



# PIMPERNE VILLAGE NEWS

## Spring 2023



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# Parish Council Notes

## COUNCIL UPDATE

2023 marks my 40<sup>th</sup> year of service to you as a Parish Councillor. Since joining Pimperne Parish Council in 1983 there have been so many changes that have affected us all. I often remember all the brilliant Councillors who have served the Council over the years. It must be remembered that all Parish Councillors are volunteers. Their wisdom, friendship and integrity have contributed to the great spirit of Pimperne that we experience today. We have a tradition of extremely efficient and personable Parish Clerks over the years. Our present Clerk, Mrs Jan Fairman carries our tradition onward with friendly authority, in depth knowledge and energy.

The First Review of Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan successfully progressed through the examination process without the need for a referendum. The Plan has now been “made” by Dorset Council and therefore carries “weight” in planning terms when planning applications are under consideration by Dorset Council. Unfortunately, insufficient weight to prevent Dorset Council approving the application for eight electric vehicle charging stations alongside the A354 opposite the junction with Church Road. Objections by the Parish Council, local residents, the Cranborne Chase AONB, and the CPRE were unsuccessful with the Northern Area Planning Committee, chaired by Cllr Sherry Jespersen, voting unanimously in favour of the application.

A Neighbourhood Plan objective is to establish a 20mph speed limit on all roads within the village of Pimperne (not the A354). An application in this regard was lodged with Dorset Council in September 2022. Dorset Council policy in connection with speed limits was reviewed in October 2022. Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen has confirmed she will follow up our application with the relevant Council officers.

Mr L Mustion was appointed by Dorset Council as our Area Highways Officer in October 2022. A number of highways/footpath items were identified by the Parish Council as requiring

attention. Among the many items is the barrier to the school footpath at the junction between Church/Bushes and Newfield roads.

The traffic calming methods to the northern entry to the village on the A354 have been completed by Dorset Council. However, the effectiveness of the methods employed is subject to further review. An incident involving vehicular damage to the Anvil’s boundary fence to the A354 was recorded prior to Christmas 2022.

The Parish Council is currently investigating the cost of installation of white gates to verges at entry points on the A354 into Pimperne. The ever-increasing volume of traffic on the A354 (at busy times of the day approximately 1000 vehicles per hour) together with numbers of vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit is of constant concern to residents, especially those residing in properties alongside the A354.

The Neighbourhood Plan First Review specifically identified the areas of greenfield adjacent to the parish boundary with Blandford Forum as “Important Gaps.” However, the area between the parish boundary and Letton Park is included within the amended hybrid application for up to 600 dwellings and non-residential works/buildings submitted to Dorset Council by Wyatt Homes. Dorset Council has had the hybrid application under consideration for several months.

A meeting has been held by the Parish Council with Mr Andrew Galpin, Dorset Council’s Manager for Infrastructure and Delivery Planning concerning the Section 106 contribution by Wyatt Homes for their development, Home Field. As a result, Mr Galpin, together with Wyatt Homes, are determining possible changes to the expenditure within the Agreement that would benefit the residents of Home Field and the wider community.

The site in Chapel Lane, formerly Woodbury Cottage, and the current disused Methodist Chapel continues to be an unkempt eyesore. The rear wall to Woodbury collapsed into a neighbour’s property in 2021. The remains of the wall have now been cleared into the Woodbury site by the landowner after considerable delay.

## PIMPERNE COMMUNITY CHAMPION 2023

It is that time of year when you can nominate an individual(s) to be the 2023 Pimperne Community Champion.

Do you know anyone who has gone that little bit further to help a neighbour or produced something for the village community?

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

The Parish Council, having failed to succeed in the issue of a dilapidation order by Dorset Council, have now requested that Dorset Council issue a Section 215 Untidy Land Order against the landowner.

The play areas adjacent to the Village Hall continue to be enjoyed by our younger community. The Parish Council is concerned that the play surfaces require attention so soon after provision of additional bark. Different types of play surfaces are being investigated to ensure a more permanent finish.

The conditions of the Parish Council lease for the former school field are to be further considered since the current lease places restrictions on the possible use of the field. In the meantime, saplings obtained from the Woodland Trust are to be planted at the corners of the field.

The King's Coronation celebration will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the garden of the Old Rectory, Church Road, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Hugh Sutton. The working group is organising a number of interesting attractions for the afternoon.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Pimperne Village Hall. Reports by our village representatives will be presented, with refreshments available after the meeting. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting.

Pimperne's Community Champion 2023 will be announced at the meeting. Please make sure you nominate a person of your choice as our Community Champion. The form for nomination will be found in the last page of this Village News. Completed nomination forms are to be returned to our Parish Clerk, Mrs Jan Fairman, by 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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.

*Cllr Peter Slocombe*, Chairman  
01258 453419 / 07979 592288  
[ps92220@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ps92220@yahoo.co.uk)

## **FLOOD REPORT**

An eventful year! The Summer very hot and dry, recently the opposite! The extremely high levels of rainfall resulted in the stream reaching the top of the arch of the bridge over the A354, also there was some back up of water due to the bridges at The Willow, an occurrence noted on previous occasions. The bend in Church Rd where you can turn onto the A354 was flooded and extremely dangerous due to black ice. Effluent commenced to emerge from manholes like mini fountains along Church Rd, within an hour of being reported to Wessex Water an official arrived to investigate. The percentage of ammonia in the outpourings was very low but surely not acceptable or the other debris emerging. Tankers arrived in an attempt to ease the situation and continued to do so for several weeks. More CCTV investigations and lining works are due to take place later in 2023 to stop ground water entering the system. However, sorting the problem will not be quick or easy, I have been informed.

A collapsed culvert in a garden in Parr Grove resulted in water being pumped 24/7 into a tributary of the Pimperne stream. Also, pipework along Salisbury Rd, caused concern and again pumping took place.

Newfield Rd became very difficult for pedestrians, in part as drainage ditches and channels were overgrown. I cut a drainage channel at the lower end of Church Rd, to ease the flow of water.

Pimperne was extremely lucky, the Summer being so hot and dry, meant that ground water levels were very low at the start of Autumn/Winter. The Parish Council were able to supply sand and sandbags to residents - stocks will need to be replenished and Dorset Council was able also to provide assistance. If fortune had not been on our side the flooding situation may well have been considerably worse. We must re-double our preparedness for next Winter.

*Cllr John Tanner*  
Flood Warden  
01258-455173  
email [jjtanners@hotmail.com](mailto:jjtanners@hotmail.com)

## **CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY**

Last Autumn Peter Slocombe was in the process of investigating the feasibility of installing solar panels on the village hall. Initial surveys had been completed and Peter was awaiting a quotation and further information from a local installer, Tincton Energy. Unfortunately, no such quotation has been forthcoming and other potential installers are being investigated.

Like it or otherwise the planning application for 8 electric vehicle charging points at Hyde Farm on Salisbury Road has been approved. From 2030 the sale of new diesel and petrol vehicles will be banned while plug-in hybrid vehicles with a 'significant zero emission capability' may be sold until 2035. There is clearly much to be done nationally to implement the government's electric vehicle infrastructure strategy. Whatever you may think personally, now that the charging points have been approved Pimperne can at least demonstrate that it is playing a part in the roll out of electric vehicle charging facilities.

**Anyone keen to contribute ideas and time in pursuit of Pimperne addressing the Climate and Ecological Emergency please contact:**

Tim Harman [harmantim@sky.com](mailto:harmantim@sky.com)  
or 01258 480685.

## **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Footpaths have generally been well-maintained and continue to provide a well-used outlet for exercise in our lovely Dorset countryside. Please remember to keep to the designated paths which are the only legal access both for humans and dogs. Several parishioners have reported an increase in dog-fouling. **Please Pick Up After Your Dog And Dispose Of It Either In The Provided Dog Bins Or At Home.**

As regards our roads, the signs at the Salisbury end of the village have been moved further up the hill to give motorists more warning to slow down. A speed camera sign has been added. An application has been made to Dorset Council to have a 20 mile per hour limit throughout the village (not the A354) and the Parish Council awaits the outcome.

I have received complaints about cars parked on pavements particularly in the Frampton Road /Boyte Road /Walters Drive area. Although not illegal, the Highway Code states "Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairment, and people with prams and pushchairs." Please be considerate when parking.

Resurfacing of School Lane and other areas of the village will take place in the Spring and hopefully the pedestrian barrier on the footway to school by the playpark will be replaced to ensure the safety of our young children.

Any highways or footpaths 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](mailto:aeargles@hotmail.co.uk)

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE**

### **USE THE BUSES or LOSE THEM**

The Service 20 between Blandford and Salisbury continues as per the advertised timetable which was last updated on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022. While I attempt to keep up with any changes, amendments can appear from time to time. If you have access to the internet it is always worth checking the Service 20 timetable on the [www.salisburyreds.co.uk](http://www.salisburyreds.co.uk) or the [www.morebus.co.uk](http://www.morebus.co.uk) websites before travelling.

Talking of bus stops - you may have noticed that the stop and timetable at Letton was completely demolished in a traffic accident. The Damory company timetable has still not reappeared but the Parish Council's timetable is back up on a post by the side of the foot/cycle path.

More seriously the most used bus stop in the Blandford direction, outside the former Farquharson Arms, is to disappear at some point in the not too distant future. Bayview Developments have planning permission to develop the site for four residential units. This includes the installation of front gardens which will be bordered by a wall to the road. In other words the current bus stop would end up in one of the front gardens. Bayview Developments has told the council that Damory are going to reposition it. I feel this is somewhat premature as the bus stop is clearly still currently in use and we have not been informed otherwise by Damory.

When the planning application for the housing was made the Parish Council made representations about the location and importance of the bus stop. It would appear that despite the importance of local public transport, 'bus stops' are not a planning matter. The irony is that both the developer in their application and the planning officer in his report both highlighted the existence of access to local public transport and how this contributed to the site's sustainability. However neither made any comments about relocating the bus stop and retaining it. The Parish Council are in contact with Damory - watch this space!

Here is my usual reminder about additional bus options. The Dorset Community Transport (DCT) Plusbus service 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](mailto: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.

In addition to those regular users of the bus I have suggested previously that although many, or even most, Pimperne residents have a car or access to one, we never know when any of us may have to rely on local bus services for whatever the reason.

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

*Clr Tim Harman,*  
Transport Officer, Parish Council  
01258-480685 email: [harmantim@sky.com](mailto:harmantim@sky.com)

### **PIMPERNE'S DEFIBRILLATOR or AEDs**



The Village has 2 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.

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](https://www.what3words.com/#!/en-gb/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
- 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 cannot be used incorrectly as it will only deliver a shock to the casualty if it detects that it is necessary.



### **Phone Box Defibrillator**

Red phone box in Church Road at the Junction with Chapel Lane, DT11 8UB (Op Farquharson Arms) W3W [incorrect.hamsters.bookcases](https://www.what3words.com/#!/en-gb/incorrect.hamsters.bookcases)



Enter the unlock code received from the emergency operator into the keypad, turn handle anti clockwise and open the cabinet to access the defibrillator. All the instructions are printed on the Door of the cabinet see photo

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 clear plastic bag inside the defibrillator case.



**~ ~Training~ ~**

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



## Community News

### VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

On the third Saturday of every month Coffee Mornings are held between 10-12 a.m. in Pimperne Village Hall to raise much needed funds over the year for 12 different charities. In January Treads the well-known local young people's charity received £165-00 including a £75-00 donation from the Friday Coffee Morning. In February Margaret Green Animal Welfare Foundation received £197-62 including a donation of £40-00 from the Friday Coffee Morning.

Please come along on the following dates to support really worthwhile causes: 15<sup>th</sup> April Blandford Hospital League of Friends; 20<sup>th</sup> May Castleman House; 17<sup>th</sup> June Pimperne Toddler Group; 15<sup>th</sup> July Blandford Day Centre; 19<sup>th</sup> August Guide Dogs; 16<sup>th</sup> September Pimperne Village Hall; 21<sup>st</sup> October Hedgehogs; 18<sup>th</sup> November Royal Signals; 16<sup>th</sup> December Marie Curie.

We hope you are able to come along to the Coffee Mornings, entrance is £1-00 and includes tea/coffee & biscuits. Check out the stalls and stay for a friendly chat. Offers of raffle prizes are very welcome, likewise enquiries regarding booking a stall. For more information email:

*John & Joyce Tanner on*  
[jjtanners@hotmail.com](mailto:jjtanners@hotmail.com)

### 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.

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

The church is open for services, worship and prayer.



### **Services**

The service times at St Peter's are:

Sunday	Time	Service
1 <sup>st</sup>	9:15	Morning Prayer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15	Holy Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:15	Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup>	9:15	Holy Communion
5 <sup>th</sup>	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**

**Palm Sunday** – 2nd April @ 9:15

**Good Friday** - 7<sup>th</sup> April @ 2 pm

**Easter Day** - 9<sup>th</sup> April @ 9:15



### **Private Prayer**

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

### **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>

### **Ryland Room Lunches**

The Ryland Room lunches are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12.15. There is a main course, pudding and tea or coffee. At the moment the price is currently £6. Places need to be booked in advance. All inquiries to Margaret Latham 01258 489724.

### **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 a maximum of 25 for a sit-down meal. The room has its own kitchen and toilet facilities. Please contact me for additional information.

*Mary Newnham on 455331*



*Coronation Insert*

# The Old Rectory in Pimperne

Have you ever wondered what is behind the flint wall in Church Road?



**Behind the wall and the green gates is a beautiful house and garden, steeped in history!**

The original building on this site was a hunting lodge owned by King Henry VIII who in 1543 granted the lodge to Catherine Parr, Henry's sixth wife who fortunately for her outlived the King. Today we still see evidence that this was originally a Tudor house as many features remain even though the hunting lodge burnt down and was rebuilt in 1704.

Set in 3 acres of garden with manicured lawns, ha-ha and abundantly flowering beds, trees and a tennis court, Mrs Miranda Sutton and Parish Cllr Hugh Sutton have kindly offered the use of their garden for Pimperne's: **Coronation Celebration Garden Party to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May , 1pm-5pm.....We hope to see you there!**





PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO THEIR:

**Coronation Family Fun Garden Party on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 23,  
1pm-5pm, in the Garden of The Old Rectory, Church Rd.**



We are planning a fun filled afternoon, with Games, Music, Children's themed Fancy Dress (Monarchy or Royals past and present), Raffle, BBQ, Pimms Bar (run by The Anvil Inn), Cakes, Tug-of-War (with Lukins Gym) and much more!

If you wish to be involved there are many ways that you can help, we are looking for volunteers to help with the following:

Setting up and putting away on the day/ Lending the PC a gazebo or large BBQ for the day/ Raffle prizes and Cake donations/ Face Painting/Manning a Stall?

If you would like to help with any of these things, please email the clerk on:

[pimperne@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:pimperne@dorset-aptc.gov.uk) Or fill in the slip below and return to:

43 Portman Rd, Pimperne, (Please use letterbox on the wall of the house).

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Name:

Contact Details:

I would like help with the setting up/putting away on the day Yes/No

I have a Gazebo that I could lend the PC for the day. Yes/No

I could give some time on the day to man a stall/ generally help Yes/No

I would like to donate a raffle prize Yes/No

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Pimperne Parish Council would love to see you and your family at our event, to assist us with catering for the day please return this reply slip or email the clerk on: [pimperne@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:pimperne@dorset-aptc.gov.uk) with how many people from your household are likely to attend.

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Name:

I/We will be attending your Garden Party on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Yes/No

Number of Attendees:



**CELEBRATE WITH US!**

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**AT OUR**

**CORONATION GARDEN PARTY**

**IN THE GARDEN OF**

**THE OLD RECTORY, CHURCH ROAD.**

**1PM-5PM**

**\*BBQ      \*FUN & GAMES      \*RAFFLE**

**\*PIMM'S BAR RUN BY THE ANVIL INN**

**\*TUG-OF-WAR WITH R LUKINS FITNESS**

**\*CAKES      \*COCONUT SHY**

**\*FANCY DRESS - Bring your kids along in fancy dress - Themed - Monarchy past and present!**

**We look forward to  
seeing you there!**



## **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](mailto:janetmparker@btinternet.com)

*Anne Allan* 01258 456553  
email [anneboballan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anneboballan@yahoo.co.uk)  
or  
*Jane Stockdale*  
email [janestockdale950@btinternet.com](mailto:janestockdale950@btinternet.com)

## **ST PETER'S CHURCH 100 CLUB**

### **- HELP REQUIRED!**

Once again the people of Pimperne have come up trumps and supported St Peter's Church 100 Club. We currently have 95 members who have each paid £15.00 for the year. Half of all the money collected goes to the upkeep of our Church and the rest is given out in eleven monthly prizes of £30 and £15. At Christmas 2022 we were able to give three bumper prizes of £100, £50 and £25 and in January we presented a cheque to the Church for £1,000. The draws take place at the monthly Coffee mornings held in the Village Hall.

We have both been organizing the Club for a number of years, but we shall be finishing this year and our last draw will be in October. We are therefore looking for a couple of people from the Village to take this on. All the necessary paperwork is on computer and can be forwarded to whoever succeeds us. We are more than willing to 'show someone the ropes', but they should be aware that planning for the next year i.e. November 2023 to October 2024 needs to start in September this year at the **very** latest.

If you would like to chat to either Anne or Carole about this exciting opportunity to do something for the Church and the village, please contact either of us on:

*Anne Allen* 01258 456553  
[anneboballan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anneboballan@yahoo.co.uk)  
*Carole Beckford* 01258 721318  
[carolebeckford222@gmail.com](mailto:carolebeckford222@gmail.com)

## **PIMPERNE SPORTS SOCIETY**

### **- HELP REQUIRED!**

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.

**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**

Our village hall is now over 30 years old and has recently received the benefit of a refurbished floor to the main hall.

Bookings have been successful with several new organisations making reservations.

Charges have been held at past levels over the winter. However, large increases in energy charges have caused the necessity of a review of hire charges.

The hall committee is very thankful for the hard work executed by our Treasurer, Mr John Beckford and our Secretary, Mrs Debby Mackenzie.

The approaching spring will encourage maintenance and improvement work to the hall with the financial position governing the amount of work carried out.

Please remember to use the Post Office on Friday morning, and supplement your visit with a coffee/tea between 10 and 12 noon.

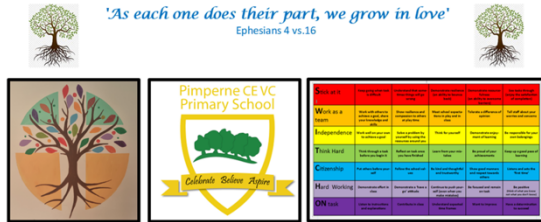
Bookings may be made by contacting the writer, details below.

*Peter Slocombe* - Pimperne Village Hall Management Committee

01258 453419 / 07979 592288  
[ps92220@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ps92220@yahoo.co.uk)

## Pimperne CE VC Primary School

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



## Celebrate Believe Aspire

### Pimperne Primary News!

Our Collective Worship goes from strength to strength as we work in collaboration with our amazing team from St Peter's Church. We



celebrated Candlemass (with a Christingle Service in Key Stage 1) and our children have studied the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer. This involved

participating in workshops on different sections of the prayer, learning its meaning and understanding the language around it. This, once again, was well supported by the Church team and the children enjoyed the whole school approach to this day. On Fridays, we celebrate achievements during our Recognition Collective Worship, whereby children are noticed for actioning our school values.

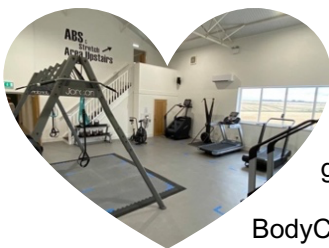
As you now enter our school you see this image which brings together the cross and the flourishing tree growing in individuality. Trees are very important to Pimperne not least because of the Celtic 'roots' to the village name itself, meaning 'five trees'. We ourselves have five trees at the heart of our school, which hold the unique handprint of each of our children. This reminds us children are at the heart of all that we do as teachers, as governors, as parents and families and as a school set in a wonderful community.



Fiona Waller (Headteacher)

### **PIMPERNE GYM - R LUKINS FITNESS**

*Did you know about all the classes we run at R Lukins Fitness?*



Experience our wide variety of different classes, featuring world leading LesMills group fitness classes - BodyPump, BodyCombat, BodyAttack (aerobics), RPM (spin), BodyBalance (a mix of yoga, pilates and tai chi).

Classes also include yoga, pilates, legs, bums & tums, kettlebells, HIIT, circuits and much more.

Our instructors demonstrate both easier options for beginners or more advanced options, so anyone is welcome to come and try our high energy but relaxed environment.

We are also busy getting the cafe up and running which should hopefully be serving fresh drinks and snacks from the Spring.

*For more information on the gym:*

visit [www.rlukinsfitness.co.uk](http://www.rlukinsfitness.co.uk) or email [info@rlukinsfitness.co.uk](mailto:info@rlukinsfitness.co.uk)

*You can also follow us on social media:*

Instagram: [@\\_r\\_lukins\\_fitness](https://www.instagram.com/_r_lukins_fitness)  
Facebook [@rlukinsfitness](https://www.facebook.com/_rlukinsfitness)

### **HOMEWATCH AND SPEEDWATCH**

You will not have seen the Speedwatch team out recently. We were advised by the police to take extra care in the cold weather with icy roads so we decided to drop any sessions until it was a little warmer. But, you can expect to see us out again in Pimperne from March onwards. We will also continue to mount sessions in Letton where the 40mph limit is frequently exceeded.

The current statistics from the county as a whole make for interesting reading. The number of cars on the road has increased considerably whilst the rate of those caught speeding has remained pretty constant at 3%. However, if one is waiting to turn onto the A354 from Church Road or Anvil Road, it seems that rather more than 3% of vehicles are speeding.

The police are also mounting a campaign on tackling Anti-Social Behaviour from drivers against Speedwatch teams. Fortunately, we have only had to endure shouting and angry gestures; others in the county have been physically confronted by disgruntled drivers. If, despite this, you would still like to join our team of volunteers please contact me on the number below or at [dandvandrews@waitrose.com](mailto:dandvandrews@waitrose.com).

The village has also not been spared from a series of thefts, particularly from vehicles, and we have been advised that there is a concerted attack in the area by criminals intent on removing catalytic converters. If you have valuable equipment kept in your vehicles, you may wish to consider getting additional safety protection for them.

By the time you read this we will have our new Chief Constable in place and we trust that she and her team will deliver quality policing for us. The police priorities for the local area remain unchanged, being the elimination of Anti-Social Behaviour: stamping down on drug dealing: and prioritising rural crimes. We have yet to see any results arising from the Police and Crime Commissioner's plan to form The Rural Crime Reduction Board with the aim of making Dorset

the safest county in the country. I will let you know as soon as I have any more details.

*Derek Andrews*  
Homewatch Co-ordinator (452005)

## **CRANBORNE CHASE AONB**



Cranborne Chase  
Area of Outstanding  
Natural Beauty

### **Cranborne Chase LIDAR Portal has launched - what will you discover?**

We're thrilled to be able to let you know that the Cranborne Chase LiDAR Portal has been launched. If you have an interest in archaeology and if you've ever wondered what those humps and bumps in the landscape could be, now you can explore this fascinating new website and see for yourself.

Click [here](#) to explore the new Cranborne Chase LiDAR Portal website where you can create an account. From here you can access training material designed to get you identifying new archaeological features with the portal.

You can also explore historic maps, aerial images, and even see where all the currently known archaeological features are.

We've created this video to explain how the process works, from training to accessing the portal:

[Watch the intro video on youtube here](#)

We really value all of your input in exploring the archaeology of the Chase & Chalke landscape so please don't forget to register on the Chase & Chalke Volunteer Hub [here](#) and log your volunteer hours using the new Portal under 'Cranborne Chase LiDAR Portal'.

For more information please visit their website: [www.cranbornechase.org.uk](http://www.cranbornechase.org.uk).

## **THE ANVIL INN**

2023 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.



Join us for our quiz nights. Every other Wednesday with our host Quizbicable\_me 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 wood fired pizza and entry for £12.50. Standard quiz entry on it's 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!

We are also looking forward to reopening our outside pizza oven. Keep an eye on social media for opening times but we will have the oven fired up in good time for Easter. As we know, nothing beats the taste of authentic wood fired pizza and takeaway is available.

Don't forget our all day roast served every Sunday. A choice of meats and always a great veggie option. Bookings advisable as we can get busy.

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



## **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 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 12.15 pm start. Home made two course lunch with tea/coffee afterwards: Cost £6.00. 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

**Circle Dancing** This friendly group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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** Our thriving and welcoming club meets in the Village Hall at 2.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month between September and May. For an annual subscription of £12.50 you will receive a programme of interesting speakers and social events with refreshments served on each occasion. This year's programme has included speakers on the subjects of Plants for Shade and the Hedgehog Predicament. So whether you are a keen gardener, someone new to gardening looking for help and advice or just looking to add to your social calendar, why not come along. New members are welcome at any of our meetings and you can be sure to receive a friendly welcome. If you are interested in joining, please 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.

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](mailto: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](http://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 toys for all ages, activity tables, song time and special occasion parties through the year. Nice Relaxed friendly atmosphere. Find us on Facebook.

Also **Pimperne Baby and Toddler Group** now includes a Dad's Stay and Play Sessions on the following Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 27<sup>th</sup> May. £2 per family, nice relaxed and friendly place for you and your child to play and make friends. More information from:

*Tamsin* 07867 568941

[pimpernetoddlergroup@hotmail.com](mailto: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

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

**Pimperne Website** [www.pimperne.org.uk](http://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 [cambrai@eastcote.go-plus.net](mailto:cambrai@eastcote.go-plus.net) or on the [WFA/Wessex website](http://WFA/Wessex website)

**Evolve Neuro Rehab** offers neurorehabilitation after a stroke or brain injury in your home.

[www.evolveurorehab.co.uk](http://www.evolveurorehab.co.uk) or 07763735251

**U3A Badminton** every Friday morning More details from David Shepherd 07831 687805

**Art with Clare Shepard** every Wednesday afternoon more details contact [clare.shep@btinternet.com](mailto:clare.shep@btinternet.com)

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

<b>Art4 You</b>	Saskia Darrell	07530 041335	<b>Pimperne Art Group</b>	Fran Baker	628306
<b>Badminton</b>	Debbie & Mike Davies	453527	<b>Pimperne Baby and Toddler Group</b>		
<b>Bingo</b>	Marion Haynes	451484		Tasmin	07867 568941
<b>Blandford Art Society.</b>	Wendy Gregory	474646	<b>Pimperne Social Snappers</b>		
	<a href="mailto:wh_gregory@hotmail.com">wh_gregory@hotmail.com</a>			Debbie Davis	453527
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<b>Church Pews News</b>				<a href="mailto:dkmiell@gmail.com">dkmiell@gmail.com</a>	07708 601462
	Judy Jakes	<a href="mailto:office@psdbenefice.org.uk">office@psdbenefice.org.uk</a>	<b>Ryland Room Hire</b>	Mary Newnham	455331
<b>Circle Dancing</b>	Sally Lester Shaw	452657	<b>School</b>	Mrs F Waller, Head Teacher	452025
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	John & Joyce Tanner	455173	<b>Speedwatch</b>	Derek Andrews	452005
<b>Cricket Club</b>	Kevin Langdown	456446	<b>Sports Society</b>	John Truswell	455433
<b>Dads &amp; Toddlers</b>	Tamsin	07867 568941	<b>St Peters Flower Group</b>	Janet Parker	455187
<b>Dorset Councillor</b>				Anne Allan	456553
	Cllr Sherry Jespersen	860482		Jane Stockdale	
	<a href="mailto:cllrsherry.jespersen@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk">cllrsherry.jespersen@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</a>		<b>Step by Step Children's Dance</b>		
<b>Fitsteps</b>	Nicola Thommes	07887 921717		Claire Mcpherson	07889 572569
	<a href="mailto:nicolathommes@aol.com">nicolathommes@aol.com</a>		<b>Tai Chi</b>	Scott Fellowes	07732 305511
<b>Garden Club</b>	Andrew Hunt	07816 467281	<b>U3A Badminton</b>	David Shepherd	07831687805
<b>Homewatch</b>	Derek Andrews	452005	<b>Village Hall Bookings</b>		
<b>Parents &amp; Toddler Group</b>				Peter Slocombe	453419
	Tasmin	07867 568941	<b>Western Front Association</b>		
<b>Parish Council</b>	Peter Slocombe (Chairman)	453419		Martin Willoughby	
<b>Parish Council Clerk</b>	Jan Fairman	480046		<a href="mailto:cambrai@eastcote.go-plus.net">cambrai@eastcote.go-plus.net</a>	
	<a href="mailto:pimperne@dorset-aptc.gov.uk">pimperne@dorset-aptc.gov.uk</a>		<b>Zumba</b>	Caroline Barr	452936

The next edition of the Newsletter will be Autumn 2023, updates etc to The Editor, by early September 2023 - 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.**

### March

Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Quiz*
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Easter Bingo*

### April

Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>
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### May

Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	1pm – 5pm	<b>Coronation Family Fun Garden Party</b> at the Old Rectory, Church Road
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### September

Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:30 pm	<b>Village Fete*</b>
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Quiz*

### October

Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Harvest Supper*
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Quiz*

### November

Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Christmas Fayre*
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### December

Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Christmas Bingo*
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\*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



## **Pimperne Community Champion 2023**

Please return your nomination by **11<sup>th</sup> April 2023** to **Parish Clerk**, address over leaf

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Name of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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