Firstly, may I begin with an apology as this is the first IPC Newsletter for a year. Our plan is to publish 2/3 times annually, however with the 2018 Parish Clerk changes and deserved retirement from the production of the newsletter by Jim Slater, we have struggled with the resource to produce new issues. The work required and time it takes to pull together should not be underestimated. We hope that this newsletter will be the resumption of regular issues and trust you find them informative and useful.

We held the Annual Meeting of the IPC on Monday 13th May 2019. This meeting differs from the normal monthly meetings as it includes an election for Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members for the forthcoming year. Councillor James Humphries stood down as Chair after 4 years – thank-you James for your hard work and leadership over this time. After two years as Vice Chair, I was elected into the role of Chair with Councillor Jayne Gillick taking the role of Vice Chair.

Other committees and appointed representatives were elected as below:

- Planning Committee – Councillors Gould, Jones, Maher, Exton, Bradley, Creswell and Appleyard
- Staffing Committee – Councillors Gillick, Oliver, Exton and Jones
- Amesbury Area Board – Councillor Exton
- Amesbury Community Area Transport Group – Councillor Cocking
- Amesbury Police Neighbourhood Tasking Group – Councillor Creswell
- Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall Trustees – Councillors Maher, Oliver, Creswell and Cocking
- Parish Flood Wardens – Councillors Gould and Jones

We are setting priorities for the parish for the forthcoming year and would welcome feedback from yourselves regarding your own views. Please contact the Parish Clerk (parishclerk@idmistonpc.org, 07763 411595) or attend an IPC meeting (second Monday of the month at the Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall. No meeting held in April or August).

Priorities include:

- Bourne Cemetery – re-routing of the underground pipe
- All Saint’s Church, Idmiston – clarification of ownership of the church wall and subsequent repair
- Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall – how do we upgrade this parish resource?
- Speeding – continued speedwatch campaign and installation of speed prevention equipment
- Grass cutting – review of contracts and work required

After a successful Parish Family Fun Day in July 2018, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the next event until July 2020. We will be looking for volunteers to help create an even bigger and better event in 2020.

On behalf of the IPC,
I wish you a great Spring and Summer.
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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: Catherine Purves
New Parish Clerk

I thought I should take the opportunity using the Parish Newsletter to introduce myself to you as the new Clerk to Idmiston Parish Council.

I was appointed last September, taking over from Kathy Cininas who had resigned at the end of May. I have been a clerk for 18 years, originally with my own Parish Council at Pitton & Farley, and lately as Town Clerk at Wilton Town Council. I still work for Pitton & Farley PC, and I also took on the clerkship of the neighbouring civil parish of Firsdown in April last year, so I’m working full time!

As is often the case with clerking, I came to the profession very much as a second career after having children. After graduating from Leeds University with a degree in History, I worked for Williams & Glyns Bank/Royal Bank of Scotland, ending up in Gibraltar for two years, helping to establish the Gibraltar office. I am a qualified clerk, having achieved my Certificate in Local Council Administration, but although I know what my role entails, I’m still getting to know Idmiston Parish and the communities within it so I look forward to meeting you in due course, and learning more about the history of the parish, and what makes it tick!

When I’m not working, I enjoy walking, pub quizzes, reading, theatre, art, trips to London, dancing, pilates and dealing with our terrier, who stills gives everyone a piece of her mind, even at 14 years of age...

Catherine Purves FSLCC
IDMISTON PARISH CLERK

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- www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news
- www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling
- www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-road-closures
- www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mobile/leisureandrecreation/whatson.htm
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Wiltshire Council Mobile Library Timetable

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28 - 30 JUNE

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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 have 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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The **Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall Committee** is looking for new members to strengthen the current team of volunteers.

We need a **Maintenance Coordinator**

From simple DIY in the hall through to selecting appropriate tradesmen and being available to provide occasional Hall access during the day.

We welcome any new volunteers with ideas and time to help out with this valuable community asset.

Volunteer roles will not be particularly time consuming or arduous.

If you are interested in supporting the future of your Parish Hall, please contact by email: bookingsipmh2017@outlook.com

Or secretaryipmh@outlook.com

or mail: The IPMH Committee Secretary

Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall (IPMH), Idmiston Road, Porton, SP4 0LB
The AGM of the Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall committee took place on 2nd May, it was an opportunity to set out the achievements of the past year and outline some of the plans for the future. It was also the occasion to thank the outgoing chairman, David Creswell (who has stepped down due to ill health) for his hard work and wish him a speedy recovery; we also said thank you and farewell to Steven Cocking who has been the committee secretary for the past 18months. We are pleased to welcome Valerie Creswell as the new Chairman and Deborah Harris as the new Secretary; Rebecca Adams remains as Treasurer and Katherine Wilford as Bookings Secretary.

It has been another busy and profitable year for the hall; used by many local groups as a venue for clubs as diverse as painting, lacemaking, country & western dancing, badminton and Short Mat Bowls, as well as regular meetings of the local WI, Over60’s, Scouts, Beavers and Mothers & Toddlers group. Bookings for private parties continue to bring in regular income, whether they are children’s parties complete with bouncy castle, birthday parties for 18th – 80th with a mobile bar & dancing, christenings, wedding receptions, funeral teas or just an ad hoc meeting, we have been able to accommodate them all. Over the past year we have also hosted the village Quizzes, a screening of the “Secret Spitfires” film, teas for the “open gardens” last summer and have functioned as a polling station for elections. The main hall and entrance hallway have received a new coat of paint and we hope the rest of the hall will be completed this summer.

Plans for the future are currently being drawn up. The committee are looking to improve the facilities at the hall following consultation with regular hall users. Some of the major factors under consideration are the need for increased storage, better insulation for the hall as a whole and potentially a more eco/efficient heating system, the possibility of additional toilet facilities and a small kitchen for use by those in the small hall and increased parking. An architect has been engaged to put some of these ideas on paper which can then be presented for wider consultation at a public meeting, we can then formulate a business plan and look into fundraising options (Grants, Section 106 monies and funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy). This is very much in the embryonic stage and is viewed as a long term project.

The committee of volunteers are working hard to maintain this vital community asset for the benefit of parishioners in all three villages and we always welcome volunteers and ideas from within the community. As for Club or private renting, if anyone would be interested in seeing the facilities in the Hall, please contact the Booking Secretary who can arrange a visit

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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, enjoy a cup of tea, and benefit from the occasional demonstration by well-known artists. We also choose a painting from one of our members to be included in each edition of the Parish Magazine, this painting is by Maureen.

If you are not sure about painting, why not come along anyway. You never know until you try. There is no joining fee but there is a charge of £3.00 for each session.

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

Allington Artists use the small hall at Porton on Friday mornings to draw, paint and share ideas. The club has been running for some 20 years and puts on an annual exhibition as well as occasionally exhibiting at the hospital and other venues in the area.

This year we are exhibiting at the Newton Toney Flower Festival: Friday 21st June to Sunday 23rd June. This is a very enjoyable social event, a chance to see wonderful flower displays, artwork, crafts and to have lovely refreshments too. Please make a note in your diaries to call in and support it.

Our art group is currently full, but occasionally we can take visitors and would put your name down should a place arise at some stage in the future.

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JON MAXWELL

AN INVITATION

to the meetings of the Salisbury and District Model Engineering Society

May – November 2019

Our meetings are at the Idmiston Memorial Hall in Porton SP4 0LB

and visitors are very welcome at all of our meetings

Contact: Jon Maxwell (the Secretary) on jonmax1941@gmail.com or 01722 320848

May 15: A volunteer from the Crofton Steam Pumping Station will talk to us about “The History and Functioning of the Crofton Steam Pumping Engines” A few years ago we had a summer visit to the Crofton pumping station which created a lot of interest among the members and friends who attended. The purpose of the Pumping station is to control the water levels in the Kennet and Avon Canal. There are two engines, a Boulton and Watt engine built in 1812, and another engine built in 1846 by the Harvey company of Hayle in Cornwall. The 1812 engine is the world’s oldest working beam engine still in its original setting and capable of carrying out its original work.

June 19: Douglas Parish: “How I got tangled up in D-Day 75 years ago” The 6th June 1944 (D-Day) is one of the most important dates of the 20th century. On that day Allied forces invaded mainland Europe to clear that troubled continent of Hitler’s poisonous regime. It turns out that one of our recently-joined members was part of that momentous day! He is going to give us a first hand account of his experiences on that day (and after) that he spent on one of the ships of the Royal Navy Cruiser squadron that was supporting and protecting our invading land forces.

August 21: A Natter Night. Bring your bits and pieces along, and we will also have a showing of a video about Lathe work.

September 18 Dave Tonks: “A Novel Clock based on a Water-Damped Gravity-Driven Inertia-regulated Oscillator” We generally regard clocks as everyday commonplace items, but the clock that Dave is going to talk about is nothing like that. Of course, you only have to think about the complex and philosophical nature of time to realise that clocks can never be commonplace.

October 16 Keith Shephard: “The Engineering Triumphs of John Alfred Prestwich (JAP) and his amazing business empire” Keith visited us in October 2018 and presented a very well received talk on some of the principal engine makers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This time he’s going to talk about somebody who you have probably heard of more through his initials (JAP) than through his full name. The JAP company (1895-1963) was famous for lightweight, powerful and reliable engines used on motor bikes, light aircraft and motor cars. But less well remembered is its dominance of the cinema camera manufacturing Industry from its very early days in the 1890’s through to the 1920’s. Keith is an active member of our sister brother? model engineering society in Westbury (82D). He works with foundaries in Poland, and here in the UK; so he is well placed to appreciate the work of Mr Prestwich.

November 20: Mike Orman: “The Wellworthy and Howlett Piston Ring Company’s story” Those of you who have heard Mike’s fascinating account of the earlier history of the Wellworthy company will not want to miss this sequel. There is an aspect of this company that reminds one of “For the sake of a nail the shoe was lost...” Without reliable, ingenious, and efficient piston rings the internal combustion piston engine is nowhere. Wellworthy and Howlett were at the very top of the piston ring game innovating ingenious and reliable piston rings, thereby enabling new development in engine design, from before the first World War until nearly the end of the 20th century. This should further dispel the long-held mystery of exactly what our chairman, Mike, does in his day job; The long-established Welworthy company is a strategic manufacturing company with a fascinating history, closely linked to the highest performance internal combustion engines. Without this company would we have won the Battle of Britain?
We began 2019 with the annual Winter Social Evening, held in January. This, as usual, was a popular event with a home cooked three course supper enjoyed in a warm, friendly environment. The evening drew to a close with an entertaining half hour of poetry readings by members of the club.

Our first evening speaker meeting of the new year took place in March and was very well attended. Stewart from Pocock’s Roses gave an interesting and informative talk on the purchase and care of roses accompanied by a video presentation of how new rose plants are produced from root stock grafts. Afterwards there was an opportunity to purchase plants Pocock’s rose-related skincare products and even their Turkish Delight.

In April Don Everitt gave a talk on ‘A Flower Arranger’s Garden’. As well as members, this attracted the interest of several visitors. Afterwards there was a good selection of relevant plants to purchase.

The AGM at the beginning of May enabled those attending to register as members for the forthcoming year. Thirty four took this opportunity, with further membership registrations/renewals expected in June. 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 children’s division to hopefully help, for instance, towards gaining Brownie badges. Show registration deadline is 8 p.m. on 10th 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. All details are available on our website where a downloadable version of the Show schedule and entry forms is available.

We are always delighted to welcome new members to our small, friendly club. The annual subscription is £15. Members enjoy free entry to evening speaker meetings, and reduced fees to enter the Annual Show (which includes a ‘members only’ class), and to other social events.

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 for a small donation. 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 Meetings:
6th June: ‘Question Time’ - An open floor for questions and discussion between members and an opportunity to pick up useful gardening tips.

Other Diary Dates:
Sunday 2nd June: Our biennial ‘Open Gardens’ fundraising event.
This is organised jointly with the Glebe Hall Fundraising Committee. Eight gardens will be open for viewing between 2 and 5 pm. Tea and cake will be served at the Glebe Hall where there will also be an art display. Tickets cost £7 and can be purchased in advance from the Village Stores in Winterbourne or on the day at either the Glebe Hall or Ivy Cottage, Gaters Lane which is one of the gardens on show for the afternoon.
Saturday 13th July: The BVHS Gardening Club Annual Show

For more information about the BVHS Gardening Club
Phone Clare Dunster (Secretary) on 01980 619121
or visit our website: www.bvhsgardeningclub.com

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**Porton Flower Arranging Group**

“Porton Flower Arranging Group meets at Idmiston Memorial Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.15pm. We are not ‘experts’ in flower arranging but enjoy a relaxing, creative evening with flowers and foliage. We try new ideas, learn from each other and enjoy each other’s company. On occasions we have workshops to learn new techniques.

If you would like to come along and see what we do please phone Penny Fleet on 01980 611815, we are always pleased to welcome visitors and maybe you would like to join our group.”

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**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/mywiltshire-online-reporting

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If you really can’t use any of these methods,
Tel: 0300 456 0105

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**Club Friday!**

We are a day centre in Winterbourne Dauntsey for older people from the local area and surrounding villages.

Calling local older folks! Club Friday have vacancies for new members! We even collect you and take you safely home, thanks to our DBS checked volunteer drivers. Join us for friendship, lunch and a varied programme of activities. So far this year we have enjoyed gentle yoga, quizzes, musical bingo and have visiting animals to look forward to! We have some talks planned as well, from the Bobby Van Trust and from Salisbury Cathedral staff. Our members (or guests as we refer to them) pay a charge of £10 each Friday, to cover food, refreshments, activities etc. For further information, please contact Lisa (the Organiser) on 07870 203374. Or email lisajstubbs@gmail.com

Club Friday are so fortunate to have a committed band of trustees, volunteer helpers and volunteer drivers who support and enable our guests to attend each week. As the Organiser, I really value their time and support that they offer so willingly. Without people willing to give their time, this valuable service would not exist. I couldn’t run it alone! Thank you all. We would like to recruit some more volunteer drivers to support us. We reimburse 45p per mile in expenses if needed and we also pay for a DBS check to be carried out. Please do get in contact if you think you may be able to help.

This year for the first time, we are holding a Summer Fun Day to raise much needed funds on Saturday, 17th August from 1pm-4pm, held in The Glebe Hall. We are planning on having craft stalls, games, refreshments (home-made cakes of course!) and a bottle tombola! Please do come along and support us, entry is free and one of the highlights will be hearing ‘The Salisbury Pluckers’ who are a local ukulele group who raise funds for The Stars Appeal.

There are so many things for Club Friday to look forward to in the coming months. We are lucky enough to have a company called ‘ZooLab’ booked to bring some small animals, a circus day and regular yoga too. I think that some of our favourite activities are Kurling and Boccia, and probably anything that enables us to sing along! We may not be quite competition ready (sport or singing!) but we do enjoy ourselves in the meantime. If you would like further information about our day centre or would like to discuss helping with fundraising or donating funds, please do get in touch.

Lisa Stubbs, Organiser. 07870 203374. lisajstubbs@gmail.com

Remember our Fun Day on Saturday 17th of August, 1-4pm, at The Glebe Hall!

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Notes on Cob Walls and Chalk in Idmiston Parish from the Society Archives

The longest cob wall in Porton once stretched from Targett’s Corner (the junction of Winterslow Road and Tidworth Road) to the corner of the High Street, a length of some 400 metres but with a few gaps. The wall behind the Old Rectory was topped with tiles from a builder’s yard in Fisherton Street by a cob-waller named Uriah Crouch who lived at Paradise Row, Idmiston. Other cappings to walls can be seen, for example, slate, thatch and curved corrugate iron, most of which is seriously rusted now. These cappings are necessary to stop the walls being destroyed by rain, and where they have decayed, it is quite apparent that the wall is rapidly decaying too. Dry weather is an enemy of cob walls, especially in houses where anti damp measures have been taken. The chalk loses its cohesion and the walls crumble.

When cob walls were built, as distinct from being repaired, the soil from the excavated foundation trench was often mixed with the chalk; this was an economic practice and disposed of the spoil conveniently. The chalk acted as a bonding agent, much like Portland cement binds aggregate together. The foundation trench was filled with flints and rubble, and often a flint, stone or brick plinth constructed first.

Where did all this chalk come from? Well, there are numbers of chalk quarries to be discovered about the place. Generally, they are on hillsides, where the slope renders the ground unsuitable for arable farming. They are adjacent to roads, and – most importantly – they lie uphill from where the chalk was to be used. Horses didn’t then need to pull the laden carts up a gradient. There are exceptions, of course. If a farmer owned land and needed chalk, he would extract it even if the conditions were not ideal.

Much of the chalk used at Porton came from a quarry on the High Street, up the Gomeldon Hill. This quarry threatened the stability of the Gomeldon Road, especially when heavy traffic increased owing to the building of the Porton Camp. Consequently, members of the Portuguese Army were employed to build a retaining wall. However, there was another source of chalk and flint exploited at Porton. There is a field once called Gaston on old maps, lying behind The Cuckoo Pen and the old farmhouse now called Byford, but originally called Gomeldon Farm, then Church Farm. At the rear of Byford once stood the fourteenth century chapel-of-ease of the Burgelen family, who owned and gave their corrupted name to Birdlymes Farm. At one time they were extensive owners of land in Porton village. On the opposite side of the lane is the footpath into Aston field which was the villagers’ route to the chapel.

The chapel was used for public worship but became unsafe. It had a gallery that was falling down and it was damp and small. It was demolished in 1876, and the faculty of that date orders the materials to be used in the construction of a new chapel on land given by Henry Ingram, who owned the site of the old chapel. The present St Nicholas’s church was consecrated in 1877. It became a church – and not a chapel – when All Saints’ Church at Idmiston was declared redundant.

Society Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month (except August and December) at 7.30pm in the Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls.

Future Meetings in 2019:

- June 20th
  Neil Leacy, “Salisbury in Film”

- July 18th
  Lucille Campey, “St. Edith of Wilton”

- September 19th
  Emily Naish, “Salisbury Cathedral Library”

- October 17th
  Ryan Lavelle, “Alfred the Great’s Wessex”

- November 21st
  Adrian Green, “The Stories behind the Hoards”

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
The hall is hired by Mulepackers Country and Western Dance on Monday evenings. We start with a very popular line dancing class from 7.00 until 8.30 pm. This is then followed by a Western partner dancing class with several people doing both classes in the same evening. Both are a lovely way to meet new friends, have a lot of fun and of course to keep fit and active.

Fancy Line Dancing? If anyone wishes to join us, we occasionally run a set of complete beginner sessions to get you started. Give us a ring and get your name down for the next course. (see the photo of line dancing)

Fancy Partner Dancing? We can provide some starter lessons either one to one at a very reasonable rate or in a small group if you are interested. Ideally come with a dance partner, but if this is not possible, we may be able to help. (see the photo of partner dancing)

In addition to our weekly classes, we also hold social dances to raise money for a chosen charity. Our charity for 2018 was the Diabetic Fund at Salisbury Hospital. We were very pleased to present them with a cheque for £1,326 which was going to be used towards the purchase of an insulin pump for patients to trial before committing to their own purchase. (See the photo of cheque presentation).

Our 2019 charity is Salisbury Hospice and we have already got the fund off to a good start with a dance we held on 13th April 2019.

We are often asked to provide workshops, talks and demonstrations and this is another way in which we raise money for our chosen charity, at the same time giving groups a chance to give line or partner dancing a go. Please feel free to contact us if you run a group and might be interested.

Our groups are at Porton on Monday evenings: 7.00 until 8.30 pm for the Line Dancing, and 8.30 until 10.00 pm for the Western Partner Dancing. We also run line dancing classes at West Grimstead on Tuesday evenings and Laverstock on Thursday afternoons.

Visit the website for more details. www.linedancingsouth-mulepackers.co.uk
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At the back end of 2018 Idmiston Troop won the District Cooking Competition with their 3 Course Meal on the theme of “Jamboree”, (A huge international camp). London Particular (Pea and Ham Soup)-London 1920, Southern Fried Chicken with Sweet Potato Mash USA 2019 and Cold Noodle Desert South Korea 2023. The win meant that they represented the District at the County Competition which was held just recently. Unfortunately on this occasion they didn’t win but had a great time anyway. The Cubs had their biennial Christmas Pack Holiday at the end of November where they celebrated Christmas early. Not many people have 2 Christmas’s but the Cubs and leaders in the Bourne Valley were amongst the lucky ones in 2018.

In December there was a plethora of parties across the different sections and Idmiston Scouts went to see the pantomime at the Playhouse.

The next competition to prepare for is always very popular, 5 A Side Football. The tournament took place during the middle of February and our team played well and although they didn’t get into the playoffs, at the end of the afternoon, they were the only team to beat the eventual winners. The Chess players in the pack were busy honing their skills during March ready for the Chess Tournament in the middle of March. Our team of 3 played well and had a great afternoon. One pack meeting was spent at Durrington Swimming Pool preparing for the last competition, the District Swimming Gala, which took place at the end of March. We had a team of 9 cubs enter and they showed a real team spirit and all “did their best”, what more can we ask?

As well as preparing for the competitions the pack have also been discussing what activities they would like to do; some of the older cubs planned the evening when they were awarded their Chief Scout Silver Award the highest badge a cub can gain icing cakes featured heavily so the next week learning about a Healthy Lifestyle seemed an apt subject ie doing exercise, recording the effect it has on the body and making healthy snacks; more cooking was involved when they celebrated Chinese New Year by games, learning the Chinese Scout Promise and making pig bookmarks (it’s the year of the pig), and making and eating Sticky Rice Balls with mango and coconut cream. By this time it was half term and after the break team building games was the theme of the evening. Cubs love games and if we can incorporate part of their badgework into it “we kill 2 birds with one stone”, team building is part of the Teamwork Challenge. The term ended with a hike up to Figsbury Ring where the cubs played games and finished the evening with hot chocolate and hot cross buns. As I write the summer term has just started and we have welcomed 5 new recruits to the pack and celebrated St Georges Day, the Scout Patron Saint. On the 29th April we shall be parading in Salisbury at the District St Georges Day celebration.

There is still lots to look forward a summer of outdoor activities, a District Hike, a County Fun Day, District Athletics evening and our Annual Camp.

Bourne Valley Scout Group

With spring on the way, well it was the week before I am writing this report, it seems strange to be reporting on the Group’s Christmas activities so I won’t go into great detail! However, I must just say a BIG THANK YOU to Everyone who supported the Scout Christmas Postal Service in any way. We, here in the valley, sold 4,104 stamps and delivered 3,492 cards and somewhere in the district the 1,000,000th card since the postal service in this district started, was delivered. You never know it may have been yours! Quite an achievement for a voluntary organisation and it’s all due to all our wonderful leaders, children and supporters, we couldn’t do it without you, so THANK YOU again.

2019

A new year and a new start for some, there was the usual movement between sections with Beavers moving up to Cubs, Cubs moving up to Scouts and some Scouts moving into Young Leader roles. Not to mention young people joining Beaver Colony. All have now settled in and are enjoying new challenges whilst having fun.

Cub Scouts

The spring term for Cub Scouts is busy with District Competitions. There are 4 of them between Christmas and Easter so the young people are kept busy getting prepared for them. The first at the end of January was the Scrapheap Challenge. We joined teams from across district to use general recycling to make a model of the “Seaside”. After an afternoon of creative modelling I am pleased to report that the team from Bourne Valley came 2nd.
Bourne Valley Link Scheme

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 and shopping.

A Link volunteer providing another satisfied client with door-to-door transport. We need additional drivers to provide this valuable service. The scheme is a registered charity, volunteers receive expenses only and users are asked to donate in a sealed envelope (according to their means).

If you are interested in joining our team, please ring the Link number - 01980 629792

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

To use the scheme, please ring the Co-ordinator on 01980 611117

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How Porton has changed over the last century! Thanks to the Bourne Valley Historical Society, who have the most amazing archives, we can look back to very different times in Porton and all the surrounding villages. Over the next few editions of the Newsletter I hope to show you what the villages used to be like and perhaps residents may have memories themselves that they might like to share in the Newsletter. The BVHS is always looking for more information to add to the archives and are more than happy to share what they already have.

Chapman’s Corner’s name was adopted from Mr. Chapman’s shop which was at 57 Winterslow Road and this is possibly the shop shown in the picture with Caroline’s hairdressers which probably dates from the 1960’s. The Blacksmith’s premises were on the other side of the road going up Gomeldon Hill. They had moved from a site on the road to Porton Down and were near the railway bridge. The blacksmith was called Fred and was a well-known character in the village.

At 58 Winterslow Road is Porton House. It was once a general shop trading as Hall and Selway. Previously it had been called Providence and was owned by Mr Ridwell who ran a Post Office and Café. The picture of Porton Cafe probably shows it under the ownership of Hall and Selway. Later in the 1930’s they moved to a new shop.
Winterslow Road has changed a lot since these photographs were taken.

The Ford has also changed considerably. Today there is a pleasant walk from the bottom of the Avenue to Byford Gardens and if you are lucky you may see an egret or a kingfisher as you cross the little bridge over the river.

**Courtesy of the Bourne Valley Historical Society**

**THE PORTON URN**

A burial urn, found in pieces and reassembled, was 14 inches high and 13½ inches wide. Although excavated in Gomeldon on land to the east of the railway, it was known as the “Porton Urn”.

In 1901, the land to the east of the railway was divided by the owner, Mr William Carter, into 174 lots (each measuring 16 feet by 150 feet) and sold for £3.00 each. The area was called “Ladysmith” to commemorate the Boer War (1899-1902).

This was not Mr Carter’s only philanthropic act in East Gomeldon. The ribbon development along East Gomeldon Road as far as London Road was known as the Bourne River Estate. Here, Mr Carter divided his land into plots that were available for purchase by a mortgage scheme which ordinary people could afford.

*The Porton Urn E.A Rawlence WAM 30081 412*
Having recently joined the Bourne Valley Historical Society and attended some very interesting talks, when I volunteered to help with the Idmiston Parish Newsletter my first port of call was to the Archives of the BVHS. Angela Armstrong is the archivist and is going through all the material and is slowly digitising it. She let me borrow some material and in amongst it I found an article written in the Spring 1995 Idmiston Parish Newsletter. I was intrigued as I was unaware that there had been a windmill in West Gomeldon.

**THE WINDMILL AT WEST GOMELDON**

(Extract from “The History of Winterbourne” by Charles H. Bray - Secretary to the Society when it was founded in 1948).

“The windmill at Gomeldon was brought from Wallop at night in 18 wagons and rebuilt on its present site. It appears that the owner of the land on which the mill stood at Wallop refused to renew the lease. During his absence, practically everyone in the village gave a helping hand and completely demolished the building and then lent their horses and wagons to transport it to Gomeldon during the night. The date is uncertain, but it was between 1860 and 1870.

The mill was four stories high with a domed wooden roof, painted white and was a well-known landmark. The sails, which were about sixty feet in length, were automatically kept in the wind by a fan wheel which was on the opposite side of the roof. If the wind changed its direction, it caught the fan wheel which turned the rood round and brought the sails into the wind again. When the wind was blowing directly into the sails, it could not operate the small wheel because the roof formed a protecting screen and the wheel was sideways to the wind. The mill had three pairs of stones and machinery for cleaning the corn. It was last used in 1884 when the miller and part owner, George Bray, died, although it was run for a few months by Silas Porter. The road leading to the old ruin was made by the miller and the trees on either side were planted by him.”

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Today the Windmill is a ruin and the listing details are below

Heritage Category: Listed Building   Grade: II
List Entry Number:1135691 Date first listed: 29-May-1987

IDMISTON WEST GOMELDON SU 13 NE 3/89 Windmill II

Windmill tower. Late C18-early C19. 650mm flint walls with 3 and 4 courses brick lacings and dressings to openings, partly rendered. Tower of truncated conical form. Four floors, now removed. Opposed doors on north and south. Windows 2 to each floor set diagonally above ground floor. Timber kerb. Interior gutted, but fallen remains of cast iron octagonal windshaft with canisters and tail bearing, six-armed cross for fantail, chair for head brass and various shackles. Also runner and base of pair of French burrs, and decayed remains of timber shears. Machinery said to have been moved to present site from Middle Wallop, Hants.

Listing NGR: SU1765635923

Some local residents would like to preserve and restore the windmill, but as it is on private land this may not be possible. We will keep you up to date with what happens next. These images show what it was like in 1932 and today. These are published courtesy of the Bourne Valley Historical Society.
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**Porton Over 60s Club (Sunshine Club)**

Our club is open to men and women of our Parish and the surrounding villages. Our aim is to provide a friendly, enjoyable social afternoon with a speaker and afterwards lots of conversation whilst having tea and biscuits.

In August we have a coach outing and this year we are going to Swanage. Last year we had a very good day out at Weymouth and some of us joined the children and watched the Punch and Judy show.

We have a good variety of speakers and entertainment organized for the rest of the year. The annual subscription is £5 and we pay £2 at the meeting to cover the cost of hiring the hall. We meet on the last Monday of the month (unless it is a Bank Holiday) at 2pm in the Memorial Hall at Porton. If you would like to come and join us, we would be delighted. Phyl Grant 610263

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As you will see from our programme below, 2019 has some interesting meetings.

In January our speaker was Jim Slater, who gave a talk with slides on *The History of Cinema, with Wiltshire in Mind*. Members could remember the old Salisbury cinemas, and some told us of family members who had worked in them. Cinemas discussed included The New Theatre in Castle Street, The Picture House in Fisherton Street, The Palace in Endless Street, The Regent/ABC on the corner of Chipper Lane and today’s Odeon, originally the Gaumont Palace.

In February we held our AGM and had some fun with a couple of games. In ‘Pass the Parcel’ members opening a wrapping found a forfeit which they had to carry out. Tasks included ‘Walk with a book on your head’, ‘Draw an elephant’, ‘Mime a nursery rhyme for us to guess’, ‘Make the noise of six animals for us to guess’. The second game was based on Scategories – we had to find 22 nouns beginning with the letters in WE LOVE PORTON LADIES CLUB. It was good to see so much laughter during this meeting.

In March Ann Howell gave a talk on *The History of Jazz*. The small hall became a Jazz Club as we listened to music from its earliest ‘Dixieland’ times to Cleo Laine’s ‘Just Sitting and Rocking’. Jazz was rooted in the history of slavery - although the slaves were not allowed to read or write they were able to sing and dance.

In April Craig Elsdon and Jas came to talk about the charity *Serve On*. Their brave volunteers drop everything and fly out to help when disasters strike at home or abroad. When the skilled leaders reach the crisis, they train members of the local community to help, and eventually to cope alone.

The rest of the year’s programme is shown. We have decided to close the club after our Christmas Lunch in November. We have enjoyed three years of afternoon meetings, but at our AGM nobody came forward to continue to run the club which began in September 1951 at Porton Camp.

**Programme after April 2019:**

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Janet Slater 01980 610544
You may notice that Idmiston & Porton WI have a new name.

Bourne Valley WI who used to meet at the Glebe Hall in Winterbourne have sadly closed.

However Idmiston & Porton WI were very happy to accept those members who decided to join us hence the name change.

We have had a busy start to the year having hosted our Group New Year Party at Idmiston Memorial Hall. We were entertained by the Land Girls and had a great afternoon singing along together and enjoyed a lovely tea provided by the various WI's and toasted the New Year.

In February we had our annual meeting at which Valerie Botting our President stood down.

An enormous thanks goes to Valerie who worked very hard during her time as President to make our WI meetings fun varied and interesting.

Our new committee has been formed and we are working together to have another fun and interesting year.

At our March meeting we welcomed Sarah Bottomley who gave us a very entertaining talk on her Quilting Journey.

In April Debra Cruttenden came to talk to us about beekeeping and how we can encourage bees by planting flowers and allowing areas of the garden to be a bit overgrown so that the bees can pollinate.

We enjoy going out to lunch together and recently enjoyed lunch at Piazza in Amesbury.

Our Gardening visits are now beginning again with the better weather and some of the members will be going to Larmer Tree soon. Other visits are planned throughout the summer.

You may come across some of our members collecting litter which is regularly done on the 4th Wednesday of the month however some of our ladies also go out at other times to keep the villages tidy.

We have a book club which meet on a regular basis and they enjoy a variety of reading material.

At our May meeting we will be discussing the resolutions that have been put forward for discussion and we will vote on them. They will be put forward to our National meeting in June, which this year takes place in Bournemouth. If successful they will then become a WI campaign and will be worked on and discussed at further meetings at WI National level. One of the resolutions this year is the Decline in Rural Bus Services which is a subject very close to home for those who live in villages like this.

We have an interesting and varied programme organised for the year and if you would like to join us and find out more about the WI you would be very welcome. We meet at Idmiston Memorial Hall on the third Wednesday of the month come along for 2pm and the meeting starts at 2.00pm.

For further information please contact Winnie Dales on 01980 626926.
The Badminton Club has been in existence for over forty years and was started as an offshoot from a mothers and toddlers group. Since that time we have run weekly without a break other than for Christmas. Throughout our existence we have been entirely self-sufficient and have never received any external funding or assistance.

The Badminton Club meets at Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall at 09:00 hours on a Wednesday morning and runs for three hours until 12:00 hours. Normally our numbers fluctuate between six to twelve players and we determine how much to charge per session according to the average numbers present so that we can cover the cost of hiring the main hall. When we have consistently high numbers over a reasonable period of time, we drop the weekly fee such that we can still continue to cover the hiring charges but have some money in hand to cover those times when the attendance drops. Over the past year or so the range of weekly fees has ranged between £2 and £4 per person. Over the past year the club has suffered a number of absences due to illness, holidays and conflicting commitments so the fee per session is currently £4.

Our membership consists of mixed abilities (and sexes with the ladies in the majority) from those who are relatively new to the game up to just below league standard. We use plastic shuttlecocks although feathered ones are available if required. As we have only one court only doubles games are played and those selected to play are in strict rotation using a peg board system with scoring up to fifteen points with sudden death if the score is fifteen all. New members are always very welcome but we are unable to provide coaching to those completely new to the game so as long as you are able to hit a shuttlecock and have a rough grasp of the rules then that is all that is required. Those considering coming along should have suitable shoes that provide good grip on a wooden floor. Any young person would be welcome to join but they must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them at all times.

During the session we have tea and coffee available at all times plus squash for those hot days in summer! Not only that but biscuits are also available as is free entry into discussions concerning world affairs or local gossip.

KEN BRADLEY

Short Mat Bowls

This friendly non-league club started 2 years ago in the Memorial Hall, Idmiston Road, Porton. We are a group of all abilities from beginners up and meet every Thursday evening 7.30 - 9.30pm. There are no membership fees and each session costs £3 including refreshments.

If you would like to join us just turn up or ring Roy Taylor Tel. 01980 619216. Tuition is given to beginners and bowls can be provided. (Trainers or flat shoes are required).

Winterbourne Cricket Club

Winterbourne Cricket Club enjoyed another successful and enjoyable season in 2018 and now we turn our attention to a busy summer in 2019.

Having gained promotion last summer, Winterbourne will be playing in the Hampshire Regional 1 North West League giving lots of exciting local derbies against our surrounding villages. We always welcome new players for so if anyone is interested in playing, please do get in contact.

Our junior section continues to thrive and grow and is fast gaining a reputation as one of the leading junior clubs in Wiltshire and Hampshire. There are lots of opportunities for your children, both boys and girls, to play cricket this summer with 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 5-8 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 juvenirs@winterbournecc.com or see our website for more details.

Plans continue for our new pavilion. We have initial drawings and now need to raise funds quickly to enable this to progress. 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 chairman@winterbournecc.com www.winterbournecc.com

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Many thanks to Sam Badenhorst and her team for continuing to monitor the speed of the traffic going through our village. The speed recorded at some times is excessive to say the least. Thanks to their efforts, the Parish Council is now going to invest in a SID, Speed Indicator Device, to try and stop these inconsiderate drivers who continue to speed through the Parish with no thought of the consequences. Two sites in Tidworth Road and two in Winterslow Road have been chosen and the Parish Council will purchase one SID which will be moved around the four sites. We hope to update you soon on when this will be in place. A metro count for Idmiston village and also for East Gomeldon Road is also planned in the near future to monitor speed in these areas.

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We have been so busy with our learning and experiences this school year so far starting with welcoming new reception children and their families to our school in September 2018 as well as other new families to our school. In October our recently departed year 6 children returned to unveil the mosaic they had designed and made with a local artist, it hangs in our spiritual garden along with mosaics created by previous Year 6 pupils since 2015. This took place after the Harvest Service at St Nicholas Church where the congregation joined us at school for a blessing, refreshments and had an opportunity to wander around the school building to see the changes that have been made since last year. November marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice and the drama group put on an amazing performance, ‘Tin Hats & Telegrams’. There were tears of laughter and sadness throughout the play and some very catchy songs!! The children also visited the ladies of Porton WI to entertain them with songs from the show and enjoyed refreshments with them afterwards. During December a special Christingle Service was held in Salisbury Cathedral when schools from across Wiltshire and Dorset attended. As you can imagine it was magical and a little heart stopping with so many children all holding candles! A group of our children had been specially chosen to meet and talk to HRH Duchess of Gloucester before the service who attended as Patron of the Childrens Society. At the end of January we welcomed a group of professional opera singers who worked with the younger children and together they learned several popular pieces. At the end of the day there was a spectacular show for parents with everyone participating with gusto! Internet safety is not only important but also a very topical subject and so in February we held our annual Internet Safety curriculum day to ensure all our children are well informed and able to speak freely about their experiences, how best to enjoy the internet without worry and what to do if they are worried by any content. In March we had a visit from a mad scientist on our Bonkers Science Day and also organised a Red Nose Day cake sale to raise funds for this worthy charity. We then held a Pirate Day as we officially opened our new pirate ship which makes a great addition to our lovely play area. This has been funded by grants, the hard work and commitment of the PTA and our parents supporting many fundraising events. The Easter holidays meant we were only in school for a couple of weeks in April but during that time we did hold a whole school Easter Service at school, along with parents and family members. As we enter into the summer terms we have many more exciting activities ahead: a summer production; bikeability; residential trip; more opera singing and sports day to name but a few!

We hope you enjoyed this brief update of this school year so far. As you can see the school continues to thrive and we are now oversubscribed as a school with many children on our waiting list.

Our website is a hub of information about our school, forthcoming events and photos of the many and varied activities that go on in school all year. Please do have a look at www.stnicholas.wilts.sch.uk. Details of our Autumn Open Mornings for September 2020 are also now on the website.

Wishing you an enjoyable summer.

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OPENING TIMES
Monday: 0800 – 18.00
Tuesday: 0800 – 18.00
Wednesday: 0800 – 18.00
Thursday: 0800 – 18.00
Friday: 0800 – 18.00
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

DISPENSING

We can dispense medication from these premises but are only permitted to provide this service to patients who live in a specified geographical area which includes the villages of Winterbourne Dauntsey, Winterbourne Earls, Winterbourne Gunner, Hurdcott, Porton, East Gomeldon, West Gomeldon, Figsbury, Firdown, Pitton, Winterslow, Farley, East and West Grimstead, Alderbury/Whaddon, Coombe Bissett, Bodenham, Homington, Nunton & Odstock Village.

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Opening times for Wiltshire Recycling Centres

Wiltshire household waste recycling centres are open from:
1 April – 31 October (summer opening times) 9am until 4pm and from
1 Nov – 31 March (winter opening times) 10am until 4pm
and will close two days per week.

From 9 April 2018 you may have to provide proof of address in order to use the household recycling centre, so make sure you take it with you. Days that centres are closed are staggered so that residents have access to a recycling centre within their area seven days a week.

Amesbury  Boscombe Down Business Park, SP 7RX  Tel: 01980 623160  Closed Tuesday and Wednesday
Salisbury  Churchfields Industrial Estate, SP2 7NP  Tel: 01722 322309  Closed in winter Thursday and Fridays
Closed in summer on Thursday.

If you use a van or a large trailer (between 1.8 and 3 metres) to visit Wiltshire’s household recycling centres, you will need a free permit  http://wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres-permits
This includes Vans, Vehicles with permanently removed rear seats and / or blanked out rear/side windows, Flatbed or pick-up type vehicles and Trailers between 1.8 and 3 metres long.
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Recent Tripadvisor reviews said:
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The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is a charity which works in partnership with Wiltshire Police providing an invaluable home security service for the community. This service is offered free of charge for those who are over 60, anyone who is 18+ and registered disabled.

After 19 years of supporting the elderly and vulnerable in Wiltshire, this year the Trust has launched a new Stay Safe Online initiative across Swindon & Wiltshire. Through raising the awareness of computer fraud and what to do if you have concerns over your online safety the Trust aims to reduce the risk of this type of crime, as computer fraud is the fastest growing crime in Wiltshire. This service is also provided free of charge for those who are over 60, anyone who is 18+ and registered disabled.

The Bobby Van Stay Safe Online team of volunteers know only too well that most of us rely on the internet, to one degree or another, to communicate, manage our finances, and to obtain products and services. Therefore the aim of our dedicated team of Stay Safe Online volunteers is to provide the community with the following:

• Improved Digital/Cyber security awareness;
• Cyber and Scam prevention advice;
• Signposting to future advice and resources;
• Providing support and reassurance;
• Offering basic practical skills to enable you to check and understand privacy settings; and,
• The team are also available to give talks at community events.

Those who are eligible can refer themselves for a visit from one of our team of Stay Safe Online Volunteers.

The team will also be taking referrals from Wiltshire Police for those who have, unfortunately, already encountered problems with online crime.

If you would like to arrange a Stay Safe Online one-to-one appointment, or a group talk please:

Email: bv.onlinesafety@wiltshire.police.uk
Phone: 01380 861191

For more information about The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust visit: www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk

Call 999 in an emergency
Only call 999 in an emergency. An emergency is when someone is being threatened or at risk of getting injured, or a crime is in progress.

Calls to 999 are free.

Our call operators will need to know:
• Who you are, your address and phone number
• Where the incident is happening - please be as specific as possible
• What is happening.

Call operators are trained to use their professional judgement in prioritising work. We know this can be frustrating for callers but we try to deal with calls as quickly and efficiently as possible.

All calls are recorded for training and reference purposes.

Making a hoax call to 999 is an offence. When you call 999 for something that is not an emergency, you could be preventing somebody in a real life or death situation from getting through to us. This will be investigated and action taken against those who use the number inappropriately.

101 for non-emergencies
101 is used for non-emergencies such as:
• Reporting a non-urgent crime or incident (unless the crime or incident is in progress, when you should dial 999)
• Contacting local officers
• Getting crime prevention advice
• Making us aware of policing issues in your local area
• Making an appointment with a police officer
• For any other non-emergency, such as making a complaint

One of our trained call handlers will take your details. and a log of your details and the incident or crime will be recorded.

Calls to 101 cost 15 pence from land lines and mobile networks. This is the total cost of the call, regardless of when you call or how long you are on the phone.

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Family Open Day 30th June 2019 11-5 (see website for details)

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There is a shop and café on site.
This is a Registered Charity and entry costs go to help maintain the exhibits with volunteer guides.

Entry prices:
Adults under 65 Standard £8.50 Gift Aided £9.40
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Standard £7.00 Gift Aided £7.70
Child under 16 (under 5 free) Standard £6.00 Gift Aided £6.60
Family 2 Adults plus 2 Children Standard £23.00 Gift Aided £25.30
Annual Tickets available at twice the above prices (visit as many times as you want for a year)
The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) was founded 50 years ago and cares for over 360 redundant churches across the country. All Saints Idmiston was vested to the CCT in 1979, after being declared redundant by Salisbury Diocese. The church is now opened and closed every day by a team of enthusiastic local volunteers. Visitors continue to travel from far and wide to see All Saints. Many of these are tracing their family history, others are often those who were baptised, confirmed or married in the church. Some are former pupils at the old Idmiston School, which closed and relocated to its present site as St Nicholas’s School in 1972.

Last year, a wedding blessing, a funeral and a baptism were held in the Church, as well as the Christmas carol service which is always very well attended. On Good Friday, the group that walks through the Bourne Valley visiting every church from Cholderton to Winterbourne Earls and marking the Stations of the Cross, paused at Idmiston to hear a reading and say a prayer.

In October a walk took place which started at All Saints Church and finished in Boscombe village, marking the end of WW1 and to acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice that the young men of the Bourne Valley had made during that dark period in our history. The walk ended with a traditional ‘Sunday tea’ in the Boscombe Club which was enjoyed by all.

On a lighter note, the Brighton based ‘This Is My Theatre’ company, who often perform their plays in sacred spaces came and presented ‘The Importance of Being Earnest’ and later in December, ‘A Christmas Carol’. Both performances were outstanding and were very well received. There was also a very successful Art Exhibition which not only attracted some very talented local artists, but others who had had their work displayed at leading London galleries.

A recent survey made on behalf of the CCT, revealed several faults in the fabric of this Grade 1 listed 13th Century church that need attention sooner rather than later.

The Priorities are:

- To repair the wooden shingles on the spire. Woodpeckers have drummed holes in the shingles and jackdaws have taken over the inside. They have even nested on top of one of the bells! Cost - £1,000
- To take down overhaul and repaint the gutters: £5,000
- Overhaul the stained glass windows:- £9,000
- Survey the main roof timbers:- £2,000

The events planned for this year so far:

- Art Exhibition – 6 and 7 July from 10.30 am – 4.30 pm – Admission £3.00, but under 18s free.

In this 50th Anniversary year of the Churches Conservation Trust, the volunteers who look after the church hope to raise as much money as possible to keep this important landmark in the Bourne Valley in good order for the enjoyment of future generations.

If anyone would like to help with these events, please contact Jennie on 07941 224246 or Barbara on 07840 394789

All money raised locally will be spent on All Saints Church Idmiston.
As I have been unable to contact anyone from the Church despite trying several times, I enclose times of services from the notice board outside the Church.

**SERVICES**

- Sunday 9th June (Pentecost) 9.30am Holy Communion
- Sunday 16th June (Trinity) 9.30am Holy Communion
- Sunday 23rd June. 9.30am Holy Communion Trinity 1
- Sunday 30th June Team Service at 10.00am at St. Andrews Newton Tony. Trinity 2 (No Service at Porton)
- Sunday 7th July 8.15am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship Trinity 3

**TEAM PRAYER**

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Visit each home with your peace and love  
Turn all hearts and minds to you, our loving God, in Jesus name. Amen

Please contact our resident associate priest Rev’d Philip Ostler for any information concerning Baptisms, Weddings or funerals or any other matter which you may be concerned about. Tel. 01980 610305 or email philip.ostler@btinternet.com

If you wish to add an item to our pew sheet (In Touch) either contact Anthea Davies LLM Tel 01980610539 or email antheadavi@gmail.com or send an email before Tuesday to bournevalleyoffice@gmail.com where every effort will be made to include your item.

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

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Mark Darlow

In the Spring 2016 Newsletter we reported that Mark Darlow had reached his 100th birthday and there were celebrations including a visit to DSTL. People of the village will have become aware that his house Cuckoo Pen was recently sold, but as there has been no Newsletter since Spring 2018, it might not be known that Mark died on the 27th June 2018. I would urge you to read the Spring 2016 Newsletter to read about the life of this very special man.
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Will the taxi pick me up at my front door? The Connect2 service will usually pick you up at village focal points such as the bus stop or telephone box, please ask for your nearest village pick up point when booking. However, the service will sometimes be able to pick you up and drop you off at your front door if your address is accessible for the vehicle, please ask for details.

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