**Progress with Parish Projects**

**Bourne Cemetery**
The physical infrastructure is nearly complete. The paths are in, hedges and fences are almost finished, and preparations being made for seeding with grass. The gates will be going in within a couple of weeks. Wiltshire Council will build the drop off area, planned to commence in April/May.

**Porton Ford**
New benches have been placed near Porton Ford, which will allow parishioners to sit and better enjoy the lovely views of the River Bourne in this tranquil area. Thanks to Dr Darlow for giving permission to site the benches on his land.

**Porton Playing Field**
Attractive new multicoloured Picnic Tables are now available for the use of Parishioners at Porton Playing Field. Extra benches have also been ordered and will be installed soon, allowing parents to supervise their children as they use the play equipment.
Meetings of Idmiston PC take place on the second Monday of every month except April and August, at 7.30pm in Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall. Members of the public are most welcome and at each meeting a period of time is set aside for comments from the public. If you have any issues that you wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council please contact the Clerk.

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Thanks for the Cover picture taken by Mary Dixon - Idmiston Memorial Hall Grounds in Spring

From James Humphries, Chairman, Idmiston Parish Council

It has now been almost a year since I took on the role of Idmiston Parish Council Chair and with the help of some key parishioners we have made some significant progress.

The IPC Bread and Butter
Since May last year we have reviewed over 35 planning applications and responded to dozens of parishioner requests / questions / comments.

Section 106 spending (claiming funding without affecting IPC budget)
I hope many of you will have taken advantage of the new seating by the River Bourne, seen the new notice boards and the arrival of the picnic benches on Porton Playing Field. As the weather improves you will see the pitches being marked out and nets going up for the goalposts.

Burial Ground
Driven by a combination of our horrendous winter weather with planting & nesting seasons this is running a little behind our original plan, but great progress is being made – go and take a look!

Neighbourhood Plan
The team of mostly parishioners continue to progress this ahead of many other parishes. There are a couple of phases we need to pass through before we can hold a referendum on which the parish can vote.

Website
We are now collecting advertising revenue from the website and it continues to be a key source of information for the parish. We track page counts so we can see their relative popularity; top hits include News with over 1300 visits and IPC Agenda and Minutes with over 2000!

Spending planning and project prioritisation
We recently created a spending prioritisation plan to ensure we spend the IPC budget (your precept contribution) in the most effective way. We received great feedback from one parishioner who wrote: “…excellent process, … establishing clear timescales and eventually individual responsibilities for the suggested projects...I believe that the ranking shown is excellent…”

IPC – 6 vacancies
We are limited by the people we have to do the work. We have good public attendance at our meetings, but we have empty seats in the Parish Council. I’m happy to chat and/or meet with anyone who is considering joining – just send me an email: james.humphries@idmistonpc.org

On behalf of the IPC, I wish you all a great spring.
Councillor Valerie Creswell reports:

Our draft Neighbourhood Plan and all supporting evidence was submitted to Wiltshire Council on 20 May 2015.

When we wrote our last report at the end of 2015 we advised that, after much delay and frustration, we were awaiting a decision from Heritage England on whether or not we would have to produce a full Strategic Environment Assessment on our ten selected development sites. These sites, selected at the public meeting in September 2014 for new housing in the Parish, might need to be assessed to determine if they would have any impact on our historic assets. In December, Heritage England announced that they would indeed require such a report. Thanks to the support from one of our neighbouring NP teams, we were able to contact and commission a report from a firm of consultants specialising in this work. This was sent to Wiltshire Council on 22 January. We are currently, at the end of February, still awaiting a decision on whether or not this document finally meets with full requirements and approval. If all is satisfactory we then progress to the Consultation phase, where Wiltshire Council posts our Plan and supporting Data Book on to their website for a period of six weeks to allow any feedback to take place. When this process has been completed, the NP and the supporting Data Book will be sent for independent Inspection for final scrutiny.

The Parish Council is made up of 15 Council members – we currently have several vacancies and would like to recruit suitable people to fill the gaps. If you want to have a say in what happens in the Parish of Idmiston by joining the Parish Council, then here is your chance.

Most people’s impression of what a Councillor does is that they just attend council meetings but, for a dedicated Councillor, nothing could be further from the truth. The duties and pleasures of being a Councillor are many and varied, however it is the ordinary day to day contact with local people in their own community that is the most important part of being a Councillor. Parish Councils must have a minimum number of Councillors to remain legally enabled to make decisions on your behalf and to allocate locally the funds raised by the Parish Precept, which is paid as part of the compulsory Council Tax. If there is no Parish Council then these funds will be spent by the remote, and less locally engaged, Wiltshire Council. The Parish Council would like to ask if you would consider taking on this valuable and rewarding role in the community. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk, Jim Slater on 01980 590611 or email parishclerk@idmistonpc.org for further information or an informal chat.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Councillor Valerie Creswell reports:

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The last stage in the process is a referendum of all Parishioners on the Electoral roll. If Parishioners vote to accept and adopt the NP then the document has standing in any future planning decisions.

We continue to work with six other local Neighbourhood Plan groups and we find this connection invaluable in terms of exchange of information, ideas and mutual support.

The members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, after many consultations and meetings, believe that the completed Plan reflects the wishes and decisions of the community. We are committed to bringing the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan to a conclusion and thank everyone for their help and support.
It is traditional to thank everyone who voted for me and secured my place on the Idmiston Parish Council. However, as I was returned unopposed, it remains for me to thank all those who went above and beyond to get my nomination recognised and accepted.

The problem was that I have only just moved into the parish and my electoral details were relevant to the Winterslow parish! [But Graham did satisfy the criteria for election - Clerk!]

Those that have met me will be aware that I am not local to the green pastures of England but am native to the green, green grass of Wales (to paraphrase our Tom).

My wife and I moved to England twenty two years ago with our two little girls (not so little now!) and settled in the pretty little village of Amport just the other side of Andover. We were easily persuaded to join in with local community events most of which took place outside our front gate on the village green, and with the children starting at the local school as toddlers, the daily school run (all of fifty yards) gave us the means and the introductions to become well ensconced.

I joined the PTA and this led on to joining the Amport Parish Council where I spent a number of years getting involved in many fund raising events both for the parish’s supported charities and for the village school. One of these was to reintroduce the village summer fete. It was so successful that it is still an annual event today nearly twenty years on.

I have a keen interest in keeping fit, (though this is not visually obvious!) and have organized a number of charity cycling events. I invited the local MP (former transport secretary Sir George Young, famed for cycling to the Commons every morning) to cut the tape at one such event. He not only cut the tape but also cycled the distance and finished first!

My skills lie in training and all things health and safety particularly within the transport and logistics industry where I am employed as regional safety manager for XPO Logistics whilst I have also won a few awards for photography and video having documented the decline of the Welsh industrial valleys and their transformation from black to green.

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Another new Parish Councillor joins the IPC team - Graham Brown

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Mulepackers CWDC (Country & Western Dance Club) run a line dancing group at the hall every Monday evening from 7.00 to 8.30 pm.

New members are always welcome. Mike and Mel are qualified BWDA 2000 dance instructors. Mel sets aside time to teach new members basic steps and dances and we soon get you dancing with the main group. You don’t need any experience, you can come with “two left feet” and you can come on your own… we’ll soon introduce you and make you feel you belong.

We now have more than 65 members across our three clubs (Porton, West Grimstead and Laverstock). See our website www.linedancingsouth-mulepackers.co.uk or give us a ring for details of our clubs.

Did you know:
- Line dancing is a great aerobic workout and helps to lower blood pressure
- It burns about 300 calories per hour – in a typical session we dance about 5,000 steps
- It’s a great weight bearing exercise & helps to build bone density
- It’s good for the brain and for training memory
- Even 30 minutes of dancing boosts good HDL cholesterol levels (the kind that protects your arteries from being furred up)
- The social element, the friendship and the laughter ward off feelings of anxiety and depression (HAS simplyhealth group)

This year, we are planning some party nights with American supper to bring our members together and to raise money for our 2016 charity (Salisbury Hospice). Last year we were pleased to be able to donate £200 to Cancer Research.

We also run Country and Western Partner dance classes on Monday evening from 8.30 to 10.00 pm. See our website for further details www.linedancingsouth-mulepackers.co.uk Telephone 01722 340054 or 01722 717800 and speak to either Mike or Mel

We are available to do demonstrations and talks at local groups and we just ask for a donation to our annual charity (Salisbury Hospice). Contact us if you would like to arrange something.
Village groups continue to use the hall on a regular basis, they are all always looking for new members, and so if you are interested contact details for the various organisations are set out below.

- Regular users will note that the old garage at the back of the hall has been demolished. The roof was rotten and leaking badly and beyond repair, it has been replaced by a container for storage (top right), which we intend to paint spray so as to make it less intrusive to the eye.
- We are about to purchase forty new chairs which are far more comfortable than the existing red plastic chairs, six have already been purchased for posterial testing and have passed the test!
- We also intend to purchase new curtains to match.
- Two new notice boards have been purchased and erected for Memorial Hall and community use (top left). The Parish Council made the purchase on our behalf, using Section 106 funding resulting from the Byford Gardens development, so we would like to thank them.
- The sad death of Jean Wasling, a staunch supporter of the hall, was reported in the last newsletter. A collection at her funeral was kindly donated by Jean’s family to hall funds, and it is our intention to purchase a bench to be placed in the hall grounds in memory of Jean.
- The fundraising committee continue with their hard work with the 50/50 club, parish quizzes and a jumble sale which will be held on the 25th June, please refer to the separate notice in the magazine. As well as the dates shown in the notice for donations to be received, you may be visiting the hall on the 23rd June to vote in the referendum, when items can be left in the small hall at the back which will be open. If you have items which you would like collected, there are contact details in the notice, or you can contact me on 01980610613, again we would like to thank the fundraising committee for all their hard work.
- We appear to be no further forward with the promised Section 106 funding relating to the Chalk House development so as before repairs will be carried out on a ‘needs must’ basis. Finally there are a few hall slots available for hire, if interested please contact Sally Cuthbert 01980610613.

Gess Cuthbert, Chairman

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TO HIRE THE HALL RING SALLY CUTHBERT 01980 610613
The Over 60s Social Club provides a very friendly meeting place for the residents of our parish and the surrounding villages. Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month in the Memorial Hall, Porton, at 2pm.

Most months we have a speaker, and follow that with a cup of tea, a biscuit, a very pleasant social time - and a raffle! We have lunches out several times a year and in summer and autumn we have coach trips. In June we are off to Bath.

This year we have already had our Policy Community Support Officer Shona Maycock telling us how to stay safe, and The International Rescue Team, telling us about their vital work. There are lots of interesting talks coming up in the coming months, so if you are wanting to know more and would like a friendly afternoon out, please come to the Memorial Hall and give it a try. Phyl Grant 01980 610263

Raising funds for the Memorial Hall

**GRAND JUMBLE SALE**
In aid of the Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall
On 25th June 2016

Good quality jumble needed: clothes, toys, bric-a-brac, small items of furniture, books etc all welcome. If in doubt please contact us as below.

Bring your bagged donation to the hall on Saturday 11th June or 18th June between 11-12am or Thursday 16th June between 7pm – 8pm

If you can’t make those dates please contact us, as below.

Email: fundraisers@rosebudd.com or telephone: 01980 555028

Light refreshments available

Entry fee on door 50p

Doors open 2.00pm
Last entry 3.30pm

Please be considerate to residents when parking

**IPMH 50/50 CLUB**

"DRAW RESULTS 2015/16"

November, 1st Prize - £50
Sally Cuthbert

December, 1st Prize - £50
Martin Gabbatiss

January, 1st Prize - £50
Carole Southern

February, 1st Prize - £50
Carol Farrelly

March, 1st Prize - £50
Carole Woolmer
Dr. Mark Darlow was born in Norwich on 12th July 1916 and grew up in Bedford, where he developed his love of the countryside and all things scientific.

After his education at Bedford School and Downing College, Cambridge, he trained as a doctor before joining the Royal Navy. He served in several naval hospitals, in Ceylon, Africa and England, where he met his bride to be, Daphne, a WRNS nursing sister. He also went to sea and was torpedoed during World War II. Travel in the Navy gave him the opportunity to study butterflies and moths wherever he went. He published papers on his findings and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society. In the early 1950s, Mark transferred to MRD (later MRE) at Porton Down, where he worked for many years as the Microbiological Safety Officer. He did a great deal of important research and development work there, designing equipment such as the needleless injector for rapid vaccination, sterile operating theatres and an isolation pod for transporting by air people with highly infectious diseases, such as Ebola. He also served on various international scientific committees. With his medical hat on, he treated everything from cut fingers to serious illnesses. Porton Down became a major part of his life, and vice versa, and he was much respected there. Mark moved from Salisbury to Porton with Daphne and their young family in 1957 and has lived in Cuckoo Pen ever since.

The family grew into five children and three grandchildren. Sadly, Daphne died three years ago and her ashes are buried next to the church porch. Mark and Daphne’s older children were already at schools in Salisbury by 1957 but the two younger ones went to Idmiston School when it was in what is now a private house, “The Old School House”.

For Mark, work and social life often melded together in the Officers’ Mess at Porton Down and in the Porton Hotel. In fact, so frequently was his car parked outside the latter that it appeared in a photograph on the front of the Porton Hotel’s matchbox. However, he did find time for other things. For the St. John’s Ambulance Brigade, he spent many happy hours as a volunteer teaching and examining first aiders and was the Wiltshire County Surgeon for many years. In 1986, he was promoted to the position of “Commander of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital St. John”. He was on the Wiltshire Fisheries Board and the board of the Salmon & Trout Association and judged fly-casting competitions. He also enjoyed acting in Porton village pantomime several times (some may remember his hilarious portrayals, Aunty Lulubelle in Mother Goose (arrowed) and served as a member of Idmiston Parish Council for a while.
At Cuckoo Pen, one of the notable things Mark arranged was the planting of numerous young trees in the garden, which have grown to be the delightful wooded area that enhances this part of the village, as well as the snowdrops and dwarf cyclamen that give such a beautiful early Spring display.

After retirement in 1977, Mark continued to use his knowledge and experience as a consultant to the European Molecular Biology Organisation in Heidleberg. He remained active both in body and mind. He was digging his vegetable patch until four years ago and still walks over to the village shop nearly every day to collect his newspaper. Later this year, some of his family plan to take him up to Wester Ross, where he has been holidaying every year since the 1950s, pursuing one of his greatest passions, fly-fishing. His offspring say that he still has a good memory and quick wit and is only too happy to share his vast store of knowledge and to recite humorous poetry, most of which he composed himself (and still does).

The family would like to invite anyone from the village who knows Dr Darlow to drop in to Cuckoo Pen for a cup of tea on the afternoon of Sunday 10th July to share in his celebration.

Over the last five years, a tremendous amount of work has gone into the club by the local people and we are now fortunate enough to have one of the best grounds in the area.

It was voted ground of the year in 2015 by visiting teams in the Hampshire League, but now our attention is turning to the pavilion which is in desperate need of replacement. Throughout this year we will be raising funds with the hope of being able to build a new one within the next 2 years. If anyone would like to be involved with this project we would be more than happy to hear from you.

Likewise, if you have just moved to the area or would like to take up cricket again after some time away from the game, then please do get in touch. We welcome players of all abilities and run two seniors teams on a Saturday and a midweek team on a Wednesday. We are also on the lookout for umpires, scorers and anyone who would like to volunteer to help out at the club.

You can find more details on our website at www.winterbournecc.com

Everyone is welcome to pop along to the ground during the summer to watch some cricket and use the bar which is open every Saturday afternoon. For those who don’t know, we are located on the Portway in Winterbourne Gunner.

We rely on the support of the local community to keep the club alive so please do get in touch if you would like to play or help in any way.

Jamie Harvey, Chairman
Email: jamie@winterbournecc.com  Tel: 07908 250675
Bourne Valley Scout Group
Putting the OUT into ScOUTing!

Thanks
First of all a really BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the Scout Christmas Post. Whether you were a local business or individual who sold stamps and collected cards, a parent or friend of the Group who delivered cards or a member of the public who bought and posted cards to be delivered. We need you ALL and are very grateful for your support.

Christmas Celebrations
It seems a long time ago now but the whole Group celebrated Christmas in style! The Beavers went to the Christmas Production of Merlin at the Nuffield Theatre in Southampton. Idmiston Scouts attended Pantomimes at The Playhouse and the District Scout Pantomime at The Studio Theatre in Salisbury. The latter was of special interest as in the cast there was Redwood, as well as Cubs and Scouts from Bourne Valley. Jon and I went to all the productions and had a great time at each one. Each section had its own Christmas Party and the Group had its annual Christmas Party for all sections and their families. After all this merriment a well-earned rest from section meetings allowed everyone to concentrate on their own Family Christmases!

The New Year
The New Year started in section meetings with games for everyone. 2016 is going to be a busy year, it’s the Beavers 30th birthday year, the Cubs 100th birthday year and the Explorers have their Finland Jambo-ree to finish off fundraising for and then in the summer they will be off on the Great Adventure. Some of the Explorers celebrated the New Year in London with some Finnish Explorer Scouts, not just celebrating the New Year but also practising their Finnish ready for their trip in the summer (not much needed because the scouts from Finland put us to shame speaking really good English!)

30th Birthday Party, Skills & Disability Awareness
This term Beavers have been busy earning badges, The new Skills Challenge Badge and a Disability Awareness activity badge. Challenge badges have several parts and the Skills challenge is all about learning new skills. As part of the badge our Beavers, have learnt about a healthy lifestyle, iced a biscuit and poured a drink, learnt how to roll their necker, made a bed roll (ready for the sleepover at the beginning of April), light a candle, played a code breaking game and made a model out of Lego. For the Disability Awareness badge they played games that demonstrated how people with disabilities can still have lots of fun, and fun they did have, they all learnt how to “finger spell” their name and found out about a sports person who has a disability, how they overcome it and their achievements. It was truly inspiring for the Beavers to research and feed back to their beaver friends and leaders what they had found out. At the end of January, on the 30th actually, 104 beavers from all over Salisbury started their 30th birthday celebrations in style with a party at the Memorial Hall. Everyone had a great time. This term the colony have welcomed 2 new members and they are busy finding out everything about Beaver Scouting ready to make their Promise later in the term.

District Competitions
The spring term is a busy one for the district cub scouts with 4 competitions. The Bourne Valley Cubs enter teams in all 4 of the competitions and spend some of the pack meetings preparing for them. So far we have had 3 of them, in fact I have just returned from the third one as I write. The first in January was the Scrapheap Challenge, where the Cubs recycle household recycling to make models. This year the theme was A Day Trip to London. Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, the Eye, Tower Bridge, the Underground, abounded in the models of the Cubs and although we didn’t win our team of 5 had a great afternoon letting their creative juices run! In February there was the hotly contested Five A Side Football Tournament, our team played really well, exhibiting good sportsmanship and were narrowly beaten in the semi-finals. I have just returned from the Cubs Swimming Gala, a fun activity where we can enter a team of any number so everyone who wants to join in can, we were represented by 10 members of the pack, who all swam to the best of their ability and were rewarded by coming joint runner up with another pack from Salisbury, only 1 point behind the winners. That just leaves the fourth competition which is the District Chess Tournament and that will have happened by the time this magazine is printed.

Centenary of Cub Scouting
The pack has been busy preparing to celebrate the Centenary of Cub Scouting. During the year all the cubs will have the opportunity to take part in a Thanks Party, to thank those leaders we can find who have helped the pack in the past. To this end the cubs decided how they would like to organise this event, they decided a normal pack meeting with the hope that some past leaders might run a game or two, they also designed invitations to send out. Over the year they also have the County Commissioner’s Challenge to complete, a local Charity to support- they decided on the Creatures in Crisis charity between Winterslow and Firsdown, a District Camp in the New Forest, County Day in Marlborough, a Pack holiday in November and finally renewal of their Promise in December!
Team Building, Cooking and Expeditions

Idmiston Scouts have been busy brushing up on their team building skills, necessary when there are 27 members of the troop! The Team Building Challenge Badge is one of the new badges the scouts can earn, one of the activities they have undertaken was constructing bridges. The Chefs in the troop who came 2nd in the District Cooking Competition back in November, represented the District at the County Cooking Competition and came a very creditable third. It was a young team so although they themselves were disappointed, the leaders and parents were very proud of their achievement. Whilst the younger ones were busy cooking the older Scouts have been busy preparing for the Expedition Challenge which they will undertake later on in the year. The exact nature of the expedition is at the moment under wraps. So watch this space.

Along these lines they have also been thinking about types of bullying and the effects it has on both the bully and the bullied. They devised short plays to demonstrate scenarios that may occur and which they acted out to the rest of the troop. A thought provoking activity for all concerned and lessons have been learnt. The troop spent one evening at the swimming pool, another practising their lashings and making tripod ballistas and then the Young Leaders organised an evening of team building challenges. This evening was a great success with both the Young leaders and the scouts enjoying the experience.

Code of Conduct, Safeguarding and Swimming

Figbury Troop have been concentrating on the Team Building badge too. They have also been reviewing the Troop Code of Conduct and they have written a new one incorporating their own ideas of acceptable behaviour.

Numbers, Finland and Fund-raising

The Explorer Unit continues to expand, they have 27 on their books now, just over 2 years ago there was 1 regular attendee, as you see they are going from strength to strength. Fundraising for their trip to Finland for the Jamboree is also going from strength to strength, recently their main fundraising has come from Tesco bag packs and the Burns Night Celebrations. On the Friday before Burns Night, they organised a Burns supper, with delicious food, fantastic entertainment and the evening ended with dancing. They are aiming to raise £10,000 towards the cost of the trip in July and have already made it to £5,500. In the near future they have a Jumble Sale and a Race Night, look out for the local advertising and support them, they have worked so hard and done so well so far they deserve all the help we can give them. As you can see we keep all our members busy, teaching them important life skills and responsible attitudes whilst being ACTIVE and having FUN. If you would like to be part of this active and dynamic group please get in touch, there are waiting lists for the young people but adults can start straight away!

Shirley Moores
Group Scout Leader
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Numbers, Finland and Fund-raising

The Explorer Unit continues to expand, they have 27 on their books now, just over 2 years ago there was 1 regular attendee, as you see they are going from strength to strength. Fundraising for their trip to Finland for the Jamboree is also going from strength to strength, recently their main fundraising has come from Tesco bag packs and the Burns Night Celebrations. On the Friday before Burns Night, they organised a Burns supper, with delicious food, fantastic entertainment and the evening ended with dancing. They are aiming to raise £10,000 towards the cost of the trip in July and have already made it to £5,500. In the near future they have a Jumble Sale and a Race Night, look out for the local advertising and support them, they have worked so hard and done so well so far they deserve all the help we can give them. As you can see we keep all our members busy, teaching them important life skills and responsible attitudes whilst being ACTIVE and having FUN. If you would like to be part of this active and dynamic group please get in touch, there are waiting lists for the young people but adults can start straight away!

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Special CCT Award for All Saints Volunteers

The Churches Conservation Trust team of volunteers who look after All Saints’ Church Idmiston, ensuring that it is kept open for visitors, have been recognised for a special award from Lord Loyd Grossman, Chairman of the CCT, for their fund raising efforts regarding the very successful Vintage Wedding Dress Exhibition that took place last September.

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Lord Loyd Grossman should have come to Idmiston on his way to lecture at the Cathedral on the 19th of February, but an ‘incident’ affecting the trains from Waterloo spoilt that part of the plan.

The special award certificate is on display in the Church.

Our sincere thanks go to the people who entrusted us with their wedding dresses for the display. Also those who very kindly donated cakes to sell on the day, and all those who helped with admission, washing up and the many other tasks that made it such a successful three days. It was wonderful to see so many local people enjoying the occasion and relaxing with tea and cake in the Church Yard.

Barbara Townsend

Churchyard Wall problems

Idmiston Parish Council has the responsibility for looking after the churchyard at All Saints, Idmiston, a task that we have carried out for some years.

The brick and knapped flint churchyard wall, which we understand is an integral part of the listed church buildings, is in a serious state of disrepair, requiring urgent attention. The immediate area has been surrounded with red mesh warning fencing, but getting the repairs done is proving far from simple. Advice which we have received about listed buildings says ‘Any object or structure fixed to the principal building or buildings and any object or structure within the curtilage of the building, which, although not fixed to the building, forms part of the land and has done so since before 1st July, 1948 is by law to be treated as part of the listed building.’ Idmiston Parish Council is trying to clarify with the Churches Conservation Trust that since the wall is effectively part of the listed building, the CCT will be responsible for carrying out these repairs to the listed churchyard wall. They are currently ‘investigating’ but their first reaction was that the wall repairs were unlikely to be down to them! We are currently working with Wiltshire Council Conservation experts and are, together with the CCT, seeking records to show exactly who is responsible for these repairs. If these do turn out to be down to IPC such repairs are likely to be costly - one quotation for the small section shown was around £4000.
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Parish Choir
On alternate Tuesday afternoons the Parish Choir meet to sing, chat and drink tea. At Christmas we sang in both Idmiston and Porton Churches, and earlier visited Club Friday for an enjoyable afternoon’s singing, including plenty of audience participation. We are currently practising ‘Songs connected with the Sea’ for our next visit to the Club. If you would like to join - no qualifications, no auditions and no charges - please ring Janet Slater 01980 610544.

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Idmiston Parish Dramatic Society, which later became the Newbourne Players, is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Graham Lloyd writes:

It all started in 1965, during the swinging 60s, when the Idmiston Memorial Hall Committee had plans to extend the building. As always, they had to find ways to raise money to realise their aspirations. One of the ideas was to produce a pantomime. A notice was circulated around the Parish of Idmiston for help. It sought to recruit anybody with interests in acting, music, production, scenery building or costume. In response, all ages and interest groups enthusiastically filled the hall in the autumn of 1965.

So imagine the scene, no stage, no costumes, no set, no venue, no money and no script. However, an enthusiastic cast of 36 was assembled for rehearsals of the pantomime ‘Mother Goose’, assisted by a large number of people behind the scenes.

The venue for such a venture was still problematic. The group enlisted the help of the Director of Porton Camp, who gave permission to use the Garrison Theatre (now no longer in existence). So having a venue, the stage was set for Idmiston’s first pantomime of ‘Mother Goose’ written by Keith Allner and sponsored by the Memorial Hall Committee. Keith Allner and Oswald Lake jointly produced the production with music provided by Tom Joseph on the organ. Nearly 800 people saw the three performances on 13/14/15th January 1966. It is worth pointing out that the cast featured Mark Darlow (now celebrating his 100th birthday). A report by the Salisbury Times and South Wiltshire Gazette concluded; ‘. . . that it was a fine show that the cast and village as a whole can be proud of; for the 36 players acted well, and the village supplied all the attractive costumes and managed the lighting and scenery. . .’.

As a mark of appreciation to those responsible for the production, the Memorial Hall Committee organised a party for all those that took part. Mr Peacock (Hall Chairman), Mr Harold Annetts and Mrs Reed (Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council). All paid tributes to all concerned. Mr Drake the treasurer reported that the sum of £43.19s.0d was raised from the production. However, after costs associated with presentations and the party, this was reduced to £31.12s.1d. The pantomime even went on tour and was performed at the Old Manor Hospital, Salisbury on February 19th 1966.

All involved at the time, enjoyed the experience of putting on a show for the local community. As a result the group felt that this newly found village activity should be continued. So the Idmiston Parish Dramatic Society was founded on 7th February 1966. A number of shows followed in the Garrison Theatre in quick succession. They included pantomimes and variety shows that included ‘Dick Whittington’, ‘Aladdin’, ‘The Wizard of Oz’ and ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’. Such was the group’s enthusiasm in the early 70s, that an early ‘IKEA type flat pack stage’ was designed for use in the Memorial Hall for future productions being planned. Comedies, farces, dramas, reviews and pantomimes entertained audiences from far and wide. In 1993, the IPDS moved to the Glebe Hall and renamed itself the ‘Newbourne Players’ but still contains some of the founder members of the IPDS.

To mark our 50th birthday, we are inviting present and past members of the IPDS (Newbourne Players) to a reunion on 14th May 2016, to meet old acquaintances, exchange stories and remember productions we have performed together. So if you have been associated with the drama group at any time in the last 50 years and would like to attend, please contact Bob Channon 01980 591 440, Anne Lyons 01980 610 618 or Tracy Cooke 01980 619 309.
A new Wessex Water Pipeline
Ensuring the future of our water supply

It is rare that a major project is carried out in our parish with so little disruption - but the installation of a new water pipeline by Wessex Water was so carefully planned and executed that the first time most people noticed anything about it was when notice was given that a couple of local roads had to be closed for a short period. People had noticed work going on along the Porton to Amesbury Road and the adjacent fields, and the Clerk received queries about whether this was the start of house-building on a site shown in the Neighbourhood Plan or whether it was connected with electricity supply maintenance.

In fact the work is connected with the installation of the Wessex Water Supply Grid that is designed to bring security of supply to 1.1 million customers in Wiltshire, Somerset and Dorset. The project is now 70% completed and on schedule to be finished by December 2017. The new pipeline in our parish is part of the Earlsdown pipeline section which runs from the exiting service reservoir at Earlsdown, north of Boscombe Down, to a new pumping station beside the River Avon at Middlebarn Farm, west of Old Sarum. It will be completed in early June this year.

The water supply grid is the largest scheme ever undertaken by Wessex Water. The eight year £225m programme of works comprises more than 50 individual projects designed to resolve resilience issues within the water supply network. It will improve interconnectivity within the existing water supply system to enable water to be moved from areas of surplus to areas of need and hence improve resilience to drought and unforeseen events.

Wessex Water’s internal engineering and construction services business, Wessex Engineering and Construction Services (WECS) is managing the overall delivery programme, with both WECS, Atkins Ltd and AECOM providing engineering design, planning and environmental services. This is being done in close partnership with the project contractors, WECS Civils, Trant Engineering Ltd, AECOM, Lewis Civil Engineering Ltd, Bartlett Civil Engineering Ltd and Clancy Docwra, whose signs can be seen along the Amesbury Road.
Wessex Water’s supply area

Wessex Water provides drinking water to an area of south west England, covering approximately 7,500 square kilometres including Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire and parts of Gloucestershire and Hampshire. During an average year, Wessex Water produces approximately 350 million litres of potable water each day.

Why is the scheme needed?

The water supply grid will allow Wessex Water to meet future demand for water and improve the security of supply for customers – even in the event of a catastrophic failure. It will meet reductions in abstraction licences required by the Environment Agency to improve flows in some rivers and protect their ecology, and deal with seasonal or occasional deteriorating raw water quality – particularly the increasing concentrations of nitrates at some groundwater sources.

Legal obligations

The scheme is also required to ensure that the company meets various legal and regulatory obligations:

- The legal obligations in the National Environment Programme issued by the Environment Agency, specifically associated with reductions in the amount of water that Wessex Water can extract from certain underground water sources from 2018 onwards, as required under the EU Habitats Directive;

- The legally binding undertaking agreed with the Drinking Water Inspectorate, to ensure compliance with Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000, associated with high levels of nitrates in certain untreated water sources largely from agricultural fertiliser.

- The statutory duty to balance the supply of and demand for water up to the year 2035 as set out in the Water Resources Management Plan approved by Defra in 2010.

New infrastructure required

The eight year programme of work includes the construction of more than 200km of new pipelines, 24 major new or refurbished pumping stations and 12 new storage tanks ranging in capacity from 2 to 8 million litres.

For the new pipelines, there are more than 120 crossings required that include major trunk roads, major rivers and main railway lines.

There are 12 schemes that eliminate standalone sources, so that customers have security of supply in the event of their normal local supply sources failing, due to potential contamination of the supply or mechanical failure of equipment.

To find out more about the water supply grid project please visit www.wessexwater.co.uk/grid or call 0845 600 4 600
Our volunteers provide neighbourly services to those in need in the Bourne Valley parishes of Cholderton, Newton Toney, Allington, Boscombe, Iddmiston, Porton, Gomeldon, the Winterbournes and Hurdcott.

Volunteers, clients and friends gathered in Newton Toney Memorial Hall on Saturday 12th March for one of our regular coffee mornings and were able to listen to Jan Tidd give an update on the likely arrangements for services in the Bourne Valley. From 1 April 2016, Jan (as Good Neighbour Co-ordinator) will no longer be funded by Wiltshire Council and as such the service will no longer exist. Farleys Malone Community, with Jan operating as Community Consultant, is a new charity set up by Jan and her husband. This will provide a vital link between residents and services available to those in need. The many smiling faces were evidence of another successful event run by BVLS.

Volunteering
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**Moving on from the Good Neighbour Service**

**Farleys Malone Community** is a new charity, which has been formed to bridge the gap between older and vulnerable adults and statutory services in the community. With the closure of the Good Neighbours Service on the 31st March 2016, Jan & Andy Tidd have created this new charity with the assistance of three enthusiastic Trustees to provide information, signposting and support within local communities.

The Charity will grow over the coming months and grant funding applications are already being made to help support the work of the Community Consultants, and volunteers, who will eventually work across Wiltshire and Hampshire.

The Community Lunches at the Earl of Normanton, The Black Horse, Hurdcott and the Rose and Crown in Bulford, are being continued, with the support of Amesbury Area Board and we hope to build on the success of these in the wider communities.

We are not an emergency service, nor a befriending service, but a confidential service here to help guide those who need it through the minefield of financial, social, and commercial offerings that are available.

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So much has happened in the last few months. As you can imagine, it was a busy time in December with our younger children performing in our Nativity and the whole school celebrating St Nicholas’ Day.

Part of the activities organised by the staff included making a larger than life St Nicholas with each class constructing a body part, including poems to cover his body and he now proudly stands over 6 feet tall in our reception area.

**Football fun**
The New Year saw our school football team head for Chippenham to the County Finals after finishing second in the Salisbury Area Football Tournament. The team had done much preparation in advance not just on the field and I was so impressed how, as a group, they had planned their playing positions, tactics and elected a captain. On match day they played well and even had to endure a penalty shoot-out! This enabled them to qualify for the semi-final where their journey ended. Their grace and humility, commitment and sportsmanship throughout the entire event was exemplary and they have learned a great many life skills from performing in this team in addition to football skills. Following on from their success our year five and six footballers have organised a lunchtime club for the younger children where they lead fun activities while teaching them many basic skills, wanting to share and impart their own learning.

**Clubs, Choir and Cake**
We are fortunate to be able to offer the children a variety of extra-curricular clubs at St Nicholas to enrich their time here and the last few terms have seen French, cookery, science, computer, multi-skills and fencing, all very popular. Our school choir also continues to be popular and is ever growing in numbers, from reception to year six. The choir regularly perform in our school worships but most recently have been preparing for Mother’s Day. A large percentage of the choir, accompanied by their families, attended the Mothering Sunday service at St Nicholas’ Church where it was lovely to see them fill the choir stalls. As always they sang beautifully and played an active part in the service by also reading prayers, then were happy to finish the morning with tea and cake.

We now approach the Easter holiday and we look forward to enjoying the spring weather and more activities in our beautiful school grounds.

Mrs Sandra Smith, Head Teacher
St Nicholas’ C.E. (VA) Primary School

**World Book Day**
World Book Day has become an important day in the school calendar and we mark this with a week dominated by reading and literature. During the week staff moved around the school sharing passages from their favourite books and the children looked at different methods of writing. With Tim Peake in the news at the moment we themed book day around all things connected to space and so everyone dressed up in amazing costumes from aliens to astronauts! The finale of the week was a visit from poet Kate Williams, who shared her poems and expertise with the children in workshops during the day.

**Before and after pictures of our football team after a very cold, long and tiring day!**
History - by Hazel Edwards.
The Club was formed on Porton Camp in September 1951, in an American lady’s lounge, and the first meeting - a social and dance - was held that December. The format for meetings was established, with a variety of invited speakers, including a talk on bee-keeping, tombola, a whist drive, and a bring and buy session. The meeting rooms on the camp improved from a hut to the Recreational Club, kitted out with tables, curtains and a cooker. All Residents of the camp were invited, invitations being delivered by hand by a soldier! The first mention of a Pot Luck Supper, which evolved into our Faith Supper (we have faith that there will be enough for everyone!), was made in October 1952. Fund-raising has always played a part - the same year the Ladies Club Choir sang at the Sergeants’ Mess and a collection raised £2.6s.6d, made up to 3 Guineas, for the King George VI’s Memorial Fund. In 2013 we raised £150 for the Salisbury Hospital Scanner, courtesy of the Chairman opening up her garden with afternoon teas.

All club members vote in a committee and then volunteers from the committee are confirmed as the officers. Thursday evening meetings from 1956 to 1957 changed to the second Wednesday of the month in 1958. Mary Bowditch joined in 1959, followed by Rosemary Bolwell, Joyce Norris, Sheila Copeland (a past Chair), Hazel Edwards (a past Secretary), Kathleen Leadbeater and Marion Williams joining by 1967. We must be doing something right as all these ladies are still members! In October 1970 a Beetle Drive was held with the enticing prizes of a meat pie, a pair of tights and a melon! In 1971 the Salisbury Playhouse opened we booked 20 seats each month - we still organise outings there. Many of us have fond memories of fun and games at family barbecues held on the ranges at Porton (with the Camp Fire Brigade standing by!).

In the 1980s it became increasingly difficult to meet at Porton Camp, so in 1990 Porton Ladies Club moved to St Nicholas’ Church Room, then Idmiston Memorial Hall became our permanent home in 1991. The founder members were a busy group of like-minded ladies, who worked very hard to achieve the success of the club, and they should be saluted for the happy and friendly club that we still have today.

Recent Meetings included enjoyable games of Curling (no ice!) and a talk by Ashley Smith from the Hawk Conservancy Trust at Weyhill. He told how the Zoo and Wildlife Park which had been the start of the project had developed to become the award-winning tourist attraction that it is today. For the Christmas meal we re-visited High Post Golf Club where we had a good meal and lovely staff to look after us - even though only one of our members plays golf!

We started the New Year with the Faith Supper and AGM, and had a talk on Photography in February.

Future Meetings
- 27 April Vintage China
- 25 May Blue Badge Guide and local history enthusiast.

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We have members of all abilities. In April we are going to be doing an arrangement in celebration of H.M. Queen Elizabeth’s 90th birthday. In May we shall be having a Workshop and in June we shall be doing an Oriental arrangement. We have a demonstrator who helps us with our ideas and shows us how to go about transforming our flowers and greenery. If you would like further information do ring Margaret Sale on 610864.

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Idmiston WI celebrates its 75th anniversary this year so why not come and join us, we have lots of exciting and interesting speakers planned and Wiltshire Federation have a great variety of events which we can attend.

Our first ever meeting was held at Idmiston House and 40-50 women turned up. During the intervening years the WI have met at various places, Porton Parish Hall and Porton Reading Room. In 1963 we moved to Idmiston Memorial Hall and there we meet now on the third Wednesday of every month.

Our recent meetings have included a singing workshop run by Kate Edgar in which the other members of the Figsbury Group joined us. We tried to raise the ceiling with our voices we attempted 3-part harmony and generally had a really enjoyable afternoon.

Our own Parish Choir under the direction of Daphne Pledger has been busy. Over the Christmas period they were present at the Carol Services at All Saints Church Idmiston and St. Nicholas Church Porton. Next month they will be singing at the Day Centre in Winterbourne and they have been approached by Avonbourne Care Centre in Old Sarum to sing to their community. The Parish Choir is open to anyone in the parish who would like to join, please contact me for further information.

January saw our New Year Party, a theatrical event; a group of our members performed a radio ‘Whodunit’ (right), while others gave comedy readings. We were also left scratching our heads over a very taxing quiz, which gave us lots to talk about while we enjoyed our high tea supplied by the Committee.

February was our Annual Meeting when the Committee gave their report on last year’s activities. It was surprising to hear of all the events our members had attended and the variety of speakers who had come to talk to us. This was followed by a talk and demonstration by Gerry of ‘Egyptian Belly Dance’. Some of the members just had to attempt the dance! We donned the hipster bell encrusted scarf and tried to get the tiny bells to ring, the effect was hilarious.

In March we listened in rapt silence as Maureen Rose retold her fascinating life as The Queen’s dressmaker, initially under the direction of Norman Hartnell’s colleague Mr. Thomas, but eventually as designer and dressmaker in her own right. Maureen brought along photographs of dresses she had designed and made, also samples of the gorgeous material she had worked with. Members have enjoyed a photography workshop, and a Wiltshire Federation arranged event where ‘Black Rod’ let us into his world of the Palace of Westminster.

We joined in with the national campaign ‘Clean for The Queen’, and found a huge amount of rubbish, not just litter, in and around Porton, Idmiston and Gomeldon. We are grateful to Phyl Grant, Clarissa and Cliff White for disposing of the collected items at Amesbury recycling plant. The WI will continue to collect litter each month, hoping one day to return from our trips with empty bags!

Coming events
This year we have speakers from a wide range of professions and activities; they include a TV journalist and Life below Stairs to Wedding dresses through the Ages and Creative Cakes. We are visiting Bowood House in August, to join in the 300th anniversary of ‘Capability’ Brown’s birth and I am sure we will be arranging many more things as the year progresses.

Our monthly book club continues to be very popular, under the supervision of Ann Clark who presents us with a wide variety of authors, taking us out of our usual comfort zone.

Our lunch club enthusiasts continue to sample the different restaurants in and around Salisbury.

Wiltshire Federation has many visits planned for the coming months, The Hawk Conservancy Trust, Abbotsbury Swannery and Bucklers Hard plus activities such as Painting on Glass and Smocking rediscovered. More activities and visits will be advertised as the year progresses.

If you would like to sample one of our meetings please come along to the Memorial Hall, third Wednesday of the month at 2pm, you will be made very welcome. If you would like to know more about us please ring me, Valerie Botting, on 01980 610528.
We are a registered charity and aim to provide Fun, Food and Friendship to older people who may be at risk of reducing or losing their independence; or those who just want to meet new friends and socialise.

We meet in the Methodist Church Hall opposite the Post Office in Winterbourne Dauntsey every Friday from 10 am to 3 pm. Anyone aged 60+ living in the Bourne Valley from Cholderton down to Ford and Old Sarum is eligible to attend. We can provide transport to and from ‘Club Friday’; if you have your own transport you may use that. We provide tea/coffee, cake/biscuits on arrival, a two course hot meal at lunch with water/juice plus tea/coffee.

The programme each week is varied and includes, chatting and playing board games, exercises, crafts, talks and slide shows, musical entertainment, outings for cream teas or a lunch and trips out to interesting places such as Bournemouth, Poole, Basingstoke and various garden centres. There is a weekly subscription of £9 per person which pays for the lunch, tea/coffee etc and a small portion towards admin costs. Outings will often be subsidised or, at times free if funds allow.

If you would like to know more, please contact Mary our Organiser on 01722 712468, or come along on a Friday and see what we get up to - there will always be a cup of tea or coffee waiting for you.
Having long since forgotten the excesses of Christmas and the New Year, the Badminton Club has now returned to normal with attendances stable at around twelve players each week. Due to the steady interest in the game we have managed to keep the weekly club fees to £2.00 per week that enables anyone to play for three hours on a Wednesday morning at the Memorial Hall, commencing at 09:00 hours. Included in this ridiculously low cost are tea, coffee, a plentiful supply of biscuits and inspirational discussions of world and local issues. Despite George Osborne’s best efforts in imposing a sugar tax we have risen to the challenge and have no intention of raising the fees in the foreseeable future. If you would like to give badminton a go then all you need is a racket, suitable sports shoes and enthusiasm.

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It was good to hear from one of the companies working on the DSTL site, Kier Group.

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Annual PCC Meeting

This is the time of year when each Church of England Parish holds its Annual Parochial Church Meeting, to which all Parishioners (ie: everyone who lives in the Parish) and all on the Electoral Roll of that Parish, are invited. At these meetings we review the past year’s activities, look ahead to what the future may hold, and elect Churchwardens, among other matters. St Nicholas Porton’s APCM will follow the 9.30am service on Sunday 24th April in the Church – please come and support your local parish church.

Pentecost / Whitsun

The Church festivals of Ascension Day (Thursday 5th May) and Pentecost (aka Whitsun) Sunday 15th May, will be celebrated in the Bourne Valley; look out for more information on posters and on the Team website nearer the time.

Food for thought in a letter from the Vicar’s Wife...

We’re all set to record the mildest winter for ages. It’s been nice not to have to remember to leave extra time to scrape the car windscreen early in the morning, to avoid the hazard of ice and snow on the roads and to feel that money is being saved on heating.

The downside, that I and gardening friends feel, is the lack of consistent freezing weather to kill off slugs, snails and pests which will have been able to overwinter and may start to play havoc when the warmer weather comes, and tender plants begin to flourish.

There is an upside and a downside to practically everything, if we have the wisdom to look. The upside in our lives since the end of the Second World War would amaze those who died in the 1950s. A great many more of us have decent, secure, warm housing and plenty to eat, although there are still far too many whose lives could be improved in those ways which most of us have come to take completely for granted.

The downside is the way we are becoming more and more isolated from each other as we stay at home to be entertained by television, or spend time shopping for things we see and buy without any previous knowledge that we even wanted them! We can construct our own little worlds with our computers, and the working week can become endless as employers come to expect that emails and reports can be done and distributed at any time of day or night. Many people today don’t know their neighbours and more and more often have no one to turn to in times of trouble for help or understanding. Fortunately, this isn’t the whole picture. We still have churches and organisations committed to the well being of others and what that really means is we still have people committed to the well being of others. People often ask, “If there is a God, how can there be so much evil in the world?” If we turn the question around, we can say, “If there is no God, how can there be so much good in the world?”

Spring means new life, and a belief in God means life never ending for those of us who wish to take advantage of it. We all need to turn our backs on the petty and self serving evils of indifference, greed and envy, and turn our faces to all the good that we can do, both for ourselves and for each other.

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Our year began with the annual ‘winter social’ at the Glebe Village Hall in January. We enjoyed a three-course supper of home-cooked dishes and were entertained by Callan Jones, a skilled saxophonist.

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

Our first speaker meeting of 2016 took place on March 3rd when our Summer Show Flower judge David Shergold spoke on “Presenting Flowers for Show”. At the meeting a presentation was made to Marion Williams, who had recently resigned from the committee in which she first became involved in 1947 when her father re-established the society after its suspension during the Second World War.

Forthcoming Evening Meetings
- April 7th Joanna Gush, Domestic Judge: “How to do well in Shows”
- May 5th A.G.M with plant and cake sale
- June 2nd Fen Boudry: “Planted Pots and Hanging Baskets”

Summer Show
This year’s Show is on Saturday July 16th. Schedules will be ready by Easter this year giving plenty of time to plan and prepare entries.

Salisbury Allotment Association
The association has started a programme of evening meetings. Bourne Valley Horticultural Society members have been invited to join them, and they will come as guests to our meetings. Their first meeting on February 18th was an informed account of Sweet Peas. Future meetings will cover Pests and Diseases, Vegetable growing, and Roses.

For more information about the BVHS phone Pam Taylor (Chair) on 01980 619204 or Bob Dunster (Show Secretary) on 01980 619121.
In the last issue we mentioned learning Circus Skills, this went very well and culminated in a show to parents. We incorporated a Promise Ceremony and some Brownies did their Hostess badge providing home baked goodies some of which were quite spooky, like spidery/cobweb biscuits.

**Magnetic Mazes** kicked off our Science & Engineering activities and we went on to build marshmallow & spaghetti structures and explore the chemical properties of different foods. A stargazing Dad ran an evening sharing his passion for the sky at night.

**Christmas Trees:** As Christmas approached, we exhibited again at St Thomas’ Tree Festival in Salisbury this time with a Scandinavian Theme; Brownies made red & silver woven paper hearts and used the pine cones, collected from Bentley Woods in the Autumn, to create angel decorations.

**Frozen:** To round off the year and finish our Science Investigator’s badge we had a Frozen Party complete with Disney styled fancy dress, ice challenge and an artificial snowball fight.

**Good Resolutions:** In keeping with the tradition of New Year’s resolutions we embarked on a term of healthy lifestyle discovery in January. This involved jumping, skipping, bouncing, stretching, throwing and catching our way to gain Agility and Healthy Heart badges.

At a ‘Farm to Fork’ event at Tesco we discovered how to tell the amount of sugar contained in products and just how little sugar we should really be eating, encouraging us to eat more fruit & vegetables especially as snacks.

We also thought about how to keep Planet Earth healthy so we recycled our clothes at a Brownie SWISH (SWap if you wISH) event and used all sorts of materials for making up games, dressing up, modelling and even planting seeds in. So if you happen to visit St Nicholas’ Parish Room over Easter you will see little green shoots appearing in cardboard tubes and yoghurt pots; sorry no prizes for guessing which badges we are aiming for next term.

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Elizabeth Harris, nee Clarke (1722-1781)
Elizabeth lived with her husband, James, in Malmesbury House, just inside St Ann’s Gate. Married in 1745, it was an extremely happy alliance. James was a dominant figure in Salisbury’s musical life, a close friend of Henry Fielding and an admirer of Handel, who visited the house in 1739. Their daughters, Gertrude and Louisa were highly literate. Louisa was also a talented harpist and singer who performed with professional singers. The family organised musical concerts and theatre performances for up to 40 people in their Music Room above St. Ann’s Gate. While at home, Elizabeth was once horrified to see someone climbing the spire. On looking with the aid of a “glass” she realised that it was her 17 year old son, James! In her writings she also spoke of chaperoning “three and twenty misses” in eight boats at a water party, when Harnham Bridge was crowded like Westminster Bridge. She also wrote that, “Miss Wyndham had her cow most elegantly adorned and in the meadow and we had sillibub.”

Charlotte Fielding (died 1749) of Fielding House, No. 14 The Close.
In the early 1700s the house was occupied by Mrs Cradock, a wealthy widow and her three daughters. Charlotte was the eldest and married Henry Fielding in 1734, bringing him a comfortable dowry. He was not always faithful. However Charlotte was much admired by her husband and she was the model for Sophia Weston, his heroine in “Tom Jones”. He also used her in his novel “Amelia Booth” when he included an account of Charlotte’s own accident, falling from a carriage in the Close and the wheel running over her nose. Also included was the subsequent operation on her nose by Dr Edward Gold of No 13 the Close.

Maria Constable (1788-1828).
Maria visited Salisbury twice; briefly, with John Constable on their honeymoon in 1816, when they stayed at the Bishop’s Palace and later for a longer stay with the Fisher family at Leadenhall in 1820. John found inspiration from Maria for his paintings but they became more melancholy after her death from TB, when he was left to raise seven children under twelve. Following Maria’s death, it was Mary Fisher who encouraged John to undertake his greatest painting of Salisbury Cathedral from the Meadows.

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.

Future Meetings
April 21st: John Girvan, “Doing Time in Wiltshire”
May 19th: Alan Wadsworth, “Wiltshire Farmsteads Project”
June 16th: Norman Thorne, “Major Robert Poore & the Winterslow Land Court”
June 22nd: Visit by coach to Portsmouth and the Royal Naval Dockyard
Sept. 15th & October 20th: To be confirmed
November 17th: Roger Harrison, “History of the Quaker Meeting House in Salisbury”

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.

The Society also arranges guided visits to places of 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 at mea@dial.pipex.com for further information.
Website: www.bournevalleyhistory.co.uk
In this issue, we would like to recognize Paul Bevis for his tremendous contributions to our community.

- **Neighbourhood Plan – as a volunteer**
  As part of the group working on the Neighbourhood Plan, Paul has put in significant time to help the document get to the submission stage.

- **For the Community – proactively**
  Most of the following things Paul has done simply because he feels it’s the right thing to do and someone has to do it – self-motivated and self-less, he gives his time generously on a regular basis. These are just some of the things we know about...

  **Looking after the area where he lives**
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  - Clearing leaves from the pavement
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  **Reporting to Wilts Council when attention is needed**
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  - Using the Wilts Council app to help map out the drains and alert Wilts Council of drains that need attention
  - Mapping and photographing all the grit bins in the parish to allow the IPC to report them to Wilts Council and get the broken ones fixed
  - Reporting on locations where fly-tipping has taken place.
  - Working with other groups
  - Working / liaising with the Community Day team
  - Liaising with local land owners on IPC behalf
  - Challenging both the IPC and Wilts Council in a constructive way around plans and ensuring information available is useful and accurate.

  **Paul - Idmiston Parish Council would like to extend our appreciation and thanks for everything you have done for the community and for making our local area a better place to live.**

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The contribution below is from Allen Planning Ltd. It relates to a potential future planning application. No formal application has yet been made. Any comments should be addressed to Allen Planning and NOT to Idmiston Parish Council.

We are at the initial stages of considering the development of one of the sites under consideration for new development in the Neighbourhood Plan. We are seeking the initial views of the Parish Council at this early stage as part of pre-application discussions which we shall also be holding with Wiltshire Council. My client is a local resident and is therefore very much aware of the interest in the village of how to successfully accommodate new growth within the Parish whilst maintaining its attractiveness and we feel that the development of this site, given its location, would achieve both.

The development would at this initial stage provide for affordable housing for local people in accord with the Wiltshire Core Strategy and also in accord with Policy 14 of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

In terms of Policy 17 of the Neighbourhood Plan we submit that:

- this site is well related to the existing village envelope and has three sides which adjoin existing residential development.
- the existing topography of the site would also prevent any distant views of development across the countryside.
- the development is of modest scale and whilst the policy seeks that generally development should not exceed 10 dwellings, we consider that a slight increase above that on this site would deliver additional much-needed affordable housing and would also allow the provision of some “lower density” bungalow development which could be suitable for local older people.
- the development form proposed, albeit in its infancy, would reflect the character and variety of the existing pattern of development both within the villages and in the context of this particular site itself.
- the development would also follow the lines of the contours of this sloping site to ensure its “fit” with existing land form.

The indicative site layout, which is for discussion purposes only, would provide for significant private amenity space for all the proposed dwellings, the provision of much-needed affordable housing and the following additional potential benefits:

- The provision of a footway across the site
- The inclusion of bungalows within the proposed development to provide homes suitable for older people
- The provision of car parking for residents opposite to the site as well as appropriate parking in accordance with standards for the development itself.

The layout which is submitted with this letter is purely a “vehicle for discussion” and my Client would be more than willing to discuss alternatives with the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Forum together of course with local residents. We look forward to any comments for our onward consideration.

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- Home Call Vet Service 07957 349985
- Porton Aquatic & Pets 01980 611116

Printing
- Amesbury Printing 01980 624900

Schools
- B.V. Nursery School 01980 611766
- Figsbury Pre-School 01980 611837
- Gomeldon Primary 01980 611370
- St Nicholas’ School 01980 610401

Security & Alarms
- Avon Security 01980 626000
- Salisbury Alarms & Security 01980 610632

Self Storage
- Self Access Storage 01722 416065

Taxi
- Chantry Cars 01980 611242
- Wallen’s Wheels 07920 002024
- All the Sevens Taxis 01722 777777
- Rural Taxi Service 01722 505050

Tree Services
- Walsh 01980 670032
- Rhys Dobbs 01980 677045

Upholstery
- Jane Erridge 01980 611041

Village Shops
- Good Choice (Chinese) 01980 619288
- Korner Kuts 01980 610232
- Nisa Village Store & PO 01980 610258
- Porton Aquatic & Garden Centre 01980 611116

Wiltshire Council (Roads, lights etc.) (if unable to report things via the App)
- 0300 456 0105.
- Wiltshire Police (emergency) 999
- Wiltshire Police (non emergency) 101

Crimestoppers
- 0800 555 111

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