We have completed the installation of the 3 defibrillators in the Parish with stand out graphics detailing their location and what to do if they are required in an emergency.

We would like to assure you that you need no training to use a defibrillator. When you phone 999 and they decide that you need to use a defibrillator, as well as the machine itself talking you through everything, the Ambulance Service will be guiding you the whole time.

What you need to know is the location of your nearest defibrillator, and there is a cut out and keep leaflet on the reverse of this page identifying our three plus the one in Winterbourne Gunner. Make sure you know which one is nearest to you.

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Your nearest Defibrillator
Phone 999

If needed, follow these simple steps:

Tell them where your nearest defibrillator is:

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BT Telephone Box, Ladysmith, Gomeldon SP5 6LD
BT Telephone Box, Church Road, Idmiston SP4 0AT

If you are closer to Winterbourne Gunner:

Winterbourne Arms, Winterbourne Gunner SP4 6EW

The Ambulance service will give you the access code to release the equipment from the box, so you can take it to where it is needed. They will talk you through using the Defibrillator.
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.

Clerk: Kathy Cininas

CONTACTING IDMISTON PARISH COUNCIL
You can contact us by post, email, phone or via the new Porton, Idmiston and Gomeldon Forum
C/o Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall
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PARISH COUNCIL – GOT A VIEW?
We still have 2 vacancies for councillors. Do you like what we are doing and want us to do more? Please join us and help get it done. Do you not like what we are doing? Join us and add your views and expertise to the parish council. If you have any time and skills to give, we’d love to hear from you.

I’D LIKE TO HELP, BUT…
Some people don’t have the time for regular monthly commitment, or they just have a specific reason for not joining the council. They would like to help in a more informal way and have DIY skills, or business skills, or other skills or just specific times of the year they have some spare time and they would like to do something to help their community. Please write to the Parish Clerk and let her know – no commitment. If something comes up where we could do with your help, we’ll ask you – you can always say no (or yes 😊).

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 7PM, 14TH MAY.
This is where we tell you about what is going on and what is being planned – held just before our normal Parish Council Meeting. It will be only 30 minutes.

MEMORIAL HALL – UPGRADE
The new committee is firmly in the driving seat and has been actively listening to what the existing hall users are asking for, whilst also looking for what new users would want. As a result, they have started to pull together some ideas for how to make improvements to the hall – watch that space.

VILLAGE FÊTE – IN PROGRESS
We are aiming to hold a village fete on Saturday, 21st July 2018 – please pencil this in your diaries. Holding this event requires an extraordinary amount of organisation and good will. Want to be involved? Please contact the Parish Clerk.

DEFIBRILLATORS – NOW FULLY STICKERED!
Voted as a priority by parishioners at the May 2017 APM, there is one defibrillator in each village in service from last Autumn. I hope you have noticed the signage going up recently and we have an article about it on the front page. Please take the time to read it – someone’s life may depend on it.

FIRST AID TRAINING – COMING SOON
Another priority voted at the Annual Parish Meeting was for IPC-subsidised First Aid training. We have enough for the first class – if you are one of those who expressed an interest, please bear with us whilst get this organised – we know we are running a little late with this.

www.facebook.com/groups/portonforum

Somewhat late to the party, but we are now on Facebook. For more details please turn to page 21.

On behalf of the IPC, I wish you all a glorious Spring.

IDMISTON PARISH NEEDS YOU – AND WE’LL PAY YOU!

Do you want to get paid for working from home and help the community in which you live at the same time?
We need only a minimal commitment of 3 times a year for 25 hours at a time.
There’s chance of commission as well!
We are looking for someone to assist in the production of the Parish Newsletter.
This is currently published three times a year (Spring, Summer, Autumn)

The areas to be covered will be:

**Distribution:**
- maintaining a network of residents who deliver the newsletter for us
- receiving delivery from the printer
- sorting and delivering to the newsletter distributors

**Content:**
- Contacting current contributors for articles
- Proofreading and editing articles
- Finding relevant content
- Finding new contributors and improving content

We anticipate the role will take 25 hours 3 times a year and will be paid on a time sheet basis, working from home. There will also be a commission element for improving advertising revenue.

For further information and a full job description please contact Kathy Cininas 07763 411595 or parishclerk@idmistonpc.org
In recent years the village fete has been absent from the field adjacent to the Memorial Hall. It was a regular feature of the community for many years and gave a great deal of pleasure to those who participated in it as well as generating much needed money for the community. This year Idmiston Parish Council has decided to re-instate it and a number of its councillors have been working hard to make it happen.

This time the village fete will be held in the field behind Horefield with the entrance between the latter and the village of Idmiston. It is hoped that the fete will be a real family event that offers something for everyone regardless of age and involving the local communities of Idmiston, Gomeldon and Porton.

The fete will be held on **Saturday 21st July** and the profits generated from it will be used for the benefit of the parish. Councillor Wayne Maher has been working hard to pull together the attractions with help from Bob Pope and Councillor Mark Jones. Although the event has yet to be finalised the attractions are likely to include:

- **Bucking Bronco**
- **Bouncy Castle**
- **Football Match**
- **Tug of War**
- **Bike Races**
- **Raffle**
- **Fancy Dress**
- **Car Boot Sale**
- **Cake Sale/Competition**
- **Various Other Side Shows**

Support services to the fete will be provided by Support2Ops, an organisation set up to provide equipment, support and advice to local community needs such as village fetes.

They will be providing communications, fire and safety marshals, first aid medical cover and many other aspects of support. Most importantly Support2Ops will be operating a field kitchen that will offer hot drinks, cold drinks, bottled water, bacon rolls, burgers and so on.

It is anticipated that off road car parking will be available with marshals overseeing the positioning of vehicles. However, all vehicles will be parked at their owner’s risk.

At the time of writing many of the details have yet to be confirmed and there may be some changes or additions. Final details will be given in the next Parish News. Please support this event as it will benefit not only you but the community as a whole.

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**Wiltshire Council Mobile Library Timetable**

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**Fortnightly stop**
- Porton 1.20 - 1.45
- East Gomeldon 2.45 -3.50

See more at: http://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/stopslist
There are two halls available to hire within the building. The large hall is ideal for larger groups wishing to enjoy dance, exercise, sport (including badminton for which there is a marked court on suitable flooring). It is also suitable for larger meetings or parties, with comfortable seating and tables available, power points and three large efficient heaters.

The maximum number of people allowed at each event held in the large hall are as follows:

- 80 with tables and chairs
- 100 theatre style (no tables)
- 120 with minimal furniture (guests standing)

The small hall is ideal for smaller meetings (a maximum of 30) and activities requiring less space. It is currently used by art groups, toddlers and a ladies’ club. There is a hand basin, power points, a large efficient heater and it can be accessed by its own side door separately from the large hall.

Adjacent to the large hall there is a well appointed kitchen with a cooker, fridge, crockery, glassware, kettles and a large heated urn. There are clean toilets close to the hall entrance including one with full disabled access. Outside there is off road parking for 15+ cars.

**Hiring Charges for Both Halls**

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**Note:** For lunchtime sessions the hall is available EVERY Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Only the first and second Mondays of the month are available owing to long standing regular users requiring access to the large hall before 2pm. The first and second Wednesdays in the month are only available from 1pm onwards whilst access is required before 2pm on the remaining Wednesdays (if you need a Wednesday we can reduce the rate).

If you wish to discuss a booking or require further information please contact Katherine Wilford at: bookingsipmh2017@outlook.com

The hall is a well used and a popular asset to the parish with regular bookings from local clubs including Allington Artists, Porton Leisure Painters, the WI, the Mulepackers CWDC, Short Mat Bowls and Badminton. The Toddlers’ Group meet every Thursday morning and the Beavers and Scouts hold their meetings in the evenings. The hall is a great place for parties and regular bookings for childrens’ parties continue.

The new committee are trying to garner ideas for hall improvements and at previous committee meetings hall users have been asked for their thoughts and ideas ranging from extending the building to provide greater storage and improved kitchen/toilet facilities for small hall users to improving the insulation and energy efficiency of the halls, providing outdoor seating, a safe (fenced) play area and a general redecoration of both halls within the building.

The committee will now investigate these ideas, putting together a realistic list and look into securing suitable funding, available grants and other ways to pay for these improvements. It was also agreed that committee meetings should be open to the public, so do please come along to the next meeting on 25th April.

Plans for fundraising events are well underway with a parish “Open Gardens” taking place on 10th June and the ever popular “Village Quiz” making a return on 12th May. Look out for further details in this newsletter and notice boards around the parish nearer the time. The committee is also extremely grateful to those who have already raised funds for the hall (e.g. Christmas carol singers) and hope to be able to let you know how that money has been used very soon.
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Allington Artists had an exhibition in the corridors of Salisbury District Hospital at the end of last year.

We are now busy planning our **ANNUAL EXHIBITION** which will show our new work over the weekend of **Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August 2018** at Laverstock Village Hall. Please make an advanced note of the date and venue in your diaries. Details will follow.

Our group is still currently full and so we are unable to take any new members, but if you are interested in joining us, we have a waiting list and can take your details.

Mel, Allington Artists: (01722) 340054

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Porton Leisure Painters

Are you artistic? Do you enjoy painting?

If so, we are a small group of amateur enthusiasts who would love to meet you. We meet every Monday in the Memorial Hall from 2pm to 4pm when we paint or draw and enjoy a cup of tea. We also benefit from the occasional demonstration by well known artists. If you are not sure about painting, why not come along anyway. You never know until you try.

Contact Jean White: tel. 01980 611590
Email. Jean.chicoma@btinternet.com

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Plans are well under way for our “Open Gardens” afternoon in the parish; we have a good number of people who are opening their gardens, big and small, to the public, for which we are extremely grateful. Tickets will be on sale in the Memorial Hall on the day to include a delicious afternoon tea.

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:

Phyl Grant
01980 610263 / phyllisgrantuk@gmail.com
or
Katherine Wilford
kawilford@hotmail.com
The annual Social Evening, held in January, was our first get together in 2018. This as usual, was a popular event with a home cooked three course supper. We were entertained by Tracey Martin, who sang a variety of popular songs with some help from the audience.

Our first evening speaker meeting of the new year was due to take place on Thursday March 1st when Roger Hiron, who has a background of 35 years in the horticultural industry, was to have given a very relevant talk entitled ‘Waking up your Garden’. Disappointingly, due to increasing snowfall over the course of the day, the decision to cancel became inevitable. We look forward to hearing him speak later in the year.

We have now launched our website. The address is at the foot of the article. We hope that it will be a useful source of up to date information about our club. We are in the process of creating gardening club notelet cards, which will soon be available for purchase. There is also a ‘new look’ Annual Show Schedule, which will be available at evening meetings as encouragement to all to participate.

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 is a ‘taster’ table, with ideas as to what can be made from surplus produce, a garden produce ‘bring & buy’ sale and a raffle.

Forthcoming Evening Speaker Meetings:

April 5th: Nick Gilbert from Gilbert’s Dahlias. Plug plants will be available at this meeting for purchase by all members wishing to enter the ‘Members Only’ class at the Annual Show.

May 3rd: Annual General Meeting with a cake and seedling/plant bring and buy sale

June 7th: ‘The Butterfly Garden’. A question and answer session with a couple from Longstock.

OTHER DIARY DATES:

Sunday 27th May: The club will be participating in the Glebe Hall 25th anniversary celebration with a horticultural display and ‘bring and buy’ plant stall.

Saturday 14th July: The BVHS & Gardening Club Annual Show takes place. This is open to both members and non-members to enter. We would especially like to encourage as many children as possible to participate and have created classes within the childrens’ division to hopefully help, for instance, towards gaining Brownie badges. Show registration deadline is 8 p.m. on 11th July. The doors open on Show Day at 2 p.m. to view the display of flowers, fruit, vegetables, crafts, cakes and other home produce prior to the Prize Giving at 3.30 p.m.

We are always delighted to welcome new members to our small, friendly club. The annual subscription is £10. Members enjoy reductions in entry fees for evening speaker meetings, the annual show (which includes a ‘members only’ class), and social events.

For more information about the BVHS & Gardening Club phone Pam Taylor (Chair) on 01980 619204 or Clare Dunster (Secretary) on 01980 619121 www.bvhsgardeningclub.com

Wiltshire Council - Quick Links

Area Board information
- www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards.htm All the latest news releases -www.wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm

A blog for the heritage community of Wiltshire

Recycle for Wiltshire - www.recycleforwiltshire.com

Roadworks - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/roadhighwayspavements/roadworks.htm Tree wardens for Wiltshire- www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk

What’s on in Wiltshire - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson.htm What’s on at City Hall in Salisbury - www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

A blog for Wiltshire’s arts community - http://theartsinwiltshire.wordpress.com


To enquire about advertising, tel: 07763 411595 e: parishclerk@idmistonpc.org
This is a quote from an excellent website for allotment gardeners http://www.allotment-garden.org/ and in my experience it’s a perfect description.

In the Winterbournes we are fortunate to still have an allotment garden site. From the records held by the Bourne Valley Historical Society, our allotments appear to date back to the Second Annual Inclosure Act of 1848 which led to a provision that land should be reserved for allotments for the poor. Current rules regarding allotments derive from 20th Century legislation including the Allotment Act of 1922 which defines an allotment garden as “an allotment….which is wholly or mainly cultivated by the occupier for the production of vegetables and fruit crops for consumption by himself or his family”, though this can cover school and community allotment garden projects.

The Winterbourne allotment site off Down Barn Road (shown right from OS map 1901) is the last of three such sites established in the Winterbournes (of the other two one has been returned to farmland and the other is now the site of Winterbourne Earls School). It is also now the only such site along the Bourne Valley between Laverstock/Salisbury and Amesbury.

Allotment gardens are now considered an important community amenity, not just for the production of food (left: broad beans are infinitely better when home grown!), but also as an educational amenity for schools and other groups, as a leisure activity that is healthy and sociable, and as a site for relevant community projects. Winterbourne Parish Council is committed to maintaining this important amenity and during the coming year we will work on an allotment development strategy in consultation with the current tenants and others interested in the site.

In the meantime we do have vacant plots. While we would have to give priority to Winterbourne residents in the event of oversubscription, we do not currently have a waiting list and would be delighted to hear from any gardeners (or aspiring gardeners) who would like to try their hand at allotment gardening. Please contact the allotment manager David Baker (01980 611343) or our parish clerk Melanie Thomas (winterbournepc@googlemail.com).

CHARLES PENN
Winterbourne Parish Council
The Bourne Cemetery

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.

For information about the cemetery and interments, contact the Parish Clerk
parishclerk@idmistonpc.org
Tel: 07763 411595

Telling Wiltshire Council

People contact the Parish Council about a range of issues from litter to dog-mess and from potholes to fly-tipping.

In fact it is more effective and efficient to contact Wiltshire Council directly using the ‘My Wiltshire’ on-line form available from www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshireregister.htm

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
The Society celebrates its 70th birthday this year and a party was planned for Thursday 15th March commencing at 7pm with a display from the Archives and followed by a talk. Dr Keith Norris took a look back at the history and achievements of the Society since 1948. Current members and past members attended and joined our invited guests.

Interestingly the “Bourne Valley Historical and Record Society” was founded in the same year that the Anglican churches of the Winterbournes produced the first village magazine, “The Three Winterbournes”, which was sold for sixpence per copy. The twelve residents of the Winterbournes who founded the Society met regularly in each other’s houses. Their aim was to collect and preserve material relating to the village’s history. The first secretary, Charlie Bray, dedicated his spare time to researching and copying old documents, to produce a series of booklets, entitled, “The History of Winterbourne”. Parts of his history were published in the village magazine. Below is an extract from the first copy of “The Three Winterbournes”, published in July 1948:

WINTERBOURNE – What a fine old English name! It comes to us from our Saxon ancestors who settled in the Valley of the Bourne nearly thirteen centuries ago. Burn, a stream; Winterburn, the village by the winter stream. The descriptive name belongs to a later age. Gunner is derived from Gunnora de la Mare, the lady of the Manor who died in 1249; Dauntsey from the family of that name who were the lords of the Manor there about 1391; Earls from the Earls of Salisbury who were the owners of the village from 1250.

The Autumn 1948 issue contained the following:

March the twenty-fifth, 1633, was a day long to be remembered in the annals of Winterbourne. From the records we learn that, “about one o’clock in the afternoon, the wife of one William Lawrence, by her careless dealing, did set on fire her husband’s dwelling house”. The fire spread rapidly to the Parsonage, occupied by Thomas Cooper, burning down the house, its barns, cowhouse and wheat ricks. The sparks, carried in the air by the high wind, fell next upon Richard Sherfield’s Manor House, completely destroying it with much valuable furniture, including eighteen feather beds, household utensils of brass and pewter, barns, stables, ricks, seed corn and farm implements. In a short time the whole village of Dauntsey was in flames but worse was to come, for within an hour from the first outbreak, the fire had reached Ambrose Frewett’s house and farm at Winterbourne Earls. Both were burnt to the ground. Sixteen other dwelling houses were soon in flames. It appears that some thirty houses were lost in the fire at Dauntsey and Earls, in addition to farm buildings, malthouses, bakehouses and a great quantity of wheat, barley and oats. The house where the fire started was at the rear of Box Cottage in Winterbourne Dauntsey and the Sherfield Manor House was on the site of the Winterbourne Arms.

In more recent times the Society has expanded its interests to include the parishes of Idmiston, Allington with Boscombe, Newton Toney and Cholderton. The archives incorporate a huge collection of documents, books, photographs and maps plus completed projects covering various aspects of local history. The Society now has some 90 members, who all have access to this fascinating material. Further research projects are in hand and the Society has published a number of books on topics of local interest, including “A Walk around the Winterbournes”, “Some Famous Folk of the Bourne Valley”, “A Remembrance of the Men of the Bourne Valley who died in the Two World Wars” and “Major incidents in the Bourne Valley during World War Two”.

Membership of the Society is currently £13 per annum and includes attendance at 10 lectures, plus a monthly Newsletter that includes a summary of the lecture given at the previous meeting. Members also have access to a large archive collection of photographs and documents, including full reports on topics of local historical and archaeological interest. Visitors may attend up to two meetings for a donation, before they are asked to join. Please contact Maureen Atkinson on 01980 611311 or at mea@dial.pipex.com for further information. Website: www bournevalleyhistory.co.uk

Future Meetings:
April 19th: Adrian Green, “General Pitt Rivers”
May 17th: To be confirmed
June 21st: Chris and Judy Rouse, “The Working Life of a Railway Navy”
July 19th: Stephen Hobbs, “Tying the Knot: marriage customs in Wiltshire in the 16th and 17th centuries.”
September 20th: Robert Key, “A Palace, a Prelate and Murder Most Foul - The true story of the murder of Archbishop Thomas Becket. It all started in Clarendon Palace, east of Salisbury...”
October 18th: Nick Griffiths, “Wiltshire in the Age of Arthur”
November 15th: Tony Lyons, “The War Dead of the Bourne Valley.”

We start 2018 with a cry for help! Our warm and friendly day centre offers companionship, a hot meal and entertainment for older people in the Winterbourne Valley. We would love to recruit some more volunteer helpers to support our service. As the name suggests, we open each Friday from 10am until 3pm. Our volunteer helpers welcome our guests, serve refreshments, wash-up, assist with planned entertainments and activities and most importantly chat to our guests.

The only thing we require from a volunteer is reliability and a willingness to be a part of a friendly team. We prefer a regular commitment, which could be all day, half of a day, weekly or fortnightly. No previous experience is necessary. Please do come along and see us! On the first Friday of each month we hold a ‘Table Sale’ with books, puzzles, good quality bric-a-brac and delicious home-made cakes, marmalade and biscuits. This is a great time for an informal chat and a cup of tea or coffee. But, please do consider dropping in and seeing us any Friday! Ask for Lisa, the Organiser.

February has seen Club Friday guests enjoying the talents of ‘Dancing Dogs’! We were greatly entertained by some very well-trained dogs (and their owners too!). We have celebrated Chinese New Year and are looking forward to a lunch at The Black Horse pub in Hurdcott. We have many activities planned for the coming weeks, and this is a great opportunity to thank our volunteers for enabling the Club to continue. Thank you! And we look forward to welcoming some new faces in 2018.

Lisa Stubbs. Organiser. 07870 203374.
Our line dancing club at Porton has really taken off with numbers at an all time high. The hall is now pretty full on a Monday night. We also have 9 regular couples at the partner class, but could still take more partners if anyone is interested. We can give some private lessons to get anyone started for a small donation to our annual charity.

Last year, we raised money for the Stars Appeal, Amesbury Ward Fund and were able to give them a cheque for £1,053 from charity dances, demonstrations, private lessons and other donations. One of our members chose the fund as he had been on the ward for two knee operations, and having gained his mobility again (including our dancing) he wanted to give something back. At our Christmas dance, our new charity was selected and this year we are raising funds for Diabetes UK.

In 2018 we have two big dance parties planned; both with live artists. We have Chris Mezza in March and Glenn Rogers at the beginning of December in addition to our regular charity dances.

We were recently invited to the WI at the hall to give a dance demonstration and to give everyone a chance to have a go. We were surprised at how many got up to dance and some have joined us on a Monday night as a result of this. If you would like us to talk or demonstrate what we do at your group, please feel free to contact us.
Cub Scouts – The spring term is a busy one for Cub Scouts as there are 4 District Competitions to prepare for (as well as all the usual scouting activities), one in each month, ie January, February, March and April.

The January competition is the District Scrapheap Challenge and this was the theme of the first meeting of the term. Each six was challenged to make a model of an animal either real or imaginary out of recyclable scrap and tell the rest of the pack about its special features and powers. We had 6 very impressive animals to judge. Last year we won the District (and the County) contest. At the end of January our team of 6 cubs took part in the District Scrapheap Challenge, the theme this year was “The Coast” and each pack constructed their idea of a seaside scene, once again using all sorts of recyclable items! The winners were the pack from Tisbury. During this time our 3 eldest Cubs were working towards their ‘Moving On’ award to be the proud owners of the highest badge a Cub can gain, The Chief Scout Silver Award before they move up to Scouts.

Then we had the District 5 A Side Football Competition so those football fanatics in the pack were practising their skills over 4 weeks in the hope of being picked for the team. Whilst the training was going on the rest of the pack played some old favourite games, tried out some new ones and made bean shooters, these are always a winner with the cubs. The Five A Side Football competition took place at Chaffyn Grove School at the beginning of half term. Our team played well and narrowly missed qualifying for the semi-finals.

Both the scrapheap and the football teams had lots of fun, were on their best behaviour and were a credit to the pack, well done to them all.

At Pack meetings during the first half of the Spring term the cubs have been working towards the Navigator Stage 1 & 2 badges which we started at the beginning of the Autumn term. They have been learning what equipment / kit is required when they go on a hike; the following week the cubs drew a map to direct someone from the Glebe Hall to a local place of interest, and then used their map to explain the route. The last part of the badges will be to go on a Hike using instructions and we will be doing this just before Easter.

After the half term break, and as I write, the Cubs have started working towards the Air Activities badge. For the next few weeks the chess players in the pack will be taking part in the Pack Chess Tournament, our best 3 players will be representing the pack at the District Competition at the end of March.
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 visits to friends and relatives or collecting prescriptions, transport to hospitals, GPs, dental surgeries, hairdressers, in exchange for a donation. To use the scheme, please ring the Co-ordinator on 01980 611117

CONGRATULATIONS MAUREEN!
Our BVLS Chairman, Maureen Atkinson, was the proud and very well deserved overall winner in the Individual category of the Amesbury Area Board’s first community awards on 18 January 2018, to recognise people who have gone above and beyond to help their communities. Maureen’s dedication and unstinting hardwork is very much appreciated by all who are helped by her and enjoy working with her. Thankyou, Maureen.

Please help by becoming one of our Link volunteers
An additional volunteer co-ordinator is needed to join the team. Co-ordinators operate from home, taking and receiving phone calls from clients with a variety of requests for medical appointments, social outings, shopping, etc and then contacting our volunteers to make the arrangements. An additional phone line is supplied, and an answer phone is used for messages. All costs are covered by the Link Scheme. The role needs a friendly person, who enjoys dealing with and helping people. The role is shared, on a week by week basis, with the other members of the team. For further information please call 01980 629792

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We are pleased to announce that we have finally taken receipt of our hand-held speed device from Wiltshire Police, and have had nine sites signed off around the village to conduct speed monitoring.

With a team of twelve volunteers we have been out over a period of weeks in February in key locations and successfully monitored and identified a large number of speeding vehicles. Although we were aware we have a speeding problem in the village, witnessing 13% of vehicles speeding in just one hour along the Tidworth Road confirms our concerns that the 30MPH limit is widely unobserved.

The Community Speed Watch (CSW) project is not just about identifying the speeding vehicles, but raising awareness through our presence on the roads of the speed limit in the village. A key statistic which really hits home is that 80% of children hit by a car travelling at 40MPH will die – 80% of children hit by a car travelling at 30MPH will live. Surely this is powerful evidence enough to consider your speed when travelling through our villages.

What would the Idmiston Parish Council like from you?

We would like to determine what the local infrastructure spending priorities are. Therefore we ask Parishioners to share their thoughts on what they would like to see built within the Parish?

Some top-line ideas to-date:

- Pathway provision
- Bicycle rack by the Gomeldon bus stop
- Improvements to the Idmiston Memorial Hall
- Upgraded play equipment in the play parks

Please have your say and share your ideas:

- With the Parish Clerk - parishclerk@idmistonpc.org or 07763 411595
- At any IPC Meeting - 2nd Monday of the month at the Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall (IPMH) commencing at 7.30pm (no meeting in April or August)
- At the IPC Annual Parish Meeting Monday 14th May at the IPMH commencing at 7.00pm

Many thanks to all the team who gave up their time, often in sub-zero temperatures, to hold the radar or record the number plates. We would be able to do a considerable amount more with further volunteers, so if you do feel that you could offer your time, and feel passionately about improving the quality of life in our village by reducing traffic speed, please get in touch.

SAM BADENHORST
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE - Grit bins**

The salt in the yellow grit bins is provided by Idmiston Parish Council and Wiltshire Council for use on public roads and pathways only.

It is not for residents’ own personal use. People using this salt for their private use has left supplies low during this unexpected cold spell. Please purchase your own, which is readily available from Porton Garden Centre.

Idmiston Parish Council are purchasing 4 more bins, and Wiltshire Council will be providing more salt in the Autumn.

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Four apprentices from the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) have won prestigious QinetiQ Apprentice Training School Awards and one was also recognised as the best student by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET). The awards underline the quality of Dstl's programme for school and college leavers, which was also recently rated as being in the top 100 by All About School Leavers and Rate My Apprenticeship.

The award winners were:
- Oliver Kemp: 1st Year Mechanical Manufacturing engineering apprentice
- George Sweeney: 2nd Year Electrical engineering apprentice
- Cameron Fitzie: 3rd Year Electrical engineering apprentice
- Zac Hall: 3rd Year Mechanical Manufacturing engineering apprentice

In addition, Zac also won the IET, Student Excellent Prize. Zac’s nomination highlighted his outstanding attitude, strong work ethic, willingness to learn and his ability to work in a team environment.

Commenting on his award, Zac said:
“I was shocked - but delighted to have won the award! I’ve really enjoyed the work I’ve been doing and the Dstl apprenticeship scheme has given me great support and many opportunities.”

Della Williams, Engineering Apprentices Team Leader at Dstl added:
“Ollie, George, Cameron and Zac have done exceptionally well to receive these awards. Zac is the first Dstl engineering apprentice to be awarded the IET Student Excellence Prize which is a huge accolade. It is clear that the apprentices really enjoy the variety and nature of the work that they are doing at Dstl.”

Dstl apprentices get to work on some of the UK’s most exciting and interesting science and technology programmes, many of which have international and well as national implications. In recent years, for example, current and former apprentices have worked on space satellites, drones, aircraft and tackling the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

This year Dstl has recruited 31 apprentices. The next recruitment campaign is expected to start in early 2018. Details of Dstl apprenticeship vacancies will be published on the Civil Service Jobs site and on the Dstl Early Careers Facebook page.

The awards were presented by Alan Woolford from QinetiQ and Tim Heywood from IET.

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A seven-year-old boy has had his dream submarine design made into reality by apprentices at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl).

Jacob Bland, from Suffolk, drew his water-propelled design and wrote to Dstl asking if they would like to make it and use it for “sneaking and spying”.

With the drawing, Dstl's scientific apprentices worked up the design and printed out a 3-D model using their own 3-D printer. The work provided an excellent opportunity for the apprentices to take a concept design and produce an actual model, which contributes to their National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) evidence.

Jacob's dad, Matthew Bland, said: “We are overwhelmed by the thought and effort put in by staff at Dstl. Jake was absolutely made up about the submarine, and it hasn’t left his side yet. He is already integrating your suggestions for improvements into a revision, and talking about his plans for a battleship to accompany the submarine. Thank you for everything you did for Jake; it’s great encouragement for his imagination.”

19 year-old Verity Jackson has been an engineering apprentice at Dstl for two years and supported by the Platform Systems team within Dstl, she was able to create the 3-D mini yellow submarine.

Verity said: “It was really great to be able to reproduce this for Jacob. It was a bit tricky and took quite a bit of work to get the model ready to print, but we are all thrilled with the outcome and equally thrilled we were able to bring Jacob’s drawing to life. On the plus side, the mini project will help towards my qualification.

Damien Holden from Platform Systems, said: “It sounds like Jacob has really thought about his design. We will always need talented creative people – perhaps Jacob will come to Dstl as an apprentice himself one day.”

If you’ve been inspired by Jacob’s design, and would like find out more about working at Dstl visit: https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-science-and-technology-laboratory/about/recruitment
The lights in your home, can make a difference to the way you feel and can even affect your health according to research published in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism (2011). Light is critical to human functioning in that it allows us to see things and perform visual tasks, and important because it affects us

- psychologically - by affecting mood and perception
- physiologically - by controlling our 'body clocks' and by enabling critical chemical reactions in the body.

Eye strain, headaches, low mood, poor concentration are just some of the early warning signs that we may not be listening to the needs of our bodies and succumbing to the pressures and stress associated with modern life. Being continually exposed to something that isn’t a positive experience for you stimulates a negative effect and reactions that can have cumulative, and long-term, consequences.

Lighting also has two-fold role to play in maintaining health with regards to (1) prevention of accidents and (2) aiding recovery.

**LIGHTING AND THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS**

About 5 million slips, trips and falls are recorded in the UK each year with 1.2 million requiring A&E care. Many of these could have been prevented by adequate lighting. A Salisbury optometrist explains that: “In Winter, there is a spike nationwide in the number of older people seeking eye tests due to experiencing a trip or fall (or an increase in frequency of those events). In many cases, there is no deterioration in their vision and, on enquiry, it appears that inadequate lighting is often the culprit.”

It is estimated that over 90% of homes do not have the recommended levels of lighting. Some LED bulbs can last up to 10 years and need to be regularly cleaned to maintain light levels. LEDs also ‘fade’ over time so the light levels can deteriorate unnoticed. Traditional, incandescent bulbs should be replaced immediately once blown, with a bulb of equal output type and tone. Mixing bulbs creates an uneven spread and distribution of light reducing your ability to see uneven surfaces or obstructions.

**LIGHTING AND RECOVERY FROM ILLNESS**

Providing good lighting has been clinically proven to help patients recover more quickly from illness and feel better. If a person is recovering at home, this is especially relevant (but not limited) to people with an injury or condition that affects their brain, their balance and/or their vision. Studies have also shown that errors in simple tasks like dispensing medication are linked to inadequate lighting.

If you would like to know more about how your lighting can improve your sense of wellbeing and the enjoyment of your home and garden, you can download your free guides here: [www.lightmyspace.co.uk](http://www.lightmyspace.co.uk)

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**Idmiston Parish Council joins the Social Network**

Cllr Nabil Najjar

Over the past few months, I have been giving a lot of thought to how the IPC could reach out to as many of our constituents as possible.

We are here to ensure that our villages remain great places to live, and it is important for us to hear from you, first-hand, about how you think we can do that.

To that end, in January we launched the Porton, Idmiston and Gomeldon Forum – a new Facebook group, open to all residents to join and post in. We already have 150 members, and it is growing fast so please do join - all you need is a Facebook account.

I hope that having this network in place will deliver a number of benefits, including:

- A digital point of contact with the IPC for all Parishioners
- A quick and easy way for Parishioners to bring any issues to our attention
- A place where IPC can post important updates, share our news and share details of upcoming meetings and events, such as our Village Fete.
- A way for us to pass on messages and alerts from Wiltshire Council or any other relevant bodies
- A forum for discussion on how we can improve the Parish
- A tool for the IPC to canvass the opinion of our residents. This supports our decision-making by improving our understanding of everyone’s interests.

I also hope that this group will help serve another, in some ways even more important, purpose. Our Parish is facing new challenges every day, from controversial planning applications to further planned Wiltshire Council budget cuts. It is now more important than ever that the IPC is able to act as the voice of our community. This group is one way in which we can ensure that you can have your say, and that the collective voice of our Parishioners is heard by those who represent them.

Getting involved is easy – once you have a Facebook account, just go to [https://www.facebook.com/groups/portonforum](https://www.facebook.com/groups/portonforum) and press join.
Salisbury City Council are delighted to announce that they have teamed up with Salisbury Rovers Football Club to develop a Pan Disability football team for young people aged 12-16.

Salisbury City Council and Salisbury Rovers Football Club are on the lookout for young people aged 12-16 who have a disability and an interest in playing football to get in touch. It is open to all abilities; those with previous experience of playing and those without.

The term Pan Disability relates to having a team comprised of individuals with various disabilities coming together to train and play, no matter what their ability is.

Salisbury City Council recognises there are limited opportunities for young disabled people to get involved in playing football. Therefore, working in partnership with Salisbury Rovers Football Club they are planning to develop a Pan Disability football team aiming at getting young people aged 12-16 from within the Salisbury area involved.

If you’d like any more information, or to register your interest, please contact Sean Saunders at the Bemerton Heath Centre on 01722 417100, or email ssaunders@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk

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In October, Dineen Hopper, a Community Volunteer at Stonehenge, told us about the history and building of the monument. She brought along tools and pots and specimens (copies of the originals) which she had made herself. Stonehenge Man was part of an intelligent race and we still use many of the basic skills that they evolved. Dineen asked for her fee to be given to Stonehenge. Residents who live in the villages near Stonehenge, including Idmiston Parish, can obtain a free Stonehenge Pass from Amesbury Library, which has to be renewed annually.

In November we were visited by Louise Hall from Wiltshire Farm Foods. She cooked sample meals whilst she was giving her talk, and our tea time was greatly enhanced by the delicious cakes and chocolate eclairs.

We do like eating! Our Christmas Lunch was at The Crown, Cholderton – we were made very welcome and the food was great.

And now to 2018. In January we had some wonderful poems read by Beryl Paton. My favourite was ‘Albert and the Lion’ performed in a true northern accent, and we also heard some serious stuff. Beryl had asked for her fee to go to Salisbury Hospice.

We signed cards for Dorothy Charlton and Hazel Edwards, who are now in Nursing Homes in Suffolk and Salisbury – we shall miss them.

Our February meeting was the AGM – or Annual General MUSICAL! We didn’t quite set the minutes to music – but there’s a thought for next year! The club has enjoyed meetings in the afternoons, and although we only had 17 members, most of them attended regularly, making a happy, friendly group. The music for the afternoon was provided by two members, Joyce and Kathleen, playing duets on a keyboard – they said they would have preferred a piano, but I couldn’t carry it to the Memorial Hall! Their efforts were really appreciated by all, and the duets were followed by a singalong which everyone joined in with enthusiasm. That evening it snowed!

Here is the Porton Ladies Club programme for the rest of the year:

28 Mar: Fabergé – Mark Wilson
25 April: Magic Act - David Tovey
23 May: Faith Lunch and Quiz
27 June: Chiropractor – Sandie Thorkeldsen
25 July: Total Foot Health – Elizabeth Green
22 Aug: Outing to Roche Court Sculpture Park
26 Sept: Rough Sleepers – Laura Knight, Alabaré
24 Oct: Gunpowder - Jim Reid
28 Nov: Christmas Lunch

New members would be most welcome. Janet Slater 01980 610544
Porton Over 60s Club

The over 60s club is open to women and men from Porton and the surrounding villages and offers companionship with entertaining speakers at our monthly meetings.

2017 was a very successful year and we are now looking forward to 2018 being another good one.

At the end of April, Roger Elliott, a retired photographer from the Salisbury Journal, is coming to jog our memories with pictures and stories of bygone Salisbury and district.

In May we are having an update on the progress of reintroducing the Bustards on to Salisbury Plain. We hope to go and view them later in the year.

We are planning our Garden Party in June. This is always a popular event, so let’s hope the weather is good for us again, otherwise we will decamp to the village hall.

Other events are planned this year. The annual subscription is only £5 and we pay £2 at our meetings to go towards the hire of the hall. Visitors are very welcome so if you are interested do come along and join us for a sociable afternoon.

The meetings are held in Porton Memorial Hall at 2 pm on the last Monday of the month.

For more information contact Phyl Grant - 610263

Badminton Club

Immediately before Christmas the Badminton Club celebrated all those hard hours spent on court during the year of 2017 with a riotous party. Each member contributed something that could be eaten or drunk but, as a departure from previous years, we invited both present and past members (those that were still alive) to make a great occasion with old friendships renewed and new acquaintances made for the first time. Hopefully we will repeat this at the end of 2018 and subsequent years.

Prior to Christmas attendances were high but immediately after the festivities and early in the new year attendances have dropped. Hopefully attendances will increase as we progress further into the new year. For those that are not aware, the Badminton Club and harbour a desire to wield a racket, we meet in the large hall of Idmiston Village Memorial Hall every Wednesday commencing at 09:00 hours and ending at 12:00 hours suitably exhausted. Normally we adjust our fees to cover the cost of hiring the hall and they currently stand at £4.00 per person payable on the day. This entitles you to participate using a peg board system to ensure everyone has equal playing time and, more than that, a cup of tea, coffee or squash with, perhaps, a chocolate biscuit or two. Between games animated discussions take place regarding the price of fish, local gossip and other worldly matters.

Should you wish to take part the only requirement is a suitable pair of sports shoes and enthusiasm. Nets and shuttles are provided as well as a full-size court. We only have the one court and accordingly cannot provide instruction. However, we have a range of different standards and 3 hours for £4.00 can’t be bad so why not give us a try?

KEN BRADLEY
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The Village Quiz is Back!

Saturday May 12th 2018

In the Memorial Hall, Porton

So save the date and get swatting up on your general knowledge.

For more details & tickets look out for posters in April
As I write this I am awaiting the worst that the BEAST FROM THE EAST can offer us! By the time you read this magazine that beast should be a memory and hopefully the warmer winds from the west are renewing our hope of spring.

And with spring our WI will be out and about with the Gardening Group, investigating gardens around Salisbury and sometimes a little further afield. We have talked (in the past) about Bluebell walks and this year we will be venturing out to Winterslow to enjoy the spectacle of the bluebell woods.

Last year, October to the end of the year were busy months for us. We held a Craft Day in the Memorial Hall where members demonstrated their skills to fellow members. They had a variety of crafts to attempt, crocheting poppy brooches, making celebration cards, Dorset button making and Christmas decorations. All had a good day and went home with samples of their attempts and many new skills to practice.

Just before Christmas the Wiltshire Federation held their annual Christmas Carol Service at St Francis Church on Castle Road. We were entertained with songs and readings by fellow members from around the County. Many of our members attended and felt it was a joyful start to the Christmas festivities. The Parish Choir had a busy December supporting the local churches with their Carol Services; if anyone would like to join the choir, which meets on Tuesday afternoons, please contact me on the number at the end of the article.

For the first time we entered a tree into the St. Thomas's Christmas Tree Festival, we decorated it with inscribed ornaments reflecting one of the National Federation of Woman's Institutes campaigns for this year – Relieving Loneliness. It was fascinating seeing the trees, all different sizes and shapes, coming to life with the slow addition of their colourful decorations. Many of our members visited the festival and were delighted to see their WI's contribution.

We rounded off the year with our Christmas lunch at the Red Lion in Salisbury and a coffee morning at one of our member's houses.

Our first meeting of the new year was our New Year Party, we had invited the Mule Packers CWDC to give us a demonstrate of their dancing. After four, increasingly more complicated dances; we were invited to join them. We were shown a dance we could attempt but once on the dance floor things changed and right somehow became left and hilarious confusion reined. The members of the Mule Packers club were very patient and encouraging so that eventually we all did the dance using the correct steps but not necessarily in the right order! Some of our members even decided to join the club.

The Figsbury Group, made up of local WI's, is hosted by Bourne Valley this year and for their New Year Party we were entertained at Glebe Hall by Mr. & Mrs. Padwick with an Old Time Music Hall sing-along. Several of our members attended and exercised their vocal cords and then refreshed them with tea supplied by members of all the different WI's.

In the next few months we have on offer from Wiltshire Federation a 'Morning with Mendelssohn' in April, a treat for the gardeners with an afternoon with Pippa Greenwood and Marcel Floyd and another afternoon event to discover the ‘Science of Cream Teas’. Those are just a few of the events and activities our Federation has planned for the year, they are all open to members and non-members.

Here at the Memorial Hall we will be listening to Alan Mildren talking about “Conservation in the UK Water” at our April meeting and in June Ian Caskie will recall the history of the S.S. Great Britain – from launch to re-launch. We will also be taking our trips out to local gardens, enjoying reading the books selected by the organizer of our book club and making visits to places of interest suggested by our members.

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 may be lots of people you know already there, even if there isn't a warm welcome is always guaranteed.
Winterbourne Cricket Club enjoyed another successful and enjoyable season in 2017 and now we turn our attention to a busy summer in 2018.

There are some changes for this season with a move down to just one league team on a Saturday and the introduction of a new Sunday team which will pay friendly matches through the season. We always welcome new players for both the Saturday and Sunday teams so if anyone is interested in playing, please do get in contact.

We were thrilled with the success of our new Junior section last season with over 70 local children playing cricket at the club, many for the first time. To build on this, we have expanded the opportunities for this season and will now be running teams for Under 9’s, 11’s and 13’s. In addition, we will also again be holding an 8 week course on Thursday evening for boys and girls aged between 5-9 called All Stars Cricket. This is a great way for children to get an introduction to cricket with qualified and experienced coaches and we would love to see as many local children come along as possible. If you are interested in any part of Junior cricket at Winterbourne please email juniors@winterbournecc.com or see our website for more details.

Our much needed new pavilion is a project as is our battle to ensure the current pavilion remains useable. If anyone is in a position to help, particularly with maintenance and is able to volunteer, it would be much appreciated.

We have some fundraising events planned throughout the summer to raise money, details of which will be posted on our website.

Many thanks as ever to all local businesses who sponsor the Club and those who volunteer their time to keep it going. Please do get in touch if you would like to play or help out in any way.

Ryan Hughes, Chairman
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News from St Nicholas’ CE (VA) Primary School

It has been a very busy few months at school, most recently we have received a visit from Ofsted. I am thrilled to confirm that our school remains a ‘Good’ school overall, which is a truly fantastic achievement by the whole team at St Nicholas when considering ‘Good’ is so much more difficult to attain than was the case when we were last inspected 5 years ago. The report highlights that this school is a ‘happy, welcoming school that fosters a love of learning’ with pupils who are ‘diligent and enthusiastic’ and where the ‘strong emphasis on the pupils’ personal development encourages their positive behaviour, with respect and courtesy as the norm.’ It also acknowledges that the school is a ‘thriving school’ and led ‘with relentless ambition on behalf of the pupils…as a result, pupils are effectively supported and challenged to achieve well. In particular, more pupils make good progress to reach the highest standards in reading, writing and mathematics by the time they leave in Year 6 compared to the national average.’ Governors and I were delighted that the inspection team recognised the many challenges we have faced and the hard work and dedication involved in securing such improvements.

Aside from Ofsted we have been busy working with the children on special curriculum days, most recently Internet Safety and a Science Day. Science Day actually turned out to be Science Week, we took the opportunity to invite a secondary science teacher into school, polar explorer Alan Roper and were able to set up a special Science Dome. The Dome provided an immersive experience for each class, from Under the Oceans, to Space and the Solar System and it filled the children awe and wonder. We also had many opportunities to carry out some wonderful experiments and introduced the children to microscopes.

Because of the recent snow falls we had to postpone our World Book Day plans and this has now been rescheduled for later in March, so please don’t be concern if you see Pirates making their way through the Bourne Valley! Since the snow has melted there have been some fresh but spring like days and this has enabled us to take the children out into our amazing school grounds. Most recently the children have been improving their map reading skills whilst orienteering, but also playing tag rugby and learning how to fence with our sports coaches.

We look forward to Easter now and then onto the summer terms for more learning and fun throughout the school.

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PLAY TIME is very important in developing skills. Many of our Brownies are in their third year and increasingly independent: They organise themselves really well and involve everyone in a lot of technology free games. Favourites are murder in the dark, story ladders and laughing games. Puzzles and songs with actions are often included too.

A PURRFECT EVENING Cats Protection visited our unit to help us understand how to care for cats, what the organisation does and the support we can give such as telling people about them and donating food as well as money.

SALISBURY BY WHEELCHAIR Finishing off our Disability Awareness badge involved a frosty Christmas visit to Salisbury. Two wheelchairs loaned from Salisbury Shopmobility were decked with fairy lights before we set off on a walk/ride of discovery. Taking turns at being a wheelchair user or pusher: We searched for dropped curbs, found out how bumpy cobbles and uneven pavement slabs are and how cold a person gets when sitting in a wheelchair. Steering proved difficult at times and pushing was a challenge especially when a leader was in the chair. The sky was clear and the wind was blowing but Christmas cheer was all around with smiling shoppers and decorated windows. The Cathedral looked spectacular, lit up in the dark and we sang a carol or two as we negotiated the gravel paths. Sprinkles proved the perfect place to accommodate us and our wheelchairs. They made us very welcome and we warmed up with hot chocolate.

‘THE PLOT OF LADY LIVÈ’ Amesbury Community Theatre’s very funny pantomime production was attended by a few Porton Brownies. We all entered the Muffin Man Photo competition but unfortunately none of us won. During the show we were unexpectedly asked by the dame to stand up and sing ‘Have you seen the muffin man’. The Brownies did a great job and received a huge round of applause from the audience it was great to be involved.

PACKED OUR BAGS to join 2nd Winterbourne Brownies for a World Guiding themed sleepover at the end of February. It was great fun and we learnt a lot about the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), cooked food from foreign countries, discovered some of the names by which Brownies are known overseas and what their uniforms look like. We used the world map to locate their countries and the five World Guiding Centres: Our Cabafia in Mexico, Pax Lodge in The UK, Our Chalet in Switzerland, Kusafiri in Africa, Sangam in India. We even had a look at some flags and national costumes.

THINKING DAY was an opportunity to wear Brownie uniform at school. It falls on 22nd February which is the birthday of our founder, Lady Olave Baden-Powell. She even dropped into our sleepover with a message about the World Thinking Day Fund: “In 1932 I wrote a letter to all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts asking them to spare a penny to support Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting to grow. The idea is simple: one coin might not seem like a lot, but 10 million coins can grow our Movement and the potential of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world.” We put 50p donations onto the WAGGS symbol that we had each helped colour in. Have a look at the picture: OK we know it was really Snowy Owl dressed up!

We have spaces for girls aged 7-10 year old who want to have fun and make new friends and for adult volunteers too.
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To avoid disappointment and to ensure we have enough slippers available booking is advisable by Friday 27th April.

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Approximately 150 people enjoyed our Christmas Service on 21 December. It was a splendid service conducted by the Rev’d Phil Osler and much enjoyed by congregation with an age range of 3 – 83, as well as being an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate Christmas.

As a result of our ‘Bygone Idmiston and Bourne Valley Exhibition’ Jennie Hiett and Barbara Townsend won the National Award for fund raising from the Churches Conservation Trust. This was presented to them at the National Volunteer conference which the Churches Conservation Trust held in January this year. So, a HUGE thank you to fellow volunteers and other community groups who help us, and an even bigger thank you to the visitors who attend these events.

The Churches Conservation Trust look after over 350 churches in England which include irreplaceable examples of art and architecture from 1000 years of English history. Last year over 2 million people visited these churches and indeed in some places visitors can camp in the churches! This is known as ‘champing’, if there are any brave souls out there who would like to give it a go, all the details are on the CCT website.

Nearer to home, there are four very special churches in the local area that people might like to visit as the better weather comes These are St Mary & St Lawrence at Stratford Tony, St Mary’s church in South Tidworth and St Mary’s in Wilton. Also, when Imber village on Salisbury Plain is open, St Giles church is well worth seeing.

As far as events at All Saints are concerned, an Art Exhibition is being planned for early September plus it is hoped to organise a sponsored “Pet Pilgrimage” in the Bourne Valley, culminating in Prosecco and Cake at the finish with special treats for pets.

For further details of any of these events look out for flyers in the villages nearer the time.

Letter from the Vicar’s Wife...

We can shop for many wonderful things in this country. Our choices of food and clothing and entertainment are endless. Unfortunately, a good many things that cause us actual harm, either mentally or physically are endlessly available too, and we often consume them with equal enthusiasm.

All this choice and easy availability is very distracting, and time consuming. It often doesn’t leave us with the time to cultivate those things that are just as necessary to our well being but are things we can’t purchase in a shop or on a website. We can’t buy patience, kindness, understanding, wisdom or courage in the face of troubles. We can’t buy peace or love or friendship, although we sometimes try to.

We are so used to being able to use money to get what we need or want that we almost give up on something that doesn’t involve a financial transaction. Yet we can find peace and joy and comfort in hard times, not through what we have bought or own, but by knowing that we have, as often as we have found it possible, done the right thing, in the right way at the right time.

Perhaps that’s why so many of us find it hard to believe in salvation. Bunny rabbits and chocolate and chicks are a lovely part of Easter but they are not what Easter is about. Easter is about celebrating that God our creator, who loves us in spite of our indifference, to Him and each other, our stubbornness, our busy-ness and general inability to act in even our own best interests, died for us in order that our mistakes need not colour our future as well as our present and our past. Faith and grace can’t be purchased but they can be cultivated. Spend some time this Easter counting your blessings, stopping those things that you know do you, and others, harm and leave room to do yourselves, and others, some good. It’s life transforming....

Bless you,
Mari
Events and Services in Holy Week

7.00pm on Wednesday 28th March

A Celtic Eucharist will be held in St Mary’s church, Winterbourne Gunner led by Rev’d Phil Osler – all welcome.

Maidy Thursday 29th March

Come to St Nicholas church, Porton at 7.00pm for a special event, where you will be able to listen to the whole of St Mark’s Gospel being read aloud, in the context of a service of Holy Communion.

At the end of the service, the altar will be stripped of its usual decorative coverings, in preparation for the events of Good Friday. Many people find this a very moving and meaningful experience, so do join us if you can.

Good Friday

Everyone is invited to take part in this year’s Walk through the Valley, starting at St Nicholas Church, Cholderton at 10.45am on 30th March. We visit all the churches in the Valley, pausing in each to reflect and pray. You are welcome to join in for as many stages as you wish, and the Walk ends at St Michael & All Angels, Winterbourne Earls at approx. 5.30pm with tea, coffee and hot cross buns. Look out for posters and flyers with more details.

There will also be quiet, meditative services on Good Friday, to pray and reflect on Christ’s crucifixion: ‘An Hour at the Cross’ at 12.00noon in St Mary’s Winterbourne Gunner and at 2.00pm in St Nicholas Porton led this year by the Venerable Stephen Robbins CB.

Easter Day 1st April

Come and celebrate Jesus Christ’s Resurrection at the Church’s great festival of the assurance of eternal life for all who believe in Jesus as God’s Son, and who live as his followers. None of us do this perfectly, but we can all know God’s love and forgiveness as we welcome his Holy Spirit, and seek to work together for the growth of his kingdom of love and peace.

Easter Services at 9.30am in St Nicholas Porton (also 8.15am BCP), also in St Andrew’s Newton Tony and St Mary’s Winterbourne Gunner and at 11.00am in St Nicholas Cholderton, St Andrew’s Boscombe and St Michael & All Angels Winterbourne Earls.

Bring the family, and together let’s worship the Risen Lord!

Like Easter Eggs...? Come and hunt for them at your local Church!

Celebration and Thanksgiving to mark the 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Michael & All Angels church in Winterbourne Earls at 7.00pm on Thursday 5th April. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Edward to this special service, which will be followed by refreshments in church afterwards – do come and join us!

In April, our Parishes will be holding their Annual Parochial Church Meeting, to which all Parishioners (ie: everyone who lives in the Parish) and all on the Church’s Electoral Roll of that Parish, are invited. At these meetings we elect Churchwardens, and PCC members, review the past year’s activities and look ahead to what the future may hold... Look out for details, and come along!

Remember, the Churches are here for YOU, and need your presence and support if each Parish Church is to flourish and remain viable.

Please contact your resident clergy: Rev’d Peter Ostli-East and Rev’d Phil Osler, or speak to a Churchwarden or any PCC member, for more information about activities at the Anglican churches in the Bourne Valley. Keep up to date 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.

You can also visit our Team website at: www.bournevalleychurches.org.uk

Petanque aka boules

As Spring arrives, and the evenings get lighter, why not come and enjoy a relaxed (or competitive!) game of Petanque at the Vicarage (W Earls) on a warm Sunday afternoon?! Give us a call to check it’s on, and bring a bottle and some nibbles if you wish. Fun for all ages – no previous experience needed! Call Peter or Mari on 01980 611350 for more information... all equipment, and playing instruction, provided!

Caring for one another...

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 alioujoyce@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.
We are sad to tell you that Douglas Parish’s wife Betty passed into the presence of her Lord on 12th February 2018 in her 98th year. Douglas and Betty came to Porton Baptist Church in 1980 when Douglas became Pastor of the Church until retiring in 2002, but they still remained as members of the Church to this day. They worked among the schools and local community groups.

Since our last update in your magazine, Christmas has come and gone with several special Church events and children’s parties/nativity plays.

Since our Student Pastor left us we have been operating on a ‘lay system’ with tremendous support from visiting preachers, especially two retired ministers, Rev Paul Corson and the Rev Russell Harrison to whom we owe a great debt.

Our Sunday School under the guidance and leadership of Michelle Pike continues to flourish. They meet in Zac’s room, underneath the platform.

So if you ever have a spare hour on a Sunday morning at 10:30 you will always receive a very warm welcome at Porton Baptist Church.

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