Parish Council
All the council members stood for election again in May and with no new joiners were subsequently elected for the new 4-year term. We sadly lost one councillor due to work commitments so we have 2 spaces available for co-option.

Community Involvement
We know not everyone can make the commitment to join a parish council, but there are activities that require only a small amount of your time to help make this a better place to live – please check out our Community Involvement page (p18) to see if anything suits you, including our efforts to have a village fête in the Summer of 2018.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)
Thanks to all who voted on this (over 47% of you) – the overwhelming majority was to accept the plan (over 83%) and after completing the last consultation period the NP has been ‘made’ and is now part of the Local Plan/Statutory Development Plan. A huge thanks to the NP team of local parishioners for all their hard work.

Spending planning and project prioritisation
The Annual Parish Meeting in May was followed by a presentation on defibrillators and a vote for the top projects parishioners would like to see. Top of the list was installation of defibrillators (p26), followed by memorial hall fundraising (p4/5), traffic calming signage (see related Speedwatch p16), first aid programmes and playground improvements.

Playground Improvements
Porton Play Park has increased usage since the benches, picnic tables and goal nets and lines went in. We know improvements are needed to the play equipment in both Porton and Gomeldon and are assessing how best to make this happen as soon as possible.

IPC Website
Latest statistics show over 18% increase in use of the site with almost all pages receiving more ‘hits’; almost 43,000 hits in the last year with the biggest increases in projects, planning, burial ground, schools and memorial hall. This has truly become an important information resource. We will continue to post essential pieces on the noticeboards for those without regular internet access, but please appreciate space is, literally, limited.

On behalf of the IPC, I wish you all a great Summer.
Meetings of Idmiston PC take place, usually 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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Can You Help Us To Build A Better Future For Your Air Ambulance?

Wiltshire Air Ambulance has been saving lives for over 27 years and work has begun on our new airbase at Semington, near Melksham.

The new airbase will bring together our helicopter, aircrew and charity team onto one site for the first time.

The central location of our new airbase will mean our helicopter will be able to reach all parts of Wiltshire within 11 minutes, as it currently does now from its base in Devizes.

Our fundraising appeal for the new airbase has got off to a flying start, but we still need to raise just under £1 million to complete the building and equipping of it.

Can you help us raise the vital funds for our Airbase Appeal? There are lots of different ways you can get involved, such as holding a cake sale, organising a challenge event or uploading a photo for our helicopter mosaic.

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13:20 - 13:45
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There is also an additional visit to East Gomeldon Bus Turning Area
2.30 - 3.20 every 4 weeks on Saturdays:
- Saturdays: 26 August, 23 September, 21 October, 18 November, 16 December, 13 January

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

“As at today bookings are holding up well, with income from lettings and recent fundraising activities enabling us to carry out the necessary maintenance as and when situations occur”, says Gess Cuthbert, Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee. Often the committee, to save money, has volunteered their own time and effort to do much of the smaller maintenance tasks such as painting, etc. Gess informed us that “Fourteen different local groups use the hall on a regular basis: some weekly; some monthly; three regular private hires and ‘one-off’ bookings for private parties”. But the cost of repairs outlined in a surveyor’s report from 2015 require funds that the existing bookings won’t cover (based on last year’s accounts April 16 – Mar 17).

HOW CAN WE HELP? Support from the IPC, fundraising and new bookings

Support from the IPC

Earlier this year, the IPC recognised it had not given as much support as it should to the Memorial Hall Committee and the challenges they face. To that end, a meeting has been organised for 25th July for the whole committee to discuss everything from business planning to maintenance planning to fundraising.

Fundraising Events for the Diary

3rd September, 2-5pm – Jumble Trail – further information within the newsletter. Deadline for entries is 6th August.

25th November – Village Quiz

NEW BOOKINGS

One of the committee members, Ken Bradley, has done some calculations and determined the usage rate based simply on slots used for both halls is a little over 50%. The committee are looking at ways to increase the bookings e.g. one weekly booking of the large hall over a 50-week period would generate 50 x £24 = £1,200.

THE HALLS

This comprises a large hall complete with separate kitchen with comprehensive cooking facilities complete with crockery and cutlery and a small hall. The large hall is suitable for indoor sports such as badminton, table tennis and indoor bowls as well as dancing and any other events that require a spacious area. The small hall is suitable for meetings and other events that do not require so much space; currently used for painting and Parish Council meetings. The halls offer morning, afternoon and evening sessions and the costs are amongst the lowest in the area; all the relevant details, including a contact list, are available on the Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall website.
A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

On 7th July 1959 a Trust Deed was signed describing how the land that Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall now stands on was gifted to the Parish Council for the benefit of its parishioners. Subsequently the hall itself was built to commemorate those men of the parish who lost their lives whilst on military service in both World Wars (a wooden plaque inside the larger hall lists their names). The Memorial Hall opened in 1959 for the purposes of being used for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for those within the parish.

Apart from an extension, the building has stood unchanged on the same site to this day and has supported a wide range of activities for all age groups from cubs, scouts, mothers and toddlers to the Women’s Institute, Dance and Art Groups. Throughout this time, the maintenance and upkeep of the hall has been funded by charges levied on those using it plus fundraising events to augment this income. In broad terms the annual accounts show that the income covers the expenditure incurred in running the hall with a small excess. As an example, in the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, the total income was £14,788.39 against a total expenditure of £12,860.30.

On 24th February 2015 a Building Survey Report found that, although the hall remained structurally sound, essential maintenance work was required in the short term (1 to 2 years) and repairs and improvements in the medium term (3 to 5 years). Although these figures are estimates and need to be verified, it indicates that approximately £10,000 will be needed each year over the next five years.

SOME THANKS

From Gess Cuthbert, Chairman of the Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall Committee: “Again I would like to thank the fundraising committee for their work during the year, in particular Carole and John Southern who have worked very hard for the hall over the last few years, who have now resigned due to them leaving the area. We wish them all the best for the future.”

PORTON JUMBLE TRAIL

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2-5pm

A Jumble Trail is like a car boot sale but where the stalls are at different locations around the village (usually outside each stallholder’s home). This is a community event that encourages everyone to walk the village, chat to their neighbours and raise money for good causes.

It works like this:

1. Stallholders register (registration deadline is 6th August)
2. Maps of the stall locations are produced
3. People visit, browse and buy (and have a cream tea)
4. The stallholder keeps 50% of the monies made & 50% will be split between the PORTON MEMORIAL HALL FUND & IVHQ UGANDA MEDICAL PROJECT

If you are interested in having your own stall, email sarah.anscomb@btinternet.com or post your request to take part using the letter box outside the Memorial Hall entrance.

If you live in Gomeldon or Idmiston and would like to have a stall, please submit your request and we will allocate a location for you & your car in the Memorial Hall car park for a boot sale.
Advertise in the Idmiston Parish Newsletter

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BONFIRES

Please consider your neighbours

IPC gets many complaints from parishioners about smoke from garden bonfires ruining their washing or disturbing their sunbathing.

Please don’t light fires on bright sunny days when people may be sitting enjoying their gardens and will have their windows open and their washing hanging out to dry. Please think about the likely effects on your neighbours before lighting a garden fire.

ALLINGTON ARTISTS

We meet on Friday mornings in the small room at the hall. Each week we take a theme and generally paint a similar subject so we can share hints and tips at the end. We hold annual exhibitions and have occasional outings to paint out of doors. We are currently full and are unable to take any new members, but if you are interested in joining us, we can take your details and put you on a waiting list.

We recently held our 2017 annual art exhibition in conjunction with the Newton Toney Flower Festival. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

From 20th October to 17th November this year, we are holding an exhibition at Salisbury District Hospital. If you are there at any time during that period, take a look at our work hanging in the corridors.

Mel (Allington Artists) 01722 340054

SALISBURY AND DISTRICT MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Indoor Meetings, April – December 2017.
Anyone interested will be very very welcome.

The society has had an active season so far with members manning our Stand and exhibiting models at several local shows.

Members and guest speakers have given talks on a wide range of subjects at our indoor meetings covering 10th Century shipbuilding, the Salisbury Scout car, the world of engineering fasteners and gunsmithing.

A new idea this year was to have an open day at the hall when members brought in their current modelling projects for discussion and ideas.

In June we enjoyed a guided tour round the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton.

The society meets every 3rd Wednesday in the month at Idmiston Parish Memorial hall. We have some interesting meetings planned and visitors are always welcome on club nights.

For more information call Mike Orman 01722 320845 or peterscrivens@outlook.com

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We are also available for events and are currently taking bookings for 2017

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Whilst I cannot say that the image shown accurately reflects the quality of our badminton at the Memorial Hall, I can say that for £3 you can have an enjoyable three hours of play on a Wednesday morning commencing at 09:00 hours.

For many years we have been unable to use the full length due to chairs stacked at one end of the hall but now I am pleased to report that we have come to an arrangement with the Hall Committee and can now use the full court. Included in your £3 is not only all the tea, coffee and biscuits you could wish for but an easy going atmosphere with plenty of different people to partner or play against and animated discussion of world affairs.

We are always happy to welcome new players and all we ask is that you wear suitable shoes and bring your own racket. Due to having only one court we only play doubles but why not come along and give us a try.
Mulepackers Country and Western Dance club hold both line dancing sessions and couples’ partner dancing at the Hall on Monday evenings.

Mike and Mel are both fully qualified BWDA dance instructors and teach all levels from beginners upwards. If you would like to learn, give them a ring and they will soon integrate you into the class; at first taking you through basic steps, then gradually introducing you to easy dances until it becomes second nature.

The partner dance class is great fun and would suit any couples wanting to learn dances based on cha cha, waltzes, jives etc … all to great country music. No experience is necessary. If you don’t have a partner, but would like to give it a try, contact us as we may be able to find a dance partner for you.

Mulepackers hold clubs at other venues around Salisbury too and the clubs are known for being very friendly and welcoming. There are several social dances each year with the big Summer dance with live Country and Western singer, Ben Thompson, coming up shortly. It’s a chance to hear live music, dress up in western clothes and put into practice all that learning.

Have a look at the website: www.linedancingsouth-mulepackers.co.uk or phone Mike or Mel on 01722 340054 or 01722 717800 if you would like more details
It has been a very busy Spring and Summer at St Nicholas’. We have welcomed a new teacher, Mrs Green, into Hedgehog Class who has settled in very quickly and has been engaging the children in many hands on science lessons. At the end of the school year Miss Pistell will leave to have her baby and Mr Hickman and Mrs Waddington will be joining our school team.

We have been fortunate enough to take part in many sporting events over the last few months; swimming, KS1 fundamental skills, athletics and football. There was also a large group of older children who signed up to participate in the Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon. Miss Hibbs set up a weekly training session and the children worked hard to prepare. On the day the children set off in their individual age group races and because of rain on the days before the Laverstock Downs were not only bumpy but also slippery!! Everyone managed the course extremely well despite the conditions and were pleased to cross the line and receive their medal. As an extra bonus both our boys and girls under 9 groups received 2nd place in the small schools category.

In June the children in Years 5 and 6 went on our annual residential trip, this year we visited Braeside Residential Centre in Devizes. The group stayed for 3 days and during this time took part in team building and problem solving activities, cross country walking, pond dipping (well canal dipping!), camp fire building and took the ‘leap of faith’ - only for the extremely brave. Everyone returned exhausted from the action packed activities but all enjoyed themselves enormously.

To enhance their classroom learning many of our children have been out on class trips, these visits have been interesting and varied and they include Salisbury Cathedral, Waitrose Cookery School, Wintershall Estate (Life of Christ open air performance), Porton Pet & Aquatic Centre and the Winchester Science Centre. These experiences help embed and bring to life the classroom learning and are an important part of school life.

At the end of June we were fortunate to receive a visit from Katrina Hart, Paralympian sprinter, who competed in the London Olympics and won a bronze medal. Katrina talked to the children about herself and career and then set up a fitness circuit for the children to complete. They were all put through their paces and team spirit spurred on even the most exhausted participates. In support of the Paralympian charity we ask children to collect sponsors for this event and we were pleased to raise a healthy amount with a small donation coming back to the school.

Most recently we held a Creative Curriculum Week, this is an opportunity to try an alternative type of learning and for the children to gain many life skills. Each day we had at least one visitor who spent time with each class and they were able to talk to the children and then teach them new skills. We were fortunate to welcome a professional illustrator, the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Reeves the Bakers and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Over the week the children learnt how to use a fire spark and make dens, construct and launch water rockets, made cheese straws, practised basic first aid and designed and made miniature gardens. The week concluded with our sports day with team activities in the morning followed by individual races in the afternoon in front of an audience of parents and family members. After races had been completed our PTA invited families to stay and enjoy a BBQ and various children’s entertainment.

Please do visit our website at www.stnicholas.wilts.sch.uk to see photographs on our Gallery and much more information about our school.

Our open days for new reception children last year were extremely popular and we are delighted to be welcoming 24 new children in September. They have already had several visits to familiarise themselves with the school and staff and we are looking forward to getting to know them much more in the new school year. We plan to hold more reception open days in October, early December and January, further details will be posted onto our website shortly. If you wish to book a place please call the school office for further details.

May we wish you a very pleasant summer from everyone at St Nicholas’ Primary School.

MRS SANDRA SMITH
Headteacher
The beautiful green ‘lawn cemetery’ has facilities for burials and for the burial of cremated remains, which should meet the needs of the Parish for many years ahead.

There is a Garden of Remembrance on part of the site with lots of rose bushes, providing a quiet rest area for peaceful contemplation.

The Bourne Cemetery incorporates the ancient Porton Baptist Burial Ground, whose remains will be left undisturbed.

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To make life even easier, you can report ‘on the go’ using your smartphone. The ‘MyWiltshire’ app is available to download at both the App Store (for iPhones and iPads), from Google Play™ (for Android phones) and Windows Store. You can attach information such as photos or videos and pinpoint the location of your report using the mapping software on your phone.

If you really can’t use any of these methods,
Tel: 0300 456 0105
Porton Biopharma Limited (PBL) has officially opened and named their new multi-million pound pharmaceutical laboratories with a ribbon cutting ceremony lead by Baroness Jane Scott of Bybrook OBE, Leader of Wiltshire Council.

The facility has been named the Atkinson Development Centre (or ADC) in tribute to Professor Tony Atkinson. Tony was a former laboratory Director, as well as an entrepreneurial scientist, leader and forward thinker who left a legacy of scientific and commercial achievements which form the foundations upon which PBL is built; members of the Atkinson family were present at the opening.

Comprising approx. 400 m² of laboratory space, plus associated plant room, the ADC is principally comprised of two suites of laboratories for fermentation and downstream processing.

The fermentation laboratories include a bank of four 20 litre state-of-the-art process-controlled fermenters and an additional 50 litre fermenter that will enable parallel studies on the growth and scale-up of, a range of microorganisms under a variety of conditions.

The material produced by fermentation will then be transferred to the downstream processing laboratories which contain some of the latest scientific equipment available for the purification and analysis of biopharmaceutical compounds.

Together these capabilities will support the ongoing research into and improved characterisation of the current portfolio of life-saving products manufactured by PBL, as well as development of new products in their pipeline. The ADC will also enable PBL to make its specialist expertise available to other organisations, from academia to industry, wishing to develop the next generation of biological medicines.

Baroness Scott said “It was a pleasure to be invited back to PBL and to see the completion of the building for which I performed the ground-breaking ceremony last year. I had a fascinating tour of the laboratories and heard directly from the staff about the amazing work they do in developing such important medicines”
Porton Biopharma Ltd (PBL) has today announced that it has signed a modification to its contract with the US National Institute of Health’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) to advance a next generation intra-nasal anthrax vaccine. The contract modification is worth US$5.6 million. PBL’s contract supports the advanced development of candidate vaccine components and technologies that accelerate the immune responses for use in post-event settings following the intentional release of the Category A priority pathogen Bacillus anthracis, the bacterium that causes the disease anthrax, or in response to naturally occurring outbreaks of the disease.

PBL is working with Public Health England and US Company NanoBio Corporation’s novel adjuvant technology to produce a more effective product than current licensed vaccines by enabling immunity to be achieved in fewer doses and via intra-nasal delivery, instead of injection.

PBL and its partners will now progress to manufacturing the vaccine for evaluation in a pre-clinical study, followed by a Phase 1 clinical trial. The total value of the contract (number HHSN272201600045C) could be worth up to US $24million over its 8 year term, if all options are exercised.

Commenting on the award, Dr Roger Hinton Managing Director of PBL said “NIAID’s approval to progress funding of the contract is testament to the tremendous amount of hard work and dedication that has gone into the development of this novel product to date by PBL and its partners in collaboration with NIAID’s technical team. It both recognises the knowledge and expertise of our staff and demonstrates the ability of PBL as a young and growing company to deliver. This programme is a continuation of our track record of developing and manufacturing life-saving and protecting products many of which are sold in worldwide markets which includes the UK anthrax vaccine.”

For more information contact: Dr Phil Luton 01980 619723 or 07342 056193

Get involved in ‘Salisbury Remembers!’

Salisbury City Council is running a community project titled ‘Salisbury Remembers’ as a fitting tribute to all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The art installation will result in a large poppy display in the Guildhall, Salisbury in time for Remembrance Sunday in November 2017.

The installation will be made up from knitted, crocheted and plastic poppies that the community have created over the next coming months.

Bottle poppy workshops will be held at various Council events during the summer encouraging children to get involved. The Council however wishes to receive as many poppies as possible in order to make a wonderful display.

To get involved visit http://www.salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk/s/salisbury-remembers and download a knitting or crochet pattern and hand in your poppy to Salisbury Information Centre in Fish Row, Salisbury Shopmobility in the Maltings or at Bemerton Heath Community Centre.

We will need all poppies to be submitted by Friday 27th October.

Volunteers are also required to help install the poppies on Saturday 28th October 2017 in Salisbury Guildhall anytime from 10am—4:00pm.

For more information and to volunteer for the 28 October please contact the Council’s Community Development Team on 01722 417100
The Group Scouting Summer term started with the District St Georges Day Parade. St Georges Day is an important date for all Scouts as he is our Patron Saint. Each year we celebrate in some way as a District and during the celebration we remake our Scout Promise. This year it was in the form of a Parade, a church service followed by a picnic and campfire. Members of the Bourne Valley from all sections attended the celebrations.

The next event on the Group’s calendar was our Annual AGM. There was a room full of young people, representatives from the Scout District, parents and friends to hear about the group’s achievements in the past year and watch those Young people who had gained their Chief Scout Award in the year 2106-2017 receive their Certificates. At the end of the evening everyone enjoyed some tasty Cheese and Wine/soft drink refreshments.

A contingent of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Leaders marched behind the band at the Winterbourne Fete Parade. The Group ran the BBQ at the Fete and the Figsbury Scouts and Explorers ran side shows at the fete too.

I have just returned from our Annual Strawberry and Cream evening. It was a warm dry evening and lots of people turned up to enjoy the BBQ, Strawberries and cream, ice-cream, cake, teas, coffees, squash and were amused by lots of side-shows. All that enjoyment raised nearly £500 for Group Funds.

BEAVER SCOUTS

Just before the summer term started the Beavers had their annual Sleepover. This year it celebrated the Great Outdoors. During the less than 24hrs we were there the beavers packed in a lot of activities: they played lots of games, learnt how to tie some knots and the Green X Code, made mini campfires and tree mobiles, hiked up to Figsbury Ring to play a wide game, hunted minibeasts, ate lots and slept little (well there just wasn’t time to sleep for too long!) Some very tired but happy beavers were returned to their parents after 20 hours of fun! Almost the same as the Explorers, see below in their report!

This term the beavers have been getting out and about enjoying the longer evenings and warmer weather. The hall being used for both the local elections necessitated outdoor meetings, not that the beavers were complaining - they love to go outside. Both evenings they took the opportunity to go on a hike, the first around Porton following a trail and the second around Winterbourne when they used a map to find their way around. Both these activities went towards their Navigator 1 badge. Other activities towards the Navigator badge have been centred around maps, making them and exploring how to find features on them.

The other main badge they have been working towards is the Campcraft Badge. For this they have been making pioneering catapults using canes, elastic bands, plastic containers and soft balls which they then used to fire the balls at targets. They learnt how to tie a reef knot and put up a tent and then made a visit to Cub Camp in a field near to Chandlers Ford.

Whilst they were at camp they played games, climbed trees, learnt more knots, helped light a fire which they then used to cook their lunch. Toasted sandwiches, baked mars bars bananas and s’mores, it all tastes so much better when you have cooked them yourself and eat it out in the fresh air. Each beaver made a special “camp fork” to use to toast their marshmallows. After lunch we all went for an eye-spy walk. On return the beavers joined in making a shelter from sticks, string and ferns. After supper everyone gathered round the Campfire to sing songs until Mums and Dads arrived to take some tired but very happy beavers home to go to bed and dream of tents and campfires and everything in between. I am sure that all who came will be excited thinking about when they will be old enough to become a Cub Scout.

Still to look forward to this term the Beavers have some circuit training and a campfire both at St Nicholas School, so we are hoping for good weather.

Akela for Redwood/Pete Anscomb

CUB SCOUTS

During this term the cubs have been working towards a lot of badges, these have included Emergency Aid, Our Skills Challenge, Teamwork Challenge, Hikes Away, Nights Away, Our Outdoor Challenge, Our Adventure Challenge and Pioneer! They haven’t completed all these badges as the Challenge badges have lots of parts so we chip away at them constantly.

The term started with thinking about Teamwork and how important it was to “get jobs done” successfully. This included playing games that include teamwork, co-operation and problem solving. Then the cubs concentrated on how to get help and administer basic Emergency Aid. After 2 weeks of games and activities each Cub who attended both meetings were able to be awarded Emergency Aid Stages 1 & 2.
Learning some home skills is just 1 part of the Our Skills Challenge. The skills they had a go at were: making and cooking pancakes, (eating them featured heavily I might add), changing a lightbulb, sewing on a button and cleaning windows - the windows in the Glebe Hall benefitted from this last skill.

Alice, an Explorer from the Bourne Valley Unit, came to our pack meeting and ran an evening of games, some of which the cubs were familiar with others that were new experiences. Rounders, the traditional kind and a kicking kind were both very popular and counted as part of the Our Adventure Challenge by “having a go at a new sport”.

An evening of “camp prep” preceded our Annual Pack Summer Camp weekend. Each six devised a list of Camp rules, discussed what sort of kit they would need to take, learnt how to make a bed roll and what to take on a day hike and finally learnt the Country Code. Camp swiftly followed, this year we went to Cranbury Park Scout Campsite near Chandlers Ford. An idyllic site, a field in the middle of a country estate surrounded by trees. During the weekend the cubs were working for the Our Outdoor Challenge badge as well as the Hikes away, Nights away and Pioneer badges. Over the weekend the cubs put up and took down tents; learnt how to look after themselves and their kit whilst living in a tent, (with varying success in this particular case!!) ; light fires and cook their lunch over them, (see Beaver report!); went on a hike; built a shelter; sang around the campfire; learnt how to tie 3 knots and 1 lashing; using the knots and lashing make a pioneering project, a tripod catapult in this case; make a length of rope; eat lots and sleep little! Some very tired cubs with smiles from ear to ear were returned to their parents with in some cases a pocket full of badges!

The District Athletes Badge evening unfortunately had to be cancelled due to rain but the cubs still have to look forward to rafting on the River Bourne and a Sausage sizzle before we break for the summer holidays.

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**IDMISTON TROOP**

The summer weather has been great for scouting and we have had an extremely busy few weeks, not just at the weekly Troop meetings, but with a number of other activities running over weekends.

At the beginning of May the Troop participated in the Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT), spending a Saturday hiking around some of the local footpaths and practising map-reading skills, before returning home for takeaway pizza.

Following that we went on to District Camp, where 10 scouts joined with others from across Salisbury for a weekend under canvas. They enjoyed a variety of activities, including backwoods cooking, which involved learning how to clean a fresh fish and then cook it on an open fire for dinner. Half-term saw us take a short break, although we did have a night hike and campout, just for fun.

In mid-June, 6 intrepid scouts undertook the Expedition Challenge, completing a 2 day hike in the New Forest, carrying all their equipment with them. It was a hot weekend and a difficult route in places, but all six managed to complete the challenge without any great mishap.

That out of the way, we had a small window of opportunity to prepare for the District raft races on 2 July. There was much activity on the preceding Troop night as both a raft and a cardboard canoe had to be constructed, the latter resembling an aircraft carrier rather than a sleek kayak. We entered 5 teams this year and although we could not reclaim the junior trophy, the senior trophy returned to the Bourne Valley for the fourth time in five years. We also took the honours in the ‘Cardboard Canoe’ event, our aircraft carrier being remarkably better than the other entries.

As the school holidays approach, all our attention is now focussed on preparation for our week away at summer camp.

**FIGSBURY TROOP**

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Each patrol organised, planned and ran a game at our Strawberry and Cream evening. The three sideshows were the ever popular Sweet Wheel and Beat the Goalie and then a new venture which proved to be very popular – The Bourne Valley Scout Stocks. The stocks were made by our new Leader, James (the one invested up a tree!), I think Phil,
another scout leader, spent most of the evening in them, when he was at last released, he needed a nice hot cuppa to warm himself up!!

They are now preparing for our Group Scout Summer Camp at the beginning of August, it's the highlight of our Scouting year.

If you think all this sounds like a lot of FUN and you would like to JOIN US please contact me:- Shirley Tizard / Scout Leader Tel No 07749895537

EXPLORER SCOUTS

The Explorer Unit have, as usual, been busy, busy, busy. The Unit is run by the members under the supervision of the Leaders. They have Committee meetings, a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Committee members who organise Unit activities with the assistance (lots of it!) from the Leaders. A proportion of their activities is fundraising for Unit Funds, this terms they have been car-parking at the Dogs Trust which they do for a donation to their funds and the now Annual, Explorafest. This is an all-day event, local bands, singers and musicians as well as the Explorers themselves take the stage to entertain everyone. There was food, drinks and a huge raffle as well as various sideshows to keep everyone amused in between the music. The event raised £500 for Unit Funds.

Recently they have had a “Drive In Cinema” when they made cardboard cars and then sat in them to watch a DVD, they combined this with a sleepover at the Glebe hall. Miriam had a leaving party, regretfully she had arrived at the ripe old age of 18yrs so has had to leave the Unit. They have played some field games and been cooking over open fires. The unit also took part in the District Car Treasure Hunt in Salisbury.

If you saw some strange lights in and around the Bourne Valley on a night in May, (the Group Chairman did!), this would have been the Explorers taking part in JOTT. They walked the Bourne Valley visiting all the War Graves, they laid a rose on each one.

As this report is due at the editors the unit is in Gilwell Park the home of scouting in the UK. It is called Gilwell 24 and comprises of 24 hours of non-stop activities from music and cinema to climbing, abseiling, watersports, gp karting, you name it you can probably have a go at it! The activities start at 9am Saturday morning and ends at 9am Sunday morning, not many last the whole 24hrs! As soon as they return from Gilwell they will be plunged straight into the final planning and preparation for their summer camp. More of these 2 activities next time.

Group Contact Shirley Moores, Group Scout Leader.
Contact details – 01980 611614, email shirleyamoores1953@gmail.com

SPEEDWATCH Volunteers needed urgently

In response to parishioners complaining about the speed of traffic around Porton, IPC applied to run a Community Speedwatch. We have finally received approval for this, but for it to run we need volunteers from the parish.

A recent leaflet drop got us eight volunteers, but we need many more than this. We need to get two teams together to run Community Speedwatch projects for:

1) Winterslow Road
2) A338 Tidworth Road

You do not need to live on these roads to get involved. You will receive full training from the police. The teams formed will decide how long the project will last and how much time to spend on it, so the time commitment will be up to the team. A team leader must be elected who will be responsible for general organisation plus liaison with the police coordinator and similar teams in nearby communities.

Idmiston Parish Council have acted on your behalf to get this Speedwatch approval from the police, but it will not go ahead with this few volunteers. It has taken three years to get to this stage and if we can’t complete the project due to the lack of volunteers, then there will be no improvements made.

Are you happy with the speed of traffic in Porton?
If the answer is no, then please volunteer by contacting Cllr Cocking – right now!

If you would be willing to help, please contact Cllr. Steven Cocking on 01980 610852 or by email on steven.cocking@idmistonpc.org
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We are working hard to achieve everything that the villagers would like, but all Councillors are volunteers and the Parish Clerk is a part-time role, so we get by with a little help from our friends...

Newsletter delivery – a little help
We have an effective team of volunteers who deliver this newsletter to your door, but due to recent retirements and house moves, we need some replacements! If we can't get volunteers then we'll have to miss those houses out or pay someone (with your precept money) to get it done. Both of these would be unfortunate.

The newsletter only comes out 3 times a year and we particularly need at least:
- 6 volunteers in Gomeldon (to cover all 310 properties)
- 2 in Porton (55 properties on and around Tidworth Road, 62 properties on Gomeldon Road, The Avenue and part of Idmiston Road)

Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are able to support us

Speedwatch – just a few hours
Please see the article on page 16 and contact Cllr Steve Cocking to volunteer and find out more – no volunteers = no speedwatch.

Be a councillor – have some influence
We have two vacancies on the Parish Council. It would be great to see Idmiston better represented but anyone from the parish is welcome. We meet 10 times a year at the Memorial Hall. The next meeting is on Monday 11 September at 7.30pm. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk for more details and (short and easy) co-option forms.

Village Fete 2018 – let's make it happen
We are trying to initiate more community projects such as this that get the villages together. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to work with us to organise next year's Village Fete.

First Aid Course – subsidised, essential training
As well as a Defibrillator Awareness evening on Wednesday 4th October with a 7.15pm start, we plan to run subsidised basic First Aid Courses in the autumn to generally raise the level of skills in the parish. As a rural community, ambulances can take longer to get to us, so this training could save a loved one. If this is of interest to you, please contact Cllr Anne Appleyard to register your interest (contact details on p2).

Community Notice Boards

The left-hand section of the noticeboard is still reserved for Community Information and Events, but is now looked after by the Parish Clerk.

If you would like to publicise a community event please email the Parish Clerk (details on p2) Alternatively, you could put a copy of your poster in the mail box outside the Idmiston Memorial Hall.

If you already have a poster there please take a look and think about renewing it as they are quite faded now!
There has been a full programme of well attended meetings as befits Springtime, the busiest time of year in the garden. Evening meetings are held at the Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls, on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. All visitors are very welcome to attend. The entrance fee for non-members is £1. Apart from a talk, there will be a ‘taster’ table, to give ideas as to what can be made from surplus produce, garden produce bring and buy sales and a raffle.

In April we enjoyed a talk by Andrew Tolman on ‘The Art of Topiary & Ornamental Hedges’. This included tips on managing box blight, a familiar problem in the Winterbournes.

Our AGM took place on Thursday May 10th when Clare Grace and Sue Lawford were voted onto the committee as new members. This was followed by a very successful plant, produce and cake sale. The second May event was ‘Open Gardens’ afternoon. Although earlier in the year than previous similar events, it proved popular, helped by a breezy, but sunny, spring afternoon. Five gardens in the Winterbournes and two in Porton were on display, and tea and cake was served at the Village Hall.

In June Matthew Simpson of Simpson’s Seeds spoke about the development of a business from a hobby. His talk gave a fascinating insight into bringing back to life the old kitchen gardens at Longleat House albeit to produce seeds rather than supply the household with produce.

The annual Bourne Valley Horticultural Society summer show took place on July 15th, with an admirable display of local garden produce as well as local talent in the form of photography, craft, cooking, wine making and flower arranging. It is always good to see a large number of entries for the children’s division, with involvement of local schools and brownies.

**Forthcoming Evening Speaker Meetings:**
- **September 7th:** Title yet to be finalised.
- **October 5th:** Speaker, Carl Sadler, who will give a humorous talk whilst demonstrating trug making.
- **November 2nd:** Charles Gilchrest, back by popular demand, his previous talks having been on the topics of foraging and fungi.
- **December 7th:** Christmas meeting with mince pies and mulled wine

For more information about the BVHS & Gardening Club

**Phone**
Pam Taylor (Chair) on 01980 619204
or
Clare Dunster (Secretary) on 01980 619121

**Bourne Valley Horticultural Society and Gardening Club**
DO YOU HAVE A GARDEN YOU ARE PROUD OF?

I can imagine behind many a garden wall or fence is a garden filled with blooms that would not look out of place at RHS Chelsea or Hampton Court! We would very much like to organise an “Open Gardens” day within the parish to raise funds for the Memorial Hall on SUNDAY 10th JUNE 2018.

The plan is to have a selection of gardens in Idmiston, Gomeldon and Porton for viewing on the day with afternoon tea & refreshments and possibly a plant sale in the Memorial Hall, a similar format to that held in Winterbourne recently. It would be great to have a broad cross section of styles, from herbaceous borders to patio pots, bountiful kitchen gardens to wild flower planting; any size or any style.

If you would be interested in opening your garden to the public, dispensing some of your green fingered tips and advice or just lending a helping hand in the running of the day, then PLEASE get in touch with either:

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- August 9th – A summer picnic
- September 13th – Sunflowers
- October 11th – Rustic Charm

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at Idmiston Memorial Hall, Porton from 10.30am -12.00 noon.

Together with an opportunity to view the Annual Report and a summary of the Link Scheme finances, a representative from Carer Support Wiltshire will give useful information and advice on help that may be available.

Transport to hospitals, GPs, dental surgeries, hairdressers and shopping together with help with social needs such as visits to friends and relatives or a pleasant drive to a place of interest are some of the tasks which we may be able to offer in exchange for a donation to BVLS.

Please help by becoming one of our Link volunteers.

We are very keen to welcome new volunteers. We need help in a range of roles including an additional coordinator to join our existing team of four and drivers for both local and longer visits. If you would like to help provide this valuable service in our community, then please call the Link number for information. The scheme is a registered charity where volunteers receive expenses only.

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

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The Parish Steward is doing great work in the Parish, but there is a limit as to what he can get done in the time he is allocated to us. Alan usually visits our Parish on the first Tuesday of the month.

The Parish Council is asked to provide a monthly list of detailed tasks to be carried out and to prioritise the top five items that it considers most urgent. I have to send in the task list two weeks before each planned visit.

Parish stewards have a very specific list of work they can do for the Parish, including:

- Hand clearing and cutting of growth from drainage grips and drain gully covers
- Hand clearing of blocked drainage gullies, grips, culverts, pipes and pits (unable to jet system)
- Clearing storm debris from the roads and footways
- Pedestrian barriers preparation and painting
- Cleaning and straightening of small road signs, street nameplates and bollards
- Securing of existing small road signs, verge marker posts and supplied street name plates
- Removal of limited graffiti from road signs, bollards and street nameplates
- Hand cutting of grass and vegetation in visibility areas
- Hand treatment of weeds
- Hand clearance of encroaching growth and soils from footways
- Repair of small potholes in roads and on footways

Whilst I am pleased to hear from parishioners about work that needs doing, please bear in mind this list.

For all other items, parishioners should use the Wiltshire app or online reporting. I am happy to do this on your behalf, but I am also seen as an individual. The system does not recognise me as Parish Clerk, and my reporting holds no more weight than yours! The advantage of you doing it is that you can be really specific about the location.

- If you have a suitable phone (I don’t!) you can find the app here: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-download and you can attach photos and GPS locations to your reports.

Alternatively, you can report online:

- www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting where you can set up a login or report things anonymously. You will need the postcode and can also attach photos.

See also ‘Telling Wiltshire Council’ on page 11.

Kathy Cininas, Parish Clerk

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The Idmiston and Porton WI continues to be a vibrant and social group, offering a wide variety of interests and activities.

Our gardening club is now very well established on the first Wednesday of each month and Jessica Hotchkiss has arranged a varied programme for our delight. We also seem to have lost our reputation of attracting wet weather. In July we visited the Court House at Lower Woodford and had a scrummy tea, previously we have visited Exbury Gardens, Hilliers and Cranbourne Manor. Next month our summer outing is to Wilton House where we will also be visiting the gardens.

At our May meeting we discussed the National Federation of WI’s Resolutions. This year, once again, we had two to ponder over; both involved topics that have been in the media lately. Loneliness and how the WI could work with local communities to raise awareness of the causes and impacts of loneliness, and, a call to Government and Industry to research and develop innovative solutions to the problems of Microplastic Fibres contamination in our oceans.

Our members supported both resolutions and at the June Annual General Meeting of the National Federation of WI’s in Liverpool both were accepted and will become our campaigns for 2018. If you would like to find out more about how the WI will tackle these two different campaigns join us at our meetings.

The speakers at our meetings have presented a variety of interesting subjects.

Sam Bowditch gave a heart rendering talk on his experience of working in Sierra Leone during the Ebola epidemic. He spoke of his difficulty in not getting too close to the recovering patients, no hugs and kisses allowed for the children, but of course there was always the sneaky hug. Luckily with no after effects for Sam, but happiness for one little boy.

Jan Tidd came to talk to us on our Resolution meeting about Farley Malone Community Charity and the work she does with vulnerable adults in our community, very much in keeping with our loneliness resolution.

Roger Elliott came along in June with a whole host of photographs on a variety of subjects, Salisbury in the snow, Frankie Detorri and his famous leap, footballers and many more.

To come we have Ben Parker from the Riverbourne Community Farm, where we held our NFWI Centenary Party in 2015, and Christopher Barnard from Salisbury Cathedral. In November we will be entertained by The Land Girls, and in December we will not have a meeting but will be having our Christmas Lunch. Christmas already!!

We have decided to have a Craft Day on Friday 20th October where we can try out a few different crafts, more information for everyone closer to the day.

The Wiltshire Federation continues to supplement our programme with interesting events. Three of our members recently visited Longleat and had lunch in the Banqueting Suite with a private tour by the Butler of the downstairs area. After lunch they also met Lady Emma and her children. Two members joined other Wiltshire WI members on a trip to the WI Fair at the Alexandra Palace; I think visiting the palace was almost as interesting as the Fair, with a bonus of panoramic views of London on one of the first sunny days in early spring. Visits to the Poppy Factory in Richmond, London is very popular, and in September there will be a Scandinavian Day at Market Lavington Village Hall. If you are interested in crafts there is a Stained Glass Panel workshop in October and Machine Embroidery for the Terrified day in August.

We continue with our Reading Group, Ann Clarke manages to find us interesting and challenging books and Phyl Grant supplies us with cake and tea to help with the discussion at our monthly meetings.

Talking of tea, our meetings always end with tea provided by two of our members. We take it in turns to supply each month a few sandwiches and cakes, which we all enjoy; it gives us a chance to catch up on everyone’s news.

Why not come along and join us, you can just turn up on the third Wednesday of each month at 2pm at the Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall or phone me Valerie on 01980 610528. There will be lots of people you know already there, so a warm welcome is always guaranteed.
Porton Ladies Club

Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall, Porton on the 4th Wednesday in the month at 2pm.

Annual membership is £14, visitors £3, which includes tea and biscuits.

Since March we have had a Quiz and a Beetle and Bingo session, followed by a very entertaining talk with slides on The History of the Channel Tunnel, given by Jim Slater.

June brought a period of record breaking temperatures and drought. Of course, this had to change, and by the time we visited the New Forest Lavender Farm in Landford, it was raining! We travelled there in the rain and lunch was served in our booked Yurt soon afterwards. The food was delicious and the gardens were colourful and restful, and the rain stopped after lunch. I would recommend a visit to this popular venue (it was full even in the rain), but at present the signing is virtually non-existent, so go with a friend who knows how to find this hidden gem.

FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BE:

Armchair Yoga on 27 September

Wiltshire Farm Foods on 25 October.

We would still welcome a few more people to attend, and could even throw in a free first meeting and a lift if required. If you are interested just give me a ring or come along to the hall.

Janet Slater 01980 610544

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At the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2017, Clive Setter from Heartsafe gave us a presentation about defibrillators and the benefit of having access to them in rural locations.

- Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, at any time so having an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) can help reduce the risk of unnecessary death.
- An estimated 60,000 cardiac arrests occur outside of hospitals each year and a casualty’s chance of survival falls by 10% for each minute that passes without defibrillation.
- Anyone can use an AED as it provides clear voice prompts and only delivers a shock where necessary – there is no risk of shocking someone who doesn’t need it.
- We live within an aging population.

Those who attended the meeting put provision of defibrillators in the parish at the top of their wish list (equal with a Village Fete which we are already planning for 2018).

At the IPC meeting in June we compared three tenders and resolved to invest c. £6k into three defibrillators and cabinets (one for each of the IPC villages) with Heartsafe. In the meantime, the Parish Clerk successfully arranged for adoption of the three decommissioned phone boxes in the parish to house them. This was for the princely sum of £3 in total which includes 7 years of free electricity supply from BT. The defibrillators will be installed over the coming weeks.

**Defibrillator locations:***
- BT Phone Box, Buller Park, Porton, SP4 0LU
- BT Phone Box, Ladysmith, Gomeldon, SP4 6LD
- BT Phone Box, Church Road, Idmiston, SP4 0AT

We have also successfully applied for a grant from the Tesco Bags of Help programme. This is running throughout July and August at both the Amesbury and Durrington stores. If you could find time to do some shopping there before 31 August, please drop your coin in the Idmiston Parish Council slot. All three charities receive something, so the minimum we can expect is £1000 towards the defibrillator provision.

You need to familiarise yourself with the nearest defibrillator located to you. Should you ever need to use the defibrillator in an emergency the ambulance service (via 999) has the cabinet access codes, and the machine does all the diagnostic work. You cannot make a mistake. We appreciate that people are concerned about using them and we will be running an awareness evening for all parishioners on **Wednesday 4th October, 7.15pm start.**

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Porton Surgery  01980 611060

PORTON SURGERY
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We aim to provide a surgery five times a week but regret that this will be reduced at certain times (eg. Holidays). Some surgeries may also be taken by our Registrar.

Appointments can be booked here during dispensing hours. At other times Porton appointments can be booked through St Ann Street Surgery. Phone no: 01722 342000.
The Club is for men and women of the parish and the surrounding villages. Our aim is to provide an enjoyable, interesting, and sociably active afternoon.

We have speakers on many varied subjects and we finish meetings with tea and biscuits. Several times a year we have lunch outings, usually to a local pub. A barge trip from Devizes was arranged for July.

For the rest of the year we have various speakers:

The subject in August will be ‘The Good News about Forgetfulness’. September’s talk will be about ‘The Work of the Salvation Army’, and in October the topic is ‘Move It or Lose It!’

In November we are going to a garden centre for tea, and December will be our Christmas Lunch.

We meet in the Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall in Porton at 2pm on the last Monday of the month.

Our annual subscription is £5 and we pay £1 each month towards the hire of our hall.

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SANG OUR HEARTS OUT at the Tidworth District Campfire. It was great to meet lots of other Brownies and Rainbows. The weather was kind and as the evening drew in we kept warm with a combination of blankets and actions to the songs. The actions were so silly that when we did the songs in rounds, some of us got them wrong and everyone fell around in fits of giggles.

ON YOUR BIKE Snowy Owl brought in her bike and we had to work out what made it un-roadworthy and even dangerous. We learnt about being seen in the dark and poor weather. For a bit of fun we made a cycling outfits using recycled bits and pieces. The aim was to make it as reflective and protective as possible.

DOWN BY THE RIVER Buzzard and Bluebird took us on a walk to the River Bourne as we are working towards our Water Safety and Finding Our Way badges. It was a great to get out and about. We made some maps and worked out directions too.

WET WET WET Science is fun working out which containers hold more/less water than each other. Shapes and sizes make guessing volume quite difficult. We discovered what a meniscus is too. We will be finishing the term on a wet note with a swimming trip.

We have spaces for girls aged 7-10 years old who want to have fun and make new friends. If you would like to know more then get in touch with Snowy Owl on 01980 862 662.
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Welcome to the Anglican Churches in the Bourne Valley, Salisbury Diocese

www.bournevalleychurches.org.uk

On Sunday 30th July there was a Team Service at 10.00am in St Nicholas church Porton for everyone in the Bourne Valley, where we had the opportunity to hear more about this year’s Alderbury Deanery Mission Project: Toilet Twinning which is part of the well known charity, Tearfund, aimed at helping people in the developing countries of the world enjoy safe and hygienic sanitation. Although being able to ‘go to the loo’ in privacy and safety is something we take for granted, for many people in parts of Africa and the Far East, such a facility is simply not available, and disease and risk of attack are daily hazards. With the help of Toilet Twinning however, many families are now enjoying better health and safety, enabling children to learn at school, and parents to work more effectively. If you did not make it on the 30th July, do ask us about how YOU can help ‘flush away poverty’ by twinning your ‘smallest room’ with a purpose built toilet overseas.

In our Bourne Valley Team of Anglican Churches, as well as the ordained clergy and licensed lay ministers, there are individuals who have been called, trained and commissioned to offer pastoral support to anyone in need. These lay pastoral assistants are able to respond to those wanting a visit, at home or in hospital; can bring Holy Communion to those not able to get to church easily; and offer a listening ear to families who have been bereaved, or encourage families bringing a child for baptism.

If you would like to speak with a member of this team of pastoral assistants, please contact Peter (Priest in Charge) or Ali Joyce (Prayer Tree coordinator, see below).

Bourne Valley Prayer Tree if you would like someone to pray for you, or know a family member or friend who needs prayer, why not involve the Prayer Tree, by contacting Ali Joyce, 01980 619195 or email: aliloujoyce@gmail.com with a date when you would like the prayer to begin, and please also let her know as and when the need for prayer changes. Thank you.

Team Prayer:
Be with us, Lord, in all we do and say,
Visit each home with your peace and love
Turn all hearts and minds to you, our loving
God, in Jesus’ name, Amen

Not just Sundays... everyone is welcome to all our Church services and events:

- Prayers at 5.00pm (for approx. half an hour) first and third Mondays of each month, in St Michael’s W Earls
- Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion in St Michael’s W Earls (NOT in August)

Please keep supporting the Trussell Trust... see the lists of goods particularly needed now, in your local church, or on the Trust’s website. Items can be left at your local Church, where volunteers will deliver them to the Trust. Thank you.

***Looking ahead to the autumn, St Nicholas church Porton will celebrate Harvest on Sunday 1st October with services at 8.15am (BCP Holy Communion) and 9.30am All Age Worship – do come along to give thanks for all God’s blessings, and donations of tins and packet food will be given to the Trussell Trust.

Keep in touch with your local church each week with In Touch the regular ‘pew sheet’ with details of services and events in the Team, and nearby. Pick up a copy in church, or email the Team Office: bournevalleyoffice@gmail.com and your e-address will be added to the distribution list.

The Team website is at: www.bournevalleychurches.org.uk please visit it, and let us know your thoughts, ideas and comments.

Petanque aka boules

Take advantage of the longer evenings, and come and enjoy a game of Petanque at the Vicarage, W Earls from about 4.00pm on a warm Sunday afternoon... Give us a ring to check it’s on, and bring a bottle and some nibbles, if you wish, to help create a real taste of ‘le Midi’ in the Valley. No previous experience is necessary and all playing equipment will be provided! Call Peter or Mari on 01980 611350 for more information.

NB: this is NOT just for ‘church’ folk, everyone is welcome – and if you’re planning a holiday to France, it’s a great chance to get in some practice for their national sport...!

Saturday 9th September is Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust ‘Ride & Stride’ day, and the churches in the Bourne Valley, as well as many others in Wiltshire, will be open for you to visit, between 10.00am and 6.00pm. If you would like to take part in this event, by walking, cycling or horse riding, to as many churches as you like, please let Rev’d Peter Ostli-East know asap, so you can have a sponsor form, as this is a great fundraising opportunity for WHCT, and your local Parish church, as donations are shared between both charities. If you’re not feeling so energetic, or have other commitments that day, you can play your part by sponsoring someone who is doing the ‘Ride & Stride’ and if you can Gift Aid your donation, so much the better! Many thanks, and all the best!
Letter from the Vicar’s Wife...

A lot of us want to be independent to the point where we may well be missing out on a more interesting or a more comfortable life. We may associate offers of help with childhood and don’t want to risk going back to a time when we had to do whatever was suggested, whether or not that was what we wanted. Occasionally, someone does become like a demanding child, certain that whatever they want should be on offer, because the lives of other people seem easier and less complicated than their situation, in their own view at least. Some people find it almost impossible to ask for help, but are quietly grateful when it is offered. Some people refuse help to the point where life can become a real burden, and they are a worry to everyone close to them.

Whatever your position, it’s a good idea to review it occasionally. Support groups offering help to individuals cover nearly every situation in life that we might find ourselves in currently. There is however no real substitute for the friend who will listen without judgement to you pour out your fear or worry and offer physical comfort, if necessary with a hug. Accepting genuine offers of help do not make us obligated or indebted to that person. God designed us to care for each other in community so that we do not have to suffer alone. In refusing help that might be offered, through pride or stubbornness, we cheat ourselves of a blessing from God, and also cheat the person making the offer of kindness.

In these lovely warm summer months, when we may well see more of each other, be on the look out for those small things that can make a real difference to another person; and the one thing we can all offer, whatever our circumstances or age, is our prayers for each others’ welfare, and to recognise when God’s blessing is poured out on us.

Bless you,
Mari Ostli-East

Porton Baptist Church

The highlight of the past three months must surely be the concert by the Salisbury Plain Military Wives’ Choir in the Memorial Hall on June 17th. What a pity the hall is not bigger as I’m sure we could have had a much bigger audience for what was a memorable experience. The Church was privileged to sponsor the concert, and, after expenses, were able to give the profit of £650 to the Military Wives’ charity. Our thanks go to Michelle Pike, who undertook most of the planning and execution. Michelle spends most of her time delivering babies, but now has learnt how to ‘deliver’ a concert.

On Fathers’ Day, after the morning service, at which the Dads, Granddads, (and a Greatgranddad) received gifts, we enjoyed a barbecue at the Firsdown home of our members the Lanes. It was a glorious day, so the swimming pool was never empty and a good time was had by all.

On July 19th we shall be presenting the Year 6 Leavers at Gomeldon School with their copy of ‘It’s Your Move’, a pamphlet to prepare them for their move to secondary school.

As we approach the holiday season we wish all our friends in Porton, Idmiston and Gomeldon a very pleasant August.

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Indeed, in June alone we had 5 visitors from New Zealand all visiting at different times.

It has been a fairly quiet few months in the church, but there has been a Baptism and the Good Friday walkers enjoyed a period of quiet reflection and prayer in the church during their annual Easter pilgrimage through the Bourne Valley.

On the 15th, 16th and 17th September there will be an exhibition in All Saints Idmiston entitled "Bygone Idmiston and Bourne Valley". The proceeds from the exhibition will go to the Churches Conservation Trust who look after this beautiful old building. www.visitchurchw.org.uk or find us on facebook.com/ChurchesConservationTrust or twitter.com/TheCCT.

The Bourne Valley History Society have been very helpful in allowing us access to their archives and we have some fascinating material. Their help is much appreciated.

Amongst some of the items to be featured will be the coming of the railway and the history of St Nicholas School which started in Idmiston in 1869. The work of some of the pupils past and present will be on display. There will also be a host of photographs from the past for all to see, plus the stories and reminiscences from yesteryear.

The Wedding Dress Exhibition two years ago featured on BBC TV’s South Today – so who knows what might happen this time.

The exhibition will be advertised around the villages so do please come along and have a trip down memory lane. Refreshments will be available.

If anyone should have any photographs or memories they would like to share then please get in touch with Barbara on 07840 394789 or Jennie on 07941 224246. We would love to hear from you.
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