

IWERNE MINSTER NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2024



IWERNE MINSTER VILLAGE HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2024

Iwerne Minster's 78th Summer Show on August 18th was a great success. Despite clashing with the car show, which meant that numbers attending were slightly down, everyone who did come enjoyed themselves. The addition of a bouncy castle this year for the first time meant that the younger villagers were kept very busy and happy.



The standard of entries was at least as high as usual despite some very challenging growing conditions this year. Two large marquees were filled with a cornucopia of wonderful flowers, vegetables, chilli plants and fruit as well as jams and various kinds of baked goodies. The art, photography and handicraft displays, especially for the under 16s, also demonstrated the creativity that flourishes in Iwerne Minster.

Other stalls, including the super Grand Raffle and the ever popular steam car ride, added to the buzz of the event. The Sara Jones Band provided the musical entertainment and the WI a splendid selection of cakes and tea.



This show could not happen without the help of people willing to give their time not only to organise the event and to man the stalls but also to set up mini marquees, gazebos and tables and to take them all in again afterwards. It is to the great credit of the village as a whole that it went off so well.

A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE A350 THROUGH IWERNE MINSTER?

It has been proposed that Iwerne Minster village, in conjunction with Claysmore School, applies for a 20mph speed limit along the A350. This would bring it in line with the rest of the village. The process to do this requires public consultation, and the Parish Council is preparing a questionnaire to circulate to villagers to elicit their views.

Thankfully in the past five years there have been no fatalities and only one serious road traffic accident on the A350 within the village boundary and, while the amount of vehicle traffic along the A350 has hardly increased in the past 40 years, there has been an increase in pedestrian traffic from Oakwood Drive and the new Talbot Court. This goes to and from the pub, the shop, the church and all the other facilities on the east side of the A350. Of course there is also a significant daily traffic of students and staff between Claysmore School, its Art Department, Devine House and the shop during term-time. Visibility along the road is fairly good except on the rise up to the war memorial and there is a chicane outside Barber's Cottage.

The village has comprehensive speed watch records, thanks to the efforts of the Community Speed Watch team, which show about 20% of vehicles exceeding the 30mph limit.

Do you think a reduction in the speed limit to be a good idea? Please respond to the questionnaire when you get it.

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Dianne Benfield finds herself in competition with a creature keen on shallots at National Vegetable Show...

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CLUB

Members again have enjoyed events in the club during the summer. There was a Coffee Morning in August which was well attended. In September at the Quiz Night, Steve Harrison put us through our paces; no one who was there will forget where the yellow ribbon is tied! Thanks go to those who helped and organised both events. The club was also used during August for IMPHA's Show and several private parties.

In October we are having an Italian Dinner Night which replaces the Cheese & Wine Evening. The meal will cost £17.50 and begin at 18:45 for 19:00. Bring your own tipples. Tickets are on sale at the shop. Limited numbers so get yours and come and enjoy what promises to be a jolly good evening.

The year's events will end with our AGM in November followed by the Dutch Supper.

Remember – new members are always welcome. Besides monthly events there is weekly table tennis at 2.30pm on Tuesdays and a recently re-vamped Snooker Room which can be booked. Pantomime rehearsals start again soon so more to look forward to.

A further Flower Arranging afternoon is planned in November - more details later.

Penny Marsh

COFFEE MORNINGS FOR ALL AT ABINGDON HALL

The first pop up coffee morning was held in the Abingdon Hall on September 13th. The event was well attended and the feedback very positive. Hot drinks and a selection of delicious cakes and pastries were on offer.

The next dates for the coffee morning are 11th and 25th October from 10.00 to 11.30am. There will be a charge of £2 for a hot drink and a slice of cake or a pastry. We do hope you will join us. Volunteers are still required to bake and help on the day. If you are willing to get involved please contact Anne Gorman: annegorman5@gmail.com

BACK ISSUES OF NEW SCIENTIST

I have a complete set of back issues of New Scientist from Oct 2022 to August this year. FREE to anyone who would like them. Contact me, John, on 01747 442 970. Or john@hairy-barbarian.com

IWERNE MINSTER 100 CLUB

July results

£15 Mike Deeming (80)

£12 George Dean (36)

£10 Mervyn Marsh (35)

£5 Roger Naylor (4)

August results

£15 Mike Sutton (99)

£12 Mike Deeming (80)

£10 Heather Overton (78)

£5 Jean Whittaker (27)

DORSET FEDERATION SHOW



The annual Dorset Federation Show is a chance for horticultural societies in the county (and beyond) to showcase the produce and expertise of its members. Congratulations this year to IMPHA which did particularly well. Three trophies were brought home including those for a small collection of vegetables, a fruit collection and the best exhibit for cookery. There were other prizes won too. It is not only the growing and making involved which is so arduous but also the transportation and the setting up and display of all the goods.

Congratulations go to Ron and Dianne Benfield, Steve Harrison, Heather Overton, Pat Stickley, Sue Le Prevost, Richard Andrews and David Miles.



HEDGE CUTTING: NEW RULES FOR WHEN TO CUT YOUR HEDGE

To quote HM Government: *"The hedgerow management rules aim to protect hedgerows on agricultural land as these are important ecological building blocks across our landscapes. Hedgerows provide habitat, act as wildlife corridors, slow soil erosion and water run-off. They also support crop pollinators and sequester carbon as well as enriching the landscape".*

We are a rural village, so these rules would appear also to apply to us but please take note of the safety reasons below.

As of 23rd May this year, 2024, the season for trimming back hedges changed:
"You must not cut or trim a hedgerow that is covered by the rules from 1 March to 31 August. You must not cause or permit another person to cut or trim such a hedgerow."

See: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hedgerow-management-rules-cutting-and-trimming>

There are exceptions for safety reasons, for example, if :

- *the hedgerow overhangs a highway, road or footpath over which there is a public or private right of way and the overhanging hedgerow:*
- *obstructs the passage of users*
- *is a danger to users*
- *obstructs the view of such users*
- *obstructs the light from a public lamp*

NOTE BENE! In these cases, you are permitted to cut a hedge during the March – August period. Pavements must be kept unobstructed.

So, now, between September 1st and the end of February, please will everyone who is responsible for a hedge that abuts a public highway or pavement or footpath, please trim back their hedges to allow the safe passage of, not just a single pedestrian, but also a child buggy, mobility buggy, wheelchair etc. And please think about cutting back sufficient to allow for spring growth.

If, as a result of cutting back you think the pavement needs sweeping more than just the removal of what you have cut, contact Dorset Council at:

<https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/report-a-road-that-requires-sweeping>

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SAVE THE DATE!

SERO invites you to a

RACE NIGHT

Sunday 24th November

**Doors open at 7 pm. Races
start at 7.30 pm.**

Child Okeford Village Hall

All the thrills of a day at the races!

The races all feature 8 runners and are shown on a projection screen, with guests betting on the outcome.

Tickets £15.00

**(to include light two-course
supper)**

**Bar, Silent auction and
Raffle**

To purchase tickets email:

serocharity@gmail.com

Or ring Julie on 07749 486733

Or Kate on 07725 245066

- **SERO – raising funds for
local causes and Julia's
House Children's
Hospice.**

THE VIEW FROM ST MARY'S

As ever at about this time of year the annual Ride and Stride took place on 14th September. Most Dorset churches participate and funds are raised for the churches and for Dorset Historic Churches Fund (DHCF) through sponsorship of those taking part.



Last year the walk had to be cancelled because of the heat (hard to believe after the summer we have had). This year was perfect walking weather, which encouraged 11 walkers from Iwerne to walk all or part of the route between Ashmore and Shroton, taking in the churches at Fontmell, Sutton and Iwerne on the way. Two riders from Iwerne explored the churches around Cerne Abbas. There were quite a number of new faces on the walk and everyone enjoyed it.



Many thanks to Mike Deeming for organising the day (again!) and to Fran for providing a delicious lunch; to all those who manned St Mary's all day and provided refreshments to visitors from other churches, and to our sponsors!

Not long before that a group of around 50 supporters of DHCF visited St Mary's, and the other benefice churches. They brought their own organist who arrived first and played the visitors in. They had two excellent talks, one about the history of the church and the other about the windows. They were all very impressed with the re-ordering, which was pleasing as DHFC has been financially

supportive of St Mary's over the last few years, for which we are very grateful.

We have recently celebrated Harvest Festival. We have for some years supported Alabare, the Salisbury based charity which supports homeless people, and veterans in particular. As usual people were asked to bring gifts of food and produce to the church to be passed on to the charity and, as usual, people were incredibly generous. The church looked wonderful, with lots of fresh produce as well as tins of soup and packets of cereal! We were delighted to welcome as guest speaker Helen Inglis from Alabare. Helen is the Church and Community Engagement Officer, and gave an interesting and moving talk about the charity – its origins, its ethos, life case histories about some of the people they have helped. We are most grateful to Helen for giving us her time, especially as it was her daughter's birthday!

The ever popular Harvest Lunch takes place on 6th October after which St Mary's will make its usual donation to the great work Alabare does. They have an excellent website if you would like to learn more.

The Harvest theme continues with a Choral Evensong on 25th September. On 11 October Ralph Kerr, Head of Music at Clayesmore will direct the Clayesmore choir in another such service.

Autumn has arrived and Home Groups have re-started, including the Group that meets at St Mary's at 4pm on Tuesdays, which is continuing the study of the book of Acts. Contact Jenny Parkhouse for more information.

We will look forward to seeing you at St Mary's during the countdown to Christmas.

David Parkhouse

REST IN PEACE

Natalie Forsbrey

Honey Cottage, Tower Hill

Laura Wilson-Croome

Pearmain House, Post Office Road

Wendy Trim

Beechdown, Blandford Road

OBITUARY FOR WENDY TRIM



Wendy was brought up in Blandford and spent her first few years of married life in Spetisbury where her husband, John, lived but moved to Iwerne Minster in 1970. Wendy soon became very much involved in the village. She worked for many years in the Village School until it closed in 1983. She then moved to Clayesmore where she ran the tuck, stationery and uniform shop, a job she gave up to care for her husband who sadly passed away in 1989. With her marvellous memory for names and faces, she was able to make a real connection with all the children she served in the shop.

Wendy was also a key player in the setting up of the Abingdon Hall after it was gifted to the village by Mr Hole who lived at that time in the Oak House. Funds were needed to make it suitable as a village hall, so Wendy helped with fundraising which included weekend breakfasts, coffee mornings, jumble sales and ploughman's lunches. The Village Club at that time was upstairs in the old stables behind the Talbot and Wendy helped to run the youth club there and in the summers a holiday club for children.

Wendy was also show secretary for IMPHA and as such organised the summer and autumn shows which at that time were held at Clayesmore School.

Wendy was a devoted grandmother to her two grandsons and even learned computer games so that she could play with them. She loved her days out to garden centres and lunches, and going on holiday to such places as the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands.

Sadly, Wendy became ill a couple of years ago and was cared for at home until June this year when she was admitted to hospital where she died peacefully on July 18th.

She is survived by her three children Paula, Peter and Susan and her grandchildren Ben and Lewis.

REPORT FROM SUTTON WALDRON AND IWERNE MINSTER W.I. SEPTEMBER OUTING



Twelve SWIM WI ladies visited Cranborne Manor Gardens on Wednesday 18 September. We were lucky to have perfect weather for our walk in the grounds surrounding the ancient Manor House.



We enjoyed walled, rose, magnolia and vegetable gardens and many topiary trees and plants. Retail therapy was well catered for with a gift shop and a garden centre. A visit to the cafe for tea and cake concluded a pleasant afternoon.

Marilyn Saurin

REPORT FROM SUTTON WALDRON AND IWERNE MINSTER W.I.

TALK ON BEADS IN AUGUST



Tanya shows her beads to the members of SWIM at the August meeting in Sutton Waldron

Tanya Antipova, who is originally from Ukraine but now lives in Iwerne Minster, has a passion for beads. Having missed the talk because I was travelling back from my summer holiday, Tanya kindly agreed to give me a private talk about her bead collection. I was taken to her garden shed which is filled with boxes and baskets of beads of all kinds: glass, quartz, coral, ivory, ceramic, coconut, wooden with silver inlay, shell, bauxite, semi-precious stone, brass, Bohemian glass and clay.

In her little shed with the help of a beautiful book about African beads and the occasional presence of her restless cat, Tanya explained the origins and meaning of beads in African culture and the role they played in trade between Africa and the Western countries.

It all started twenty years ago at the time of Perestroika, when Tanya left Ukraine and headed for Ghana where she had relatives who would give her a base. It was, she says, like arriving on a different planet. She opened an arts school in Accra specialising in choreography, gymnastics and dance including classical ballet and traditional dance. Pupils were from the upper echelons of Accra society including wealthy Ghanaians and the children of diplomats.

Tanya became fascinated by the life and culture of West Africa and began to visit outlying villages like Koforidua where she saw beads being traded in the open air markets. As a member of the Ghana International Women's Business Club, she was involved with local charities and organisations such as an eye hospital and a centre for homeless,

pregnant teenagers which gave her the opportunity to really get to know the country well.

She gradually learned more and more about the manufacture and history of this very ancient craft stretching back to the tenth century and the relationship between beads and kinship status for example, how the beads people wore signified who they were. It is not for nothing that there is a saying there that 'Beads talk'. The colour and shape of each bead is significant, for example yellow is, like gold, precious. Special beads were worn for ceremonial purposes like weddings and funerals.

When Europeans began arriving in Africa, they realised that, in return for goods like wood to repair their ships and food and, eventually, slaves, they could trade their own brand of beads. In this way, the Europeans introduced Bohemian glass beads to Africa and, perhaps even more significantly, the colourful and very beautiful beads from Murano. These soon became very precious trading commodities, and the Africans began to imitate their patterns and so initiated a new tradition of bead making.



Part of Tanya's vast bead collection

It is a truly fascinating story and I thank Tanya for telling me about it.

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POST SCRIPT

Anyone who is interested in the subject of beads and glass making might like to explore the latest novel by Tracy Chevalier. It is entitled *The Glassmaker* and follows a family of glassmakers from the height of Renaissance-era Italy to the present day. Chevalier though American, is of course a resident of Dorset.

SUMMER '24 - IWERNE MINSTER CRICKET CLUB – UPDATE FOR 2025



With the cricket season over we have a chance to assess the progress made since September 2023 and how things look for 2025 with the desire to see cricket being played once again in Iwerne Minster, supported by the current group of players and enthusiasts.

At the start of this summer, we were reliant on anyone able to help get this project off the ground, including the support from the Iwerne Estate, Mrs Suzanne Lever and members of the Estate team including Tony Hunt and others, their help being much appreciated.

We now have a working committee of five and over the summer have acquired much needed equipment with which to develop and maintain the cricket pitch. Most recently, in fact over the past week, we have found a grass cutter for the outfield which, it is proposed, will be made available and shared through Fontmell Magna PCC, allowing us to cut the outfield ourselves rather than relying on the recognised and appreciated goodwill of others which although welcomed has also been viewed as a short term option whilst we were keen to find a longer term solution.

We now have the ability to cut the cricket square and the outfield whilst also using some heavy rolling equipment to help improve the condition of the square.

Two nets are available for practice sessions with the turf matting purchased during the summer, along with a new temporary scoreboard to be used whilst the original is restored.

The weather has played a part in preventing some activities including the first full game against Broughton Gifford which was to have been played

on the 8th September and which, as many will recall, was a bit wet!

Fixtures are in the pipeline for 2025 and the development of the IMCC website intended to raise the profile and awareness that the club is again up and running, with a club constitution in place and a bank account opened, are measures of how things have progressed steadily albeit at times slowly. In preparation for 2025, work will take place on the square to improve the condition of the wickets and, it is hoped, make the area less attractive to jackdaws and crows reducing the digging activities as they look for grubs.

The "WhatsApp" group platform for those interested in playing is live, with further work undertaken to develop the establishing of the IMCC as guided by the ECB. The opportunity to play village cricket remains open to anyone interested and keen to learn and who has previously expressed an interest in doing so as well as those who are new to the village.

The number of players continues to be the driving force so if you are interested in playing cricket for the IMCC, please let us know. A mobile phone number means we can add you to the WhatsApp group making communication easier.

If you have any questions at this stage please call me on 01747 811433 or e-mail me at aojo1980@gmail.com
IMCC website <https://iwerneminster.play-cricket.com>

Andrew Osborne

**PANTO SEASON IS
BEGINNING...**

OH YES IT IS!

**DIRECTOR ADRIAN DELSO IS
HARD AT WORK ON THE
SCRIPT AND WILL SOON BE
LOOKING FOR ACTORS AND
BACKSTAGE HELPERS.**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED? IF
SO, CONTACT ADRIAN:**

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RMS OCEANIC: AN ISMAY FAMILY CONNECTION

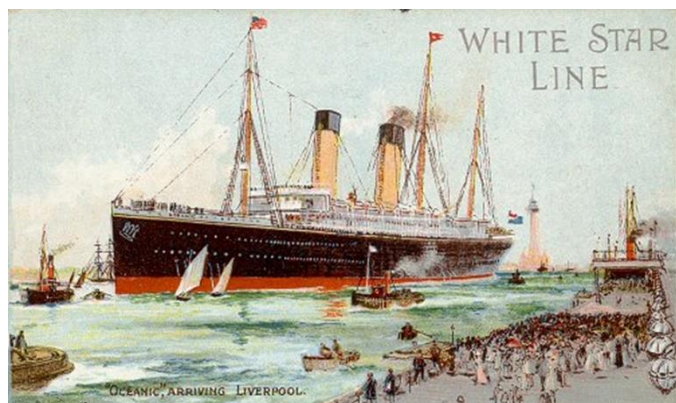
In front of the Shetland Museum in Lerwick, on



Hay's Dock, stands a strange shape. At first glance one might take it for an elegant piece of C20th sculpture, perhaps a Barbara Hepworth, but then its symmetry and huge bolt holes quickly say: 'This is a piece of massive engineering.' It is, indeed, massive. It is one blade of a three-bladed phosphor-bronze propeller, one of

two salvaged from the wreck of RMS Oceanic.

Oceanic was a White Star Line ship, launched in 1899, commissioned by Thomas Ismay, the father of James Hainsworth Ismay. And JH Ismay was, of course, the owner of the Iwerne Estate from 1902 to 1930, an innovative and 'improving' farmer who made a significant contribution to our village during and after World War One.



Rather than go for speed, White Star Lines favoured luxury and size in their vessels. Oceanic was the first ship to exceed the length of Brunel's Great Eastern (though not its tonnage). Her service speed was 21 knots, and she could carry 1710 passengers, of which 410 were First Class, 300 Second Class and 1,000 Third Class. She had a crew of 349. RN Shaw, architect of Bryanston School and St Swithun's and St Michael's churches

in Bournemouth, was the design consultant for much of her interior. And she was luxurious.

As a passenger liner she had an eventful career until, at the outbreak of WWI, she was requisitioned by the Royal Navy. She was one of the ships for whom the Admiralty made an annual grant for her maintenance, on the condition that she could be called upon for naval work during times of war. Converted to an armed merchant cruiser, she was sent to Scapa Flow to patrol around the Shetland Isles. To deter U-boat attack, she steamed a zig-zag course which required very accurate navigation and manoeuvring, difficult for a ship of her size. On the night of Sept 7th, 1914, due to a navigational error she ran onto the reef of Hoevdi Grund, east of Foula, and seriously ruptured her hull. Although the whole ship's company were rescued safely, all attempts to refloat her failed. Her Commander, on looking back out to sea toward his stranded ship two miles away, is said to have commented that the ship would stay on the reef as a monument, and nothing would move it. A local Foula man, knowing the power and fury of a Shetland storm, muttered, "I give her two weeks." And this proved to be the case. After a fierce gale on the night of September 29th, she completely disappeared, swallowed by the sea. Subsequent attempts at salvage only really succeeded in the 1970s, when this propeller blade was recovered.

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