



PIMPERNE VILLAGE NEWS

Autumn 2023



Sunrise over Pimperne

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Editor's Thoughts

When it comes to writing a short introduction to the Newsletter, I often think of all those people in the community that give to the community, making the community buzz with activities, helping out neighbours, keeping the village tidy, picking up litter, keeping footpaths clear and reporting broken signs, potholes etc.

For all this to happen, requires volunteers. Many of those who currently volunteer have been doing so for many years and now want to step down and let new blood take things forward.

The village has many facilities for all ages to enjoy, but volunteers are needed to promote them and provide support, these include the village hall, the sports field and play areas. There are also societies that without new committee members will fade away and be lost to the villagers for future years.

If you can spare some of your time and can help where help is needed, then please contact the present organisers and offer your assistance.

Parish Council Notes

COUNCIL UPDATE

One of the objectives of Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan is to establish a 20mph speed limit on all roads within the village area (excluding the A354). Dorset Council has agreed the new limit in principle with formal consultation and required legal process to follow. Advertisement of the order will occur, possibly this month, allowing comment to be lodged during a consultation period with a duration of six weeks. New signage would be erected following favourable conclusion.

Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan will be tested during a meeting of Dorset Council's Northern Area Planning Committee on a date to be advised at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton, in connection with the hybrid application by Wyatt Homes, to erect 490 houses and ancillary buildings on land north and east of the Blandford Bypass. The application, the greater proportion of which is situated in Blandford Forum, includes over 150 dwellings within the Pimperne boundary. Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan identifies the area within the Pimperne boundary as part of the "Important Gap" policy to preserve green areas between Pimperne and Blandford. There is thus a direct conflict between the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan and the Wyatt application. The Parish Council will be confirming objection to the application during the three minute speaking period allowed at the Planning Meeting. Objections will be expressed by the Cranborne Chase AONB and the C.P.R.E. during their three minute speaking allocations.

The Parish Council is working closely with Dorset Council in obtaining community funding from a Section 106 payment made by Wyatt Homes in connection with the Home Field development. Funding to allow improvements to the play areas is currently subject to the application submitted to Dorset Council.

There has been no improvement to the site at Woodbury (including the former Methodist Chapel). The site owner has yet to submit a further planning application and Dorset Council's Conservation Officer has decided that the chapel and general site are not a heritage matter. The Parish Council is currently considering reporting the site to Dorset Council planning enforcement since a commencement on the site was made a number of years ago with no further work executed. The commencement was made in accordance with a previously successful planning application made by the site owner.

A meeting, organised by Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen with Mr David Sidwick, Police & Crime Commissioner, residents occupying properties adjacent to the A354 north of the Anvil bend and the Parish Council took place on 16th August. After lengthy discussion, Mr Sidwick agreed to investigate a number of speed reduction measures to the A354 subject to further comment/agreement with Dorset Highways and other agencies. Mr Sidwick will be requested to return to a further meeting to advise the current status of the further speed reduction measures that he has investigated. Mr Sidwick advised that a new type of speed camera, autospeedwatch, is currently under trial in Gloucestershire and, subject to success, may be suited to installation on the A354 through Pimperne. Two versions of the new type of camera are available, daytime and night time, the daytime camera being more economically priced than the night time one. The new cameras possess facilities such as automatic number plate recognition and, when two cameras are installed, average speed check ability. Mr Sidwick advised that the new cameras would enable a situation that would be similar to having our Community Speedwatch team operating on a continual basis. Mr Sidwick confirmed that the results of the Gloucestershire trials would be available to us.

Negotiations with Dorset Council concerning changes to the lease for the former school field are continuing, having established contact with the relevant officer at Dorset Council. In the meantime, further saplings have been planted (after careful nurture by Cllr Hugh Sutton) to two corners of the field. The field continues to receive regular cutting by Alan Lukins. The Council offers sincere thanks to Alan for carrying out this essential operation.

Excellent weather on the day enabled the wonderful success of the King's Coronation celebration held on 7th May at the Old Rectory by kind permission of Cllr & Mrs Hugh Sutton. I'm sure that all who attended that day have very enjoyable memories of the event which was visited by both parishioners and non-residents. It was a true community occasion with photographic record taken. An exhibition of the photographs taken on the day plus photographs of previous Pimperne events is planned for the near future.

Pimperne's Community Champion for 2022 was announced at the Annual Parish Meeting. Our worthy Champion is Carol Townley.

Returning to planning, the current practice of notices for planning applications being displayed in location adjacent to the addresses of applicant sites, is regarded by the Parish Council as insufficient. The planning notice locations are often unsuitable for viewing by neighbours. The Parish Council will therefore undertake to provide neighbours to planning application sites with planning notification details to ensure that neighbour awareness of the relevant planning application is successful. Neighbours will therefore be able to submit comment on the application in accordance with current procedures.

The developer of the EV charging stations site on the A354 has failed to comply with landscaping planning conditions. Dorset planning department is requesting compliance with landscaping conditions at an early date.

The developers for the former Farquharson Arms site removed the chimneys from the building without permission. Dorset Council has, after objection received from the Parish Council,

issued an advisory notice for the chimneys to be reinstated.

Meetings of the Pimperne Parish Council are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm in Pimperne Village Hall. Parishioners may attend the meetings and may take the opportunity to raise matters of local interest during the democratic session held at all meetings of the Parish Council.

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FLOOD REPORT

Wessex Water is wishing to cease pumping water into Pimperne stream from June till the end of August. Persons from Wessex Water gave detailed scientific reasons for this and I must mention there would seem to be a monetary rationale for this as well. This supplementary water supply was originally introduced for amenity reasons. Wildlife benefits from this water supply - many a time I have seen swallows and swifts swoop down and drink.

Wessex Water has also carried out some work on the sewage system in Church Rd. Let us hope this proves effective, in recent years the amount of sewerage leaking out of the drains has increased year on year ending up in our stream. To put it mildly most unpleasant and an environmental hazard!

Dorset Council's work on the culvert along Church Rd. that commenced last year near Five Ways and was not completed, has witnessed no return to complete the up-grade. Despite requests from your Parish Council no information at the time of writing is available when work will re-start.

Requests have been made to the relevant riparian owners to undertake cutting back of drainage channels and clearance of vegetation potentially blocking the stream's bed and banks.

Please sign up to the early flood warning system operated by The Environment Agency. Fore warned is fore armed!

Cllr John Tanner
Flood Warden
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CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

Investigating the feasibility of installing solar panels on the village hall continues. We are hoping that a surveyor will be commissioned to survey the roof space. This is required so that the results of the survey can be passed on to potential solar panel installers in order for them, in turn, to submit more accurate quotes for any installation. Access to the roof space requires the hiring of a mobile scaffold tower; obtaining a survey is therefore not so straightforward. The Village Hall Committee hope to make progress on this in the near future.

As I am sure you all know the eight electric vehicle charging points at Hyde Farm on Salisbury Road are now in full operation. Usage has been modest so far, but we can expect an increase as Pimperne appears on more drivers' radar as a charge point.

Anyone keen to contribute ideas and time in pursuit of Pimperne addressing the Climate and Ecological Emergency please contact Tim Harman on harmiantim4854@gmail.com or 01258 480685.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Most of the footpaths within the parish have generally been well-maintained, although the dull, wet weather has meant that foliage grew rapidly. Where paths were particularly overgrown, the relevant authority/landowner was contacted. Please help pedestrians walking along our pavements by cutting back your hedges this Autumn.

As regards our roads, the change in signage at the Salisbury end of the village is an attempt to reduce the speed of some inconsiderate motorists. However, there is still a problem and recently a meeting was held, at which affected residents were able to voice their concerns to the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner. Various ideas were put forward and are under further consideration. However, there is very little likelihood of a speed camera.

In the past few months, there has been several roadworks/closures, some of which were due to local building projects.

On a very positive final note, a 20mph limit will be in place in the coming months in much of the village, the result of several years of lobbying by the Parish Council. The new signage is being prepared by Dorset Highways.

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

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE – USE THOSE BUSES!

After some considerable time the bus stop pole and 'flag' have at last been reinstated at Letton, having been roundly demolished in a road traffic accident. Some of you may have noticed that the pole was originally installed immediately by the site of the road sign – also demolished in the same accident. The pole has now been relocated to its original position - before any accidents! The wheels turn slowly however, and we are still awaiting the installation of a timetable.



The bus stop pole in the Blandford direction, outside the former Farquharson Arms, is still in position but completely redundant as builders' vans are now parked at the front of the site on most days.



The stop itself is still very much in operation; it's just that the pole is now hidden and the timetable has been taken down some time ago. We await the completion of the Farquharson

Arms site with four dwellings and the reinstatement of the bus stop pole and timetable in front of the completed development.

The request to extend the Service 20 from Salisbury town centre to Salisbury Rail Station, originally made pre Covid, is still current and both Damory and Dorset Council have it on their radar. As I indicated earlier, sometimes the wheels seem to turn somewhat slowly - I will keep you informed!

The 'Price Cap' of £2 per single bus journey has been extended until the 31st October 2023. From the 1st November 2023 the cap will be £2.50 and will last until the 30th November 2024. Great News for all current bus passengers and a fantastic opportunity to explore the bus network of Dorset.....and elsewhere!

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

Cllr Tim Harman,
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PIMPERNE'S DEFIBRILLATOR or AEDs



The Village has two Defibrillators, AEDs 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 or 112 and ask for the ambulance service.

Give them the location of the casualty including postcode, they will also accept *what3words* (W3W) if you have the app. They will direct you to the nearest defibrillator and give you the instructions for opening the storage cabinet.

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. You cannot hurt anybody by using a defibrillator. The unit cannot deliver a shock unless the casualty needs a shock.

After the incident, regardless of whether the unit was used or not, PLEASE replace the unit and use one of the phone numbers in/by/near the Defibrillator and tell us, so that we can check and ready the unit to enable it to be used again and the ambulance service can be informed that it is ready, or not, for further use.

Village Hall Defibrillator.

Pimperne Village Hall, Newfield Road, DT11 8UZ: W3W: glorious.alone.replaying



To access the defibrillator:

- Lift the cover (see photo)
Press button 'C'
- No Access Code Required
- Rotate knob clockwise
- Pull door open

Phone Box Defibrillator

Red phone box in Church Road at the Junction with Chapel Lane, DT11 8UB (Op Farquharson Arms)



W3W

incorrect.hamsters.bookcases

- Enter the unlock code received from the emergency operator into the keypad,
- Turn handle anti clockwise

- Open the cabinet to access the defibrillator.
- All the instructions are printed on the Door of the cabinet.

Included in each cabinet within a clear plastic bag inside the defibrillator case. there are:

- 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)

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

ELECTIONS MAY 2024

You may think it somewhat too early to start thinking about next year's elections in May. The existing councillors for Dorset Council and Pimperne Parish Council will come to the end of their terms in office in May 2024. All or some of them may well put themselves forward as candidates for re-election but for the time being it is too early to consider how any one of us may vote – we just don't know who the candidates may be.

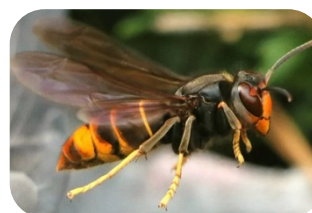
However,it isn't too early to consider being one of those candidates yourself. If you want to make a contribution to our community in the form of becoming an elected representative, then this is indeed very much the time to think it over and talk to others before making a decision. Get ahead by thinking and talking about it sooner rather than later. Have you thought about becoming a councillor but never got any further than just that? Do you think you can do a better job than the current holders? Find out what's involved by investigating and talking to existing councillors. 2024 may be your time!

Important – In Addition!

Please remember that whatever you may think of the new requirement to present photo ID at polling stations when voting in person - this is the case. Those without any current photo ID can obtain one via Dorset Council. DC will be publicising how you can get photo ID, without cost for any application, before the elections.

Cllr Tim Harman

ASIAN HORNET



The Asian Hornet is an invasive species to the UK, having come across from the Continent in the last few years.

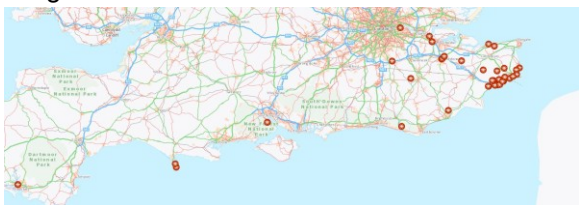
There are no native species that feed on the Asian Hornet and our own insects have no defence against this predator.

Just one Asian hornet can hunt down and eat 30 - 50 honeybees a day and their habit of hawking (hovering) outside the hive stops the bees from collecting nectar and pollen to feed themselves. Honeybees are not the only insect that Asian Hornets will kill and eat, but all of our native pollinators are at risk from them. While they will not normally sting humans, they, like



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Wasps and Bees, will sting if disturbed and particularly if they feel that their nest is at risk. In the Channel Islands, people have been warned to be vigilant when blackberry picking in the hedgerows.



Asian hornets (*Vespa velutina*) are slightly smaller than native European hornets, have yellow legs, an orange face and brown body with one yellow stripe.

As of 11th September there have been this year 43 Asian hornet nests found in 36 locations,

including Kent, Surrey, Hampshire, East Sussex, London, Devon and Dorset.

Members of the public can help. People who suspect they have seen an Asian hornet should report it immediately using the phone app 'Asian Hornet Watch' or the online form found at: https://risc.brc.ac.uk/alert.php?species=asian_hornet A photograph of the hornet would be very useful to show that it is a creditable sighting.

THANK YOU



I would like to thank Hugh and Miranda Sutton on behalf of the Parish Council for allowing us to host our Coronation Celebration Garden Party in their beautiful garden at The Rectory.

I would like to give a big thank you to all those who attended the meetings, ran stalls and volunteered to set up and put away on the day, without you it would not have been the great success that it was.

Paul Mackenzie and Stephanie Selwin took some wonderful photographs of the event which we would like to share with you at an exhibition in the Village Hall one Saturday morning in November, (date to be confirmed but will be advertised around the village). You may even be able to buy some photos, subject to demand and availability. Look out for notices with further information, and we hope to see you there!

*Jan Fairman,
Pimperne Parish Clerk.*



Community News

LO'S COFFEE SHOP AND BAR

Say hel-LO to the village's newest hangout located at R Lukins Fitness, Stud Farm. Whether you are stopping by for a cuppa with your friends or grabbing a treat for your pup, LO's coffee shop and bar are here to brighten your day and satisfy your taste buds!

Shortly after opening on the 13th May 2023, LO's began seeing more of Pimperne's locals finding our outdoor seating perfect for the hot weather and, as time progresses, we continue to



add to our menu and do what we can to keep you cosy in the colder seasons; I'm sure you've heard about our winter ideas and space for Christmas! Additionally, you can soon be expecting indoor seating, as we are excited to announce that we will be knocking through to the original gym building and are already well underway with the construction to keep



you, your family and your four-legged friends toasty!

Our main priority at LO's is to bring together the local community and also gym members to give them somewhere to go whatever the occasion: day or night. During our regular hours, LO's offers locally roasted coffees, many varieties of teas, as well as a vast selection of



cold drinks, bottled and barista-made! If you find yourself feeling hungry,

then we also have a wide range



of breakfasts, light lunches, and, of course, our famous cakes and tray bakes! All baked locally and are appreciated as a favourite takeaway treat from many of our regulars. Don't forget to take the kids with you, as we have many options for the little ones as well, whether they fancy a cheesy flatbread, loaded waffle or an ice cream milkshake, we have tonnes for everyone to pick from! Our bar is also home to many treats for the grabbing, such as locally sourced fruits, travel snacks for those on-the-go, and even Dorset walking books for you to read and explore the Jurassic Coast. If you are looking for more adventures, make sure to check our local "LOCations", shown on our dog-walking trail map found in-store. Each route begins and ends at LOs, so make sure to take a coffee for your travels and a doggy ice cream when you return!

Yes, it may seem as though the fun ends when we close the doors, but not to worry! We are always planning evening events for after our closing hours. From Matt Black and The Wonky Donkeys, to our American Diner night and private party hire, LO's always has something exciting up its sleeve. Even in the daytime we have the occasional community dog walk as well as being a pitstop for cycling challenges, such as the stone circle event, where we catered for 300 cyclists on their 154th mile, passing through many parts of Hampshire, Dorset and Wiltshire with a total of 250 miles in under 48 hours!



Birthdays are also very popular here at LOs; make sure to pop in with the family and grab a slice of our famous sponge cakes for the special day! We were delighted to see that, earlier this year, the Pimperne 90th birthday club

made its way to the coffee shop to grab some locally made scones and cream teas.

Finally, everyone here at LO's would love to give our community a massive thank you for believing in us, we couldn't be the same without our amazing customers- new and old. Furthermore, we are super grateful from the support of R Lukins Fitness, you all are fabulous! We have seen many of you coming in regularly, as well as many of our customers joining from coming into the coffee shop.

And one last thing... make sure to save the 2nd of December in your diaries for a spectacular Christmas Market right here at R Lukins Fitness and LO's. We look forward to seeing you all, there's always a warm blanket and chair waiting for your arrival! For enquires please pop in or email loscoffeeshop@hotmail.com

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

The Saturday Village Hall Coffee Morning is held on the third Saturday of each month. Monies raised this year are as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Raised</u>
March	Air Ambulance	£105-00
April	Hospital League of Friends	£161-50
May	Woodland Trust	£160-60
June	Parent & Toddler Group	£160-00
July	RNLI	£175-57
	The RNLI table	£133-50
August	Guide Dogs	£240-75.

For each month the above figures include a deduction of £15-00 for hire of hall and a donation from the Friday Coffee Club that varied between £50-00 and £100-00

Thanks to everyone who attends, helps and gives raffle prizes including Langton Nurseries and Imprest Dry Cleaners.

For more details phone:

John & Joyce on 01258-455173, 07544-195407 or email jjtanners@hotmail.com

PIMPERNE POSTAL SERVICES

The Outreach Postal Service, in the Village Hall, provides Full Post Office Counter Service every Friday from 9:30 am 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.

ST PETERS CHURCH

Revd David and Revd Henriët Meill have continued to look after not only our parish but 10 others over the past year. There are due to fully retire next July. Meanwhile the Diocese is trying to gain agreement from all Parochial Church Councils and other interested bodies to legally form two benefices, one based on Sixpenny Handley and the other containing St Peter's Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston, Tarrant Gunville, Hinton and Monkton. Once this has been formalised and, hopefully before next July, recruitment of new incumbents can then begin.



The church remains open for services, worship and prayer.

Services

The Regular service times at St Peter's are:

Sunday	Time	Service
1 st	9:15	Morning Service with hymns
2 nd	9:15	Holy communion
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.

So please keep an eye on the Benefice website and Pews News for updates: <http://www.psdbenefice.org.uk>

Festival Services

Act of Remembrance -

12th November at 10:50 am

Carols around the Tree -

17th December at 4:30 pm

Crib Service - 24th December at 2 pm

Christmas Day Service - 10 am

Private Prayer

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

Concerts

There is one concert this autumn being held in St Peter's Church in aid of church maintenance, please see Dates for your Diary. There are others in Stourpaine and Durweston.

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

We continue to complete repairs to the fabric of the church including the gutters and roof drainage channels resulting in no leaks even in the heaviest rain. We will though be looking to replace the north aisle roof tiles in the coming year depending on funding.



Bryan Putt
Churchwarden
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Ryland Room Lunches

The Ryland Room lunches are being held in the Ryland Room on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12.15.

ST PETER'S CHURCH FLOWER GROUP

Calling all flower lovers & arrangers!

During the summer, all the flowers for the arrangements were sourced from the "BIG YELLOW BUS" in Shillingstone, which goes to help the community project. If you enjoy flower arranging and would like to join the flower group, then please get in touch with either,



Janet Parker 01258 455187
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Anne Allan 01258 456553
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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. Please contact me for additional information.

Mary Newnham on 455331

ST PETER'S CHURCH 100 CLUB

Just £15:00 a year gives you the chance to win a monthly prize. Prize money over the year will amount to not less than one half of the total amount of the members' subscription; the other half going to help maintain our village church. In January 2023 the Club was able to donate £800 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. All winners are notified as soon as possible after each draw.

If you want to join the **100 Club**, there is a tear off form on the back of this Newsletter. Complete the form and with your remittance return it to either Anne or Mary, by the 31st October to be in

with a chance to win the November draw. Return addresses are on the other side of the form.

Thank you to everyone who takes part.

Anne Allan/Mary Newman

PIMPERNE SPORTS SOCIETY

After a very hot summer we endured much rain late in 2022 which caused widespread flooding across the village, including the pitches at Priory Field. Sadly, there has not been a football club using the ground but the benefit of this is that the football pitch remains in good condition because there has been no play!



As I write this, I am in discussion with a veteran's football team to use the pitch and clubhouse for the 23/24 season.

I reported last time faults with both our mowers, but I can say they are both now fixed and up and running.

In previous updates I mentioned that the Muddy Monkeys school had left, I had hoped that they would return this April 2023, sadly this is not going to happen, but I am assured a return at some point in the future is still being considered.

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.

Volunteer(s) Required

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

The village hall continues to be well maintained and hired by both village and external organisations. A generous donation from Mrs Jackie Vacher raised from the village fete on 3rd September has enabled the hall to commence important works such as fire extinguisher renewal and fascia/barge end remedials.

The hall committee thanks our Secretary, Mrs Debby Mackenzie, and our Treasurer, Mr John Beckford for their invaluable work towards the wellbeing of the hall.

The monthly coffee mornings, organised by John & Joyce Tanner, are well attended and raise funds for both local and national charities. The coffee mornings are always on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Please remember to visit the outreach Post Office in the hall every Friday morning between 9.30 and 12.30pm. Coffee and tea are available from the very able volunteers in the committee room. Perhaps use the book swap during the visit.

Bookings for the hall may be made by contacting the writer.

Peter Slocombe - Pimperne Village Hall Management Committee

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PIMPERNE CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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



As we start another academic year, we remind ourselves of our school vision and future goals; to be the best we can be and to use our strengths to support others. Our vision, taken from Ephesians 4, verse 16 helps us remember that we all should aim to 'do our part', to make something better for others.



Trees play a big part in our school. 'Pimprenn' coming from the Celtic words 'five trees' gives us a historical link, but knowing that a flourishing tree is able to support others – sometimes an entire eco-system gives us the inspiration that we too may 'branch' out to support those around us whether it be the friend by our side or a member of our community.

Fiona Waller (Headteacher)

OUR PLANET- ZERO WASTE

We are a mobile zero waste shop, based in Corfe Mullen, Dorset but our aim is to bring our mobile shop to as many people as we can to enable more people to shop the Zero Waste way.



We will not be stocking any products that are wrapped in single use plastic packaging; we encourage you to bring any containers you have

so that you can fill them to your requirements and pay for just what you need.

Our planet zero waste hopes that we can help you start or continue your journey of a no single use plastic planet.

The mobile shop comes to Pimperne Village Hall alternative Friday mornings. More information at: www.outplanetzerowaste.co.uk

PIMPERNE GYM - R LUKINS FITNESS



There has been a lot going on at R Lukins already this year! We are currently in the possess of expanding the gym. A whole new section filled with brand new equipment will be making an appearance in December of this year!

The end of summer calls went out for the annual Tractor Tug! 18 teams competed, to raise money for their chosen charity, on the 16th September. A great day of fun, food and Tractors was had by all!

Our very own Lo's Coffee shop is also in the works for expanding. As winter is drawing in, we wanted to make sure the customers would still be able to enjoy the view and coffee that Lo's provides. A whole new in door dining area should be here in the next month or so!

For more information on the gym visit: www.rlukinsfitness.co.uk or email: info@rlukinsfitness.co.uk

You can also follow us on social media:

Instagram: @r_lukins_fitness

Facebook: @rlukinsfitness

HOMEWATCH AND SPEEDWATCH

It has been something of a roller coaster summer for Speedwatch. First, we were advised by the police not to go out in the very hot weather and then the rain thwarted our efforts. On one session at Letton we clocked an empty bus well over the speed limit but then on the next session we had to bring proceedings to a halt as cars were backed up going up to the bypass roundabout. Our efforts at Yarde Farm have also been curtailed as the growth of the roadside vegetation has limited our line of sight. On our latest session, held at the entrance to Archway School, for the first time since we started Speedwatch we did not register a single vehicle over the limit. The police tell us that this is a good result as our presence has encouraged drivers to drive responsibly.

Crime in Dorset has fallen slightly over the period with, by far, in our area the majority of offences being violence and sexual assault, followed by antisocial behaviour and criminal damage. The Police and Crime Commissioner has made tackling knife crime one of his main priorities but, as you will have seen by the number

of reports on local TV, it remains a particular problem especially in the built-up areas, which includes Blandford. Meanwhile, our local Neighbourhood Police Team has been working on a national rural crime initiative to stop organised rural crime including hare coursing, poaching and thefts from isolated areas.

Finally, may I recommend joining Dorset Alert. It is a two-way scheme run by the police to inform, via email, of any developments and to request assistance where necessary. Simply go online to dorsetalert.co.uk and register to pick up the service.

Derek Andrews
Homewatch Co-ordinator (452005)

ART WITH CLARE SHEPHERD

We have had a thriving art class in Pimperne Village Hall now, on Wednesday afternoons, for almost a year. We work on all sorts of themes, media,



techniques etc., and every week my students come up with great results. At the moment the class

is fully booked but if you'd like to be added to the waiting list please contact me, Clare Shepherd, at clare.shep@btinternet.com. Meanwhile you can see some of what my students get up to www.weeklyartclass.com

CRANBORNE CHASE AONB

Nurturing Nature Project continues to develop, there are more in-the-field nature survey opportunities for you to get involved with. Survey sessions take the form of guided walks and explorations of specific areas, recording species spotted. More information on the Website.

Women of the Dark Skies, is a theatrical, storytelling walking experience for women that will transport you back in to time Iron Age Dorset. Performances on the 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st October from 7 to 11 pm. More details on the AONB Website.

October Archaeology Workshops are a chance to visit newly discovered features and conduct field surveys during hands-on all day events on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th October from 10 am to 4:30 am. More information on the AONB website.

The AONB covers all of Pimperne village and most of the Parish of Pimperne and is always consulted on developments within or abutting the AONB.

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

DID YOU KNOW...?

Back then...

Blandford's Ghostly Severed Hand

Despite his surname, trumpet-sergeant Blandford came from the village of Pimperne. So, when in 1780 he was posted to Blandford, he was delighted to renew the acquaintance of his old mates. He was a popular character in the village and was well known for his dry sense of humour. Like his Pimperne friends, Blandford had a lucrative pastime and that was poaching.

A Dorset tenant farmer wrote to his landlord:

'Poaching has got to such a thing in our parish, that almost every boy at the age of 14 years practises it, which I fear will lead to further mischief.'

Most popular location for poaching deer was Cranborne Chase, particularly around the village of Sixpenny Handley. So, trumpet-sergeant Blandford soon organised a group of Pimperne poachers to head north in the direction of the Chase. Sadly, for the villagers, there had been loose talk and a group of local gamekeepers had been forewarned of this illegal excursion.

On the night of 16 December 1780, five gamekeepers lay in wait on Chettle Common for the approaching Pimperne poachers. The deer hunters, wearing straw hats, were all armed with swingels. These were robust agricultural tools, the striking parts of which were made of iron. The two opposing groups clashed on Chettle Common and a bloody battle royal ensued.

Blandford struck the first blow which broke the kneecap of a gamekeeper who was described as the 'stoutest man on the Chase.' As a result, this gamekeeper was permanently disabled for life. Another keeper having suffered three broken ribs from a blow, sadly died sometime later. Unfortunately for the poachers, it was not an equal contest as the keepers were also armed with cutlasses. One of the trumpet-sergeant's hands was summarily severed just above the wrist and it fell to the ground. The other poachers were also dreadfully cut and wounded which obliged them to surrender. Blandford was carried to a nearby hunting lodge with his arm tightly bandaged to reduce the bleeding. As soon as he was well enough, he was removed with his companions to Dorchester Jail.

The offending deer hunters were tried, convicted and sentenced to seven years' transportation. However, the judge allegedly, in view of their medical suffering, commuted the sentence to confinement for an indefinite period. The trial had been a popular entertainment with the Dorchester crowd whose strong sympathies were with the accused. The judge's clemency was unusual for the times. The decision may have been influenced by the fears of civil disorder.

So, what happened to Pimperne's popular trumpet-sergeant of dragoons? Bizarrely, and perhaps reflecting his popularity and his dry sense of humour, the severed hand was reportedly buried in Pimperne Churchyard with full military honours. Ironically and upon release from Dorchester Jail, Blandford set himself up as a London meat trader. Sometime later he was spotted and approached near the Strand by a Cranborne Chase landowning clergyman. Cheekily, Blandford offered to buy game from him adding that he had enjoyed many of his fine hares and peasants in the past!

In the late 1700s, it was reckoned to be unlucky to bury a body incomplete. This may have been the reason for a story of Blandford's ghostlike severed

hand being occasionally seen in Pimperne Churchyard.

Allegedly, it was desperately searching for the rest of the trumpet-sergeant's body!



The site of the bloody battle became known as Bloody Shard Gate.

Throwback Fact

In 1778, smugglers entered Blandford firing their pistols and attacked the house of the Supervisor of Excises stealing tea and nine casks of liquor that had been seized by the authorities the day before.

THE WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

The Western Front Association (WFA) was founded by John Giles and inaugurated on 11 November 1980. Initially there was one national 'branch' but as the number and geographic spread of members increased, the Association moved first to a regional structure and then to individual branches. Wessex Branch is one of 53 affiliated branches of the WFA in the UK.

The Wessex Branch WFA is a registered charity and entirely self-supporting. It is not funded by the national WFA. The branch is dependent on donations and grants in order to meet its running costs and to achieve its constitutional objectives. Branch meetings are held at Pimperne Village Hall usually the first Saturday of the Month with the exception of July and August when our trustees and helpers take a well-earned break.

Since its formation in 2003 Wessex branch has gained a reputation for being active, friendly and effective in its activities. Wessex Branch



offers a high quality programme of monthly meetings where many renowned historians and



authors both locally and from further afield offer topics covering a wide range of interest in the Great War of 1914 -1918. Wessex Branch endeavours to cover a broad spectrum of subjects across the main historical domains of land, sea and air and other not so well known aspects including the home front, war poets and the role of women in the Great War. The Branch does not restrict subject matter to the Western Front nor just to British Forces, attempting to cover the Central Powers and other nations across the domains stated above. All meetings are open to non WFA members. We maintain links with local organisations for example the Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum, the Tank Museum and Poole Grammar School.

Our meeting programme is posted on the notice board in the hall and is also at www.wessexwfa.org.uk

Membership of the WFA is at national level but it is not a condition to attend our 10 branch

meetings per year or benefit from other branch activities. There is no fee involved to become a branch member although everyone attending a branch meeting is invited to make a donation £4.00 to cover hall hire costs and speaker fees. We hope that visitors to the branch will consider joining the national WFA to benefit from the excellent, high-quality publications: StandTo! and The Bulletin, both published quarterly and to enjoy the other advantages of membership.

We hope to see you at one of our meetings soon.

*Martin Willoughby
Chairman
Wessex Branch WFA
Your local WW1 historical society
Branch registered charity no. 1124787
Branch Patron: The Lord Lieutenant of
Dorset*

GARDENS OPEN 2024

Gardens open next year will be the weekend of 8th & 9th June 2024. If you would like to open your garden, help in any way, such as; advertising in the program, draw a street map, making cakes, selling tickets, providing raffle prizes or tombola prizes it will be very much appreciated. Please contact Jackie Vacher, her details can be found under 'Dates for your Diary'.



*Where is this?
Does anyone know?
Answer in the next edition.*



VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Saturday Coffee Mornings 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month in the Village Hall. £1 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, raffle prizes etc. welcome. Please support our efforts to raise much needed funds for charity.

Art with Clare Shepard every Wednesday afternoon more details contact clare.shep@btinternet.com

Advertising If you put posters up around the village please do not forget to take them down again once the event has past. Also, we request that posters are not removed before the event takes place.



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

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 Social Snappers The Pimperne Social Snappers meet 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 The club meet in the Village Hall at 2.30pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month from September through to May. Our lively and friendly group are looking forward to a new season of speakers with subjects including Capability Brown, Planting for Autumn and Winter interest and The History and Development of the Daffodil as well as a number of social events. For a small annual subscription members can enjoy all these events including refreshments at each of our meetings. So, whether you are a keen gardener, someone new to gardening or simply someone looking to add to your social calendar, why not come along to one of our meetings. You can be sure to receive a warm welcome.

If you are interested in joining contact:

Andrew Hunt 07816 467281

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. 19th October 13:30 **Collage workshop with Maureen Nathan**

17th November 13:30 **Free Expression workshop with Kate Seeger**

15th December **No Meeting**

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 nicola@zumbafitsteps.co.uk

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 first Child and £1 for each additional Child which includes child snacks and adult teas and coffees. Children birth to school age are welcome. Lots of toys for all ages, activity tables, song time and special occasion parties through the year. Nice Relaxed friendly atmosphere. Find us on Facebook.

Tamsin 07867 568941

or email: pimpernetoddlergroup@hotmail.com

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

Pimperne Panto Group The Pimperne panto group are looking to perform again soon. 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

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 at martin@eastcote-go-plus.net or on the WFA/Wessex website

Evolve Neuro Rehab offers neurorehabilitation

after a stroke or brain injury in your home.

www.evolveurorehab.co.uk or

07763735251

U3A Badminton every Friday morning More

details from David Shepherd 07831 687805

DOG WALKERS



Remember, Bag it and Bin it, offending owners can be prosecuted in the magistrates' court where a fine of up to £100 can be imposed.



Lights in the sky over Pimperne or what?

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

Art4 You	Saskia Darrell 07530 041335	Parish Council Clerk	Jan Fairman 480046
Art with Clare	Clare Shepherd clare.shep@btinternet.com		pimperne@dorset-aptc.gov.uk
Badminton	Debbie & Mike Davies 453527	Pimperne Baby and Toddler Group	<i>Tamsin 07867 568941</i>
Bingo	Marion Haynes 451484	Pimperne Social Snappers	Debbie Davis 453527
Blandford Art Society.	Wendy Gregory 474646 wh_gregory@hotmail.com	Pimperne Village Newsletter	Martin Richley m.richley@me.com 07540 777707
Cancer Care	Barbara Thomson 454191	Post Office	Jane 861445
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Church Administrator	Gill Baverstock gill.baverstock@hotmail.co.uk	Ryland Room Hire	Mary Newnham 455331
Church Pews News	Judy Jakes office@psdbenefice.org.uk	School	Mrs F Waller, Head Teacher 452025
Circle Dancing	Sally Lester Shaw 452657	Speedwatch	Derek Andrews 452005
Coffee Morning	John & Joyce Tanner 455173	Sports Society	John Truswell 455433
Cricket Club	Kevin Langdown 456446	St Peters Flower Group	Janet Parker 455187 Anne Allan 456553 Jane Stockdale janestockdale950@btinternet.com
Dads & Toddlers	Tamsin 07867 568941	Step by Step Children's Dance	Claire Mcpherson 07889 572569
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Fitsteps	Nicola Thommes 07887 921717 nicolathommes@aol.com	U3A Badminton	David Shepherd 07831687805
Garden Club	Andrew Hunt 07816 467281	Village Hall Bookings	Peter Slocombe 453419
Homewatch	Derek Andrews 452005	Western Front Association	Martin Willoughby martin@eastcote.go-plus.net
Parents & Toddler Group	Tamsin 07867 568941	Zumba	Caroline Barr 452936
Parish Council	Peter Slocombe (Chairman) 453419		

The next edition of the Newsletter will be Spring 2024, updates etc to The Editor, by early March 2024 - 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 Completed Application Form and Remittance by 31st October to either:

Anne Allan, 1 Manor Farm Close, DT11 8XL

Or

Mary Newman, 19 Portman Road, DT 11 8UJ

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events are at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

Please support these events or lose them.

September

Sunday 24th 7 pm Soiree - VOX SERENATA - Music for Vocal Quartet and Piano at St Peter's Church

October

Saturday 14th 7 pm **Harvest Supper** - Tickets £10, bring your own drinks. Names and Money to Jackie for the Church

Sunday 29th 7 pm **Quiz Night** Bring your own Drinks Teas coffee supplied £2pp, Raffle, for Pimperne Youth Football

November

Sunday 19th 10:30 - 3:30 **Christmas Fayre** - Stalls £10, entry free. Help required for Cakes and Prizes, for Sports Club

Sunday 26^h 7 pm **Quiz Night** for Blood Bikes, prizes appreciated

December

Saturday 2nd Daytime **Christmas Fayre** – LO's Coffee Shop and Bar

Wednesday 13th 7:30 pm **Christmas Bingo** for Brain Trust, Raffle Prizes appreciated.

Sunday 17th 4:30 pm **Carols around the Tree**- outside the Church

January 2024

Sunday 28th 7 pm **Quiz**

February 2024

Sunday 25th 7 pm **Quiz**

March 2024

Sunday 24th 7 pm **Quiz**

May 2024

Sunday 19th 10.30 – 3:30 **Spring Fayre**

Sunday 26th 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 completed form by 31st October 2023, see over leaf

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St Peter's Church, Pimperne '100 Club' 2023/4

I apply to become a member/ renew my membership if **St Peter's Church 100 Club**. I enclose my fee of £15.00 being the subscription for the year commencing 1st November 2023. (Cheques payable to 'St Peter's Church 100 Club')

Full Name:

Address:

Tel No Date

Signature: