Trim Trail Opens

Lots of new Trim-Trail fitness equipment has recently been installed at Porton and Gomeldon Playing Fields.

Our three brave ladies came along for the opening
- See Page 3 for the full story and pictures
Welcome to the Summer 2016 newsletter. The calendar says it's summer, but the meteorologists aren't so sure. However, the IPC has been focusing on improving our village facilities so we can enjoy the good weather when it comes.

Our biggest project has been the creation of the new Bourne Cemetery. The team working on this have guided this project through one of the wettest periods on record and I hope you agree that this is a great transformation. The ground works are all but complete and over the summer, we are setting up the processes, policies and procedures that are required with the intention that we can commence burials this Autumn.

This last year has also seen some real improvements to leisure facilities in the Parish:
- The River Bourne has had 2 benches placed with views over the river.
- Gomeldon Park has had Trim Trail equipment installed to help improve the fitness level of older children and adults alike.
- “Porton Park is really now looking like a park”, said a parishioner to me. We have new seating; benches for play area supervision and match watching as well as two picnic tables. The goalposts have been renovated and repainted and nets added. Line marking has been completed for the main pitch and, most recently, new Trim Trail equipment has been installed in the driest part of the park, maximising its use throughout the year as much as possible.

The Neighbourhood Plan is moving into its final stages for approval. We have an article in this newsletter to help you understand what it is, who created it and why it is so advantageous for our Parish to have one versus the alternative. Please take a few minutes to read it and when you are notified of the invitation to vote – please do so.

As a Parish Council we have agreed our project list for the coming year. There is still a lot to do and no time to be complacent, and we need more councillors and volunteers to help.

Enjoy your summer and please consider joining us so we can make an even bigger difference to our community.
Feedback collected through the Neighbourhood Planning process highlighted a lack of leisure facilities for parishioners. This served as one of the inputs to the IPC when we began to create our project list for the year; the Trim Trail was voted towards the top of the list.

Councillor Nabil Najjar initiated the project and the equipment installation (with safety matting) is now all but complete at the time of writing. Choosing sites can be a lengthy process, especially if the IPC doesn’t already own the land, so we chose the initial sites of Porton and Gomeldon Play Parks. This equipment is designed for the older child, teenagers and adults of all ages.

For the ‘Opening Ceremony’ we were fortunate to be able to enlist the help of runners from the Porton Book Club, fresh from their efforts in the Race for Life, to help us test the equipment in Porton Playing Field. “I think we are going to have to work this into our run ladies”, remarked Katy, as trying out the new kit they discovered some gaps in their perceived upper body strength…

Thanks to them for being such good sports.

Thanks also to parishioner Tim Lovett, who lent us his expertise in choice of the equipment to ensure we offered something for a range of fitness levels.

It was encouraging to see that within just a couple of days of the Trim Trail equipment becoming available, people of all ages were busy trying it out. We are intending to put up plaques about the various pieces of equipment, showing how to make the best use of the trim trail in the different locations.
Councillor Valerie Creswell reports:
The Idmiston Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

Many of you in the Parish have been asking about the progress of the draft Idmiston Neighbourhood Plan (INP). In response to your interest, and for the benefit of all new arrivals to the Parish during the development of the INP, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to update you on its current status and remind everyone of the purpose of the INP.

Current Status of the Neighbourhood Plan

In May 2016, the INP went into one of the final stages of the process, a six week Public Consultation where the Plan was posted on the Wiltshire Council website for any observations from the stakeholders and the public. This process was completed on 22 June.

• We are now entering the penultimate stage, an Independent Examination of the Plan. An Inspector has been appointed and will examine the Plan to ensure its compliance with all relevant legal standards. If the Plan does not meet current standards, the Inspector will recommend changes. This is due to take place over a 5 to 7 day period in July.

• Once this examination is satisfactorily concluded and the INP is confirmed as compliant, Wiltshire Council will progress the INP to a Referendum allowing people registered to vote on the Electoral Roll in the Parish to vote either to support or reject the INP.

Key Facts about the INP Referendum:

• 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.

• We are anticipating that this Referendum may take place in early Autumn 2016 and we strongly urge that you take part in this process.

• This is an exciting position for the INP to have achieved and we are one of only two Neighbourhood Plans to have reached this stage in South Wiltshire.

Please make sure the needs of Idmiston, Porton and Gomeldon villages are heard and show your support for the Idmiston Neighbourhood Plan by voting in the INP Referendum. Details for voting will be posted on the IPC website.

Purpose and Aims of the Neighbourhood Plan

The main purpose of the Plan is to protect the Parish’s rural feel whilst modernising its infrastructure and meeting future housing needs. Working closely with the community, key local employers and Wiltshire Council, the INP confirms which areas of the Parish should remain as open space and which areas for development.

Overall the aims are:

• Strengthen community spirit, community health and community safety

• Improve community life with particular regard for the vulnerable, the disadvantaged, the elderly and our young people

• Improve and sustain core facilities

• Enhance community and leisure facilities, particularly for youth and recreation

• Provide housing to meet local demand – particularly for downsizing and affordable homes

• New housing developments to be designed as small clusters in accordance with the adopted Village Design Statement

Key Dates in the Neighbourhood Plan’s Development

September 2014: a public meeting determined which areas of land might be allocated for future housing development. 26 possible development sites were put forward and participants were asked to identify those sites they felt were (i) the ‘least worst’ (ii) those they would not wish to see developed. Of the 12 sites selected, Wiltshire Highways Department recommended that 2 sites were detrimental to Highway Safety. The 10 remaining sites, provide a total development potential for approximately 74 dwellings. This figure is well in excess of our allocation in the Core Strategy, and so not all the sites will be required to be built out.

March 2015: a final Public Meeting was held to undertake a last consultation on the INP and to submit a list of the issues that were of highest priority to the community.

May 2015: The INP was voted through unanimously at the Idmiston Parish Council meeting and it was forwarded for submission to Wiltshire Council.

The draft INP is on the Idmiston Parish website and, if you have not already done so, please do take this opportunity to study the document.
Andy Oliver has re-joined the IPC after previously leaving in October 2014 owing to other commitments. In the intervening period Andy has continued to be an active member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and with the Neighbourhood Plan nearing the Referendum stage has a strong desire to see it benefit the local community and give local residents back the control of development in the Parish.

Andy’s belief is that we have a fantastic opportunity to really enhance our three villages making them even greater places to live through pulling the community together.

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Councillor Mark Jones was also co-opted onto Idmiston Parish Council at the June 2016 Meeting. He has lived in the area all his life.

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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 Spring Newsletter 48 new chairs have been purchased, and the general consensus is that they are much more comfortable than the red plastic chairs.

- **Alterations and repairs** have been carried out on the drainage system, including a new manhole cover in the car park. Whilst not the most interesting of subjects to report, the cost was over £600, which highlights the importance of fundraising where repairs and maintenance are not obvious, but necessary.

- **We are about to purchase and install electric hand dryers in the toilets.**

- **We are considering starting a short mat bowls club.** There would be a fairly substantial initial outlay to purchase the equipment so we would only go ahead if there is enough interest. If you might be interested, please ring Gess Cuthbert 01980 610613.

- **The 50/50 Club is still running successfully.** For one pound a month you have the chance to win £50. If you would be interested to join, please make contact with the fundraising committee.

- **There are a few vacant slots available for Hall hire.** If interested contact Sally Cuthbert 01980 610 613

The Memorial Hall Committee would like to thank the Fundraising Committee for all their continuing hard work. The Fundraisers really could do with more helpers on occasions, so if you would like to volunteer please contact them at fundraisers@rosebudd.com

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TO HIRE THE HALL RING SALLY CUTHBERT 01980 610613
Fundraising Report

- Another successful Village Quiz took place in April, and this raised approximately £500 for hall funds.
- At a Jumble Sale on 25th June a large variety of goods were on sale, ranging from the usual clothing, men’s, women’s and children’s, to some very interesting bric-a-brac. Books were very popular, as were children’s toys and games. Teas and home-made cakes were enjoyed by the 73 ‘customers’ who queued from 12.30 to buy at our very reasonable prices. Thanks to all the helpers for all their hard work, and to the donors for providing us with such saleable goods. The event made a profit for the Hall of just over £480, which is fantastic! We still have one optical item which was sold on the day but not collected. If the owner would like to email fundraisers@rosebudd.com or ring 01980 555028 we will arrange collection.

Parish Quiz - Saturday 26th November
Memorial Hall 7.30pm
Put it in your diary NOW!

New football nets and white lines

Refurbished goalposts, new nets and white lines have made a noticeable difference to the popularity of the football pitch at Porton Playing Field. The money came from Section 106 funds from the Byford Gardens development.

No Parking - Please!

The Bus Stop at Idmiston is being obstructed by vehicles regularly parking there, so IPC has had to spend your money on the purchase and erection of a couple of ‘No Parking’ signs. Unfortunately a local resident is ignoring these and continues to park there. The Police have been informed, but it would be helpful if local residents could identify those who are misusing this lay-by, which is private land, owned by Idmiston Parish Council. Perhaps the offender can be ‘Named and Shamed’ into parking elsewhere?
Mulepackers CWDC (Country & Western Dance Club) run a line dancing group at the hall every Monday evening from 7.00 to 8.30 pm.

Our LINE DANCING class has had several new members recently. We take our beginners aside to teach them basic steps and easy dances to integrate them gradually into the main group. We recently ran a series of 3 absolute beginner tutorials at the Tesco community space, Southampton Road, Salisbury, to help new starters and it is a possibility we could repeat this if we have more new members. Give us a ring if you would like to join us. You don’t need any experience, you don’t need a partner and you’d have great fun! (Mike: 01722 717800 or Mel: 01722 340054)

Charity Dance Success
On 5th June, we held a charity dance for our three clubs and raised £181.60 for our 2016 charity, Salisbury Hospice. It was well supported, we had a lovely American supper, dance quiz and lots of dancing of course.

Spreading our wings
It seems that Mulepackers is going international now! Firstly Mike had some of his own dance choreography accepted and published in the “Up Country” magazine. We were thrilled to see the dance recently being listed and danced in Holland. Secondly, we were also asked to organise a line dancing “Wild West” evening in Devizes for a group of French adults who were visiting as part of a twinning exchange. We rose to the challenge and managed to teach the steps in French amidst a lot of laughter and fun.

Come and Join Us!
We are still looking for more couples/partners to join our PARTNER DANCING class at the hall on Monday evenings. You don’t need any experience and we are quite happy to teach you from scratch. Please give us a ring if you are interested or would like to know more. Our dances are based on ballroom steps, they are not too formal and the music is great country and western music.

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Bus Turning Area (fortnightly stop) 14:45 - 15:50
Dates: This mobile library round takes place on:
• Friday 12 August
• Friday 9 September
• Friday October 7

There is also an additional visit to East Gomeldon Bus Turning Area 2.30 - 3.20 every 4 weeks on Saturdays – July 30, August 27, September 24, October 22

See more at: http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Round/50#sthash.UJZiWCw8.dpuf
The Over 60s Social Club provides a friendly meeting place for the residents of our parish and the surrounding villages.

Our club has had a very enjoyable and busy time since the last newsletter in the spring.

- Dan Cooke came and told us about the International Rescue team which is based in Salisbury. It is served by volunteers who can be called upon at short notice to help at earthquakes and other disasters around the world - they also helped with the flooding here in England. So do listen when there is another disaster - the team from Salisbury will probably be mentioned.

- In April, eighteen visitors from the Winterslow Over 60s Club joined us when we had a talk on ‘Royal Crowns and Tiaras’ - it was an excellent presentation.

- By the time May came we were thinking about our gardens, and Fred Boudry from Winterbourne came and gave us lots of tips on how to get the most out of our hanging baskets and other flowering plants.

- On a lovely day in the middle of June we had a coach outing to Bath, which some members combined with a trip on the canal.

- At the end of June, which had been mainly wet and miserable, the sun shone again on our meeting day and we had such a good time at our garden party, starting off with a glass (or two!) of Pimms, and finishing with a very enjoyable tea.

In the coming months we are looking forward to many further interesting meetings: A cookery demonstration and healthy eating advice, a talk on Wiltshire wildlife, a Harvest Lunch, a talk about Sir Christopher Wren, concentrating on his work locally, and the Life and Times of Thomas Hardy, in November.

There really is plenty of interest for both men and women alike, so if you think you might like to join us, simply come along to The Memorial Hall Porton at 2pm on the last Monday of the month, or give me a ring and I will put you in touch with someone near you who is a member.

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The last two terms have been so busy, and as I write we have just had our sports day and still have the Summer Production and Leavers Service ahead.

Comings and goings
This is always a time of mixed emotions; our Year Six children have all spent a day at their new secondary school excited (and probably a little nervous) about the next step in their educational journey, and are busy planning their leaving service.

They have also been busy with artist Joanna Dewfall* designing and creating a mosaic panel which will be mounted on the wall in our spiritual garden. We all wish them well and will be sad to see them leave, but as is our way at St Nicholas, we will be sure to see them regularly in the future as they come back to visit us.

At the other end of the school it is so rewarding to see our Reception children wandering around school as if they had been here for years and I am sure they are looking forward to welcoming the next Reception Class in September.

Celebrating the Queen’s 90th
As with many others around the country we held a tea party to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II 80th Birthday. Along with the children and staff we welcomed parents, grandparents and friends, where we all enjoyed tea and lots of homemade cake. Our school choir gave us all a great performance of Mary Poppins songs, which involved a ‘sing off’ with the audience! It was a lovely afternoon and an opportunity for everyone to remember the great achievement of our Queen.

Sports highlights
There have been several sporting events in recent months too. Quad Kids, Area Sports and of course the Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon. Sadly the weather was not so kind on Mini Marathon day, but the children did not let this dampen their spirits and everyone gave a hundred percent despite the conditions.

Langford Lakes
Our key stage one children had a very interesting trip to Langford Lakes to tie in with their topic. There were many activities held over the day, pond dipping, exploring animal habitats, searching for mini-beasts and insects, making colourful plant pictures. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this day out and it was great to see the children thrive in a different learning environment.

Creative Week
Most recently we have enjoyed a ‘Creative Week’ giving the children an opportunity to learn new skills and to listen and understand information from visiting experts. Each day everyone had the chance to experience something new; samba drumming, archery, martial arts and cookery.

Interesting visitors
We also had visits from the Hawk Conservancy, Reeves the Baker and a children’s illustrator who was able to explain the thought process when drawing images for books and a few hints and tips too! We have all really enjoyed learning in this new format and plan to make this an annual event.

Looking forward
We wish you all a happy and sunny summer and look forward to telling you more about what is happening at St Nicholas in the autumn, you may also be interested in our forthcoming Open Mornings, the first being in October. Further details are given on Page 37 of this newsletter.

Mrs Sandra Smith, Head Teacher
St Nicholas’ C.E. (VA) Primary School
www.stnicholas.wilts.sch.uk

*Joanna Dewfall will be holding family mosaic workshops on the 20th August at Newton Toney Village Hall. For more details or to book a place contact dewfall@talktalk.net
Idmiston Footpath Project

One of the best-supported projects we initiated was to improve everyone’s accessibility to the footpaths around the villages. I for one didn’t know where most of them were and couldn’t find any information on them. I found it a great way to discover more about where I live and meet other parishioners.

When I started mapping the footpaths, I split my activity into 2 parts:
A) Making available the information on the ‘Idmiston Parish Rights of Way’ in a useful format. We have a document, printed form only, which lists the rights of way and separately a detailed map, which marks them out – but they are not together and not easily accessible.

B) Combining these Rights of Way (and the useful descriptive local information) to create walks that people can do and, wherever possible, make them circular.

A) Idmiston Parish Rights of Way
There are seven rights of way in the parish, paradoxically referred to as numbers 1 to 8; number 4 no longer exists having been absorbed into the Porton Down Estate. The document we have lists these along with grid references and a separate detailed map shows exactly where they run. These are a combination of ‘Footpath’, ‘Bridleway’ and ‘Byway open to all traffic’. As and when we have transcribed these and matched them with the map, we will publish them on the IPC website. We also have a couple of people on the Council who have a wealth of knowledge not yet captured and the aim is to enrich these over time with their help.

B) Idmiston Parish Walks
The first of these will be the “Circular Walk from A338/ Winterslow Road - Tidworth Road crossroads” and should be ready from the IPC website by the time you receive this newsletter. As someone who has followed walks before, I have been thwarted by the confusing directions and lack of information about the difficulty level, terrain and how much of it is on the road. So this is my chance to make a better version (hopefully). Each walk will contain 5 elements:

I hope you will take the chance to try these out from our website and let us know what you think.

James Humphries, Chairman

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Footpaths
Responsibilities as well as rights....

We are fortunate to have a reasonable selection of public footpaths and bridleways in our parish, although the proximity of the Porton Down and Boscombe Down establishments has meant that there are fewer ‘circular walks’ than we might like. The landowners over whose land these ‘rights of way’ exist have a number of legal obligations, some of them outlined below, but, as several of our local farmers have pointed out, it is equally important that walkers and horse-riders don’t misuse their rights, which can lead to problems for other users and for the landowners. Abiding by a few simple rules can make it easier for walkers to live in harmony with landowners.

Rules for users:
The Countryside Code includes some of the main responsibilities for users of public rights of way:
● If walking a dog, you must make sure that it does not stray off the legal lines of a public footpath as this may constitute an act of trespass.
● Ensure that you clean up your dog mess, if your dog fouls a footpath.
● You are not allowed to disturb or harm any wildlife found on a public right of way.
● You should not drop or leave litter on a public right of way.
● You should not trespass on neighbouring lands to public rights of way. At all times keep to the legal limits.

Rules for landowners:
As the owner or occupier of land with a public right of way across it, you must:
● Avoid putting obstructions on or across the route, such as permanent or temporary fences, walls, hedgerows, padlocked gates or barbed wire. Obstructing a public right of way is a criminal offence. The highway authority has the right to demand you remove any obstruction you cause. If you don’t, the highway authority can remove the obstruction and recover the cost from you.
● Make sure vegetation does not encroach onto the route from the sides or above, bearing in mind the different clearances needed for users of different types of route, for example by horse riders.
● You must not cultivate (eg plough) footpaths or bridleways that follow a field edge. The minimum width you need to keep undisturbed is: 1.5 metres for a field edge footpath and 3 metres for a field edge bridleway.
● If official waymarking leaves it unclear where a public right of way goes, you may add informal waymarks to remedy this so long as these are not misleading.
● Where a stile or gate on a public right of way is your responsibility, you must maintain it so it is safe and reasonably easy to use. You may be able to claim some of the cost of any replacement work from the highway authority.

Idmiston Parish Council is in regular touch with both landowners and users of rights of way, and these extracts from recent letters from two local farmers highlight some of the problems that can occur and that could be avoided by a little more thought from some users.

“It would be very useful to include an article in the newsletter about rights of way in the parish. Hopefully this would include maps, the type of right of way and a definition of each type’s permitted use. I recently had to turn back a lady horse rider setting off up the footpath from the High St towards Highfield cottages (it is not a bridleway!) only to be accused of being aggressive in my action!

The main point to stress is that straying from these designated paths is an intrusion onto private land which is part of a farming business. Dog walkers who do not clear up behind their pets are a particular problem as dog faeces can be infected with the Neospora parasite which causes Neosporosis in cattle, a devastating disease thought to be responsible for the highest percentage of cattle abortions in the UK. It did not help that in the Village Design Statement of March 2013 it was stated that, due to a “relative lack of useable public open space and specifically areas where dogs can be exercised without conflicting with wildlife” and referring to land to the rear of Cuckoo Pen and the field behind Bonaker Close, “in practice the use of unfenced land is well established” and the field is “heavily used”.

Ultimately if parishioners cannot be persuaded to keep to the rights of way the landowners will be forced to fence the paths, which will be detrimental to farming operations and considerably reduce the enjoyment for the genuine footpath user.

Signage of rights of way is very important and should include a message to keep dogs under control and to the path. I agree that erection of signs to inform parishioners that other areas are not for public use is not the responsibility of the PC but the general point that all areas other than those designated for public use are private should be emphasised.”
“I understand that an article is going in the next parish magazine regarding public footpaths in the village. We wondered if this might be the best time to ask the public using the footpath between Downholme and the school to keep to the footpath and not use the field as an exercise area!! At the same time maybe remind them to clear up behind their dog as a cow eating dog poo can become ill and then abort their calf in future pregnancies.

The path from Bonaker goes straight across the field - please don’t walk around the perimeter.

Porton Baptist Church

But life, and the church must go on, and for August we are moving to the Memorial Hall while the church building is decorated internally. Porton Baptist Church will therefore be rather more visible for the four Sundays in August, and we would be delighted to welcome visitors to our ‘temporary home’, (tea and biscuits provided).

As usual, we gave the leavers of Gomeldon School copies of the Scripture Union booklet, “It’s Your Move”, at the Leavers’ Assembly on July 25th.

Douglas Parish

First, an apology for missing the last issue of the Newsletter, we’ll try to do better in the future!

The past couple of months has seen a change in the leadership of the church, as our young Student Pastor has left us. We are very grateful to him, and his wife Grace, for their contribution to the Fellowship. Fraser has IT skills which have brought the church, almost into the 21st Century, and we thank Grace for re-establishing our Sunday School. We wish them God’s blessing for the future.
Out and About
The Summer term is a favourite term with both the young people and the Leaders. The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts enjoy getting out in the fresh air to let off their natural exuberance and the Leaders enjoy the freedom of them not being confined to the hall! However we have been challenged this year with the weather! It never stops us doing the planned activities or enjoying them either but it does take the shine off them somewhat!

The BIG Beaver Adventure
The highlight of the year for the Beaver Scouts is their Annual Sleepover. This year it came at the end of the Easter Holidays so just before the beginning of the summer term. This year the theme was The Bourne Valley BIG Adventure. Activities were based around the My Outdoors and My Adventure Challenge Badges. The beavers are required to attend a Sleepover to get the My Outdoors badge and this is an ADVENTURE if you are only 6 or 7yrs old! Over the 21hrs that the beavers were at the Sleepover they learnt their Green Cross Code, learnt 3 knots which they used to make birdfeeders, learnt some tracking signs which they used on a Hike during which they sailed boats in the river, helped build a fire and cooked sausages and s’mores for their lunch, as well as play games eat and had quite a lot of sleep this year!!!!

Circus Fun
Beaver Scouting is officially 30 yrs old this year, (although Beaver Scouting in the Bourne Valley has been going for a couple of extra years), and had a District Birthday party in January, in May it was the turn of the County to celebrate with a Circus Themed Fun Day at the County Scout HQ. The beavers were ably to try out circus skills, see a performance by Jonathan the Jester, take part in circus themed crafts and enjoy all the fun of the Beaver FunFair. We returned some very tired beavers (and Leaders) to their parents (relations!) at the end of a long busy and FUN day.

100 Years of Cub Scouting
Just as with the Beaver Colony the annual Cub summer camp is the highlight of most Cub Scouts (and Leaders) scouting year. This year in Celebration of our Centenary we joined 235 other Cubs and Leaders at Ferny Crofts in the New Forest for a District Camp. Over the weekend the cubs tried out caving, took on the MUD Challenge on the adventure course, did backwoods cooking, designed neckers and woggles, tried out orienteering , went on a scavenge hunt and just like the beavers tried some circus skills. As well as games, a camp fire and singsong, everyone took part in a giant street party (in the middle of a field!) on the same day as the Queen had her Street Party down the Mall. Not sure why but the Cubs also had plenty of sleep, (well plenty for a Cub Camp anyway!), there must be something in the air in 2016!

More Centenary Celebrations
A couple of weekends after the Camp the cubs were celebrating again this time with a County Funday at Marlborough. The Cubs went round villages during the day taking part in games, activities, crafts and the history of Cub Scouting. Each Village had a theme of a Jungle Book character: Chil (the kite), Mowgli (the boy), Bandarlog (the troop of monkeys), Kaa (the snake), Akela (the leader of the pack), and Shere Khan (the tiger). It was an early start (before 8am) and once we arrived there was plenty to keep us all occupied – I am not sure how many kites I helped the cubs make that day!!!

JOTT
Both our Troops and Explorer Unit took part in the Jamboree on the Trail. This is a nationwide scouting activity when scouts are encouraged to hike on a certain Saturday. Each Troop and the Unit took part in different hikes but joined in hiking on the appointed day just like thousands of other scouts across the UK.

Expedition Challenge
As part of the Scout Training Scheme there is an Expedition Challenge Badge where the scouts plan and go on a 2 day activity supervised but not accompanied by the Leaders. The older members of Idmiston Troop went on a 2 day hike from Dinton to Old Sarum via Berwick St James where they camped overnight. They navigated themselves, (this year very successfully), on both days being required to go through several leader manned checkpoints.

Survival Skills
Both troops have had Survival Skills and Preparation for Summer Camp (not yet happened!) as their main theme for the troop meetings during the summer term. Lots of outdoor skills being learnt that will stand them in good stead for Summer
Camp at the beginning of the summer holidays. Fire lighting skills and cooking over fires, (definitely required), shelter building (we do provide tents for summer camp but you never can be sure when you might need this!), map reading skills and knowledge of basic knots may also be in demand at camp!

Raft Races
Very recently the joint troop teams were once again triumphant at the District Raft Races. The younger age group coming 2nd and the older team finishing 1st and 2nd! Well Done to all who took part.

Scout Summer Camp
The Scouts may be busy at troop meetings preparing for this year’s camp at Buddens campsite on the South Coast but the leaders are even busier outside of meetings getting the organisation of the camp sorted, designing a menu and ordering the food, booking activities both on site and off site, making sure that the Scouts have a great experience. More of this after the Holiday!

Finland Jamboree
As I am sure that you know the Explorer Unit is off to the Finland Jamboree very soon now. They have been on a Marathon of fund raising and have raised the over £10,000 required in less than a year. They have done countless bag packs, done car parking duties, organised a Jumble sale, a Barn Dance, a Burns Night, had a cake sale and carryout in B & Q and very recently an EXPLORAFEST in the Glebe Hall, This was a nearly 12 hour marathon of music, manning the kitchen, bar, games and bouncy castle. A BRILLIANT event enjoyed by everyone who attended and it raised the last money required for the Jamboree. The adventure is approaching fast and it will be an Experience of a Lifetime, I am sure they will have lots of tales to tell when they come home. They have all, Leaders and Explorers worked so hard for this and they deserve a great experience in return.

What else?
I would not like you to think that the Explorers have spent their whole year fund raising! They also have a full and active programme week by week, take part in all the District Activities that are organised for them and are now the largest unit in the District, all in less than 3 years.

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Congratulations to the Earl

The Earl of Normanton has won the CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) SALISBURY & SOUTH WILTS COUNTRY PUB OF THE YEAR 2016 award for the second time in three years. Owners Nicky and Alan Howe received the award from the CAMRA Branch Chairman.

All Saints Idmiston Celebrates Queen’s 90th

On the 18 June many residents enjoyed a 90th Birthday Celebration Tea for HM The Queen.

The weather was fine and everyone enjoyed scrumptious cakes and tea outside in the church yard. There was a craft corner for children where they could make their own crowns.

There were many raffle prizes plus a very successful bottle stall, and £360.00 was raised which will go towards updating the electrics in the Church. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Not only were funds raised for the Church but it also gave people the opportunity to mix and mingle who might not otherwise meet.

So far this year 170 people have visited the Church, coming from as far afield as Egypt, Canada and Australia. From the comments in the Visitors Book all of them have been enchanted by the serenity and history of the building.

The church yard at All Saints is also of great interest. There are four graves that used to be looked after by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission but in recent years the responsibility has been passed to Idmiston Parish Council. One of them is that of a young Australian soldier who died in 1918. Another one is that of Pilot Officer John Lupton, who died in March 1940. He was the son of one of the incumbents of this Parish. It must be comforting to the family members of these young men to know that their graves will be tended and cared for in perpetuity.

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Cholderton Charlie’s Farm Park, formerly Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm, has been providing great family days out for many years, with attractions for all ages and interests, including a playbarn, outdoor play areas, café and gift shop as well as feeding, cuddling, grooming and petting lots of animals - the infamous Pig Racing has actually been on BBC TV.

BRAND NEW for 2016 is a 500 feet long Tree Top Trail which goes 32 feet up into the woods, with views over the Vineyard and the woodlands. Janet and I were invited to the launch. We tried the trail, and it is quite scary but very enjoyable! There is also a new nest swing, and a tree-house and zip-line are coming.

And a Vineyard, too!
In April 2016, they planted eight acres of Vineyards, which have been aptly named ‘Bluestone Vineyards’, after the bluestones of Stonehenge. The vines will eventually produce local English Sparkling Wine. They have already selected three types of grape and although the vineyards are not expected to be providing wine for another three years, Charlie’s Farm will soon be selling wine from other English vineyards.

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Bourne Valley Link Scheme

Please come and join us at our combined Coffee Morning and AGM on Saturday 24th September at Idmiston Memorial Hall, Porton from 10.30am -12.00. Together with an opportunity to be able to view the annual report and a summary of the Link Scheme finances, the Neighbourhood Police Team will be giving advice on personal safety. There will also be music by Scrape the Barrel. For a voluntary contribution we can help with transport. Contact 01980 611117

Our volunteers provide neighbourly services to those in need in the Bourne Valley parishes of Cholderton, Newton Toney, Allington, Boscombe, Idmiston, Porton, Gomeldon, the Winterbournes and Hurdcott. We can help with social needs such as visits to friends and relatives or a pleasant drive to a place of interest. 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

Our volunteers covered 20,703 miles on Link journeys over the last 12 months. 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.
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In a “ground breaking ceremony” led by MP for Salisbury John Glen, Porton Biopharma Ltd (PBL) has initiated the construction of a new multi-million pound facility.

The investment will see the creation of a pharmaceutical process facility that contains a new large state-of-the-art fermenter, process train and associated utilities. The 2100 sq.metre building and associated plant is designed to enable PBL to optimise capacity and more efficiently manufacture medicinal products in a modern environment that will continue to comply with all the latest pharmaceutical regulations. An added benefit is the facility will include a viewing gallery to enable visitors to see the hi-tech process without having to go through the rigorous gowning-up process that is required for everyone that enters clean-room pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities.

PBL is committed to developing and producing a range of life saving products and this is the second major investment in its capabilities, following on from the opening of a multi-million pound new freeze drying facility earlier in the year by the Minister for Life Sciences, George Freeman MP. “To see the start of the construction stage for this new fermentation facility represents an exciting moment of progress for all of us who are dedicated to growing PBL, since it will enable us to produce more of our products that truly make a difference to patients’ lives” said Dr Roger Hinton Managing Director of PBL.

John Glen commented, “I am delighted to be here at the initiation of this new phase of construction for PBL, which is going from strength to strength by investing in its facilities in order to cement its position as a leading local life-science company securing important high-value jobs for the area”.

The construction phase follows on from work to prepare the site by the demolition of some older facilities and will also include construction of a new workshop and water plant room to support the main fermentation facility. That will then be followed by a phased programme of equipment installation and pharmaceutical validation. Whilst work is taking place, PBL will continue to manufacture in its existing plant, but looks forward to when it can bring the new capacity on stream to meet the increasing global demand for its products.

New Methods, new materials, new techniques

Construction has also started on a further new pharmaceutical developmental facility for Porton Biopharma which will provide state-of-the-art facilities for its teams of scientists.

The 530 sq.metre single story building has been designed to reflect modern best practice in laboratory design and will replace older facilities that had been well utilised over the years. The new facility will feature a fermentation suite with a range of bench-scale reactors and a downstream processing suite for activities such as filtration and chromatography, all supported by preparation areas and a plant room.

The building will accommodate a team of scientists and technicians who are dedicated to developing and improving the methods used in the pharmaceutical manufacture of our life saving products. New methods, materials and techniques are constantly being developed and ensuring that we keep up-to-date with the latest innovations and industry standards is important to maintain our leading position in the field of biopharmaceutical development and manufacture. As well as improving processes and yields for PBL’s own products, the facilities will also be used to undertake developmental contract work for customers who wish to translate their research into clinical outcomes. These customers will benefit from the knowledge and experience developed over the years by working on licensed biopharmaceuticals.

Dr Trevor Marks Director of Development said that the team are really looking forward to the completion of this new state-of-the-art facility later in the year and all the new equipment that they will have to help deliver increased benefits for PBL customers and their future patients. Baroness Scott, who began the ceremonial ‘ground-breaking’, said that Wiltshire Council are delighted to be able to support Porton Biopharma with the important work that they do and the opportunities that this brings to Wiltshire.
Porton Biopharma Limited is a limited liability company, established in 2015, to commercialise the pharmaceutical development and manufacturing capabilities at the Porton Down site in Wiltshire that were previously within Public Health England. The Secretary of State for Health is the sole shareholder.

The company develops new vaccines, therapeutic proteins and enzyme products, and also manufactures its own licensed biopharmaceutical products, including the well-known Erwinase® that is used to treat childhood leukaemia, and Anthrax Vaccine.

PBL offer specialist expertise in the development of both manufacturing and analytical processes for use with biological pharmaceutical products and also undertake contract manufacture.

**Working with the community**
PBL make a major contribution to the local community by being a local employer. There are around 260 staff, performing a range of process and analytical development, production, quality control and quality assurance roles associated with the development and manufacture of biopharmaceuticals, but PBL stress that they have a range of jobs available across all their activities, not just scientists in white coats. PBL promotes diversity in the workplace and is an equal opportunities employer.

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The War Department Experimental Ground in Porton Down was established in 1916, making 2016 the centenary year for the site. Earlier this year the Minister for Defence Procurement, Philip Dunne MP, visited the site to pay tribute to the vital role still played by DSTL. The Gov.UK website carried the story:

In early 1916, 3000 acres were bought in the Wiltshire countryside, in response to the first use of chemicals as weapons by the Germans the previous year. In 1918, the importance of the work being carried out was recognised by King George V, who visited Porton.

Today the threat of chemical weapons remains and the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL) still uses science and technology to tackle this threat. DSTL now owns more than 7000 acres to carry out its work for the defence and security of the UK, which includes chemical detection, forensic analysis and developing protective clothing for the Armed Forces.

The Minister said: “Over the past century, the UK, our Armed Forces personnel and our citizens have all been made safer by the work conducted at Porton Down. With the recent announcement that DSTL will remain an important Executive Agency of the Ministry of Defence, DSTL is well placed to carry on this life-saving work for many more years to come, providing support to operations, ground-breaking research and expert advice for the defence and security of the UK. I am delighted to have this opportunity to celebrate this centenary and to thank the current generation of scientists and others who work within Dstl for the vital work they do.”

One of the important activities carried out at Porton Down during the past 100 years has been the development of military respirators. The research and support work during that time has resulted in the delivery of numerous respiratory protection devices including the latest military respirators; the General Service Respirator (GSR) and the Aircrew Protective Equipment and Detection (APED) respirator. Both are used by the UK Armed Forces and offer exceptionally high levels of protection in chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear environments.

In addition to developing and testing materials, evaluating filtration systems and assessing the integration of respiratory protection equipment with other kit, DSTL has also developed systems to assess and evaluate respirator performance under conditions of real use. In 2015, a state-of-the-art respirator facility was opened at Dstl, Porton Down, where the GSR is tested.

DSTL Chief Executive, Jonathan Lyle said the organisation has had to adapt over the years, ensuring it is providing the right support to the UK: “Chemical and biological defence research is what DSTL, Porton Down is best known for. But the breadth of work we now undertake at Porton Down has grown across the decades as the site has developed. We were first established to counter the emerging threat of gas attack in World War One. Today we exist to protect our Armed Forces and British citizens against a wide range of current and future threats, for example cyber.”

Emerging technologies currently under the spotlight at DSTL include quantum technology, synthetic biology and big data.
We aim to support deployed volunteer responders and local communities in need through the supply and management of infrastructure, expertise and capability.

Within the voluntary aid sector; for example, Wessex 4x4 Response and the local Search and Rescue Organisations (WILSAR & DORSAR), there are a considerable number of willing volunteer 4x4 drivers and vehicles. Unfortunately, these organisations are only capable of providing support for no longer than 48 hours unless provided with sufficient life support – this would include feeding arrangements, accommodation, heating, lighting, washing etc. Unless there is a Village Hall with these facilities close by the deployment area, it would be up to the volunteer organisation to make their own arrangements for life support ‘in the field’.

Support to Ops would provide a comprehensive but limited Life Support equipment package and training to enable responders from the Voluntary Organisations responders to enable deployed operations to continue for some time.

Parish Councils are required to have a comprehensive Emergency Plan (Resilience and Response Plan) but, in these days of financial austerity, do not have the financial resources to purchase and store the necessary equipment and would often rely on a ‘just in time’ purchase to meet community emergency needs. Support to Ops could provide similar life support resources to meet some of these needs.

Life Support equipment would include, for example, tentage (Ex-Military heavy duty shelters), Ex - Military Cook Sets and catering equipment, industrial site lighting equipment, empty water and fuel containers, tables, chairs etc housed permanently in box trailers ready for deployment. Local Community Volunteers, after suitable training, could also draw on these stocks to support, for example, Village fetes, or, in the event of an emergency, on a priority basis.

However, we urgently need somewhere to store this equipment and conduct pre-deployment familiarisation and training. We are looking for a patch of land with good access and large enough to place a 20ft shipping container, up to six trailers and with space to erect at least two 24 x 18ft tents. We would need to erect Heras temporary security fencing around the site and install CCTV coverage. Can anybody help?

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In May we celebrated our 75th Anniversary and now we are looking forward to our Centenary, why not come and join us to achieve the next milestone? Come and enjoy our meetings before picking the children up from school, learn a new craft - our present members have lots of talents which you could benefit from. Our speakers are interesting and cover a wide variety of subjects and we are always keen to have suggestions from our members on different topics.

**May is traditionally our Resolution discussion meeting.**

Each year WIs are invited to send in their proposals for National Federation of WIs to campaign for the following years. These proposals are presented and discussed and whittled down to one or two to be further presented to all the WIs throughout England and Wales for discussion and voting. This year we had two proposed resolutions to vote on –

- **‘Appropriate Care in Hospitals for People with Dementia’** – this called upon HM Government and the NHS to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people suffering from Alzheimer’s disease or dementia that have been admitted into hospital.
- **‘Avoid food Waste, Address Food Poverty’** – The WI calls on all supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste, thereby passing surplus food onto charities thus helping to address the issue of increasing food poverty in the UK.

As we could vote on each, we at Idmiston & Porton WI agreed both were of equal merit to be put forward to the meeting of the National Federation of WIs at Brighton in June, for further voting. As it turned out, both proposals were accepted and will be the subject of campaigns starting next year. If you would like to join in the campaigns please join us.

As I said, May is our Resolution discussion meeting but **this May we also had much more on our agenda.** It started with our traditional Fish & Chip lunch followed by a presentation by Shona Maycock our local Police Community Support Officer. Shona gave us some very handy hints on how to ensure our personal and property safety and as she is very local to Idmiston and Porton she could inform us of all the different scams that had been used in our Neighbourhood recently.

Of course we also celebrated our 75th Anniversary, and raised a glass to the continuing success of our group. Phyl Grant made us a cake and this we all enjoyed with a fizzy drink.

In June we welcomed Kenneth Warr who talked about his life as a TV Journalist in the early days of BBC TV News. He fascinated his audience with tales of the difficulties experienced by journalists to get their films and stories back to the BBC from other parts of the world or even the UK. Today receiving information of what is going on in the world is instant due to the Internet, however in the early years the BBC News had to rely on only three news agencies, including Reuters.

**The Parish Choir** has been busy entertaining and delighting the residents of Avonbourne Care Centre. The choir, initially formed by WI members now includes ladies who live in the parish. If you would like to join them please give me a ring and I will give you further information.

In August we are off on a day out to Bowood House to join in the 300th anniversary of ‘Capability’ Brown’s birth.

Members of the WI have joined in trips organized by our Federation (Wiltshire based in Devizes) to Bucklers Hard, the Imperial War Museum and also a walk and treasure trail around Devizes. However they could also have gone to Abbotsbury Swannery, and the Hawk Conservancy Trust in Andover. On the handicraft side they could have learnt to smock a Jewellery pouch, or painted on glass or taken part in a needle felting session. Each year there is also a skittles competition which many of our local WIs take part in.

In **September Wiltshire Federation have arranged a Sports Week** when we can take part in the ‘WI Sports Week’, which involves a Better Driving session, Archery, Clay
Pigeon Shooting and Go Karting. So we do try to give our members a variety of events to choose from! There is also a Golf Taster course during the year for those who are not certain whether they would like golf or not.

**On the horizon for Idmiston & Porton WI** we are visiting Norman Parker at Amesbury History Centre in September. In October Daphne Atkinson will enlighten us about Life Below Stairs and in November to get us into the mood for Christmas Beverley Baxter will be demonstrating Creative Cakes.

Why not come along and join us for an afternoon, you do not have to become a member immediately, just come as a visitor and receive a warm welcome from our members.

**We also have our regular events:**
- Book Club – once a month on a Friday at a member’s house.
- Litter Collection – fourth Wednesday of the month.
- Knitting Club – at St Nicholas School, Tuesdays during term time.
- The Parish Choir – alternate Tuesdays at a member’s house.
- Lunch Club – Approximately every other month, especially during the winter.

**Our meetings are held in the Idmiston Memorial Hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 2pm.** If you would like to visit us please just turn up or ring me Valerie Botting on 01980 610528.

**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 April** Ronda Haynes brought along a large selection of china. She has been collecting crockery for many years and gives talks about her hobby. Members brought scones and cup cakes and we used Ronda’s china as we celebrated the Queen’s 90th Birthday.

**In May** Penny May, a Blue Badge Guide in Salisbury, talked about how she started as a guide and many other aspects of her life. Both theses ladies were lovely, interesting speakers.

**In June** Colin van Geffen talked about The Red Arrows Selection and Training, with a very professional slide-show presentation. Male guests were invited on this occasion.

By the time you read this “The Abba Girls” will have entertained us - male and female guests and 70s clothing welcome.

**Future outings**

We are going to the Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery in August and to Wilsford Stables Open Morning on Sunday 30th October.

As you can see, we have some interesting times at Ladies Club. New Members and guests would be most welcome. For further information ring me,

Janet Slater. 01980 610544
Club Friday meets in the Methodist Church Hall, Winterbourne Dauntsey every Friday between 10.00am and 3.00pm. 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.

On arrival we have tea/coffee with biscuits/cake and 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, crafts or a trip out. Periodically, we arrange an outing perhaps to the seaside or to a local museum or garden centre or other place of interest. At times we all go to a local restaurant for lunch. There is a small weekly charge and at times an outing may attract a further contribution.

Our Spring season has been filled with many activities: These have included our monthly sales (first Friday in every month) which help raise funds for Club Friday. We also have our monthly Service and we say a big thank you to David Marke, Cecil King and Penny Joyce for their reflections and peaceful moments which provide a quiet oasis in our busy lives. Brenda Curtis has provided the music for these Services, which is much appreciated.

During the month of March we were involved with a Batik Art project entitled “The ‘We Can’ Project”. Guests and helpers made flags which will be displayed in Salisbury Cathedral in September 2016. This was a wonderful experience and showed off the artistic talents of our guests. We also had a demonstration of Fruit and Vegetable carving by Wana (a family member of one of our guests), who carved beautiful flowers out of turnips and melons.

April was busy with Entertainment from the Parish Choir and Early May Day celebrations (we made our own maypole and danced around it). We had a Celebrating London day, where guests shared memories and items which reminded them of London and tasted traditional London food including cockles, mussels and jellied eels, followed by cockney songs and rhymes.

In May we had Quizzes, played “Pass the Bomb”, shared special memories, and were entertained by Charlotte Popescu who told us the story of her great aunt in words and pictures.

May is also the month when we hold our Annual General Meeting which was very successful with everything in order for another year. A big thank you to our trustee committee who do so much to keep Club Friday running so well. This was followed in the afternoon by an outing to Golden Acres Garden Centre where guests browsed among the blooms and then had a delicious Cream Tea before returning home.

June was full of Royal arts and crafts to prepare to celebrate the Queen’s official birthday which we did with a 90th Birthday Party when guests wore the crowns which they had made. June ended with the guests making wooden ‘grand prix’ racing carts and great fun was had in racing them.

In early July, William Stirling gave a very interesting and informative talk about his recent return visit to Korea with other veterans. They were all treated as honoured guests.

Future events include an outing on the Kennet and Avon Canal from Hungerford where we will enjoy a cruise and a fish and chip lunch for those who wish to partake. There will be visits to The Grange garden in July and Maureen Atkinson’s garden in August. We hope to visit Salisbury Cathedral in September to see the display of “Batik Flags” which the day centres in Wiltshire made with the ‘We Can’ project earlier in the year. We are also working on a memory project and are looking forward to celebrating our 35th Birthday in October.

If anyone would like to participate in our group, please contact Mary Lane (Club Friday Organiser) on 01722 712468 or mobile 07896321970.

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How often do we hang on to things that serve no purpose, and may even hold us back, as we progress through our lives? We have heard a great deal in recent years about the benefits of “de-cluttering” and how much freer, and more at peace, we feel when we sort through our accumulated possessions and reassign them to a charity shop, the dustbin, or pass them on to someone who will actually use them as they were intended to be used.

Hanging on to possessions can be debilitating in itself, but probably even worse is hanging on to those thoughts and memories and attitudes that serve no useful purpose, but keep us stuck in positions of sadness, or bitterness, or simple confusion.

God invites us to talk to him about these things, to confess the part we have played in each situation, and then to put those thoughts as far from ourselves ‘as the East is from the West’ just as He does. But too often we don’t…. and, therefore, much of our lives are cluttered up with things from the past that serve no good purpose and spoil the potential for the present. At a recent Wednesday morning Holy Communion, Rev’d Wendy Pugh reminded us that each new day is the first day of the rest of our lives. Each day we can be aware of those things that hold us back, and make a conscious decision to move forward free of them into a happier and more peaceful life. Feel the reluctance and do it anyway!!

**Bless you, Mari**

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**Team Prayer: Be with us, Lord, in all we do and say.**

Visit each home with your peace and love

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**Everyone is welcome to all our Church services and events:**

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- Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion in St Michael’s W Earls (NOT in August)

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**For more information about activities at the Anglican churches in the Bourne Valley. Please contact the Priest in Charge.**

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The Annual Show took place on Saturday July 16th, with entrants of all ages taking part and enjoying seeing the exhibits, from fruit, vegetables and flowers to cakes, crafts and photography, not forgetting the children’s division, encouraging the horticulturalists of the future.

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.

Forthcoming Evening Meetings
● October 6th: Charles Gilchrest, Professional Gardener: ‘Practical, medical and culinary use of plants found in the wild’.

● November 3rd: Kevin Drew, Director of 24 hour emergency service for sick and injured wildlife in our area: ‘Creatures in Crisis’

● December 1st: ‘Christmas Decorations’, Followed by Mulled wine and mince pies.

In 2017 there will be the usual Social Evening in late January. The monthly evening meetings will resume on Thursday February 6th. Speakers already booked will be talking on topics including Garden History and Topiary.

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Girls paired up to prepare small patches of ground outside the Parish Room. Following determined effort digging and weeding the seedlings were all successfully transplanted, many of which withstood the attacks of slugs, snails and insects to give us some blooms. Gardening Badges all round!

Developing skills this term, we learnt how to pack bags both for going away on holidays/camps but also of the shopping variety. So we can hopefully put this to good use helping out at a supermarket next term.

Super Heroes were considered and many Brownies voted for their Mums. Thinking of the world, the girls designed the sort of super heroes that are needed; many had healing powers and the ability to fly. Dad’s were not far from our thoughts so creative skills were put to work on Father’s Day cards and big translucent butterflies were made in preparation for our Summer Camp.

Away from base: Our stall at St Nicholas’ School Fete was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who made, bottled, sold and purchased our homemade Elderflower Cordial, loom band creations and delicious baked goodies.

Bentley woods provided a great location for a nature based scavenger hunt and, celebrating the arrival of the Summer Holidays, we finished our term with a Mad Hatter’s Swim and Tea party in someone’s garden.

If you are a girl aged 7-10 and like the sound of what we do then get in touch with Brown Owl on 01980 862 662. We have a few spaces at the moment and would make you very welcome.

A summer picture for our Summer Newsletter - from Christine Hill

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August 17 Sean Devine: “A model (The Model !) of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance”.
September 21 Mike Orman and Dave Murray: “The Museum of Bath at Work”
October 19 Natter Night
November 16 Jon Maxwell: “Lathes I have loved”
December 21 Christmas Social Natter Night

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Jenny Head and Anne Johns gave the society an interesting lecture on “The History of Teacher Training in Salisbury”

Jenny and Anne were both students at the College of Sarum St. Michael, the teacher training college in Salisbury, in the 1960s. They have happy memories of their time there, which gave them a good foundation for their careers in education. Jenny was editor of the former students magazine for 13 years and in 2015 she and Anne published, “Inspired to Teach”, a history of the college from 1841 to 1978.

The Salisbury Training School opened in January 1841 at a house in Bishop’s Walk in The Close with Mrs Margaret Duncan as the first Lady Superintendent. The first student was Martha Gibson, aged 17 years. She travelled by the mail coach from Croydon, chaperoned by her vicar, to find Salisbury flooded on her arrival. For the first six weeks she had only the companionship of Mrs Duncan and a servant and remembers burnt pea soup and rice milk. As more students arrived, their lives were still secluded. Salisbury was seen as a dangerous place and they were taken for walks in crocodiles. Martha left the Training College after 2 years and went to teach at the National School in Haslemere. She married but after her husband died, sadly ended her days in the Workhouse.

In the 1850s, with 40 students in residence, the College moved to the King’s House in The Close. A “Model School” was built here for the students to practice their teaching skills. Children from St Martin’s School in Salisbury were brought in for practice. The King’s House was a cold place in which to live. The students had to do their own cleaning and washing. Their only treats were an orange and an egg every Easter. Thomas Hardy’s sisters, Mary and Kate, attended the College but were very unhappy there. Their experiences are mentioned in “Jude the Obscure”. Life did gradually improve and in the 1870s there was home made bread; fresh fruit and vegetables came from their own garden and milk and beer were provided. In 1889 a washing machine was purchased! Clara Grant, a pupil in the 1880s, wrote that the College wasn’t what she expected; there were too many rules. The “Rules to be observed in Dormitories” included rising at 6am, to be in the school room at 6.45am for prayers, students not to be in bedrooms during the day, except for Saturday afternoons and no books except books of devotion to be read in dormitories.

The work of instruction was regarded as a Christian calling and students had to sit through hours of services in the Cathedral.

However, in 1887 an Inspector recommended using the College Chapel, to save going to the Cathedral. There were lighter moments, such as playing tennis and croquet and musical evenings. The book costs £25 and can be ordered online from www.inspiredtoteach.co.uk

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 7.15pm.

Future Meetings:
- October 20th: Dan Miles, “Discovering the Scars of The Civil War in Wiltshire”
- 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. Visitors may attend up to two meetings for a donation, before they are asked to join.

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Allington Artists held their annual exhibition at the Memorial Hall over the weekend of 18th & 19th June.

Thanks to everyone who supported us, we were able to donate £200 to the Stroke Association in memory of Jean Wasling who started the club with her daughter, Mel, 20 years ago.

In July, members of the club will be attending “Art in Action” at Waterperry in Oxford. This has proved to be a fabulous day out in wonderful grounds. With so many exhibitors, it’s a source of great inspiration.

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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 610528
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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