



PIMPERNE VILLAGE NEWS

Spring 2022



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Covid Restrictions have been lifted and life in the village is returning to normal, but the virus has not yet gone away so it is hoped that we will continue to look after those who are vulnerable and be responsible towards our neighbours as we go about our everyday business.

While there is much doom and gloom at present there is the Jubilee celebrations and Gardens Open in June to look forward to and our Village Fete in September. While there may not be a 'Best Kept Village' Competition this year it is still good to keep our village looking good by ensuring that litter and dog poo is picked up and disposed of responsibly.

*The **Annual Parish Meeting** is on 27th April 2022 where there will be a presentation on Climate and Ecological Emergency and updates from our Dorset Council Representative, the Parish Council and local Organisations.*

Parish Council Notes

COUNCIL UPDATE

In General

Parish Council Meetings have continued on a "face to face" basis throughout the winter. We now look forward to spring and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in June.

Pimperne has always excelled in the Dorset Best Village competition with the achievement recognised by the certificates and plaques displayed at the Village Hall. However, the competition is now defunct subsequent to the withdrawal of the main sponsor, Magna Housing Association in 2019.

When the competition was in action, a visit from the judges was preceded by a village litter pick to ensure that the general cleanliness of the village was maintained. An annual litter pick is still important to the village and is to be organised for Saturday morning 7th May 2022. Volunteers may attend and duly pick up litter for disposal by Dorset Waste Partnership.

The development in Church Road currently under construction by Wyatt Homes, under planning conditions will enable the village to benefit after signature of a Section 106 Agreement. Monies to be paid by the developer under the Section 106 Agreement will enable 'inter alia' expenditure on bio-diversity (through

the Dorset Bio-diversity Partnership), provision of play facilities on the former school field and additional equipment on the multiplay area.

There will be money available to enhance rights of way (work to be done by the Dorset Rights of Way team). Ongoing consultations are being carried out with Dorset Council.

Residents on the northern section of the A354 through the village raised strong objections to vehicles (of all types) exceeding the 30mph speed limit when passing their properties. After lengthy discussion between the concerned residents, Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen,

Dorset Council Highways and the Parish Council, Dorset

Council has undertaken to move the 30 mph gateway sign 20 metres further out of the village (towards Salisbury), move the 3-2-1 road markings accordingly and install a speed camera sign on the old 30 mph gateway post. The work is scheduled to be carried out by Dorset Highways early in the new financial year.

The impact of the above changes will be monitored.

The possibility of a 40 mph speed limit on both approaches of the A354 into the village is under further consideration by Dorset Highways in addition to speed reduction measures on the A354 from Anvil Road to the northern gateway. Further speed reduction

PIMPERNE COMMUNITY CHAMPION 2022

It is that time of year when you can nominate an individual(s) to be the 2022 Pimperne Community Champion.

Do you know anyone who has gone that bit further to help a neighbour or produced something for the community? Previous winners have been: Jackie Vacher, Alan Lukins, Dan Baxter and many others.

A nomination form is on the back of this Newsletter, please fill it out and return it to the Parish Clerk by the 11th April. Email returns are also acceptable

In the Village Hall on
Fridays

Post Office

(between 9:30 and 12:30)

Also Meet up and Chat
(between 10 and 12)

Tea/Coffee with biscuits 50p

measures may be considered should the action stated above not receive success.

The change in operating location of the S.I.D, having previously been carried out by Councillors Argles and Harman, will, in future, be executed by an external contractor every four weeks, replacing the previous six-week period. The Council thanks Councillors Argles and Harman for undertaking the changing of the position of the S.I.D. since its introduction last year.

After considerable pressure, Dorset Waste Partnership finally installed the new dog waste bins adjacent to the entrance to Old Bakery Close and on Bushes Road.

The site in Chapel Lane previously occupied by Woodbury Cottage and currently the location of the former Methodist Chapel continues to be of concern. The condition of the Chapel continues to deteriorate and the rear wall of Woodbury Cottage partially collapsed on to the adjacent property. Responsibility for the maintenance of the Chapel and clearance of the collapsed wall is with the

landowner whose attention has been repeatedly requested both by the Parish Council and Dorset Council. The Council thanks Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen for her assistance in continued resolution with regard to both the Woodbury site and speed reduction measures on the A354.

Dorset Council issued a request for responses in accordance with their Review of Community Governance. A submission by Blandford Forum

Town Council included the transfer of land within the parishes of Bryanston, Blandford St Mary, Langton Long, Tarrant Monkton and Launceston (Blandford Camp) and the Nutford and part of Letton areas of Pimperne Parish. All Parish Councils issued rejection of the submission by Blandford Forum Town Council in the strongest possible terms.

The report giving Dorset Council's response to the Community Governance review was considered at a full meeting of Dorset Council on 15th February. The report

included a comprehensive rejection of the proposals put forward by Blandford Forum Town Council. The report stated that Dorset Council is

Pimperne Parish Council
Presents the
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 27th April 2022
Pimperne Village Hall
All Parishioners welcome
Come & hear what has been
happening in the Village
Refreshments

not convinced that the changes proposed by Blandford Forum Town Council would improve community governance and were not persuaded by the limited arguments put forward by the Town Council that there would be an improvement to community cohesion or more convenient governance of the area. Dorset Council confirmed that the parishes (including Pimperne) affected by the Town Council's proposals had demonstrated good community cohesion and engagement with many community initiatives and collaborations in place.

There will now be a twelve-week public consultation on the report/draft recommendations ending 23rd May 2022. A further detailed response will be prepared by the Parish Council. Individual Pimperne residents may respond to the consultation in addition to Pimperne community groups/organisations.

Planning - Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan – First Review

The 2022 Winter Special Pimperne_Village News was distributed to households in the Parish and included details of the public drop -in session at the Village Hall on 29th January 2022 together with a summary of responses received to the questionnaire on the Neighbourhood Plan included in the autumn edition of the Village News.

The Winter Special included a further questionnaire on the proposed changes to the Neighbourhood Plan.

A well attended public drop-in session was followed by questionnaire responses received by 28th February. The responses are currently being analysed with possible further changes to the NP and finalisation on an evidence basis. A consultation statement will then be issued together with updated housing information. The final submission will be offered to the Parish Council to be signed off and forwarded to Dorset Council. Dorset Council will organise the examination of the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan First Review.

Parish Council meetings continue to be held at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month. Parishioners are invited to raise any matter of concern during the democratic session of every meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Peter Slocombe, Chairman
01258 453419 / 07979 592288
ps92220@yahoo.co.uk

FLOOD REPORT

Since the last report the weather has been dominated by periods of at times heavy rain when I have been somewhat concerned regarding possible ground water flooding, followed perhaps a fortnight of mainly dry weather with the stream's flow becoming steady or diminishing. As Spring gathers pace with generally warmer temperatures the rates of evaporation increase and the heavy rains of Winter decrease to combine to diminish the possibility of ground

water flooding. Of course, the danger of flash flooding continues along the A354 - the continual clearing of drains by Dorset Council has helped ease the situation. Finally, it is never too early to prepare for next Winter by

logging onto the Environment Agency's web site for much useful information and being organised to get warning messages of possible flooding in our area.

Cllr John Tanner
Flood Warden
01258-455173
email jjtanners@hotmail.com

CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

Tim Harman has been attending a Dorset wide Climate and Ecological Emergency Support Group on behalf of Pimperne Parish Council. Dorset Council and many Parish and Town Councils have declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency. All these councils have plans for action in various stages of development and many have indeed taken material action. Just to give couple of examples of action: on an individual basis, Corfe Castle Parish Council has encouraged residents to access a Carbon Calculator in order to assess their own carbon footprint and receive suggestions for reducing that footprint, on a community basis, Broadwindsor Parish Council applied for and received a grant of over £60,000 to install solar panels on their village hall. What should Pimperne do? Should the Parish Council declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency? And, if so, what plans might we put in place?

To initially assist the Parish Council in answering these questions we have arranged a presentation on the Climate and Ecological Emergency at our Annual Parish Meeting on

Wednesday 27th April. This will be followed by a workshop style session at a future date.

If you have any queries, contact:

Tim Harman harmantim@sky.com
or 01258 480685.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Fortunately, the weather this winter has not been too severe and consequently most road surfaces have not deteriorated too much. The Speed Indicator Device (SID), purchased last year, has been installed and is moved from one end of the village to the other on a regular basis. Concern over speeding at the Salisbury end of the village has led to Dorset Highways agreeing to move the 30 mph entry sign further back up the hill, where it will be visible earlier to traffic. There will also be a speed camera sign.

Once again, can I ask all householders to ensure that hedges/trees are kept cut back so as not to obstruct pedestrians, pushchairs, mobility aids, etc.

Footpaths may be muddy but remain in generally good order. Particular thanks to the local farmer who cleared a large fallen tree on the path above Yarde Farm. Once again a number of people have commented on dog-fouling. Please be a responsible dog-owner. Can I remind you that the old school playing field is not a dog play area – all dogs should be on a lead.

Any highways/footpath problems can be reported using the Dorset Highways website or by contacting me

Cllr Antony Argles,
Highways Officer, Parish Council
01258-455513
email: aeargles@hotmail.co.uk

PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE

The Service 20 between Blandford and Salisbury continues as per the advertised timetable. I was unable to find a current statement regarding Coronavirus safety guidelines on the Morebus website (last updated on 21st May 2021) but suffice to say that current government guidance recommends the continued wearing of masks in crowded places or when mixing with people you do not usually meet. The most recent timetable change in December 2021 included minor amendments to some timings so make sure to check times when travelling.

In addition to the Service 20 don't forget there is the Dorset Community Transport (DCT) Plusbus service which starts from Gussage St Andrew and travels via Pimperne to Blandford. The service runs every Thursday on Market day and is primarily for those who are unable to access public transport for any reason, young or old, and including those with limited mobility. The service allows approximately two hours in

Blandford before returning. Travellers must register with DCT in the first instance and book their place on the minibus prior to the day. There is currently a fixed return fare of £6.00, however, concessionary bus passes are accepted. This service can be contacted by telephone on 01258 287980 or via email on dorset@ectcharity.co.uk

NORDCAT is a community bus service providing a door-to-door demand responsive service which is open to anyone who has difficulty using public transport and anyone over 60. To be able to use a NORDCAT bus you need to be registered and there is a £5 annual fee although if you have a Bus Pass you will be able to use it on all services. Nordcat can be contacted on 01258 473154 in order to obtain information about current services and to book a seat. The driver will collect passengers from home and an approximate pick up time will be given when booking as times will vary each week depending on who is travelling on any particular day.

Lastly, Dorset Council, in response to the Government's 'Bus Back Better' National Bus Strategy, published a draft Bus Services Improvement Plan (BSIP) last year. The consultation on that draft plan is now closed; the Parish Council submitted a response and made the specific point that Parish Councils should be included in the 'Bus User and Stakeholder Group' which will discuss improvements once the plan has, hopefully, been approved by the government. The Parish Council is clearly hoping that the BSIP will be approved, Dorset Council will receive the government grant of £92 million applied for in the plan and that there will be eventual local benefits in terms of the extent of the network, frequency of services, weekend services and fares. In addition, any improvements to the bus fleet should reduce public transport's carbon footprint – an essential development for all of us. Let's be optimistic – updates will be given at the regular monthly council meetings.

If you have any queries about local public transport services, please contact

Cllr Tim Harman,
Transport Officer, Parish Council
01258-480685 email: harmantim@sky.com

PIMPERNE'S DEFIBRILLATOR



The Village has 2 Defibrillators, one in the refurbished telephone box opposite the Farquharson Arms and the other at the Village Hall.

When the Ambulance Service is contacted, if they suspect a heart attack then they will only give the location of the defibrillator if the caller is within 200 metres of its location.

In the event of a suspected cardiac arrest, you should do the following:

- Dial **999** and ask for the ambulance service.
- Give them the location of the casualty including postcode, if possible. They will direct you to the defibrillator.
- To access the defibrillator:
 - Lift the cover (see photo)
 - **Press 'C'**
 - No Access Code Required
 - Rotate knob clockwise
 - If you can get the defibrillator and take it to the casualty do so.
 - When the defibrillator is switched on verbal instructions will be given.
 - The defibrillator cannot be used incorrectly as it will only deliver a shock



to the casualty if it detects that it is necessary.

- Scissors (for cutting away the patient's clothing), a mini towel (for removing sweat from the patient so the pads stick), a disposable razor (for shaving excess chest hair so the pads stick) and a protective face shield (for safer rescue breaths) are contained within a first aid kit attached to the defibrillator case.
- The defibrillator can be used by anyone as step by step audio instructions are given, however a list of telephone numbers of local people who have had some training is located inside the defibrillator bag.

If you live in Pimperne and are interested in receiving free training, please contact the Parish Council at: pimperne@dorset-aptc.gov.uk



Community News

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Our celebrations will take place on Sunday 5th June, with a party to be held in the Village Hall car park if the weather is fine, should the weather not be kind we will set up inside the village hall. Our celebrations will commence at 2.30 pm. The Parish Council will be planting a tree in support of the Queen's Green Canopy Campaign at 3pm. From 3.15 to 4.15 there will be a children's entertainer, and at 4.30 we shall all sit down for Tea. (Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of food with them to the event). There will be a raffle after Tea. The Anvil Inn will be holding a BBQ in the evening so Parishioners may go on to that if they wish to do so.

Pimperne Children up to the age of 15 will be given a Queen's Jubilee Commemorative mug, Jackie Vacher is currently trying to find out how many children up to the age of 15 there are in the village so if anyone with children of that age group in the village could contact either the clerk on pimperne@dorset-aptc.gov.uk or get in touch with Jackie it would help us greatly with numbers!

Jackie is also looking for Volunteers to help organise the event and provide raffle prizes.

Jackie Vacher 07879-003567 or 01258-455658

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

Have returned by popular demand!

Before the pandemic the monthly village Hall coffee mornings raised many thousands of pounds for local charities.

They are now held on the 3rd Saturday of each commencing at 10-00 a.m. The format remains the same; for a small entrance fee you get a drink and biscuit. If you would like to assist, or book a table (at very reasonable cost), please contact:

John & Joyce Tanner on 01258-455173, 07544195407 or email jjtanners@hotmail.com

GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND.

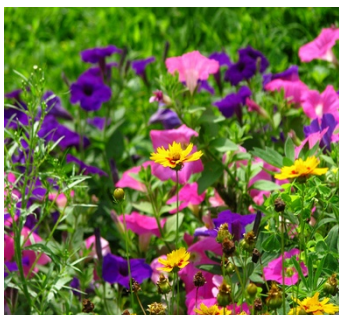
June 18th and 19th

The last Gardens Open was held in July 2017 which was enjoyed by large numbers of visitors and raised substantial funds for the Village Hall. Such was the success of this event that it is proposed to organise a similar occasion this summer to take place over the weekend of June 18th/19th. It is intended that some 10 to 12 gardens will be open for viewing and that refreshments will be available in the Village Hall.

With the help of local media, we hope to attract visitors from a large area to come and enjoy the many beautiful gardens we have in Pimperne.

Tickets for entry to the Gardens will be available at the Village Hall where there will be refreshments and a Raffle.

Please mark the days in your diary and **if you would like to open your garden as part of this event and have not previously made this known then please ring Jackie Vacher on 07879-003567 or 01258-455658.**



Jackie would also like help in the provision of Raffle Prizes, Cakes and assistance on the day to provide the refreshments and sell entry and raffle tickets.

VILLAGE FETE - 4TH SEPTEMBER

The Annual Village Fete will take place on Sunday 4th September at the Village Hall starting at 1:30 pm. Help is wanted, please contact Jackie Vacher: 07879-003567 or 01258-455658.

PIMPERNE POSTAL SERVICES

The Village Postal Service, in the Village Hall, provides Full Post Office Counter Service every Friday from 9:30am to 12:30 pm. All usual Post Office transactions including: Banking – Withdrawals, Cash/Cheque deposits and balances, Travel Money on a Pre-order basis, Car Tax (processed at Child Okeford), Top Ups on Electric Keys, Bill Payment, e.g. BT Phone Bills, Council Tax, Water Bills, Gas and Electric etc., Drop and Go service on Parcels.

All services that could be done at the Old Post Office can be done here.

Coffee/Tea and biscuits are also available and there is the opportunity to purchase home-made greeting cards while having a chat.

PIMPERNE PANTO GROUP

The Pimperne Panto Group are looking to performing again at the end of the year. This very friendly group is always looking out for new talent on stage, front of house or behind the scenes. If you are interested in joining please contact:

Sue Hennasey on 07717 123937

ST PETERS CHURCH

As mentioned in the Winter Special Pimperne Village News, Revd Belinda Marflitt has left the Benefice for pastures new. Her last Sunday Service was on the 27th February at St Peter's attended by some 80 people from across the Benefice. She was presented with a painting and Pastoral Candle.

The church is now open for services, worship and prayer. While there are no formal Covid Restrictions, visitors are requested to continue to observe Covid recommendations to keep others safe.



Services

The good news is that we can now worship in church with little or no restrictions. The service times at St Peter's are:

Sunday	Time	Service
1 st	9:15	Holy Communion
2 nd	16:00	Service with Hymns
3 rd	9:15	Holy Communion
4 th	9:15	Holy Communion
5 th	10:00	Benefice Service*

*The Benefice Service will rotate around the Benefice and Tarrant Valley Churches.

It should be noted that as the Benefice is now formally in an interregnum the type of service or time may change depending on the availability of ministers. So please keep an eye on the Benefice website and Pews News for updates: <http://www.psdbenefice.org.uk>

Festival Services

Mothering Sunday - 27th March @ 9:15 am

Palm Sunday - 10th April @ 4 pm

Good Friday - 15th April @ 2 pm

Easter Day - 17th April @ 9:15 am



Private Prayer

The Church is open for Private Prayer daily from approximately 9am to 4pm.

Concerts

There are 2 more concerts being held in St Peter's Church in aid of the Roof Repairs, please see dates for you diary

Pews News

Pews News is still being published weekly and contains the list of services across the Benefice. It can be viewed on or downloaded from the Benefice Website: <http://www.psdbenefice.org.uk>

Maintenance and upkeep

Following a detailed inspection of the North Aisle Roof, it was decided that it will have to be re-roofed. All the tiles need replacing as well as possibly some of the roof timbers. Quotes are now being obtained for this work to start as soon as it is feasible, and it is estimated that it will cost about £100,000. Grants towards this sum



are being sought and local fund-raising efforts will continue.

Churchwarden
John Beckford 01258 721318

For Children and Their Families at St Peter's

Breakfast@9 Family worship with breakfast! Is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month (except August) at Stourpaine Village Hall. All Families Welcomed. Please see Pews News for further details

Ryland Room Lunches

The Ryland Room lunches are now back in the Ryland Room having been in the Village hall up until March.

They are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12.15. We have a main course, pudding and tea or coffee. At the moment the price is £5.00 but it may have to go up to £6.00. Places need to be booked. All inquiries to Margaret Latham 01258 489724.

ST PETER'S CHURCH FLOWER GROUP

Calling all flower lovers & arrangers!

If you enjoy flower arranging and would like to join the flower group, get in touch with either,

Janet Parker 01258 455187
email janetmparker@btinternet.com

Anne Allan 01258 456553
email anneboballan@yahoo.co.uk
or *Jane Stockdale*
email janestockdale950@btinternet.com

HIRE OF THE RYLAND ROOM, ST. PETER'S

This warm and welcoming room is available to hire on an ad hoc basis or as block bookings which attract a discount. Ideal for rehearsals, meetings or smaller gatherings, it can hold up to 25 maximum for a sit-down meal. The room has its own kitchen and toilet facilities. Covid-19 Restrictions currently apply to its use, so please contact me for additional information.

Mary Newnham on 455331

ST PETER'S CHURCH 100 CLUB

2022 has been a particularly successful year for our '100' Club with one hundred people signing up, each paying £15 membership for the year November to October. Approximately half of all money collected goes to the Church, the rest is used for prize money. This meant that in January 2022 the Club was able to donate £750 to the Church repair funds. The rest of the money is given out at the Coffee mornings held in the Village Hall on the third Saturday of each month.

During this year the first prize is £30 and the second prize is £15. Because we had such a wonderful response it meant that at Christmas time we were able to give out extra prizes of £100, £50 and £25. Thank you to everyone who takes part.

Anne Allan/Carole Beckford

PIMPERNE SPORTS SOCIETY

Due to Covid 19, for many of us this brought along some challenges, the Pre-school were forced to close and we had to close down the facility for a while following government guidelines.



As we headed into the 2021/22 football season it looked like league football would recommence, which it did, however like many other clubs, problems with finance and recruiting players caused Boscombe Polonia FC to fold. This meant after only a few games there were no more.

The pitch is susceptible to waterlogging due to the land layout there and therefore if overused can cause significant damage to grass regeneration and its ability to drain properly due to compaction. This is an ongoing issue and has to be carefully managed to ensure the pitch can be gainfully used in the longer term.

However latterly the pitch has fared very well, this due to no football being played and careful ad hoc use by responsible young players using it to train.

I am in regular contact with a professional company experienced in advising on the upkeep and maintenance of this type of facility and grounds.

During spring 2021 a programme of works was carried out by a contractor which consisted of a process called Verti-draining, selective weedkilling and grass reseeding.

The lack of use by the league football team and to some extent by other ad-hoc users has meant that the condition of the pitch has much improved, and I am hopeful that the new generation of seeding and growth will mean that the pitch is able to withstand the impact of activity at least through the 21/23 season and hopefully longer with careful management. Over previous years the pitch had been opened to more local teams to play their league games, however experience showed us that the pitch was not able to cope with this much activity which caused significant implications to the playing surface, considerable expense to repair and significant time input from volunteers. Therefore, only one team uses the pitch.

To ensure the longevity of the facility it has to be managed carefully this is why there are at times some restrictions to its use, all it takes is to make contact to ask the question about possible use, most may be accommodated.

Some of you will be aware that there is a new pre-school using the pavilion now called 'Muddy Monkeys an Early Years Forest School Nursery', sadly this 'school' has also been forced to close due to a variety of reasons and not linked to use of the pavilion and surrounds which is very sad.

Should circumstances improve the Sports Society would hope to welcome them back.

Going forward, the pavilion will be available to be used for smaller parties such as children's birthdays, smaller family get togethers and other such functions, in previous years these were very successful and is ideally suited to this type of gathering, just give me a call to discuss.

There is a safe fenced playing area alongside and room inside to play, additionally the field itself can be used for activities at parties.

I'd like to say a big thank you to the volunteer who turns out on a regular basis to maintain the ground, building, machinery and playing surfaces, without him we would struggle to provide this facility for the village.

Finally, I would ask any villagers who would like to take on the role of managing Priory Field to contact me to discuss in more detail, this is a genuine offer to any villagers who collectively would like to steer the direction of the facility, full support on handover would be given to ensure a smooth transition.

John Truswell
Chair Pimperne Sports Society
07775673060 or 01258455433

PIMPERNE VILLAGE HALL

Coffee mornings have returned to the Village Hall subsequent to the relaxation of Covid 19 rules. John and Joyce Tanner organise the coffee morning every third Saturday in the month with a different charity benefitting from funds raised at the event.

A smaller coffee morning accompanies the visit of the outreach post office each Friday in the Committee Room.

Dog Training classes are held each Sunday morning with instruction from Sarah Davies, Henry's Paw Prints.

Hall users are reminded that, on leaving the hall, it is essential to switch off all lights, turn the heating down and turn off all taps. We await the return of missing cutlery (all the forks) to the kitchen.

The floor to the main hall is in need of re-treatment. Work will be carried out during the school summer holiday subject to agreement with the flooring specialist.

Bookings for the hall are currently being taken by the writer who is pleased to

advise hall availability/charges to prospective users.

Peter Slocombe - Pimperne Village Hall Management Committee
01258 453419 / 07979 592288
ps92220@yahoo.co.uk

Pimperne Village Fete
4th September 2022

Dog Show - Register on Day £1 a class

stalls

Car Boot Sale £5 on the day

Refreshments

Village Hall 1:30 pm

Wanted:
Craft Stalls, Any Exhibitions, Games Stalls, Anything that will enhance the Fete
Help - in providing refreshments (cooking cakes, serving), setting up on the day (or before)
Contact Jackie Vacher: 07879-003567 or 01258-455658

PIMPERNE CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL



'As each one does their part, we grow in love'
Ephesians 4 vs.16



We have recently encompassed the above theological quote to help us share with our whole community what we at Pimperne School are about. We recognise, as a school, that we are all unique individuals with differing talents and gifts – equal in importance.

Pimperne CE VC Primary School



The theological underpinning may be interpreted to suggest that we are unable to function on our own, we need to come together 'in the body of Christ' and that everyone has a role to play which makes us stronger, hence 'we

grow in love', meaning the broadest sense of the word encompassing respect and support.

Understandably as a school, we teach the academic, but we also teach our children about themselves and all the parts of them that go to make a whole unique individual. Our church distinctiveness reminds us that everyone of us is unique; made in God's own image. Children must believe in themselves before they can make a genuine contribution to developing their relationships with others, their community or their environment.

Pimperne School Prayer

(Written by Year 6 leavers 2014)

This is our school

Let it be full of learning and laughter

*Let the classrooms be filled with
encouragement and joy*

Let us be safe, surrounded by our friends

*May God be with us, and shine upon us with
love*

And let us remember to respect each other

As many hearts make a family

So many hearts make a school

And many hearts make Pimperne

Amen

We believe that the school helps children understand their 'wholeness' and help them fit their 'parts' together, like a jigsaw, as they grow into unique individuals ready and equipped for a path of lifelong learning and success as a human.

The image of the tree is important to our school, in addition to the '5 trees' link with Pimperne, a tree represents growth. Trees like children are individual and unique. They have many parts to them, each needing nurture. A strong tree or individual can support others, an eco-system, it can provide for others – offering shade, sustenance and support, just as we as God's children can provide for others, if we look after ourselves. Each part of the tree has a purpose and core function for example:

The roots of the tree are vital – we see our School values, our family's values and British Values as the nourishment for the roots. We have our 8 school values, some of which are rooted in Christianity; courage, compassion, forgiveness, trust, selflessness. Others are rooted in morality, citizenship and life: perseverance, justice, respect.

When our children join Pimperne, they belong, they are connected. The children make a handprint in a leaf of clay and these are displayed on five Pimperne trees.

Fiona Waller (Headteacher)

EARLY YEARS FOREST SCHOOL NURSERY

Muddy Monkeys



It is with sadness that we have to announce the temporary closure of our Pimperne Setting.

The Pandemic has taken its toll in all industry sectors and one which has been hit hard is Early Years Education.

It has been a hard decision as Pimperne Village has been amazing and the Setting here has grown immense.

But with Staff shortages everywhere we have decided to close Pimperne and move children and Staff to the Downwood Setting.

We have been able to lower the starting age there to 18 months.

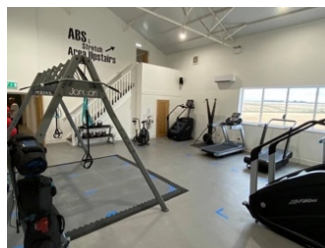
This is not a goodbye, this is a see you soon.

As we are determined to keep finding those amazing childcare Educators who love the outside as much as we do.

For enquiries please contact muddymonkeys@gmail.com

Managing Directors: Gemma Collis
and Daniela Mark

PIMPERNE GYM - R LUKINS FITNESS



Here at R Lukins Fitness we are busy planning for a few events. We are holding our first Fitness Festival over the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd July. We will

kick off on the Friday night with some sunset yoga, burgers and beers and then the Saturday will be a fun day with music, food and fitness suitable for the whole family. And the Dorset Tractor Tug charity event will take place on the 17th September so get your team registered if you want to join us for that!

In everyday gym life, we are open as usual from 6 am until 9 pm with over 35 classes a week including a good variety of Les Mills classes. We offer a great variety of post workout shakes and juices and we have one called the Bilkovyy Smuzi where all profits will be donated to the DEC Ukraine appeal.

For further information contact Rob on 07943 496686 or via info@rlukinsfitness.co.uk

You can also follow us on social media:

Instagram @r_lukins_fitness

Facebook @rlukinsfitness

HOMEWATCH AND SPEEDWATCH

In previous issues I have concentrated on the problems associated with online and telephone scamming. However, we have had a particularly bad burglary in the village and I think the time is right to remind everyone of the basic advice regarding keeping yourselves as safe as you possibly can.

Burglary Advice

- 1. Windows** - in just under one third (30%) of burglaries with entry, the thief gained access through an unlocked door or open window. Make sure doors and windows are locked particularly when leaving the house.
- 2. Lighting** - leave a light on to give the impression there is someone at home. 58% of burglaries take place in the evening or night and 34% occur at the weekend. Time switches can be fitted to operate radios and lights when you are out.
- 3. Burglar Alarms** - visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice. Those connected to a monitoring service are the best, get specialist advice and several quotes.
- 4. Keys** - never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place such as under the doormat or in a flowerpot - a thief will look there first. If you've moved into a new house, consider changing the back and front door locks - other people may have keys that fit. Never leave keys near a window or door (thieves are increasingly stealing car keys so they can take cars, often using a hook or magnet on a stick pushed through the letterbox).
- 5. Secure all doors** - if your front and back doors are not secure, neither is your home. Thieves are most likely to target doors when attempting to break in (67%). Check the condition of the frames, hinges and glass panels. Fit such devices as chains and door viewers. Patio doors will also need special fitted locks.
- 6. Garages and Sheds** - are often left unlocked and may be full of tools ideal for breaking into the rest of the house. Half of burglaries involve some form of property damage. Fit sheds and garages with strong padlocks and ideally an alarm. Always lock ladders in the garage or shed to stop a thief using them.
- 7. Postcode your property** - marked property can deter burglars because it is harder for a thief to sell on and may also help police secure a conviction.
- 8. Good Neighbours** - if you see anyone acting suspiciously in your neighbourhood, call the police. If you are planning to go away, let your neighbours know so that they can keep an eye on your property.

Speedwatch

Thank you to the four new volunteers who have offered to assist. We now have a location beyond The Anvil to check the speed of vehicles entering the village from Tarrant Hinton but we are not allowed to use that location when the SID is in place as there might be a clash between what the SID states and what we register.

Derek Andrews
Homewatch Co-ordinator (452005)

CRANBORNE CHASE AONB



Cranborne Chase
Area of Outstanding
Natural Beauty

Did you know that....?

- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are equal in landscape status to National Parks
- There are ½ million people within thirty minutes drive of the AONB in surrounding market towns and the Bournemouth and Poole conurbations
- The AONB covers an area of 380 square miles of countryside overlapping the boundaries of Wiltshire, Dorset, Hampshire and Somerset.
- The AONB has an extensive network of Rights of Way, the combined length of over 1,500 km (927 miles) would take you from Southampton to Edinburgh and back again
- The long distance footpaths of the Wessex Ridgeway, Jubilee Trail and the Monarch's Way all criss-cross the AONB
- There are a myriad of ancient droves and track-ways bristling with history waiting to be explored
- There are at least 550 Scheduled Ancient Monuments and more than 50 Sites of Special Scientific Interest within the AONB
- Farming is by far the biggest land use with more than 89% of the AONB classed as farmland
- Almost 14% of the UK's important chalk grassland is found here
- The AONB abounds with many ancient woodlands
- There are over 350kms (220 miles) of chalk rivers
- We have over 33,000 residents within the AONB, which is one of the lowest population densities in the South West.

For more information please visit their website: www.cranbornechase.org.uk.

HEDGEHOG-FRIENDLY VILLAGE UPDATE (DORSET MAMMAL GROUP)

Urban hogs are faring better than their rural cousins

That was the conclusion of the 'State of Britain's Hedgehogs' research released in February. Did you spot the national news coverage?

The report, produced by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society and the People's Trust for Endangered Species, found a slight increase in hedgehogs seen in gardens and urban green spaces. In our towns and villages at least, it's good to know that our efforts seem to be making a difference (admittedly following a massive decline).

However in rural areas the news is disastrous - a decline of between 30% and 75% since the turn of the century, across the UK. The charities want to work more closely with the farming community to try and get them to embrace hedgehog-friendly practices.

If you know anyone in the farming community who would benefit, there's a free 18-page leaflet packed full of information at: <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/farmersadvice/>

Co-ordinator role – help wanted!

It's an exciting time for the Dorset project, with: close to 30 towns and villages involved; raised public awareness; our local veterinary practices knowledgeable and supportive and exciting plans to create a Dorset-based



Top 5 ways to help hedgehogs on your land

1. Hedgerow planting and management
2. Field margin management
3. Reduce field sizes
4. Reduce ploughing and tilling rates
5. Keep areas of scrub and decaying wood



hedgehog hospital. Having acted as the village co-ordinator for the past 3½ years, I'm finding that a combination of work and personal commitments mean I need to ask for some help! It's a lovely sociable and very rewarding role, meeting like-minded people. **Would you be interested in either taking on this voluntary role - or sharing it with me?**

Contact me if you'd like to know more.

Thank you for all you do for wildlife.

Jo Gilmore, 1 Arlecks Lane,
hedgehogs.pimperne@gmail.com

THE ANVIL INN

2022 is getting off to a great start at The Anvil with some fresh new ideas and a few changes whilst maintaining our cosy village feel.

First of all, the return of the always popular quiz nights. Starting Wednesday 23rd March with a brand new host we are hoping to see some old faces as well as new joining us here for some friendly quiz



night competition. As before we have a quiz night offer of a classic burger or veggie burger, your entry and raffle entry for £12.50. Standard quiz entry on it's on its own is just £2.50 so whether you want to pop along for just the quiz or enjoy some food it's always a fun filled night!

Another big change you may have noticed going on is outside. After last spring coming back after lockdown and the success of the temporary marquee along with our brand new garden area we decided to take the plunge with some long held plans. As we know nothing beats the taste of authentic wood fired pizza, we knew it was time for a traditional pizza oven!

The addition of this brand new covered area and oven will very soon be completed and we can't wait to be out there come rain or shine whipping up some traditional wood fired pizza and drinks for you all. We are hoping by April this will be ready but will keep our social media pages and website updated with all the details.

Pop in and speak to a member of staff or send an email to info@anvilpimperne.co.uk for any queries. You can also telephone 01258 451999 for all bookings and stay updated via social media pages too.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Henry Maidment: Our Forgotten War Hero

Henry Maidment was an agricultural labourer who lived in the North Dorset village of Pimperne. In 1866, Henry was one of the few surviving British Army veterans who had fought Napoleon Bonaparte's French Army in the Spanish Peninsular War.

At 83, he could not work and had hit hard times. He was surviving on a parish handout of just two shillings and sixpence (12.5p) per week and a single loaf of bread. The octogenarian pauper had, in fact, a distinguished military record but had left the army without a military pension.

Henry Maidment fought in the Battles of Talavera, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle and Toulouse. For this, he was entitled to a Military General Service Medal with clasps. Each of his major battles was represented by a clasp

on the ribbon. Such a medal was valued in 2006 to be worth £3,700. In August 1815, his battalion had even accompanied Napoleon Bonaparte into exile on the island of St Helena.

In the 1861 census, Henry is listed as an agricultural labourer, aged 78.

In March 1866, a letter about Henry Maidment appeared in the columns of the London Times newspaper. Signed by 2nd Lieutenant of Dorset, George Mansel, Henry was described as a fine old soldier now suffering hard times. Mansel invited the assistance of the public towards maintaining this old Peninsular War veteran, whom he said had no other maintenance than a tiny parish payout.

On Friday 6 April 1866 a more acidic but unsigned letter about Henry Maidment appeared in the Western Gazette.

'I read in the Times of 28th, a letter signed by a gentleman of property and position, as I am told, in Pimperne – Colonel Mansel. If this be so, more shame, I think for the Colonel, Lord Portman, and other rich proprietors in the parish and neighbourhood, who must surely might

afford, among them, to keep this poor old soldier in comfort, without invoking the powerful aid of your columns to assist them.'

By 1868, Henry had died. He was buried on the 26th March 1868 in the graveyard of St. Peter's Church, Pimperne. He had lived in an era when an agricultural labourer rarely left his home village. However, as a soldier he experienced Ireland, Portugal, Spain and France and would have visited cities such as Cork, Porto, Toulouse and Bordeaux. Quite different places compared to the village of Pimperne! Undoubtedly though, the finest achievement of Henry Maidment was to survive the six major bloody battles of the Spanish Peninsular War. It was a period also, when armies lost more soldiers from disease than in battle. One can but hope that the appeal made on his behalf deservingly led to the old Dorset infantryman spending his last few years in a little more comfort.

Author: Dorset History Centre - May 2021



VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Activities have re-started, support them so that we may have a thriving village life

Keep an eye on Social Media, Village Website and Village Notice Boards for up to date news on which are activities are running and when

Saturday Coffee Mornings 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month in the Village Hall. 50p entrance includes refreshments – children welcome! The morning also includes tabletop sales and crafts. To book a table to sell from please phone *Joyce and John* 01258 455173 to book beforehand. Offers of cakes etc. welcome. Please support our efforts to raise much needed funds for charity.

Ryland Room Lunches are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Ryland Room, 12.00 for 12.30 pm start. Home made two course lunch with tea/coffee afterwards: Cost £5.00. Welcome to all but please book in advance. Contact: Margaret Latham on 489724

Badminton Club meets every Thursday in term time from about 7.15 pm in the Village Hall. New members, including beginners, would be welcome (racquets are provided) so if you are interested in coming along phone *Debbie or Mike Davies* 453527

Pimperne Art Group meet on Monday fortnightly in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. to sketch or paint. We are a friendly, informal, mixed ability group, very supportive of each other. Subs for the term are £15. New members welcome, just come along or, if you would like more information contact Carol Townley, 01258 455575.

Circle Dancing This friendly group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:30 pm. We do a variety of traditional folk dances from around the world as well as modern dances to many different types of music. All the dances are called so you don't need to remember them, and you don't need a partner. No previous knowledge is required, and beginners are always welcome. It's a lovely way to keep fit and have fun so why not give it a go? Cost £5 per session including refreshments. Please ring *Sal* 452657 for more details or just come along. mailto: st.just@btinternet.com

Pimperne Photography Club After many successful years as the Pimperne Photography Club and with a drop-in membership numbers in

recent times, it has been decided to evolve the format of the club in an attempt to appeal to a wider range of people. The small numbers currently making up the group mean that the hiring of a meeting venue and the inclusion of visiting speakers is no longer viable. The Pimperne Social Snappers meets once a month to go out in the local area with their cameras, take a few photographs and enjoy a sociable chat over a drink in a local pub. There are no subscriptions, and no need for vast experience or expensive camera gear (a camera phone will do nicely!). All you need is an interest in photography and a sociable outlook! All standards of photography are welcome - why not come along and give it a try.

Debbie Davies 453527 or 07875 284210
Roly & Sally Barth 480785 or 07855 049119

Pimperne Gardening and Social Club Our active and growing membership are looking forward to resuming their normal schedule of meetings assuming conditions allow. The club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month between September and May at 2.30 pm in the Pimperne Village Hall. For an annual membership fee of just £10 you can enjoy 6 or 7 speakers on various subjects with tea, coffee and biscuits together with several social events. This year we are hoping to hear talks on topics ranging from "Botanic gardens from the Arctic to the Tropics" to "How to create a hanging basket" as well as our usual lunches and annual summer garden party. So, whether you are new to gardening, a more experienced hand or simply looking to add to your social calendar, why not come along to our enrolment meeting on September 28th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. You can be sure to receive a warm and friendly reception

If you are interested in joining please contact *Andrew Hunt* 01258 269276

Blandford Breast Cancer Support Group meet at 2.30 p.m. in the Committee Room at Pimperne Village Hall on the first Tuesday in every month except December, January, July and August with frequent guest speakers and outings arranged. New members very welcome, contact *Barbara Thomson* 454191.

Blandford Art Society meets on the third Thursday every month at Pimperne village hall. Visitors are very welcome to come along to meetings. The hall opens at 1 pm to allow time to set up and the workshop finishes at 4pm. Beginners and more experienced artists attend the meetings. The cost is £5 for visitors and £3 for members. May 19th @ 13:30 "Maasai portrait in watercolours - *Workshop with Jake Winkle*

See the website for more details of BAS - <https://blandfordartsociety.weebly.com/>

FITSTEPS! Dance exercise class based on Ballroom and Latin moves. Come and join in with the Strictly fun.

Every Thursday 09.30 - 10.30. Pimperne Village Hall £6 a class, pay as you go. Contact *Nicola* on 07887921717 or email nicolathommes@aol.com

ZUMBA! Tuesdays 9.30am Village Hall and Thursdays 7.30pm at Pimperne School

Caroline Barr on 452936 for info or www.carolinebarr.zumba.com

Pimperne Baby & Toddler Group The group meets every Wednesday during Term time at the Village Hall from 9:30 to 11:30. Cost is £2 per family which includes child snacks and unlimited adult drinks. Children birth to school age are welcome. Lots of toy for all ages, activity tables, song time and special occasion parties through the year. Nice Relaxed friendly atmosphere. Find us on Facebook.

Tasmin 07867 568941

Hair by Sarah Reliable professional stylist, over 20 years' experience, cutting and colour specialist offers daytime or evening appointments in the comfort of your own home. 01258 451386

The Frying Squad Fish and Chips in the lay-by, Anvil Rd, 5-6.30pm. every Wednesday. Order Line 07880 901352

The Box Pizza Gia makes fresh pizzas to order outside the Village Hall alternate Thursdays from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Ordering in advance is essential - see his website for more information. <https://www.thebox-pizza.com>

Pimperne Website www.pimperne.org.uk. For events, news, contact details for Councillors, links for information such as bus timetables, winter road gritting, verge cutting, reporting of road defects and potholes, Flood Plan, Neighbourhood Plan and much more.

Western Front Association (Wessex Branch) Meet monthly on the first Saturday of the month at 2:30 pm at the Village Hall, unless there is a field trip. List of topics are on the notice board in the Village Hall. More details from: *Martin Willoughby* 01929 553060

Pimperne Baby and Toddler Group now includes a Dad's Stay and Play Sessoins on the following Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30, 2nd and 30th April 28th May, 25th June and 23rd July. More information from *Tamsin* at pimpernetoddlergroup@hotmail.com

Dog Training Classes Every Sunday morning at 11:30 am with instruction from *Sarah Davies*, *Henry's Paw Prints*. For more details: 07581 277991 or email henryspawprints@outlook.com

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

Art4 You Saskia Darrell 07530 041335

Badminton Debbie & Mike Davies 453527

Bingo Marion Haynes 451484

Blandford Art Society. Wendy Gregory

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Cancer Care Barbara Thomson 454191

Churchwarden John Beckford 721318

Church News & Church Office

Louise Bellingsley office@psdbenefice.org.uk

Circle Dancing Sally Lester Shaw 452657

Coffee Morning John & Joyce Tanner
455173

Cricket Club Kevin Langdown 456446

Dads & Toddlers Tasmin 07867 568941

Dog Training Sarah Davies 07581 277991

Dorset Councillor

Cllr Sherry Jespersen 860482

cllrsherry.jespersen@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Fitsteps Nicola Thommes 07887 921717

nicolathommes@aol.com

Garden Club Andrew Hunt 269276

Homewatch Derek Andrews 452005

Parents & Toddler Group

Tasmin 07867 568941

Parish Council Peter Slocombe (**Chairman**)

453419

Parish Council Clerk Jan Fairman 480046

pimperne@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Photography Club

John Willis-Fisher 453416

Pimperne Art Group Carol Townley 455575

Pimperne Baby and Toddler Group

Tasmin 07867 568941

Pizza Box Gia 07833 205252

Post Office Jane 861445

Rector (Priest in Charge) Vacant

Ryland Room Hire Mary Newnham 455331

School Mrs F Waller, Head Teacher 452025

Speedwatch Derek Andrews 452005

Sports Society John Truswell 455433

St Peters Flower Group Janet Parker 455187

Anne Allan 456553

Jane Stockdale

email janestockdale950@btinternet.com

Step by Step Children's Dance

Claire Mcherson

07889 572569

Tai Chi Scott Fellowes 07732 305511

Village Hall Bookings

Peter Slocombe 453419

Village Newsletter Martin Richley

m.richley@me.com or 07540 777707

Western Front Association

Martin Willoughby 01929 992455

Yogalates Zane Eglite 07730 380471

Zumba Caroline Barr 452936

The next edition of the Newsletter will be Autumn 2022, updates etc to The Editor, by early September 2022 - contact details above.

If there is something incorrect or missing or you wish to have an item added to the next issue of the Pimperne Newsletter, then please contact The Editor. contact details above.

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Please return nomination to:

Mrs Jan Fairman,
Parish Clerk to Pimperne Parish Council
43 Portman Road, Pimperne

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events are at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

Please support these events or lose them.

April

Wednesday	13 th	7:30 pm	Easter Bingo
Sunday	24 th	7 pm	Quiz
Wednesday	27 th	7 pm	Annual Parish Meeting

May

Saturday	7 th	10 am to Noon	Village Litter Pick
Sunday	8 th	10:30 to 3:30	Spring Fayre and Dog Show
Sunday	8 th	7:15 pm	Sunday Soiree No 3 at St Peter's Church
Sunday	29 th	7 pm	Quiz

June

Sunday	5 th	2 pm	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration
Sunday	5 th	6 pm to late	BBQ at The Anvil (start time to be confirmed)
Sunday	12 th	7:15 pm	Parry String Quartet at St Peter's Church
Saturday	18 th	11 am to 4 pm	Gardens Open
Sunday	19 th	11 am to 4 pm	Gardens Open
Sunday	26 th	7 pm	Quiz

July

Sunday	17 th	TBN	Auction of unwanted Furniture, BricaBrac, Toys, Books and anything saleable
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Friday-Saturday 22nd/23rd Fitness Festival - Lukins Fitness

September

Sunday	4 th	1:30 pm	Village Fete with Dog Show
Saturday	17 th	TBN	Dorset Tractor Tug - Lukins Fitness
Sunday	25 th	7 pm	Quiz



Jackie Vacher needs your support, especially in the way of prizes and helping out on the day/night, if these events are to be a success. Please contact her on 07879-003567 or 01258-455658



Please return your nomination by **11th April 2022** to **Parish Clerk**, address over leaf

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Pimperne Community Champion 2022

Name of nominee _____

Reason for Nomination _____

Name of nominator _____

Signature of nominator _____

Date: _____

Please return your nomination by **11th April 2022** to **Parish Clerk**, address over leaf