

# IWERNE MINSTER NEWSLETTER

June – July 2022

## AN INTRODUCTION TO IWERNE MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Iwerne Minster Parish Council meets twelve times a year on the second Monday of each month. Six of these meetings are online and are business meetings for the councillors, and six are in-person meetings held in the Abingdon Hall at 7.00pm to which all villagers are welcome. The Parish Council is comprised of seven villagers who work hard for the welfare of the whole village.

**Paul Le Prevost** is the chairperson with overall responsibility for the running for the Parish Council

**Kerry O'Connor** is vice chairperson with responsibility for overseeing the development of the recreational spaces

**Brian O'Luanaigh** looks after all planning applications with help from John Goodliffe

**Susan Trim:** helps with finances and is i/c of all things to do with IT

**Anne Thomas:** was recently co-opted to replace Mike Jones and has responsibility for footpaths, and is working on community resilience, environmental and emergency planning with John Goodliffe

**Arthur Evans** acts as the link to other district councils as well as Dorset Council

**John Goodliffe:** planning applications and community resilience, environmental protection and emergency planning

**Nicky Phillips** is the super-efficient Parish Clerk.

Our Dorset County Councillor is **Jane Somper** who is very approachable and works hard for the whole district. She attends Parish Council meetings and delivers a report which gives us an overview of Dorset Council's work.

Several organisations report to the Parish Council at the AGM and various parish councillors act as liaison officers to these organisations which include: Speed Watch (run by Geoff Peters); the Abingdon Hall (chair Dianne Benfield); the Village Club (chair Penny Marsh); Defibrillators (Caroline O'Brien and Dougal Wilson-Croome); Neighbourhood Watch (Kerry O'Connor and Susan Trim) and the A350 Community Group.

All councillors' email addresses as well as minutes of meetings and other information concerning Iwerne Minster can be found at the new village website:

[www.iwerneminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.iwerneminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Next Door, the village online community, has now grown to 238 members.

Work on the telephone kiosk on The Chalk has begun, much to the relief of some villagers. Once the village is properly covered by all mobile networks, the plan is to buy it for the village and agree on a plan for its use.

Plans for the coming year, which need input from the village as well as support from the Parish Council, include the creation of a Community Garden in the Parish Field, the establishment of a new Parish Plan to replace the 2006 one and the possibility of refurbishing the children's playground.

**Monique Goodliffe**

## CRASH AT WAR MEMORIAL MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>



## 70<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

It's Jubilee time and time to bring you up to date with what is happening here in Iwerne Minster. We hope you have read all the information you have received so far.

The celebrations kick off on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30 pm. Bring your picnic supper, drinks and gazebo etc. ready to dance to Celtic Confusion in the Marquee. There's a raffle and result of the competition "How well do you know your village?".

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June the fun starts at 2.00pm on the field. There will be sports and games for children and adults with a tug of war. Don't forget to bring your picnics. Ice creams will be available. The ukulele band will play in the Marquee from 2.30 pm. At 3.30pm there is tea in the Marquee. Don't forget you need a ticket, free, from Dianne (811507). The Lord Lieutenant is coming to cut the celebration cake and propose a toast to Her Majesty. There will be exhibitions in the club house of old Iwerne and the Jubilee. There will also be a raffle.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June there will be a service for everyone in the Marquee at 10.30am followed by coffee. It is hoped that the bells will be rung on Saturday.

All this is free though any donations to necessary expenses will be gratefully received with any surplus funds going to a community project.

**Penny Marsh**

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## PLANT SALE AT PARISH FIELD



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## ADVANCE WARNING FOR PETS OF A NERVOUS DISPOSITION

**There will be fireworks at Clayesmore School on July 9<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Cover your ears!**

## SALISBURY FLOWER FESTIVAL



Iwerne Benefice was represented at the Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival by Jane Hood, Sue Le Prevost, Penny Marsh and Joy Murphy. We were honoured to be invited to be a part of this wonderful Festival of Flowers, which was held 10 – 15 May 2022 and attended by about 15,000 visitors.

The whole Cathedral was filled with flower decorations to celebrate the 850th anniversary of its consecration. Churches and flower clubs from the whole of the Salisbury benefice in Dorset and Wiltshire contributed their talents with overall design by three very talented experts: Michael Bowyer, Pam Lewis and Angela Turner.

Our arrangement title was Pentecost. As part of The Liturgical Year held in the West Cloister, we were asked to create a contemporary design using mainly red and orange flowers – flame colours. Our choice of flowers was provided by the Cathedral, but we had to find the greenery and all "mechanics". One challenge was using a new bio-degradable foam instead of the well-known green oasis which has a negative environmental impact.

Our draft design was accepted and we spent Monday 9<sup>th</sup> recreating it. We were delighted with the finished product and received many positive comments. It was even included in the colour programme photograph of the cloister arrangements.

**Sue Le Prevost**

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CLUB

A very successful and enjoyable Coffee Morning was held in the club on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Lots of people enjoyed a fine opportunity to socialise and spend a little money – a welcome addition to club funds was collected. This was followed by a “Bygones” Evening on 5<sup>th</sup> May, when members, in particular Dorothy, brought along old and treasured bygones for us to study and find out about.

In June the Village Jubilee Celebrations will be held in the Parish Field and the Club. The next big event for the club will be the “Boules” Tournament on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July. So get practising and watch out for details!

Penny Marsh

## NGS OPEN GARDEN AT THE HOLLOW, TOWER HILL



Gardening is the main occupation at The Hollow for the next month as we prepare for NGS Open Gardens on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> June followed by the Village Open Garden weekend on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June. Cream teas, home-made cakes and teas will be available in The Hollow’s garden on all five days, and we look forward to welcoming as many visitors as possible.

Sue Le Prevost

## IWERNE MINSTER SUMMER SHOW – SUNDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>

Arrangements for the 76<sup>th</sup> Village Horticultural Show are now well under way. The schedule is printed, and early notification of art, photography and handicraft titles will be displayed on various village noticeboards. I hope even more people will enter the Summer Show this year and make it better than ever. We welcome all volunteers to help with the many things which make the Show such a success. If

you can help in any way, the event will continue to be a memorable occasion. There have been many newcomers to the village during the last couple of years and I hope you too will feel able to come and join in the preparations - we will be very glad of your help.

Sue Le Prevost



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are very fortunate that in Iwerne Minster there is currently very little crime. However, we are in the process of setting up a local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to deter crime from happening. A Neighbourhood Watch Survey has shown that areas with Neighbourhood Watch Schemes have 11% less crime.

Recent crimes in nearby villages have been reported through our local online community forum. We would like to have a system in place to circulate quick, relevant and important Neighbourhood Watch news. If you would like to join our community scheme please sign up to Dorset Alerts through the website <https://www.dorsetalert.co.uk/> and opt in to Neighbourhood Watch along with any other official bodies you wish to receive alerts from. You will then be taken to a page to ‘Update your Profile’ where you should select ‘join/set up a scheme’ where you can apply to join our Iwerne Minster scheme. If you have any issues with this or other matters, we can be contacted by email at [iwerneminsterneighbourhoodwatch@outlook.com](mailto:iwerneminsterneighbourhoodwatch@outlook.com).

We are also currently looking at putting a system in place for those who do not have access to the internet. Dorset Alerts is a website operated by Dorset Police; we as coordinators will have the ability to send local alerts direct to you through the site.

We have arranged a ‘Pop in and chat’ with the local Police Team which will be on the **18<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30am to 11.30am** at The Chalk. More details on this will follow on the local Next Door forum and village noticeboards. Please support this event.

Kerry O’Connor and Susan Trim

## THE VIEW FROM ST MARY'S

Since the last newsletter, we have held our annual parish meeting. It was a great opportunity to thank all those who work so hard in so many different ways to keep St Mary's running, as well as those who contribute to the services as worship leaders, readers, intercessors, and welcomers; also the clergy who have coped so well with having to hold services at different times and venues during the building works. At least now we are back in St Mary's for the foreseeable future!

However, we are still somewhat restricted in numbers, so we decided to hold our Palm Sunday and Easter Day services at Clayesmore chapel so that we could more easily accommodate those who came to these much-loved services. We are most grateful to the head, Mrs Jo Thomson, for welcoming us and to Andrew West, the school chaplain, for assisting with the services.

Now we are looking forward to joining in the village's celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a service on the Village Field at 10.30 am on 5<sup>th</sup> June. The service will feature readings from the Queen's speeches celebrating her commitment and faith. There will be children's activities in the Village Club during the service. All are welcome.

Following the successful and enjoyable Bible Course run by Carolyn Jervis and Jenny Parkhouse recently, they are running a four session course, starting on 7<sup>th</sup> June, entitled Life Explored. Using film, presentations and discussions, the course will explore the character of God and how we respond to him. If anyone would like to attend please contact Carolyn ([carolynmj@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolynmj@yahoo.co.uk)) or Jenny ([jenny.parkhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.parkhouse@gmail.com)).

David Parkhouse (Churchwarden)

## THE VIEW FROM ST MARY'S: REPORT ON THE BUILDING WORKS

Since the last newsletter, there has been steady progress on a number of fronts in St Mary's Church. The limecrete floor was finished but takes about four weeks to cure before the final stone surface can be laid. Whilst the floor was curing, scaffolding filled the nave so that the white panels in the nave roof could be repainted. These had become discoloured with what turned out to be mould, and they have all been cleaned and painted white.

The north-west clerestory window was in poor condition, with several broken panes and lead

came which were no longer secure. Sam Kelly, the cathedral glazier, replaced the whole window for us. All the window frames were re-painted and the windows either sealed or made to open to provide ventilation before the scaffolding was removed.

On the floor of the nave, the supporting brickwork for the pulpit, lectern and font has all been built before the stone work floor is laid, and the original structures are rebuilt and replaced. The copper pipes for the radiators have been installed, and the radiators are waiting to be fitted. The basement has been prepared for the addition of the furnace, and the pipe-work and electrical connections have been completed.

The work in the nave is moving towards the final stage which will be the laying of the stone floor before work continues in the chancel.

We plan a second Curiosity Day in a few weeks' time. Please look out for the date and time and come along to see the progress. Everybody will be welcome.

Richard Hood

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## IWERNE MINSTER 100 CLUB

### FEBRUARY RESULTS

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

### MARCH RESULTS

£15 Mike Jones (19)  
£12 Monique Goodliffe (37)  
£10 Jenny Burden (65)  
£5 Gwen Moger (54)

### APRIL RESULTS

£15 Paul Le Prevost (52)  
£12 George Scott (17)  
£10 Andrew Jenkins (18)  
£5 John & Carol Carter (97)

Dianne Benfield

## SWIM WI

May's meeting was held in Sutton Waldron. This was our first meeting without Barbara Ball at the helm. She has now moved out of the area and Minnie McCann has taken over as president of SWIM WI. We wish Barbara and Rod all the very best in their new home.

The ladies had a fun afternoon following clues for a treasure hunt around the village. Seth Sutton in his smock made an amusing appearance at the beautiful village church and Long John Waldron and his treasure were the finale of the search.



The treasure hunt was organised by Sandra Jelbert and she did an amazing job. Great fun was had by all, rounded off by lovely tea and cakes provided by Ann Boddy and Glenys Malsher.

The June SWIM WI meeting will be an outing to The Old Rectory at Manston.

### BEACON GROUP OF WIS SPRING MEETING

This was hosted by Sixpenny Handley WI in their village hall. We were entertained and educated by the speaker Alan Clarke from Salisbury, who kept us enthralled with some of the stories behind the plaques and how the connections from them can lead to other interesting historical facts. We learned about switching calendars in 1752 and why Salisbury has a connection to the dates of our present day tax year.

There was an inspiring exhibition by Child Okeford WI and a raffle by SWIM WI. Whilst Tarrant

Gunville WI thanked the speaker, East Orchard & Margaret Marsh WI gave a vote of thanks to our hosts who put on a delicious spread for us all.

The Beacon Group of WIs are hoping to offer a summer outing to Salisbury in September to follow up on this talk with a tour of the plaques in Cathedral Walk and a tour of Salisbury Cathedral tower. The Autumn Meeting will be hosted by SWIM WI in October.

**Minnie McCann and the SWIM WI Committee**

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## THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD HOSPITAL MINIBUS SHOPPING

We currently have spaces on our minibus for those who need a lift to Blandford to go shopping. If you have no other way of getting to a supermarket but are able to independently go around the shop, we may be able to offer you a space on our bus on a Thursday afternoon. We pick up from around Child Okeford, Iwerne Minster, Shroton and surrounding villages.

For more details, please contact the Friends' Office at Blandford Hospital on 01258 450095 to find out more.

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## EVENTS AT CLAYESMORE: ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

**Monday 13 June, 7pm, Clayesmore Chapel**  
Concerto Festival

A high class concert showcasing Clayesmore soloists accompanied by the School orchestra. Drinks reception afterwards in the Chapel.

**Tuesday 21 June, 7pm, Marquee, Clayesmore School**  
Cafe Concert

A concert of vocal and instrumental items performed by Clayesmore pupils. Cheese/meat platters will be served and a pay bar will be available.

Tickets are free but please let [skerr@clayesmore.com](mailto:skerr@clayesmore.com) know if you would like to attend.

**Wednesday, 29 June, 7pm, Clayesmore School**  
Hampers and Champers

Bring a picnic and join us for an evening of music on the lawns.

## ASHMORE WOOD ON SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2022



Phyl and I had been blown over by the carpet of bluebells amongst beech trees in Ashmore Wood a couple of years ago. We wanted to share this with the walking group but needed to work out a route with somewhere to have lunch. Whereas traditionally bluebells tend to appear in May, with global warming it seems to be a lot earlier now so we suggested leading a walk in April, taking pot luck that the bluebells would be at their best on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of April (a week later because of Easter the week before).

Helen and I did a recce and promptly got lost but eventually came across the same area of bluebells but none of it was as lush as I'd remembered them. However, by 23<sup>rd</sup> April it seems they peaked (see below) and it was also much less muddy. We planned to include Compton Abbas Airfield in the walk but they were only allowing members to use their indoor café and wouldn't allow parking when not there. So we went for a simple 4.3 mile walk in the woods, then drove to the King John for lunch.



Twenty-one people (including three members of my family who were visiting from the US and Kent) were booked on the walk but this reduced to 17 due to various ailments. As we walked down from Ashmore Pond towards the woods, while horse riders went up the hill to our right, four hares were seen bounding across the field. We also spotted a kite overhead being teased by a crow. The weather was dry but overcast and

windy with no sun shining through the trees. But suitable gasps were heard as we came to the beech tree part of the wood with its huge expanse of blue carpet. Further down the bluebells gave way to wild garlic. Nine of us had a lovely lunch at the King John where we some sampled Gritchie's beer from Guy Ritchie's brewery.

**Claire Watson**

# ROADWORKS ON WATERY LANE

## TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDER, WATERY LANE & THE GLEBE' IWERNE MINSTER

DORSET COUNCIL has issued an Order under Section 14 [1] of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 as amended. The Order is needed in order to comply with health and safety regulations which require the provision of safe working areas and to minimise likelihood of danger to highway users.

The Order comes into operation on 25th April 2022 and will remain in force for 18 months; however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 1st October 2022. These works are programmed between these dates, an exact programme of works will follow.

This Order will enable Dorset Council to carry out carriageway maintenance and resurfacing works.

All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along WATERY LANE, IWERNE MINSTER, between the junctions of The Chalk and Church Road (in both directions), a distance of approximately 330 metres.

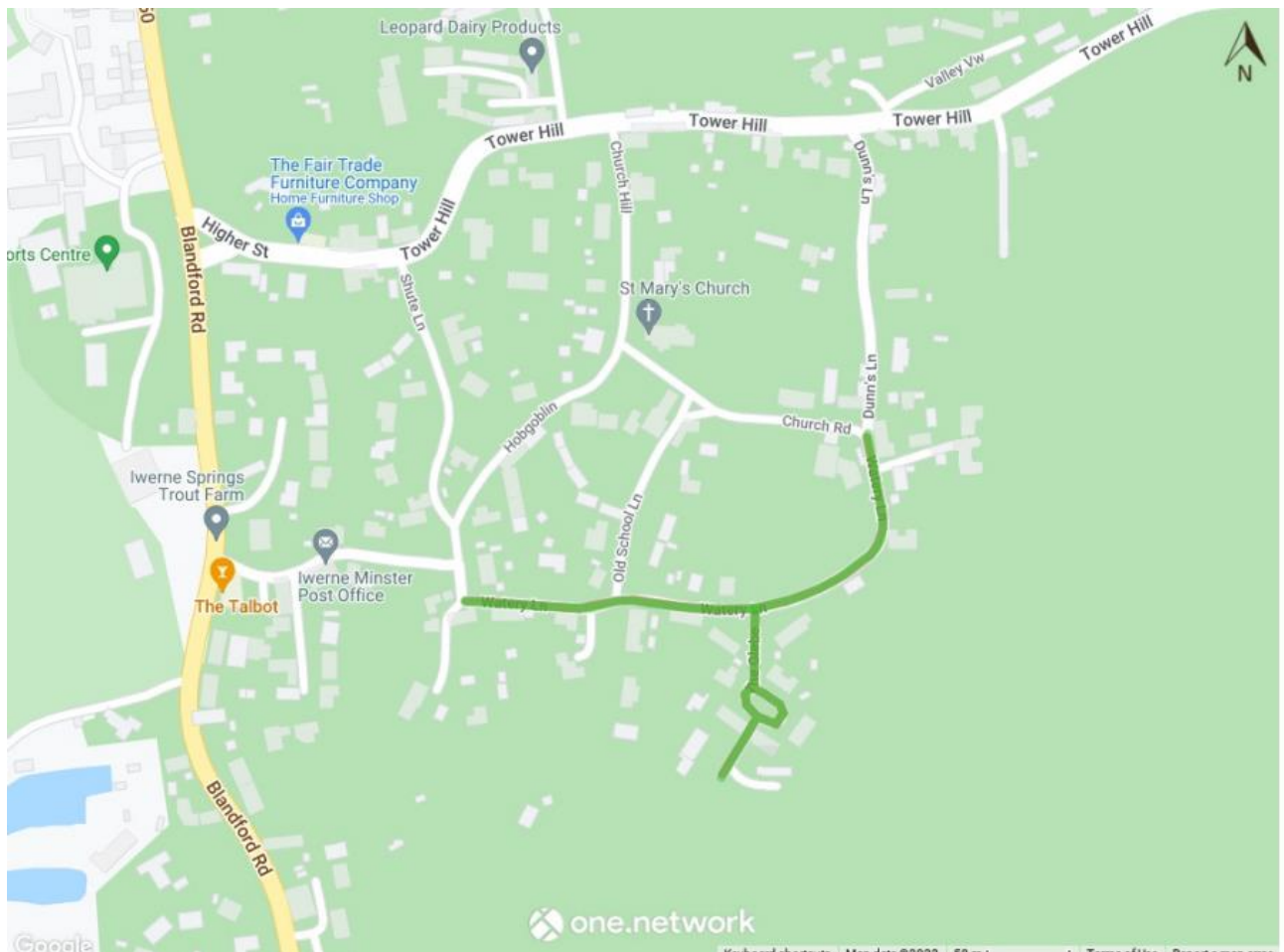
All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along THE GLEBE AND THE GLEBE COURT, IWERNE MINSTER, from the junction of Watery Lane (in both directions), a distance of approximately 160 metres.

To impose clearway and parking, suspension as indicated by signs on site to prevent waiting or parking on the highway along Watery Lane, The Glebe and Glebe Court. Any vehicle waiting in contravention of any restriction imposed by this Notice may be removed under the provisions of the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations 1986.

A locally signed diversion route will be put in place to enable traffic to travel around the closed sections.

For further information about the work being undertaken, call Dorset Council on 01305 228100.

To discuss this Order, call Dorset Highways Traffic Team on 01305 221020 or email [trafficteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:trafficteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk). Find this information online at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roadworks-events](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roadworks-events). 09th May 2022 JOHN SELLGREN, Executive Director of Place, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ.



## CLIMATE CHANGE

One of the consequences of the appalling events in the Ukraine is to highlight our relationship to fossil fuels. The war is a reminder that we must become less dependent on such resources, for all sorts of reasons: economic, geo-political and, of course, because of global warming.

What can we, as individual citizens, do to reduce our use? We can put on another jumper and turn the thermostat down a couple of degrees, something I think most of us have already done. And that doesn't cost anything. In fact, it'll save you money. No capital outlay is involved ... well, OK, maybe a new jumper!

Anything else like that? Yes. Cars. A lot of things we can do here. Use them less, share journeys, plan your trips, walk to the village shop\* ... that'll all reduce fuel use and wear and tear – an immediate money saving. But there is more one can do. Keeping your car for longer will reduce the carbon and energy cost of manufacture. If you do really have to buy a new car, buy electric or one with a smaller engine. A modern passenger car really doesn't need a two or more litre engine.

And white goods? Twenty or thirty years ago with most white goods one could be sure they'd last at least ten years. Not so sure these days. So, if you have to buy now, or buy new, be sure to quiz the vendor about product longevity: "How long can I reasonably expect this to last?" and about repairability: "Is this product repairable?" "Who can repair it?" "Can I repair it?". The longer something can be made to last, the lower the energy cost in manufacture, and the lower the material cost.

At end of life what happens to these products? Can their materials be reclaimed and reused? Has the fridge, cooker, microwave, vacuum cleaner, mobile phone, etc. been designed with material reclamation in mind? Again, ask, insist! "How do I dispose of this product?" Can its components be easily recycled?"

We can all do our bit to save the planet.

\* 6% of all car trips in the UK are under 1 mile, 56% are under 5 miles (HMG UK road use statistics). Walk wherever you can – you'll be fitter

**John Goodliffe**

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If you would be happy to go onto the email list, please send your name, where you live and your email address to: [john@hairy-barbarian.com](mailto:john@hairy-barbarian.com)

Thank you!

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