches over the years emphasising Her Majesty's strong Christian faith. These were beautifully read by members of the congregation and other village leaders. The service was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to give thanks for Her Majesty's wonderful life of service.

During the month of June, a course of talks and videos on the theme of Life Explored looked at our relationship with God. This was attended and enjoyed by much the same group as came to the Bible Course earlier in the year, and we intend to follow it up in the autumn. It has been a good opportunity to get to know people from other parishes in the Benefice.

Richard Hood has updated us on the works at St Mary's but as this progresses perhaps now is the time to thank our congregation for their loyalty and faithfulness. Despite the various problems - cold, lack of light, Covid, services in different places - they have continued to attend services on a regular basis and have greatly helped the Churchwardens by reading lessons, leading prayers and welcoming people. Thank you all.

Please remember that St Mary's chancel and the Wolverton Chapel are open every day (entry through the side door to the right of the porch) and are calm and peaceful places to sit and think, meditate or pray. They are also the coolest places in the village to escape the heat of the summer.

We now look forward to a relatively quiet time. Services will continue throughout the summer, including Matins on the first Sunday of the month and 8 am BCP communion on the third.

We are looking forward to the IMPHA show when Jenny Parkhouse and Sally Bryant will run the usual wonderful cake stall (contributions welcome! Contact Jenny on 07798798692 if you can provide cake!) and Phyll Bennett and Linda Jones will open the children's tent with activities for young people. We look forward to seeing you there!

David Parkhouse

NEWS FROM IWERNE VALLEY WALKERS

SATURDAY 21ST MAY CHETNOLE

On a sunny Saturday in May, twelve walkers and two dogs gathered in the car park of the Chetnole Inn. We set off just after 10:30 with a promise of the first point of interest on this walk, a remote railway halt. Chetnole Station is a request stop on the Dorchester to Yeovil line. We walked over the fields and into the woods following a bubbling stream. The ground was a carpet of white wild garlic flowers and, hidden between them, early purple orchids. Leaving the wood we came across a trig point half way up a hill! It was a good spot to stop and enjoy the far reaching views and take some photos. Through a farm yard and into the hamlet of Melbury Bubb we reached the next point of interest, St Mary's. It is a 12th century church that has no electricity and is lit by oil lamps and warmed with a wood burning stove. The font is upside down. It was thought to be the original preaching stone on the site before the church was built. We continued over the railway bridge and into fields and fields of golden buttercups. Returning to the village of Chetnole, we called in the church before enjoying an excellent lunch in the very hospitable and charming pub.

Neil Davies



MIDSUMMER'S EVE WALK 2022

The walking group had a lovely midsummer's walk on 21st June, a perfect summer's evening. Fifteen of us met on the edge of Shaftesbury and skirted Wincombe Wood and then out across a couple of fields, filled with very vocal sheep and lambs, to the Donhead road. A few steps along the road and then we were into Lodge Wood and on into Wincombe

Park where we enjoyed a picnic in the fading sunshine.

The effects of storm Eunice were much in evidence and indeed the massive piles of felled trees (as well as a challenging detour around a fallen tree that had yet to be cleared) were testament to the devastation the storm had wrought on the estate.

Packing up our picnics, we walked across the parkland in front of the big house and then through the edge of the woods and back into Shaftesbury. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Louise Parry



JULY WALK 2022

In mid-heatwave, sixteen walkers (including two young children) and two dogs set off from Wincombe Lane in Shaftesbury. After skirting the woods along a shady path, we turned right towards Middle Coombe and then right again along the edge of a copse and across two fields into Higher Coombe. Before going through the second field we discovered some goldfish living in the water trough by the gate! From there we walked down across the coombe by what was St. Mary's School and up a path that took us to the equestrian centre at the end of Mampitts Lane and then through the maze of new houses to the Wincombe Recreation Ground and so back to our cars. We all enjoyed the walk and survived the sizzling heat. Five of us went for a nice meal afterwards at The Half Moon. **Helen English**



IWERNE MINSTER COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH UPDATE

As many of you will be aware we have had a team of volunteers monitoring traffic speeds on the A350 in association with the police for the past eight years or so. We are one of 100 Community Speed Watches now in operation in Dorset. Recent additions are teams in Sutton Waldron and Fontmell Magna

The aim of Iwerne Minster CSW is to try and reduce the amount of speeding traffic through our village and in our case outside Clayesmore School where the A350 is particularly dangerous with bends and narrowing sections, entrance ways, junctions and children crossing, all within a 30-mph limit. The area is Risk Assessed by the Police to conform to safety of both road users and the CSW team. Operating a radar speed gun, we record the registration number of vehicles that are exceeding the elevated speed limit of 35mph together with the make, model, speed and time that the vehicle is passing. This information is passed to the police who check the registration on their national computer, which in turn generates letters to be sent to offenders. If three letters are promoted within a calendar year the third letter is delivered personally by an officer, who will discuss the offences. If a person reported by CSW becomes a "target", an officer will continue to monitor him. If he does not improve his behaviour, they will arrest him accordingly. We have had several second and recently a third sent this year.

The police use a Trucam laser camera to detect speeding vehicles, which records by video each offender automatically. Once you are "pinged" breaking the speed limit, a possible fine and three points on the licence or an educational course is offered. The number of points and fine is dependent on the speed. Anything over 50mph recorded and you are summoned to court. There are three CSW volunteers in attendance on these occasions

On a recent Trucam operation 31 offenders were recorded in a 75-minute operation of which 3 were summoned to court. All outside a signed school in a 30-mph limit. We have carried out 13 such events over the last year.

We currently have a fantastic team of six dedicated volunteers operating in teams of three per watch and aim to carry out eight watches of one hour's duration each month. Times vary to suit our volunteers and on occasion with the police. However, this becomes difficult with so few volunteers and usually runs to 4 hours each per month. We have a monthly roster meeting to decide upon our schedule which is then passed to the police for their awareness.

To continue in the village, we urgently need volunteers to assist us. If anyone is interested in supporting this local venture and can commit just to a few hours a month please contact me Geoff.peters13@hotmail.co.uk or telephone me on 01747 811546 Thank you.



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