The times they are a-changin’…
The season is only one of the many changes happening within the Parish. Here are some highlights…

New Councillors
I’m pleased to say that since the Summer newsletter, the IPC has grown from 10 to 14 councillors with only one place remaining to be filled by co-option. We recently allocated a number of key roles (to be published on the website soon) and I have high hopes for the increased productivity and scope of work we can take on. Go to page 5 to find out a little about who they are.

New Bourne Cemetery
The Bourne Cemetery is now open to receive burials (p11). This was made possible by the rapid decision-making the council were able to achieve in September and October to approve all the required rules and procedures. The opening of the cemetery has also led to the need for a part-time Cemetery Manager (p4).

Retiring Parish Clerk
Whilst talking about vacancies, sadly we also have one for a Parish Clerk, as Jim has decided to retire after a little under two years of excellent and diligent service (p4). We only have Jim through to the end of the year, so please consider the role if it might be of interest.

Neighbourhood Plan Getting Close…
The Neighbourhood Plan (p3) is entering the final stages, with the referendum now within our sights. A potential application for a large-scale development, well in excess of the size outlined in your Neighbourhood Plan, is causing significant emotion and concern, resulting in the formation of an action group (p16).

Community Projects Ideas Please
The IPC are drawing up a list of potential community projects and improvements that will inform our priorities for 2017. In addition, the IPC are building a list of more significant infrastructure improvements, which could be funded by potential future developments in which we would secure a share of any associated Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

We know many of our parishioners are clear in their minds what they think the village needs, so we invite your suggestions for the improvements you would like to see in our Parish (send to the Parish Clerk).

In the weeds
Talking of community, we were very impressed with the volunteer turnout for the weeding of the riverbank in Idmiston organised by Roy Gould. They made some great progress but there is still work to be done (p19)

Gomeldon Hill - lights on!
After two years of darkness, the lights on Gomeldon Hill are finally re-connected and working! Have a read of the story on page 12.

On behalf of Idmiston Parish Council, I wish you all the best for the coming season and associated festivities.

James Humphries
The Churches Conservation Trust has recently taken on its 350th Church - St Kenelm’s in Sapperton, Gloucestershire. This Church was named after Kenelm the boy king of Mercia in the 9th Century.

Closer to home, All Saints cannot boast a boy king, but the Reverend John Bowle who was born in Idmiston in 1725 and became the incumbent of All Saints after attaining an MA at Oxford. He translated Don Quixote from the Spanish to English. Memorials to the family can be seen in the church.

A steady stream of visitors continue to enjoy the peace and tranquility of All Saints and the last entry in the Visitors Book was written by an individual from New South Wales whose ancestors had originated from Idmiston and he described the experience as “coming home”.

**Christmas Events**

- **Saturday 26 November 11-2.00 pm**
  - Christmas Memory Tree Launch. A unique opportunity to commemorate your loved ones this Christmas by hanging a message on the tree. This is for everyone whether a member of the Parish, or of the faith community and all others. Tea, Coffee and Cakes will be available so please do come and visit the Church. Tags to hang on the tree will be in the Church throughout the whole Christmas period.
- **All Saints Christmas Service**
  Will be held on Wednesday 21 December at 6.30 pm. This family friendly service is always well attended so dress warmly and come and enjoy some quiet time out from the Christmas frenzy. Mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies will be available as usual in the Church after the service.

Please do come and support these events. All proceeds from both these functions will go to the CCT and the local parish and will go towards keeping our beautiful old Church open and maintained.
Idmiston Neighbourhood Plan Update

Councillor Valerie Creswell reports:
When we last updated you on the progress of the draft INP in the summer edition of the Magazine, the Plan had just completed the six week Public Consultation on the Wiltshire Council website.

In early July, the draft INP together with representations from the Public Consultation exercise, the supporting Data Book and documents were sent to the Independent Inspector. It is the role of the Inspector to closely examine the Plan and the supporting evidence to ensure that it is logical, legal and viable before it goes to Adoption and Public Referendum. A few weeks ago the Inspector came back to the INP team to clarify several technical questions raised during the Consultation process. With great assistance from officers at Wiltshire Council we have now returned to the Inspector the answers and clarifications required.

The next steps
The next stage of the process is that the Inspector should return the draft INP to Wiltshire Council together with recommendations for any amendments and corrections. If all goes smoothly, the officers of Wiltshire Council should move to adoption of the INP. Adoption is the trigger for the Referendum where all parishioners currently registered on the Electoral Roll will be eligible to vote in a postal vote.

If more than 50% of those voting support the Plan, then the local Planning Authority must bring it into force when considering all future planning applications for housing development sites.

But when?
The time frame has, inevitably, slipped but it is our expectation that this will be accomplished before the end of the year. In the whole of South Wiltshire, we are one of only two Neighbourhood Plans to have reached this stage of the process. The INP team has worked with great energy and determination to get to this point and we would like to thank them all for their commitment to the project. The INP, when adopted, will play a large part in giving the community an influence in how development will be conducted in the future.

Potential developments
Over recent weeks many of you may have heard that, following their presentation at the AGM of Idmiston Parish Council in May, Bovis Homes and Savills have been undertaking soil and archaeological tests in the field behind the Memorial Hall. At their presentation, they revealed that they were considering a development of up to 50 houses on this site. The site was not one of those chosen in the Neighbourhood Plan site selection exercise carried out by Parishioners in September 2014 and the number of houses proposed is well in excess of the recommended maximum number of 10 for Large Villages such as Porton. The additional pressure that such a large scale development would place upon our, already, overstretched infrastructure would be very great. If we do not vote for our Neighbourhood Plan at the Referendum, there will be little, or no, barrier to this and further large scale development proposals.

When the time comes – please vote Yes in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan in the Referendum. We will try to keep everyone informed when details of such a vote begin to emerge.

Salisbury and District Model Engineering Society

At the August meeting members were treated to a fascinating talk on the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Sean Devine, who builds and flies model helicopters, brought in his fully functioning model of the new Bell 429 now used by the Service. He then answered members questions about just how do helicopters fly?

In September members gave us a talk on their visit to the ‘Museum of Bath at Work’. Although Bath is now known more as a tourist destination, it has a long history of industry which was well represented in the museum. October was an enjoyable ‘general natter’ night.

In November we have a talk by Jon Maxwell, an optical engineer, and he is going to tell us all about the manufacture of optical instruments. December 21 Christmas Social Natter Night

The Society meets every 3rd Wednesday in the month At Porton Memorial Hall at 7.30pm when we have speaker talks on some aspect of model engineering (or related subjects) - or just meet to discuss members current projects

For more information call Mike Orman 01722 320845 or www.salisburymes.co.uk or peter.scrivens@btinternet.com
Vacancy - Parish Clerk
Idmiston Parish Council is seeking a new Parish Clerk to begin work as soon as possible.
- This role is very rewarding as you play your part in the smooth running of our Parish community and involves regular communication with parishioners and Council members.
- The applicants are required to have a good working knowledge of MS Office, especially MS Word & Excel and experience of basic record keeping and accounting.
- Good communication and inter-personal skills are essential and training will be given on specific job requirements.
- It is a part-time role, working from home, approximately 20 hours per week, that lends itself to be worked flexibly around other commitments.

For details about the role and how to apply, please refer to the IPC website. www.idmistonpc.org

Vacancy - Bourne Cemetery Manager
Following the opening of the Bourne Cemetery (see page 11), the IPC are looking for a part-time Cemetery Manager.
- The Manager will be the point of contact between funeral directors and the IPC, ensuring arrangements are managed correctly.
- The successful applicant will also be responsible for responding to enquiries from parishioners and maintaining official records.
- It is anticipated that the time requirement for this role would be in the region of 2-3 days per month on average.

For details about the role and how to apply, please refer to the IPC website. www.idmistonpc.org
Ken Bradley

Ken Bradley has lived in Porton with his wife Julie since 1988 after a change of job took us both to the Defence Logistics Organisation at Andover.

Within the Ministry of Defence I worked in a variety of roles including Project Manager, Business Manager and Design Engineer. Having retired I have found time for other things including helping to run the Badminton Club at the village hall. Other interests include walking, wildlife, travel, photography, tennis and trying to play the clarinet.

After living in the village for some time I feel that I would like to contribute to the village in some way and would like to see it develop in accordance with the wishes of those that live here.

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Anne Appleyard

Anne has lived in Porton for twelve and a half years since her marriage to her husband (Geoffrey), who moved back to the village over 25 years ago. She is a retired professional ecologist with many years experience in academic research and in the public sector. Her last post was as Principal Ecologist and Director of Greater Manchester Ecology Unit, advising the ten unitary authorities of Greater Manchester on wildlife and nature conservation, particularly in relation to planning matters.

She remains active in the environmental field as a volunteer and hopes to use her knowledge and experience to benefit the community in which she lives.

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Bob Pope

Bob Pope was born in Wiltshire and has been working in the area since 1985. I am a known and reputable local builder with wide experience and knowledge in construction. I take pride in my work. I have lived in Porton since early 2016 with my wife (who provides architectural services, therefore I have a good understanding of the local policies) and my daughter. I previously lived in Newton Tony, a nearby village. I enjoy being active, my hobbies include snowboarding, cycling, motorbiking and travelling.

I am always busy, however I felt it is important to have diversity in the parish council and I believe I can make a positive contribution and help making decisions that serve the wider community.

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Wayne Maher

Wayne Maher

Wayne Maher has lived in Porton since 2003; although I was born in Winterbourne I spent a lot of my childhood and teen years at my grandparents house in Horefield. I am married to Laura and we have two boys who attend St Nicholas School.

I am a self employed plumbing and heating engineer. I joined the council as a way of putting something back into the community and I take a particular interest in the youth issues as I’m probably nearest the youths in age.

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Steven Duffin

I moved into Idmiston Parish in February 2016 and am keen to get involved with the local community. I am currently a director of DESL Electrical Contractors Ltd. based in Farnham, Surrey, for the past 8 years. In previous areas where I have lived I have carried out various community and charity roles. At a time when changes are taking place in Idmiston Parish, I would like to play my part and help to make a positive contribution to the community. I look forward to working as part of Idmiston Parish Council to improve facilities and make the Parish an even better place to live.

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New Parish Councillors join the team

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Village groups continue to use the hall on a regular basis, they are always looking for new members, and so if you are interested, contact details for the various organisations are set out below.

- **Since the last newsletter**, electric hand dryers have been installed in the toilets and kitchen, and a bench purchased and placed in the grounds in memory of Jean Wasling. The Photograph shows Bill Wasling on the seat.

- **During the month of August** the hall was used by the Porton Baptist Church congregation whilst the church was having maintenance carried out. The reports were that they were very happy with the hall and a booking has been taken for a Christmas party.

- **Private bookings have increased recently** mainly from outside the parish. We feel this is due to our pricing structure which would appear to be very favourable in comparison to other halls.

- **We have decided to go ahead with short mat bowls.** We are now looking to purchase the necessary equipment. The sessions would be 7.30 pm Thursday evenings and possibly Tuesday afternoons if there is enough interest. Once again the committee would like to thank the fundraising committee for all their hard work, the last Village Quiz, together with the Jumble Sale raised over £1000 for hall funds.

There are a few vacant slots - anybody wishing to book the hall please contact Sally Cuthbert 01980 610613

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**TO HIRE THE HALL RING SALLY CUTHBERT 01980 610613**

Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall
Raising funds for the Memorial Hall

Fundraising Update

FUTURE DATES and EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY
After a successful St George’s Quiz in April, and equally successful Jumble Sale in May this year, our Christmas themed Quiz will be held on Saturday 26th November – see poster in next column.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR, 2017

• The first Quiz will be on 6th May

• Jumble Sale in June – date to be advised.
It’s not too early to start saving those unwanted items. We will again have dates when you can bring them to the Hall, so watch out for those in the Spring Newsletter. We will also be looking for Volunteers to help on the day, so please let us know if you can help, even for just an hour or two on the day. We can arrange collection.

• The IPMH 50/50 Club will be starting again in the Spring. This is an easy way to support the Memorial Hall, raising much needed funds, and of course a chance to win the first prize of £50. Forms will be available nearer the time in the Parish Newsletter and on the website, at Nisa and Korner Kuts, Porton or by emailing or phoning us. fundraisers@rosebudd.com or ring 01980 555028

Parish Quiz - Saturday
26th November
Memorial Hall 7.30pm
Get your tickets NOW!
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GEMELDON CHRISTMAS TREE
2016

We are pleased to announce...
the Gemeldon Christmas Tree will be up again this year!
kindly sponsored by Fischer handheld UK Ltd and SouthEast Plumbing

The tree will go up the weekend of the 10th December
If anyone has a spare decoration to add to the tree
please feel free to do so!
For further information please contact Nicky Power
on 01980 610991 or 07736555065
Mulepackers Country & Western Dancing (Line dancing and Partner dancing) meet at Idmiston Memorial Hall every Monday evening 7.00 to 8.30 pm.

Our line dance and partner dance clubs at the hall are doing really well with several new members having joined us. Beginners are always welcome. We are particularly keen to develop the western partner dancing class and, with this in mind, we are offering the first 10 couples to contact us “3 free taster sessions” so they can see if it is for them.

Visited by the BBC
We recently had a visit from BBC Wiltshire as they were doing a feature on what’s on around Salisbury Plain. They filmed us dancing for their facebook page and broadcast their interviews on Wiltshire Radio the following week.

Social Events - Christmas Party
Mulepackers have just enjoyed a lovely social dance, raising funds for Salisbury Hospice and are now planning their Christmas party.

Phone us if you would like to learn to dance ... Mike 01722 717800 or Mel 01722 340054
www.linedancingsouth-mulepackers.co.uk

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The Over 60s Social Club is open to both men and women - we meet in the Porton Memorial Hall at 2pm on the last Monday of each month.

Our club has had a very enjoyable and busy summer and autumn programme, and members are now looking forward to further meetings and a Christmas lunch in December.

- Our autumn outing was a visit to the Horse & Groom at Woodgreen, followed by a walk at Godshill (see photograph above), and we took the opportunity to gather sweet chestnuts.
- In November we are having a talk on “The Life and Times of Thomas Hardy”.
- Next year’s programme is ready, and full of interesting speakers.

Those of us that have dogs took them along and they too really enjoyed the walk.

The annual subscription is only £5, and we pay £1 at our meetings to go towards the cost of hiring the hall.

So if you would like to meet new people and have an interesting and sociable afternoon, please join us, you will be most welcome.

Remember: Venue: Porton Memorial Hall Time: 2pm Date: Last Monday of the month

Phyl Grant 610263.

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library Timetable

Porton, Malvern Way
13:20 - 13:45
- Friday 2nd December
- Friday 30th December

East Gomeldon, Bus Turning Area (fortnightly stop)
14:45 - 15:50
- Friday 2nd December
- Friday 30th December

There is also an additional visit to East Gomeldon Bus Turning Area 2.30 - 3.20 every 4 weeks on Saturdays –
- Saturday 19 November
- Saturday 17 December

See more at: http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/ Round/50#sthash.UJZiWCw8.dpuf

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Moving on
The school year ended with a very successful school production and our annual Leavers Service where we wished all our Year Six children well as they entered into the next phase of their school life.

New faces
When we started back in September we were pleased to welcome our new teacher in Fox Class, Mrs Abbott. Both Mrs Abbott and the children have settled in well and have been very busy with their World War 2 topic. As you can see they have had lots of fun and have learned lots of information and facts from both their school work and during a visit to an exhibition at the Army Air Corps Museum.

Quite a change...
Everyone was very excited to see the huge amount of renovation work carried out over the summer holidays. We have had work carried out on all of our classrooms, reception area, and some new rooms created, and over the half term we continue with improvements to our lower corridors and cloakrooms. This work, funded jointly by the school and Diocese, has really brought the school buildings up to a high standard and created an amazing working environment for everyone at St Nicholas. To celebrate the improvements, the children’s learning and the opening of our new library we are holding a special ceremony on St Nicholas Day where the school will welcome visitors including the Archdeacon of Sarum, Ven. Alan Jeans.

Helping others
We have been supporting more worthy causes and in October we held a MacMillan Coffee Morning (picture right) which was well supported and we were pleased to raise £131. This month we are busy filling shoeboxes ready to be sent to children around the world and bring some St Nicholas joy this Christmas.

Open Days
Having received many visitors on our first open morning in October for parents and children looking to start school next September, we are looking forward to the next two, one in November and one in January. If you wish to book a place please contact the school office. [Details on page 37]

A popular choir
The school choir will also be busy over the next few weeks. We will be singing at the Small Schools Choir Concert, at Salisbury’s Christmas Market on the 9th December (please come and see us if you are able at 11am) and also the Carol Service at St Nicholas Church, Porton on the 18th December.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at St Nicholas Primary School.
After over a decade of planning, the Bourne Cemetery opened in Porton in October 2016.

The beautifully green ‘lawn cemetery’ has facilities for burials and for the burial of cremated remains, which should meet the needs of the Parish for many years ahead. There is a Garden of Remembrance on part of the site with lots of rose bushes, providing a quiet rest area for peaceful contemplation.

The Bourne Cemetery incorporates the ancient Porton Baptist Burial Ground, whose remains will be left undisturbed. The first interment in the new site was of Paul Dixon, born and bred in Porton, whose father Gerry Dixon looked after the grass on the Burial Ground site for many years. Paul died tragically at the age of 31, and his burial took place on 13th October 2016.

The Bourne Cemetery is available to Parishioners of Idmiston, Porton and Gomeldon.

For information about the cemetery and interments, contact the Parish Clerk parishclerk@idmistonpc.org
In these days of budget cutbacks we tend only to hear negative things, but one very positive outcome of the recent Wiltshire Council review of its services has been the return of the popular scheme where ‘parish stewards’ liaise with parishes to carry out local minor highways work swiftly and efficiently.

A group of around 18 stewards serve their own group of parish and town councils in the county. Under the new scheme, our parish has a regular monthly visit from our dedicated Parish steward, Alan Maple, who, with his hi-vis vehicle packed with equipment is well equipped to undertake repairs and maintenance, providing a ‘one stop and done’ service.

The Parish Council is asked to provide a monthly list of detailed tasks to be carried out and to prioritise the top five items that it considers most urgent. On the first visit in October it was amazing to see how much useful work got done in a day - from cutting back an overhanging hedge near the Memorial Hall to filling in some small potholes opposite Gomeldon bus shelter, as well as strimming and much general clearance work. There are masses of kerbside gulleys to be cleared and untidy areas to be cut back around the parish, and Alan’s regular presence should make a big difference over the coming months.

Salisbury may well have celebrated the switching on of its Christmas lights on 17th November, but far more significant to our Parish was the switching on in early October of the street lights on Gomeldon Hill that had been in darkness for more than two years!

The lights on the hill had been out for a while before local people started to notice the gloom, but once we started to investigate, the mystery of why they weren’t working just grew. Gomeldon parishioner Paul Bevis made the project his own and began a liaison with the ever-helpful Judy Dommett-Knight, Exterior Lighting Consultant, Transportation at Atkins, Wiltshire Council’s streetlighting contractor, which was to last as long as many modern marriages!

Originally one light had failed at the foot of the hill; that was eventually replaced with a new lighting column, but it took some time before it acquired a lighting head. After another period, it was illuminated - but not for long. We then lost ALL the three lights. When contractors went to investigate ‘the fault’ and did the usual things like replacing the lamp in one of the fittings (that didn’t work!) it turned out that the cable feeding one of the lamp standards had been professionally disconnected and terminated - but nobody knew why. It wasn’t possible to re-connect the cable because there might have been solid safety reasons why the original disconnection had taken place, and it might have proved dangerous to re-connect.

It took many months and several visits from different members of the Atkins team, with Paul constantly and courteously ‘chasing’ Judy to sort out the problem, each month reporting progress (or lack of it!) back to Idmiston Parish Council. In September a team came and dug many holes, playing ‘find the right cable’, it seemed, before a new cable connection was finally made, and early in October 2016 we were able to celebrate their success, as the lights came on at last!

Thanks to Paul and Judy and all those who worked behind the scenes to restore our lights.
Greetings again from Porton Baptist Church.

Our Harvest Weekend
1st/2nd October was very successful in that we were able to send 56kg of dry goods to the Trussell Trust and a similar quantity of fresh produce to Alabare.

Now we look forward to the Christmas Season, and hope that you will be able to join us for some, or all of the events.

● We begin on Sunday 20 November at 6pm with our ‘Darkness to Light’ Service. Not perhaps as spectacular as the Cathedral’s, but a good introduction to the season as we celebrate Jesus, the ‘Light of the World’.

● On Sunday 11th December, at 4pm, we have our ‘Village Carol Service’. Come and sing all the familiar carols.

● Our children present their Nativity at 1030am on the 18th. This is an enjoyable, if somewhat chaotic occasion.

● Then, Christmas Day, a Sunday this year. Our informal service is at 10am, when the children bring their presents to show us. Please join us to celebrate Christ’s Birth.

● On January 1st there will be no service at PBC as we will join with the other churches in the Valley at St. Michael’s to celebrate Bishop Timothy’s 90th Birthday.

The Fellowship at Porton Baptist Church wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Blessed New Year.

Douglas Parish

Badminton Club Thriving
It is good to report that the Badminton Club is doing well. After a somewhat sparse summer when numbers dropped to a low level due to sickness, injury and holidays, autumn has found us in quite a healthy situation with regular attendances of eight plus rising at times to a heady twelve. Sadly we have had to raise individual fees way above the rate of inflation to £3.00 for three hours of play inclusive of refreshments, but if our numbers continue to remain healthy we will consider reducing the fees to a level that can still cover our costs (unless of course our Treasurer runs off with the funds)! [It is worth noting that to play at one Salisbury Club there is a £75 membership fee plus £3 each night you play - Ed.]

For those of you who haven’t yet sampled the delights of badminton, the floor is one of the best in Wiltshire for the sport and we offer both plastic and feather shuttlecocks for play, so all that is required is enthusiasm and a willingness to debate world issues over a cup of tea and a biscuit or two.

Ken Bradley netsnjets@btinternet.com Tel: 01980 610849

New Kissing Gate
It took a long time, but thanks to the great efforts of the landowner’s agent John Martin, Wiltshire footpath officer Nick Cowen and East Gomeldon resident Paul Bevis we now have a new kissing gate at Humpty Dumpty hill.
Beaver Scout News
In the summer the Beaver colony had been making the best of the longer evenings and spent most evenings outside enjoying the sun and playing games. We found time to complete parts of our World Challenge badge and discovered facts about Italy, like what their Scout promise is and what their uniform looks like and what games they play. New beavers having joined us earlier in the term, we went out for an evening to Laverstock to follow the Whitehill walk along the river. We took time out to allow the new beavers to make their promise under one of the many big trees in a local park.

After the summer break we continued with the My World Challenge, but the first evening back was for fun and games and seeing what people had been up to and where they had been. One talking point was the absence of Redwood who had discovered that the combination of ladders, trees, a cat and gravity doesn’t always have a very happy ending, and was nursing a dislocated and fractured hip. He is however well on the mend and will be back with the Beavers soon. A special visitor came to visit the colony as Phil Ostler the new Vicar for Porton came to introduce himself to the children and see what we were up to.

The Colony visited Tesco in Tidworth to take part in their Farm to Fork experience. They had a good look around the store and were shown parts that the public don’t normally get to see. They took part in food challenges to find food of different colours around the store and got to try some of the produce.

Beavers reaching eight years old moved up to Cubs, making space for more children to join us. They spent a few weeks getting to know the fundamentals of Scouting and what being a Beaver scout is all about while the rest of the Colony completed their International badge with Cedar and Spruce, learning greetings in Finnish and finding out about different countries. The Experiment badge requires the Beaver to complete three separate experiments. We started with a volcano experiment, making them out of salt dough one week and the following, filling them with bicarbonate of soda mixed with food colouring for effect and then topped up with vinegar, - quite dramatic, and a little messy. We had a camp fire for bonfire night - beavers like nothing more than a campfire with singing and toasted marshmallows in between chocolate digestive biscuits.

Pete Anscomb/Redwood

Cub Scout News
We used the holiday break to prepare for a busy Autumn Term! The first evening back after a break is always exciting with Games and Pack Forums, when the cubs get together in their teams and talk about “stuff”. This time it was what games, activities and District activities they would like to do. One of the ideas for an activity was “making paper aeroplanes” so the following week produced a programme called “The Power of Flight”. Cubs made paper aeroplanes which they launched using launchers made by Hathi, especially for the purpose. Then they made a parachute for an egg which Hathi launched from the top of a step ladder. Some of the eggs made a safe landing others were not so lucky!!! Finally breaking Morse Code Codes exercised the Cubs’ grey matter for a few minutes.

Cyclist Badge
At a day in Winter, 16 of our Cubs were part of the District Cyclist Badge event. Once again Jon and I were proud to be their leaders. They learnt how to look after their bikes and mend a puncture, how to keep themselves safe on the road and in the dark, mount, dismount and ride safely, go on an adventure cycle ride through the forest, test their skills on the Assault Course and race around the Velodrome! All have now earned their Cyclist Badge as well as having had a day full of learning, fun and adventure. The second District activity also took place in Winterslow, a Family Kite afternoon. Cub Families joined Jacala (Andy) and I in the sunshine for a picnic lunch followed by an afternoon of kite making and flying. Most brought their own kites but due to lack of wind it soon became apparent that the homemade variety were more successful, especially as it involved plenty of running. It was a favourite day for both cubs and parents (tired cubs, so early nights for them is always popular with the Mums and Dads!).

Pack Meetings - A favourite cub activity is making ballistic or meatball launchers, a tripod designed to launch (soft) missiles either at targets or each other! Another week we thought about the Cub Scout Promise and how they had kept it. The 3 new cubs spent time learning about what the Promise they will make at Figsbury Ring really means to them. Healthy Eating, making Pizzas and Salad, circuit training and finding out how exercise affects the heart and lungs easily filled the sessions. The next week the cubs split into 2 groups, 10 of them will part in the third District event, the Handicraft Exhibition, and they planned a table top exhibit and mobile on the theme of “Deep in the Forest”. Whilst they were being creative the rest of the pack were being physical and went outdoors on a blindfold assault course. The evening before half term was organised by the Young Leaders, the pack walked up to Figsbury Ring where, after an encounter with cows who were intent on having their bedtime drink from the water trough whether the cubs were there or not, everyone enjoyed a game of hide and seek (in the dark) and had hot chocolate before our new recruits made their promise and were invested.
into the pack. The Cubs enjoyed a visit from Rosie and her owner from the Dogs Trust who talked about caring for and keeping safe around our canine friends. Cubs presented the Trust with tins of dog food and plan to collect bedding and towels to donate in the future. Shirley Moores/Akela

Idmiston Scout Troop News
Summer term ended with our annual camp, 7 days in Dorset, with 31 scouts from both Bourne Valley Scout Troops. Six patrols looked after themselves and competed to be top patrol in the daily ranking and overall competition. This year we returned to cooking on open fires, adding a new dimension, the scouts soon discovering that it takes more than a few twigs to cook a meal. Scouts experienced ‘caving’ in a complex constructed from concrete drainpipes, which offered challenges for those who were not keen on dark enclosed spaces. Scouts especially loved the water pipe. We also did activities off-site, dinghy sailing and stand-up paddleboarding in Poole harbour and coasteering at Dancing Ledge - no activity for the faint hearted! Kitted out in wetsuits, helmets and buoyancy aids, the scouts swam, climbed and jumped their way along the cliff edge, culminating in a leap into the sea from 22 feet up the cliff face and a visit to a cave known as the ‘Washing Machine’, which accurately described the effect of the sea on anyone in the cave when a wave hit. For Autumn Troop meetings the theme was teamwork and scouting skills in preparation for the Grose Trophy. This competition for teams of scouts from across Salisbury and South Wilts District consists of a hike between a series of checkpoints where the teams are given a task and marked on their ability and teamwork. Tasks are varied, so at one the team may have to light a fire, whilst at the next they may be undertaking archery and at the next again have to construct a device to fire golf balls at a target or pitch a tent whilst blindfolded.

Bourne Valley entered 4 teams and South Wilts District consists of a few twigs to cook a meal. Scouts discovered that it takes more than

a challenge to do at home, practise spellings, keep their room tidy, take the dog for a walk etc and also a challenge that the leaders set them all for 8 weeks - hopefully they will continue with them after! We are also working on the creativity badge - write and put on a play or something like that. In December it will be group and troop parties with one night to invest a new scout.

Shirley Tizard – Assistant Scout Leader

Explorer Scout News
The Bourne Valley Explorer unit has gone from strength to strength. We now have 30 Explorers! It has been a busy few months for the Bourne Valley Explorer Scouts. Our unit went to Finland after many months of extensive fund raising. We participated in their International Jamboree with 17,000 other scouts from all over the world. During our stay we made many new friends and learnt about different cultures. The 20 Explorers and 4 leaders had an amazing experience which enhanced the youths’ independence, time keeping, confidence and team spirit. In the second week we travelled to the Arctic Circle on a sleeper train where we met Santa and his reindeer (above), went dry slope tobogganing, and visited local museums. The Explorers took a take away challenge, went on a blindfold mystery hike, had a photography evening and went tracking around Bentley Woods. Continuing fund raising efforts ready for our next camp, we were extremely grateful to Steve Henstridge for organising and running a Metal Detecting event with a local group - he donated the profits and raffle money, nearly £900, to the Explorers. Thank you also to the local organisations that donated raffle prizes for this event.

Explorer Edward Bartlett organised and ran a Quiz night in the Glebe Hall to fund raise for his trip to South Africa to help communities in need. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. He raised £727, which complemented the amount he needed to raise.

If you are between 14-18 years old and would like to join our unit, please contact Wen or Tony Archer 01980 611441. Also, we are looking for another leader to help give the youths these experiences. If you are interested in taking part in scouting and enjoy working with youth, please get in touch.

Group Contact. Shirley Moores, Group Scout Leader
01980 611614, email: shirley.moores@wiltshirescouts.org.uk
We now have ten members, mainly belonging to the WI. At present we are all practising Carols and Christmas songs, and we have been asked once again to sing in Idmiston and Porton Churches. We are also going back to entertain the residents at Avonbourne Care Centre. The choir meets on alternate Tuesdays at 2.15pm. If you would like to join us ring Janet Slater 01980 610544.

New Action Group formed

Following an initial proposal from Savills and Bovis Homes to build houses on land adjacent to the Memorial Hall - No Planning Application has yet been submitted - an Action Group has been set up to oppose the scheme, and its ‘flyer’ is shown below.

Idmiston Parish Council has no connection with this group and has informed all concerned that, in accordance with its agreed policy, it will not be entering into discussions about the proposal until such time that an official Planning Application is made to Wiltshire Council.

- Bovis Homes and Savills are proposing to build up to 50 homes on the land adjacent to the Memorial Hall
- The draft Idmiston Parish Neighbourhood Plan has recognised areas for development in the Parish – this field is not one of these sites *
- The draft Idmiston Parish Neighbourhood Plan and the Wiltshire Core Strategy (2015) identifies Porton as a Large Village where housing developments should be fewer than 10 houses
- This proposed development is attempting to bypass the draft Idmiston Parish Neighbourhood Plan and force an unacceptable and unwarranted development in the Parish
- Help us maintain the Rural Feel ...
- We have set up the Porton NOT Port Town Action Group to oppose this development
- Contact us on portonnotportown@gmail.com to find out how you can support this opposition or call Andy Oliver on 07769 324365 or David Creswell on 01980 610914
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* 5 potential dwellings were approved in the draft NP in a row opposite the Porton Hotel

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Transport to hospitals, GPs, dental surgeries, hairdressers and shopping etc are also some of the tasks with which we may be able to assist in exchange for a donation to BVLS.

Please help by becoming one of our Link volunteers.

If you would like to help provide this valuable service in our community, then please call the Link number for information. You can choose how much time you are able to give and what tasks you are happy to undertake.

The scheme is a registered charity; volunteers receive expenses only and users are asked to make a donation in a sealed envelope (according to their means).

Ring the Co-ordinator on 01980 611117 to use the scheme.

www.bournevallleylink.org.uk

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Join us for mulled wine and mince pies at Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls on Saturday 19th November 2016 from 10.30 to 12.00 noon.

Applications are judged by a panel of experts from the Conservation Foundation, chaired by botanist, television presenter and the foundation’s co-founder, David Bellamy.

To be eligible your project must be located in Dorset, Somerset or Wiltshire and include some kind of community involvement or be of benefit to the wider community. It will be eligible if it is aimed at enhancing Sites of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCIs), local nature reserves or other designated conservation sites or to enhance or create natural habitats or provide new opportunities for wildlife.

Eligible schemes might include:
- a pond restoration
- food or allotment projects
- putting up a barn owl box
- clearing scrub from chalk grassland
- planting new trees in an old orchard
- projects for safeguarding the ecological resource in the future
- longer term habitat management and monitoring

If any Parishioners from Porton, Idmiston or Gomeldon have any bright ideas for community projects that might be funded in this way, contact the Parish Council, who will be happy to consider making an application to Wessex Water.

email: parishclerk@idmistonpc.org
Porton Football Club are currently looking for land to establish a home ground, in the Porton area

Porton FC has been established since 2000. We have approximately 60 children spread over four teams. All our coaches are FA qualified, and hold an FA first aid certificate and are CRC checked.

- Simon Palmer is our Chairman and Welfare Officer, he also runs the under 11’s and under 12’s teams.
- Stephan Haigh is our Secretary and also runs the under 14’s team.
- Peter Tanner is our Treasurer.

We always train on a Friday evening, 6pm till 7.15pm, come rain or shine and right through the school holidays. During the summer we train at Portway, Stratford Rd, Stratford Sub Castle and in the winter we train at Bulford, Kandy Road, on a 3G floodlit astro pitch.

- The U12’s and U14’s are in the Testway League and play their matches on a Saturday morning.
- The U11’s are in the South Wilts Youth Football League and play their matches on a Sunday morning.

We are always happy to have new boys and girls of all abilities to join the club, similarly we are always on the look out for parent helpers. All of us started off as parents on the touch line cheering our children on before we became more involved and took on the roles of coaches etc, which is very rewarding.

Porton FC are currently looking for land to establish a home ground, in the Porton area, if you can help please email Simon or Stephan at porton.fc@portonfc.uk

Working party clear river banks at Idmiston

For a long time the roadside banks along Church Road Idmiston have been overgrown and untidy, leading to complaints. In these days when we must take care not to transgress any ‘environmental’ rules, it is not possible to just jump into the river and clear things, and the rules about what can be cut and where the resulting ‘waste’ can be dumped are strict, so Cllr Gould took advice on what we are allowed to do, and local farmer Neil Bradbury was kind enough to agree that any weeds that were cleared could be placed on his land on the far side of the river bank. After a good deal of pre-planning, Parish Councillor Roy Gould, ably assisted by Cllr Mark Jones, organised a working party to clear the river bank. On Sunday October 30th, prompted by posters that had been displayed around the Parish, fourteen parishioners turned up in wellies and old clothes with forks, rakes, buckets and spades, and spent hours cutting back and clearing the riverbank weeds and general overgrowth. An unexpected benefit of the clearance work was that many of the roadside drain holes that had been covered over were cleared, so that water can again flow freely from the road into the river.

Our local PCSO Shona Maycock arranged for ‘Police Slow’ signs to be available, and local residents kindly provided refreshments for the workers.

The good results at the end of the day (a transformation!) were obvious to all who pass by, but one day wasn’t enough to do all the clearing that is necessary, so Roy will be organising another working party day in the next few weeks - look out for the posters and on the website.
Autumn has arrived with its beautiful colours, berries and winter foliage. The Porton Ladies Flower Arrangers Club meets on the second Wednesday evening of each month in the Memorial Hall at 7.15 p.m.

November’s arrangement is something with a candle. This gives a lot of scope for colour as well as imagination.

Our yearly Flower Arrangement evening is to be held at the Glebe Hall in the Winterbournes. The date is December 14th at 7.30 p.m. and the ticket price is £6.00. You can buy tickets on the door or from members of the Flower Club. It promises to be a night of colour and rich ideas for the holiday season.

Our A.G.M is in January and we start again in February, when hopefully we shall be looking forward to Spring. The pictures show the work of our members at the Harvest Festival in St. Nicholas Church.

If anyone would like more information about the Club please ring me, Margaret Sale on 610864.

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**NEW NETS FOR GOMELDON PLAYING FIELD**

Following the receipt of a letter from a young person in East Gomeldon, IPC has recently installed new football nets at East Gomeldon Playing Field.
In December 2014, the Government announced £2 billion of funding to deliver improvements along the A303/A358 corridor starting with:
- Dualling the A358 between Taunton and Southfields
- Dualling the A303 between Sparkford and Ilchester
- Ongoing proposals for the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down.

These improvements will:
- Create a modern, safe and reliable route which can cope with traffic levels for years to come
- Boost the economic growth and opportunities in the South West by creating capacity for more jobs and homes
- Improve the environment for people, wildlife and visitors with more biodiversity, better quality of village life and reduced impact on Stonehenge and the World Heritage Site.

The story so far - A303 Stonehenge
The 8.1 mile section between Amesbury and Berwick Down is one of the most difficult and sensitive. It runs just 165m from Stonehenge, one of the most iconic heritage sites in the world, and a national treasure. Some 24,000 vehicles travel this stretch of road every day – jumping to 29,000 on a summer weekend.

Transport and safety
Traffic, noise and air pollution affect the vitality of other villages – particularly Winterbourne Stoke, which the road effectively slices in two. A dual carriageway will reduce journey times and improve safety, as well as decreasing the amount of rat-running through communities like Larkhill, Bulford and Shrewton.

Economy and opportunity
The A303 is vital for the South West peninsula, forming a strategic link with the South East. Improving journey times would help make the South West more competitive nationally by providing better access to markets, jobs and skills.

Environment and community
A more sensitively designed A303 will reduce the impact of congestion, noise and pollution on local communities, as well as giving us the chance to enhance other protected natural sites along the road’s corridor.

UNESCO World Heritage Site
The A303 passes just 165m from Stonehenge. A better road layout will enhance the World Heritage Site in its natural tranquil setting, reuniting the Stones with their surrounding ancient monuments. In 2014 Prime Minister David Cameron announced £2bn funding to create an expressway, including a tunnel as an option for the A303 Amesbury – Berwick Down. Although funding is in place for a tunnel at least 1.8 miles in length, feasibility studies have shown a number of options could be pursued.

So that’s where we are now: our working assumption is a tunnel but we have a responsibility to work out which of the options – tunnel or otherwise – are viable and provide the best solution.

We’re preparing to go to public consultation in early 2017 when you’ll be able to view information about the proposed options and have your say.
Wiltshire Police

Current Priorities for Amesbury Rural
To promote “Community Messaging” please see the link below to register. Our free Community Messaging service will also help keep you updated about policing and crime in your local area
https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/

Hare Coursing is a problem at this time of year therefore officers have been asked to target their patrols especially at weekends specifically to address this type of crime. Wiltshire Police will be continuing to limit the number of offences by pro-active policing and ongoing policing operations in the affected areas. Community intelligence is crucial for us to achieve this aim so please continue to tell us if there are things of concern going on in your area. Report through 101 or 999 if the offence is happening at the time.

Cybercrime awareness remains something we have been looking to raise awareness of. Our PCSOs have continued to deliver Op Polite lessons to all of the local schools, ensuring that everyone is educated as how best to use the internet, and to prevent becoming a victim of crime.

Local Crimes - Bourne Valley
● Between 11 & 12am on the 15th a garage was attempted to be broken into in Porton. It is believed the offender(s) made off in an Astra or Focus shaped vehicle.
● At around 1am on the 16th a garage was broken into in Porton and machinery and 2 bikes were stolen from within.

Crime Prevention Advice
It has been brought to my attention that a lottery scam may have resurfaced which we were aware of in 2014. Please do not reply to emails stating you have won a prize! Or open an email or a link from an unsolicited email. Information regarding this scam below:
http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/fifa-world-cup-online-lottery-scam-jan14
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The nights are drawing in and the days are getting duller and gloomier, so, why not brighten them up by joining the WI and finding some new activities to fill the time.

Some of us have just spent a day at the City Hall for our Wiltshire Federation Annual Meeting. There we met many of our colleagues from local WIs and also many familiar faces from activity days arranged by the Federation that we have attended.

At the Annual Meeting we had the CEO of Get Safe Online, Mr. Tony Neate. He brought home to us how the internet has changed our lives and also how it threatens it if we do not take care of what you put on line. Scary! His catch phrase “What goes on Line – Stays on Line” was a warning to everyone, to be passed on to family and friends.

Our main speaker of the day was David Hempleman-Adams, High Sheriff of Wiltshire and renowned Explorer. He fascinated us with tales of his life as a mountaineer venturing up his first mountains at aged 18 with little regard for his safety. He has since climbed all the tallest mountains in each continent and walked to the North and South Poles, both geographical and magnetic. Back at our WI we have had a couple of months wandering for our meetings. In August our Annual visit took us to Bowood House and gardens where we spent a very interesting afternoon, learning about the changing topography of the landscape once ‘Capability’ Brown had been employed to ‘enhance’ the view. Members from Winterslow WI joined us for the visit, which was rounded off with a delicious cream tea. Amesbury History Centre is about to be re-housed in a new building but at present home is an old pre-fab and that is where we spent an interesting afternoon in September, hearing about ancient Amesbury. How Amesbury could be an earlier settlement than Stonehenge. The centre also holds information on the Military activity during the first and second world wars, especially Aeronautical. But now we are back at Idmiston Memorial Hall for the winter where we will be holding our meetings every third Wednesday of the month at 2pm. In November we have Beverley Baxter demonstrating Creative Cakes. December we have our Christmas Dinner at the Rose & Crown at Harnham. In January we celebrate the New Year with a party and entertainers and in February we have our Annual Meeting. The Parish Choir (formerly the WI Choir) has become a firm favourite at Avonbourne Care Centre and they will be entertaining there again in December. In the meantime they meet every second Tuesday, if you would like to join them please contact me and I will put you in touch with the organizers.

If Idmiston & Porton WI activities are not to your liking as a member you can take part in the activities planned by Wiltshire Federation. This year they are taking walking tours of Salisbury in April and Kings Cross & St Pancras in May, or you may like to join a workshop making Nano chiffon scarves in February or silk paper making in May. You could also learn bell ringing, hopefully at a church near us, or you could join a Drama Workshop or in July go to the American Museum in Bath for a private guided tour. There will be coach trips to the Poppy Factory in Richmond and in July another visit to the ever popular Royal Hospital Chelsea. The Federation also has a holiday section, these are coach tours and this year they are going to Cornwall in April and later in the year they will be visiting North Wales. If you are interested in Skittles, Bridge, Scrabble or Whist, then there are Federation competitions for you. This year the National Federation of WIs instigated a week of different
Sports activities. Here in Wiltshire we could have taken part in 6 different activities including: Advanced driving skills, archery, go karting, rifle shooting or clay pigeon shooting.

This year saw the start of two new National Campaigns: to Reduce Food Waste & Address Food Poverty and Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia (Government and NHS to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people while in hospital).

As you can see the WI is not all about cakes, jam and Jerusalem, today we get involved in all kinds of activities, especially campaigns.

Our meetings include a speaker or demonstrator; a competition with a different topic, a flower competition, a sales table, which in the warmer months contains home produced products and small plants. We also have a small book sale. And finally, our meetings end with a traditional English high tea, provided by our members, this offers us the opportunity to catch up with friends we may not have seen since the last meeting and get all the latest news.

If you would like to join us for one of our meetings please either give me a ring – Valerie on 01980 610528 or just come along and we will give you a warm welcome.

We will be in Idmiston Memorial Hall on the Third Wednesday in November, January, February and March at 2pm, why not join us?

**Porton Ladies Club**

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month in Porton Memorial Hall at 7.30 for an 8pm start. Annual Membership is £14 and guests pay £3.50, which includes tea and biscuits. There is usually a raffle and a bring & buy.

**In July** we were entertained by the Abba Girls - two ladies from Bournemouth who sang 1970s hits made famous by this Swedish group.

**In August** we have our Summer outing. Last year it poured down, but this year on our trip to the Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery in Whitchurch the sun was unbearably hot! We enjoyed the tour and were ready for the complimentary cocktail at the end of the visit.

**In September** members played board games, and **In October** Charlotte Fyfe talked about wild and garden foods that we can cook and the health giving benefits that these can provide.

Also in October, members enjoyed a visit to the Wilsford Stables Open Morning, followed by lunch at The Wheatsheaf Inn at Lower Woodford.

**Future outings**

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch which will again be at the High Post Golf Club.

Happy Christmas to you all from Porton Ladies Club! Janet Slater. 01980 610544
Club Friday - Bourne Valley Day Centre

Fun - Food - Friendship

Club Friday meets every Friday in the Methodist Church Hall, Winterbourne Dauntsey between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

On arrival we have tea/coffee with biscuits/cake and have time to chat, play games, and get to know people.

At lunch we serve a two course hot meal with water/soft drinks followed by a cup of tea.

The afternoon is time for entertainment and crafts. Periodically, we arrange an outing perhaps to the sea side or to a local museum, garden centre or other places of interest. At times we all go to a local pub/restaurant for lunch. For a small weekly charge we provide all of this plus transport to and from Club Friday - additional charges apply to some outings.

We have been busy, with a visit to The Grange Garden in Gater’s Lane for tea and cakes, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Rebbi, followed by a visit to Mo Atkinson’s Garden in early August for tea and games.

September saw craft sessions with Hilary; a visit to Salisbury Cathedral to see the Batik flags, which we had made earlier in the year, flying in the grounds, followed by a visit to the Craft Fayre in the Cathedral Grounds, and a visit to River Bourne Community Farm in Laverstock which included a lovely cream tea.

In October we celebrated 35 years of the Day Centre in the Winterbournes - A wonderful achievement!!! We had a lovely party, with entertainment by Laura Simmons, who sang songs from “The Shows” and from Ella Fitzgerald. A big thank you to Margaret Stokes who made a beautiful cake for the occasion. John Smale and Mike Hewitt, our Bourne Valley Unitary Councillors kindly attended and John Glen our MP sent his best wishes.

The last week in October we enjoyed a visit from Bourne Valley Explorer Scouts with slides and memories of their visit to the Finland Scout Jamboree earlier this year. This was followed by some excellent music provided by two of the Scouts playing bagpipes and the Scout Leader on the violin.

We have our regular monthly sales, the first Friday every month, and a monthly church service provides us with a few tranquil moments in our busy and sometimes hectic lives.

Looking forward

The first week in November, we will celebrate Guy Fawkes! Then later in the month we will have a trip to Stewarts Garden Centre in Christchurch for Christmas shopping and then in December, our Christmas lunch and party. During the first week of 2017 we will have a trip to the pantomime in Salisbury Playhouse. A lot of fun to look forward to.

If this sounds an enjoyable way of spending a Friday, and you are interested, as a guest or a volunteer helper; why not contact the Club Organiser Mary Lane on 01722 712468 or call into the Methodist Church Hall between 10am and 2.30pm to meet us and have a tea/coffee and learn more.

We are also in need of some more volunteer drivers to collect guests and take them home after each session; 40p a mile motor mileage allowance is paid. Please contact Mary on the above telephone number for more information.

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Following a successful summer show in July, a group of club members and friends enjoyed a visit to the RHS gardens at Wisley, on a fine August day, taking advantage of the reduced group rates for Horticultural Society members.

This was the first such outing arranged by the club, and proved so popular that we hope to organise a similar trip to a like venue in 2017.

Tidy days lead to Best Kept Village win

Members of the society have been involved with helping out on ‘Tidy Days’ and planting and sponsoring some of the flower tubs that decorate the Winterbournes. This involvement was acknowledged on 25th September with the formal presentation of awards for the ‘Best Kept Large Village’ in Wiltshire.

Social Success

Our September Social was another fun evening with home cooked supper dishes shared in good company, before being entertained by Tracy Martin, our visiting vocalist, and her choice of dance partner, our Show Secretary-cum-barmen!

Evening meetings

These are held at the Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls, on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. All visitors are very welcome to attend. The entrance fee for non-members is £1.

Autumn Programme

The first two talks of the autumn programme were given by Charles Gilchrest, a professional gardener. The first, in October, entitled ‘Practical, medical and culinary use of plants found in the wild’ was so well received that he agreed to return in November to tell us about ‘Identification and Collection of Wild Mushrooms’.

Our pre-Christmas meeting on December 1st will provide ideas for Christmas decorations, followed by seasonal refreshments in the form of mince pies and mulled wine.

Looking forward to 2017

After our annual Winter Social Evening in late January, the monthly evening meetings will resume in March with speakers including renowned gardening expert, Alan Edmunston, garden historian, Christine Stones, and Andrew Tolman whose subject is topiary.

For more information about the BVHS phone
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1st Porton Brownies enjoyed lots of time outdoors during the summer and finished the summer term with a Mad Hatter’s Swim and Tea Party.

Arriba - Carnival was the theme of the Wiltshire South Guiding Summer Camp – six Brownies took Buzzard along and partied for three days and nights at Foxlease in the New Forest with hundreds of other Girl Guides from aged five to young at heart! The big butterflies made last term were a great success. Masks, dancing, drumming and of course eating continued throughout.

Master Chef Sleepover: We joined 1st Winterbourne Brownies at the Glebe Hall for two days of cookery and a night of fun and friendship. The Brownies prepared all the meals and earned their Cooks and Advanced Cooks badges.

Back at base: Our imaginations assisted us in going around the world as part of the World Culture badge. First stop: Spain. Some of the girls took the plane whilst others took a ferry across the channel. We tried some delicious Spanish food and learnt a few new words whilst picnicking on the Costa Del Sol. Next destination was America, both north, south and central. We learnt about their culture and the history of Native Indians.

Jingle Bells: We kick off the Christmas term with lots of activities involving bells from around the world and throughout history. This will include our usual involvement with St Thomas’s Tree Festival (Tues 29th Nov - 4th Dec) so please go along and see our entry. Excitement is building as we are planning to finish our term with two nights away and lots of physical activity in preparation for all the Christmas excess at the same time as allowing parents to get their Christmas Shopping done Brownie free.

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Concerns about Germany re-arming in the 1930s brought increasing concerns about the UK’s air defences and in 1934 a six year programme began to expand the Corps. A post was developed at Bodenham in a wooden shed like construction, known as “D2” or “Dog Two”. Some of the men who served at Bodenham during WW1 included Owen Chown, landlord of the Radnor Arms and Jacob, the Earl of Radnor. They used a post instrument plotter, with height adjuster and map, to plot aircraft on a grid. The observation posts operated successfully throughout WW2 and in April 1941 were accorded the title, “Royal Observer Corps” (ROC).

The Bodenham post was south of Elmtree Farm, near New Hall Hospital. Some posts were little more than a geographical position and the observer was required to take his own chair and a pair of binoculars and sit in a field. In 1953 the Bodenham post was moved to Pepperbox Hill and became known as the Alderbury post in 1954. In 1991 the post was closed.

In 1952, Orlit Ltd of Buckinghamshire were commissioned to construct pre-fabricated posts. They often had two concrete platforms, one at ground level and one at six feet, raised on stilts. Bourne Valley Historical Society member and former Archivist, Keith Norris, joined the Alderbury Post in 1954, when it was an Orlit post. He remembers that there was no secure storage on site, so all equipment, including binoculars, plotting table and telephone had to be removed when the post was unmanned. In the 1950s and 60s there were posts all over the UK, sending data to a sector or group HQ.

The Alderbury bunker is on land belonging to Witherington Farm and can be visited, with prior permission from the owner. It is still in quite good condition and is equipped with two bunk beds, canvas chairs, a table and a store cupboard. Lighting was provided by a battery powered bulb and later, a fluorescent tube. An aircraft recognition poster and other notices are on the walls. In the event of a nuclear attack four men were expected to live there 24 hours a day for at least a week. A Fixed Survey Meter was mounted on a table inside the post and connected by cable through a pipe running through the concrete roof to a surface mounted ionisation chamber, to measure radioactive fallout. In the early 1990s the ROC was no longer deemed necessary and de-commissioning began.

Society Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month (except August and December) at 7.45pm in the Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls. Doors open at 7.15pm. Lectures for 2017 are being arranged.

Membership of the Society is currently £12 per annum and includes attendance at 10 lectures, plus a monthly Newsletter that includes a summary of the lecture given at the previous meeting. Members also have access to a large archive collection of photographs and documents, including full reports on topics of local historical and archaeological interest. Visitors may attend up to two meetings for a donation, before they are asked to join. Please contact Maureen Atkinson on 01980 611311 or mea@dial.pipex.com for further information. Website: www.bournevalleyhistory.co.uk
Gomeldon Primary School has reviewed its Travel Plan and (it will be no great surprise) one of the key findings was that some drivers continue to park dangerously and without consideration to other road users. Examples of feedback from parents and local residents are:

- Parking on the grass triangle at the western end of East Gomeldon Road, partially blocking the carriageway so that emergency vehicles (or more often buses) cannot pass by.
- Parking along the length of East Gomeldon Road without leaving gaps, such that the road is reduced to a single lane and making head-to-head situations a frequent occurrence and requiring one of the vehicles to reverse the length of the road.
- Discourteous parking on East Gomeldon Road and Gomeldon Road resulting in blocked driveways and children crossing the road in-between parked cars on the brow of a hill.
- Drivers doing three-point-turns or turning in driveways on Gomeldon Road, often mounting the curb and causing a hazard to pedestrians.

In order to improve the traffic situation during the school-run times, the school is implementing a number of measures, including an increased focus on raising awareness of the parking issues with the local community. In an era where the catchment for the school extends well beyond the village itself, the majority of children are taken to school by car. Whilst the school is trying to mitigate this with measures such as car-sharing and drop-off times, the fact is that the local roads are not well-designed for this volume of traffic.

As a community everyone who uses these roads is kindly requested to do their bit to make the most of a difficult situation, and to hopefully avoid a potential accident.

- In particular, the situation could be significantly improved by leaving gaps in lines of parked cars and avoiding parking near junctions or across driveways.
- Anyone observing a parking issue or a near-miss of an accident is strongly encouraged to report it to the school (either at the school office or via email at admin@gomeldon.wilts.sch.uk) so that future reviews of the travel plan take into account the most accurate information.

More information on the school travel plan can be found on the website www.gomeldon.wilts.sch.uk.
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- The Community Policing Team (CPT) model was rolled-out across Wiltshire on 17 October 2016, following a successful trial of the new model in other areas.
- CPT combines Neighbourhood Policing, Response teams and Local Crime Investigators so there is a “one team” approach to community policing. It means there is a bigger team of officers and police staff available to attend incidents and improves communication between teams and departments.
- It gives the public a better service because issues can potentially be resolved at the first point of contact (101 and 999 call-takers) and provides them with a named officer/police staff member who they will be able to keep in touch with during the investigation. It also encourages officers and staff to take more “ownership” of cases.
- There will be seven Community Policing Teams. Each Community Policing Team will be overseen by a Superintendent and will have an Inspector and a Deputy. The team will be made up of a mix of police officers, community co-ordinators, PCSOs, civilian local crime investigators and Specials.

We will be engaging with the public as the roll-out commences and will welcome feedback about the new model. Please speak to your local officers to find out more about how Community Policing will affect your local area. You can also find out more, including videos and infographics explaining the new model, on our website http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/information/community-policing-pilot
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People contact the Parish Council about a range of issues from litter to dog-mess and from potholes to fly-tipping. In fact it is more effective and efficient to contact Wiltshire Council directly using the ‘My Wiltshire’ on-line form available from www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshireregister.htm
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