

VILLAGE NEWS

Editorial

Firstly, let me explain why this News Sheet is coming to you. At last year's AGM of the Iwerne Minster Village Club it was agreed that "communications" was an issue for many groups in the village. This was discussed and it was agreed that we should have another go at keeping each other more up-to-date about what was happening. Hence a News Sheet with some informative items which might be a bit of fun together with others which are more serious.

Some of you will be saying that we already have Valley Views but although this is an excellent production, it cannot cover everything that is needed by the village as a whole. Iwerne Minster is the only village in our Benefice which does not have its own News Sheet. Clearly, there will be ways in which we can complement each other, our existence should not be seen as a competition.

As you can see, there is no advertising in this edition which means that it is being produced purely through the good will of a few interested villagers. We are looking at ways in which we can keep the cost to a minimum and are considering using existing routes of communication already in use in the village, e.g. emails, Blackmore Vale distribution points and other ideas not yet identified. This is clearly a shared project, any ideas about content or circulation would be much welcomed. Ideas by email please but if not, then my contact details are below.

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The Village Shop

The following is a small message from Bernie regarding our Village Shop:

~ **Post Office re-opening date is scheduled for 15th June.**

During the week commencing 31st May, I will be returning to Guildford to attend Post Office training. During this time, my mother-in-law, June Collison, will run the shop along with Annette, Emma and Joyce.

~ **Village Stores to apply for Alcohol Licence.**

Having waded through an inordinate amount of bureaucracy, I hope to obtain a premises and personal licence to offer alcohol for sale within the next few weeks. Your feedback in this area would be very useful in helping to decide on what to stock. So please let me know if your tippie is Rioja or Riesling, Vodka or Vermouth!

~ **Long Cichel Bakery available to order**

Iwerne Minster Village Stores has started taking a weekly delivery of Long Cichel bread on a Thursday lunchtime. Overall this has been very well received and we can supply (if ordered) the complete range of Long Cichel bread including Malted 5-Seed (their best-selling loaf), Long Fermentation, Spelt, Rye, Pain d'Auvergne, Pain de Campagne and Fruit Loaves. Furthermore, we will keep a *Bread Book* whereby customers can place a firm order from the Long Cichel range and we will hold their bread for them (as we do with the newspaper saves).

For those who prefer the bread we bake on the premises, we will still be baking baguettes and bloomers on a daily basis.

~ **Dry Cleaning/Laundry Service & Shoe Repairs**

Please remember we offer a very convenient dry cleaning and laundry service with Pendove Ltd of Poole. Pick up times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and are returned at the next pick up (unless it is a specialised item, which may take a little longer). So an item picked up on Wednesday morning will be returned on Friday morning. Prices are available on request. They have a good value ongoing dry-cleaning offer – 2 for the price of 1. So if you have an item to be dry cleaned, you may as well seek out something else to include and you will get the cheapest item dry-cleaned free of charge.

~ **Prescription Service**

Free collection service for Abbey View Medical Centre prescriptions delivered from Lloyds Pharmacy. We will hold your prescription to await your collection.

~ **Green Groceries & Flowers available to order**

Stocks of Blandford deliver to us 3 or more times per week. If there are any particular items of fruit or vegetables you require, please let us know and we can often get them same day or at least the next day. Stocks obtain their flowers direct from the Dutch markets, so please ask and we will order the bunch you are looking for.

~ **Egg Box Re-cycling**

Our locally sourced Cashmoor House free range eggs are proving very popular. Please return the egg boxes to us and they will be re-used.

~ **Other Product lines**

We now stock Hunter wellington boots. Aigle and Beretta outdoor wear are also available to order.

Latest addition to the shelves – Luxury Wicker Dog Beds – English hand woven wicker from Bridgewater, Somerset.

Let's do even better this year for Wessex Cancer Trust.

The Village Shop (continued)

What else do you want to see in the shop?

On a personal note, thanks to all for the warm welcome you have extended to us, since we moved to Iwerne Minster. Sarah (currently teaching in Hampshire) cannot wait to settle in the Village full time when the school year ends in July. Our boys, Edward (7) & Ben (5), love their weekends in Iwerne Minster. They are (literally) like children in a sweet shop. We all look forward to taking an active part in Village life.

Bernie, Sarah, Edward & Ben

Parish Council Matters

- **The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30pm** in the Abbingdon Hall. Your Editor will try to be there to keep you up-to-date with any developments such as the Clayesmore Footpaths and Barbers Cottage Traffic Calming Scheme but please come along and support the efforts of your Councillors.
- Did you know that at the village's last Annual Meeting, held on 22nd April, the idea of a Fish & Chips van coming to the Village was discussed and received unanimous support. If you haven't tried them yet come along to the Parish Field between 5.00 and 7.00pm every Thursday evening.
- The time has come round again for Best Kept Villages. Let's make a special effort to wrest the award back from Child Okeford.

Village Club Update

- The Village Club held a very successful Garden Party on 28th May, which was attended by so many that the cakes and tea soon disappeared. A great idea and one that is hoped can be repeated soon. Many thanks to those who spent hours preparing and looking after us on a beautiful summer's afternoon. You haven't lived unless you have tried one of Dot's quizzes.
- **Don't forget the next event, which is a Wine Tasting evening at 7.30pm on Thursday 25th June** at the Village Club. This was a great evening last year and is back by popular demand.
- Also a good afternoon to plan into your diaries is the **Charity Run and BBQ** which is scheduled for **Saturday 11th July**. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us than last year but we still managed to raise a substantial amount for the Air Ambulance.

IMPHA Update

- How does your garden grow? Remember the **Produce & Horticultural Society's Show on Saturday 22nd August**. I know that this is a long way off but if you want to compete, now is the time to start planning, whether it is for flowers, vegetables, photographs or whatever else takes your fancy. Everything is worth trying at least once. For further information contact Penny Marsh on 811339.

"Friends Co-ordinators"

Just an idea that might be worth thinking about?

If you can remember when you first came to the village and those little problems that seemed so difficult at the time, would it not have been so much easier if we had a system of friendly co-ordinators where we could go to get advice? I know that the Church and others have welcome packs for newcomers but some new residents always miss the net. If you have any ideas or would like to be nominated as a "friends co-ordinator" (much like the Home Watch Scheme) how about giving it a go? Interested parties should contact any of the Village Club Committee or your Editor.

Iwerne Village Clubs & Organisations

- Just a little plug for our Home Watch system. I know that, apart from St Mary's Church, we have escaped some of the incidents that are happening in other villages in North Dorset but remember to lock things up when working in your garden, especially during this glorious early summer weather we are having. There is nothing worse than coming indoors to find that someone has helped themselves, whilst you were outside. If there is any help or advice needed, please contact our Watch Co-ordinator, Geoff Peters on 811546.
- **The Sutton Waldron and Iwerne Minster Women's Institute (SWIM)** have asked that their **Spring Show**, which is being held **at the Village Hall, Sutton Waldron on Wednesday 17th June**, can be highlighted. This is a perfect event where members of the public are free to come and see what the WI is all about. It opens to the public at 2.00pm, please come and see the exhibits, which will have been judged earlier in the day, and enjoy an afternoon out. There might even be a piece of Lemon Drizzle cake if you ask nicely.

- If any other club or organisation wishes to have something said on their behalf in this News Sheet, please let us know. What you are planning and when, would be very helpful.

Other useful dates for your diaries

We only have one event to advertise in this issue. Without any input from others in the village issues of this News Sheet will become much smaller. Please pass any requests to your Editor (preferably by email but any other method is fine).

- ✓ **Friday 24th July at Clayesmore School** there will be a **singing recital** by our own Charlotte Hewitt and newcomer to the village David Le Prevost. Both are studying music in Manchester and are coming together with a varied programme for our enjoyment.

History Corner

As this issue features the re-opening of our Post Office, this picture is worthy of an outing. It is kindly donated by Penny Marsh but I am sure that others in the village have seen it before.

Can anyone put a date to it? You might need a magnifying glass but it appears to be an army field gun outside the shop. Other clues are the children wearing smocks and the “Bovril” signs in the shop window.



Green Fingers

If there is anyone in the Village who would like to put their thoughts into some form of “green finger column” please let me know. In the meantime the following things to do now are thanks to Martin Fish and Gardeners News:

- ✿ Unlike other ornamental trees, prune flowering cherries and other members of the prunus family whilst they are in full growth.

- ✿ Tackle broad-leaved lawn weeds with a ready to use spot treatment.
- ✿ Plant potted dahlias if they are in flower. However, beware of any late ground frosts.
- ✿ Bring out tender plants from your greenhouses. Acclimatise them in a sunny and protected spot first.
- ✿ Check pumps and water features, i.e. clear blocked filters caused by dead leaves.
- ✿ Remove dead wood from trees and shrubs.

Postscript

If something in this edition made some sense then please let me know what you think.

Perhaps the photographers amongst us would like a section, just put some thoughts together and get in touch.

This is your News Sheet but it is only as good as what we put in it.

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