



IWERNE MINSTER NEWS

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Up and Coming Events

- Saturday 17 July - House Clearance @ Bowhay, Tower Hill
- Saturday 17 July - Village Fun Day & Mini Dog Show
- Friday 23 July - Laudemus @ St Mary's Church
- Monday 26 July - IMPHA Visit to Fonthill Wines Vineyard
- Saturday 29 July to Friday 4 August - The Life of Christ - near Guildford
- Sunday 1 August - St Mary's Big Breakfast @ Abingdon Hall
- Wednesday 11 August - 'Friendly' Coffee Morning @ Abingdon Hall
- Saturday 21 August - IMPHA Annual Summer Show
- Saturday 30 August - Family Fun Sports Day @ the Parish Field
- Saturday 11 September - Annual Cycle Ride in aid of Dorset Historic Churches
- Saturday 18 September - Biggest Coffee Morning @ Abingdon Hall
- Sunday 26 September - Harvest Festival @ Iwerne Minster

See village notice boards for further details.

Parish Council Web Site

The Parish Council Web Site can be found on - www.iwerneminster.info

Village Club

Come and support the Village Fete and Fun Day on Saturday 17 July. The gates of the Parish Field will open at 2pm and you will be entertained by - Live Music with George Hewett & Friends; Mini Dog Show; Tombola; "Steps in Time" Dancers; Side Shows; BBQ; Wellie Throwing; Aunt Sally; and various Stalls. Contact Pennie Marsh on 811339 for more information.

Don't forget our next Car Boot Sale which is being held on 12 September; a good day to have a go at clearing out any unwanted treasures from your attics and garages.

Editorial

A massive thank you to those who have offered to help distribute the Village News, hopefully things will get a little easier for the few who have been coping so far.

I would like to personally thank the various hosts who generously entertained those of us who attended the last G5 Charity "Midsummer Murder Mystery Dinner", which started at Home Farm House on Saturday 26 June. A wonderful idea to set the evening to music but add the amazing venues for our suppers. The locations must remain a secret, otherwise no one will come to the next event. Although a considerable amount was collected for two needy charities, the event as a whole suited everyone, whatever their means and a great evening was had by all.

Once again, I thank the various contributors to the IM News but, as this issue goes to prove, there is always room for more. Please let me know what is happening each month by the due date, which can be found on the back page. There is so much happening in our village so get your views in.

Paul Le Prevost
Editor (812173)

IMPHA

On 28 June members of the "Hort" were entertained by John Heard who was not a hurdle maker as had been advised. John is a man of the woods and is keeping the traditions of wood preservation very much alive. His skills are as varied as basic coppicing through to every product you could envisage that can be made from his endeavours. I hope to have some photographs for the next edition but John is a great talker whom it is hoped will come back for our Summer Show, to actually demonstrate what he can do. Don't miss it!!!

Our next event is the summer evening excursion on 26 July when we will be visiting Fonthill Wines Vineyard. Those who are interested should meet at the Chalk at 6.15pm. Contact Penny Marsh on 811339 for any further information.

Finally, the Annual Summer Show is nearly upon us and will be held on the Parish Field on Saturday 21 August. The schedules are now printed and will be circulated soon. Any information can be obtained from Trish Neale, the Hon. Show Secretary, at 1, Oakwood Drive. Why don't you enter in one or more categories because even the novice classes are a great way to start enjoying the traditions of us country folk ("Townie", I hear you mutter). Come and enjoy the day as there is always a bit more than you expected. Even better, come and compete with Ron Benfield who won last year's "Best in Show"



2009 Best in Show

Villagers' Corner

Welcome

It might seem a little strange but we can officially welcome Rod Major to our village, as he has brought joy to our newest bride Jill - no longer to be known as Ball. They had a lovely weekend at Springhead, to which many villagers were made welcome.



Another newcomer to our community was **Benjamin Malcolm Green** who was baptized and welcomed into the Church community on Sunday 20th June. Ben, the grandson of Malcolm and Sally Green, behaved impeccably and the congregation shared the beautiful Christening Cake after the Service.

Finally, another celebration took place on Saturday 26th June when Christopher Pillai and Sharon Copeland were married. Chris and Sharon who live in Bradford-on-Avon at present, often come to St Mary's for Sunday Services.

Found Safe and Well

Those still looking for Les Staples need not worry further. He did a fantastic job raising £124 for the Children's Ward at Salisbury Hospital. He completed the charity walk at Wilton House on Sunday 20th June and is looking very well for it. His thanks go out to the generosity of his friends and neighbours for their support.

Who was that Man

I asked who the mystery man was in our last issue and I am reliably informed that he is Keith Gugan of Home Farm. Sorry Keith, will do better next time.

Red Indian named Red Deer

As there is a small corner free for reader's comments, I have no excuses left to prevent Les his moment of glory. This is the cleanest joke he has given me, so here goes. I absolve myself from all responsibility if anyone is offended.

A reporter was sent to interview a Red Indian and the conversation went as follows -

Reporter - How!

Indian - How!

Reporter - What do they call you?

Indian - Red Deer.

Reporter - Have you a squaw?

Indian - Yes.

Reporter - What do they call her?

Indian - 4 horses.

Reporter - Why 4 horses?

Indian - Nag! Nag! Nag! Nag!

News from St Mary's

Family Matters: On Sunday 1st August we are doing "something different". Instead of our usual first Sunday Mattins we will have a **Big Breakfast** in the Abingdon Hall, starting at 10am. This will be a family get together with a couple of readings, some jolly, well known hymns, some short prayers, and of course time to chat. Linda Jones, who always has some great ideas for the children, has some plans for events that they can share with us; and there will be some toys for the tinies to play with. You may not usually come to the Church Services, but do come along to this gathering which is open to everyone of any age - a time to share with old friends and to make new ones. If you think you might like to come along it would be helpful **but not essential** if you let me or Sally Green (811463 or 811913) know; we want to have enough bacon and eggs to hand.

Did you know that on the 4th Sunday of the month as well as the

"grown-ups" Service there is also a special time for the children; usually with music, then towards the end of the main Service they show us what they have done - great fun for us all.

Date for your Diary. Saturday 11th September is the annual Cycle Ride/Walk Day in aid of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. Churches across Dorset are open all day so that sponsored riders/walkers can visit and sign in. Half the money raised goes to whichever Church the rider/walker wishes to support; the other half goes to the Trust. The Trust raises money to help Churches with repair costs; it helped St Mary's with the cost of cleaning and repairing the beautiful stained glass window in the South Aisle - Churches have no financial help from Government or Church Authorities, it is **you** and special charities that bear the cost of keeping these beautiful buildings in good order. How about joining with friends and just visiting a few local Churches and enjoying the

countryside. Last year Ruth Parry rode her horse for St Mary's!

Once again we will be supporting the Biggest Coffee Morning in the World to help MacMillan Cancer Care. **Saturday 18th September** is our Coffee Morning as the official date of 24th September clashes with the Harvest Festival activities. Come to us on 18th and go to another one 24th!!

And the last date for your diary is the Harvest Festival on Sunday 26th September. A splendid Service and as usual all the Harvest Offerings will go to the Alabare Christian Care Centres that help homeless folk. After the Service there will be a delicious cooked lunch in the Home Farm House Tithe Barn. You will need to book to share in the food and some intriguing entertainment.

Sheelagh Duly
Church Warden (811463)

Green Fingers

In July, which should be the height of summer and there is not so much to do in the garden other than keeping the weeds down, pests at bay, harvesting all the food and cutting the flowers to enjoy inside. Do keep an eye on your house plants and not let them get too dry and mist frequently.

1. Continue to treat your lawn as for June, if it starts to brown in a prolonged dry spell, do not panic for it will recover once the rain falls, but keep the length of grass on the long side to avoid the discolouration.
2. Remove flowers heads once they have gone over; keep picking sweet peas, for once you let them seed they will not flower again. Feed dahlias chrysanthemums, pots and tubs. Keep watered and if a dry spell, using retained water from your water butt and washing up water can also be used. Make sure tall plants are

staked in case of a summer storm.

3. Commence summer pruning of apple and pear trees. Thin desert plums, cut back loganberry canes and tie in new shoots. Start planting new strawberry runners, hoe through other fruit bushes, water and feed once a week. Pick soft fruit and freeze if there is a glut.
4. Lift early potatoes, spray water on runner beans in dry weather. Continue to plant out winter greens and watch for cabbage root fly and caterpillars. Remove side shoots and basal growths on tomatoes and feed with liquid manure every watering. Once you reach the fourth truss of flowers pinch out the top of the plant to stop it growing and that helps the fruits to develop. Feed cucumbers, courgettes and

water freely. When picking perpetual spinach pinch the leaves from the base and keep picking regularly, to stop the row going to seed.

5. Some marginal plants in and around the pond may need to have some light pruning to keep them in shape. Treat any blanket weed before it takes a hold.

Tip of the month

If you only have a small garden, consider growing fruit trees in pots. You can buy a wide variety of dwarf trees, do not make the pot too big at first planting, pot them on gradually. Use a plastic pot as it will retain the water better; remember clay pots are porous, also if you wish to move the pot around the garden plastic pots are lighter to lift.

Jill Ball

Harry's Page 3 Girls



A Pied Wagtail - and married and engaged. Seasonally appropriate?

For the Squirrel. Oh Dear, the RSPB said this was not supposed to happen. Time for a Squirrel ASBO.



Wedding Bells

For those who don't understand Harry's humour, he is getting married this weekend and is head over heels with another bird (sorry Maggie couldn't resist it). By the way, squirrels are pests but I will allow this one transgression, as your mind is obviously elsewhere!!!



Have a great weekend.

We Warned You Here First!!!

The £1m-a-year speed camera

A campaign group is protesting against a speed camera that generates about £1.3million a year in fines.

Nearly 2,000 motorists a month receive a £60 penalty after driving over the 30mph limit on the A350 in Poole.

Dorset Speed, a pressure group, said the speed limit was "completely inappropriate" for the dual carriageway.

Dorset Police said the limit would be enforced until drivers slowed down.

As one of this village's contributors to the Poole tax coffers, be warned. This camera is situated at the traffic lights as you go from 50 to 30 mph on the way into Poole. I know of at least two other villagers who have been captured. **The Editor**

Goal Posts with Broken Windows or Metal Grills

Having suffered THREE broken windows inside a week since the goal posts have appeared, I put the problem to our Parish Council. Unfortunately, apart from one occasion when I caught some Clayesmore boys, no one else wanted to own up to the breakages. My thanks to the Bursar and the deputy Headmaster who had the glass replaced. I put the matter to the Parish Council and suggested that the posts were resited another 20-25 metres further down the field.

You would have thought that I had asked for the Crown Jewels! The reluctance by one or two members of our Parish Council was devoid of any kind of compromise whatsoever. The fact that I have only seen 3 or 4 little boys playing was strongly refuted, I am assured by some Councillors that this was incorrect and that more than that number use the pitch. The fact remains, that these small boys have to run over a large distance and they themselves would prefer a shorter pitch. The suggestion proposed was that the existing post holes could remain in situ and the sockets plugged; new sockets could be acquired and put some distance further down the field, satisfying both the small boys and the Village Club. If a future Team is assembled then the posts could be easily returned to their original sockets.

Eventually, it was decided that a couple of the Parish Councillors would meet Club Officials to further discuss the situation.

Too late! The evening following the Parish Council

Clerk's Corner

(Notes from the Parish Council)

The Parish Maintenance Units from DCC have recently been reorganised so that the village will now see three visits a year instead of the previous two. The sort of work that they will undertake includes potholes, drains, verges, signposts, footways. If you know of any work that needs doing please let the Clerk or Cllr Rob Smith know by the 15th July, 15th Oct or 15th Mar ideally sooner rather than later. If it is really urgent a message can always be left for the Clerk on 07818 047617 or email iwerneminster@dorsetparishes.gov.uk.

Tony Gibb Clerk to IM Parish Council
07818 047617 or 01725 552704

Meeting, I arrived to play snooker only to find the floor covered in glass once again, yet another FOURTH window (a large one this time) had been smashed by a football.

Very reluctantly, the mesh will have to go back immediately to prevent further damage and the Village Club (with over 50 members) will now go back to looking like a prison camp and not a Village Club. I am sure that we all agree it is not an ideal building but after all, it does what most Village Halls do - provide a place for entertainment limited as it is, with its Snooker, Table Tennis and Darts. I hope to report more success after our meeting with the Parish Councillors.

Mervin J. Marsh (Hon. Secretary I.M.V.C.)

Thank You Langford's

A message of thanks from Dot Hinchliffe entitled - *Passing the Test*.

The MOT for my car was due. Unable to bear the ignominy of rejection I thought it prudent to obtain a front off-side lens which had dropped off somewhere. (Honestly!) "Try Langford's the car breakers at Semley" someone said, so I did.

A brief telephone call assured me a pair was available. "M reg, you say? Best to replace both since we've got 'em. Come in when you like." in less than an hour that same morning the job was done.

Now there's service! No intake of breath, no waiting weeks for bits or a booking, smiling knowledgeable staff and gratifying immediacy - all for not much more than a couple of pints.

If you have a similar problem, there's no need to look elsewhere: just talk to Paul Langford.

Dot Hinchliffe

Back by popular demand and based on the success of last years Sports Day we are holding a repeat fixture on Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August. Please help support the event by telling family and friends, the more the merrier.

Family Fun Sports Day

Old fashioned races for all ages and a great day for the family

All Welcome

Iwerne Minster, Fontmell Magna,
Shroton, Ashmore, Sutton Waldron
& surrounding hamlets

Monday 30th August 2010

BBQ & Bar 12:30 • Races 1:30
At the Parish Field, Iwerne Minster

BBQ available - Bar & Drinks available - Marquee Provided
Race Ribbons awarded

Don't miss joining in with a great family day

For further details please contact Emma Lewis 01747 811891 or
Marlene Little 01747 811163

Iwerne Valley Climate Change Forum

The Iwerne Valley Climate Change Forum (IVCCF) was formed some 4 years ago as a response to the need to raise awareness and gain community involvement in the move towards a carbon neutral future.

The steering group of the IVCCF has recently met to consider how it needs to go forward.

It is now believed that, in view of the much higher levels of general awareness and actions towards a more carbon neutral future by local authorities, businesses and individuals in the area, it will be more effective for the IVCCF to concentrate on being project specific and to support work such as the winners recommendations together with other ongoing local projects such as the Micro Hydro project in Fontmell Magna.

As a result there will no longer be monthly articles in the Valley Views, etc but when necessary updates and reports of progress on specific projects and items of general interest will be made available.

The recent Community Carbon Footprint competition has produced some really good ideas and the two winning recommendations are to be followed up by the steering group over the next few months to ascertain their feasibility and to recommend next steps for action.

It is hoped to repeat this competition on an annual basis as it appears to be a good way to bring ideas forward that are practical as future projects for the IVCCF.

Jonathan Ford who has been the chairman of the IVCCF since its formation will be moving with his family to Oxfordshire shortly and we wish them all good luck for the future.

On behalf of the local community the Forum wishes to express its gratitude for the hard work Jonathan has put in, both as chairman of the Forum, as a leader for the steering group and also the work done to date on meetings, events and project support.

To contact the IVCC Forum regarding specific issues or advice, please call:-

Chris Bellers tel 01747 811734

Andrew Kennard tel 01747 811742

Chris Nadin tel 01747 812377

Ian Watson tel 01747 811867

WINNERS

Senior:

1. **Bulk purchase of green electricity** (Ian Watson, Iwerne Minster) **40 points**
2. **Wind turbine** (Amanda Ford, Iwerne Minster) **34 points**
3. **Restoration of in-cycle hedges around rural Dorset** (George Darwell, Fontmell Magna) **26 points**
4. **Streetcar** (Mike Deeming, Iwerne Minster) **21 points**

Under 18s:

1. **Bus use reward scheme** (Edward Hart, Iwerne Minster) **33 points**
2. **Hidden water** (Toby Ford, Iwerne Minster) **24 points**
3. **Walk to school day** (Edward Hart, Iwerne Minster) **23 points**

For full details see local Notice Boards

25% to village charities

17th July 10.30—12.30

Before the Village Fun Day

Bowhay, Tower Hill, Iwerne Minster

House Clearance

House, garage and garden items: antiques furniture, books, white goods, toys, garden sculpture and equipment including:

Stone statue of family group (J. Sells) - £2,250

Summer House (Scotts of Thrapston) - £1,800

Rangemaster electric cooker—£600

Fridge freezer—£350

14 ft TP Trampoline - £250

John Deere 21 inch mulching mower—£250

Kawasaki strimmer— £100 Antique paraffin lamp—£75

Wrought iron fire guard and poker—£55

Triang tricycle—£40 Bird boxes (3 no.) - £30

Rabbit cage and run—£30 7 ft workbench—£25

Scythe—£20

art books (package of 10) - £10

.....and more.....

For more details and full list of items contact
Jonathan Ford 01747 812509 jaf.ford@virgin.net

25% of proceeds will be split between the following:
St. Andrew's School Micro Hydro, St. Mary's Church,
G5, and Hope in Mozambique

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Iwerne Minster Home Watch

Another month has flown; the only incident to report from the village is the theft of the gardening equipment from the boot of a gardener's vehicle whilst he was working in a garden. This was not reported to the police so no further action was taken.

If you don't report a crime, however small, you will not get a crime number for insurance purposes and we cannot expect the police to visit our village. As far as they are concerned a crime has not been committed!

You may have noticed on the monthly police report, emailed to those who wished a personal copy, also placed on the village notice boards; that there has been an occurrence of car vandalism in Child Oakford. This sort of crime, as well as theft of fuel and belongings from cars, can easily be averted. Those who have garages and do not use them should consider doing so. Why not get rid of all that junk from your garage and use it for the purpose it was intended. You probably have never touched it since the day you moved in!

This will considerably reduce the amount of crime relating to our cars parked outside and in the road, avoiding potential damage from passing traffic. Also bear in mind that an insurance company will not pay out for damage on a vehicle that the owner claims is garaged.

I do hold a selection of low cost security devices that can be purchased direct from me or from me at the Village Fete on 17th July, where I hope to explain how our village Home Watch scheme should work if you wish to know. If you are reading this after that event I will also be at the IMPHA show on the 21st August with "Sheduction" the police mobile shed together with, operations permitting, our local "bobby" PC 2201 Rich Barnes.

Remember if you don't report it didn't happen!

To report a crime please contact the police on 01202 223003 or the rural mobile 07825 521852 or in an emergency requiring immediate response 999.

Don't forget to contact your Home Watch Contact who can warn the rest of the village.

If you have information about any crime and would prefer to offer information in confidence and anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or visit their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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