



PIMPERNE VILLAGE NEWS

Spring 2024



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COUNCIL UPDATE

The date of 24th October 2023 still looms high in the memory since that is the date upon which Dorset Council's Northern Area Planning Committee approved the Wyatt Home application for a hybrid development on land north and east of Blandford. Committee members seemed determined to approve more housing despite the knowledge that there was more than a five year supply of housing land in North Dorset, therefore no need for this site. Objections were voiced at the planning meeting by Cranborne Chase National Landscape (CCNL), (formally AONB) the CPRE, Pimperne residents and Pimperne Parish Council.

The Pimperne objections were based significantly on the inclusion within the application of 150 dwellings located in the parish of Pimperne and therefore in direct conflict with Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan (PNP) clearly identifies the proposed site for 150 dwellings within its Important Open Gap policy, thus no development allowed. PNP was created by the expenditure of hundreds of hours volunteer time over the period from 2013 to 2022 (1st Review) and financial grants from government sources. Additional objections included loss of good productive farmland, little evidence of the need for a new school, pressure on Blandford's creaking infrastructure, traffic congestion and significant adverse impact on both the CCNL and its setting.

Following the planning meeting, a request was submitted to Dorset Council for me to ask a question at the forthcoming Cabinet meeting addressed to Cllr D Walsh, planning portfolio holder. The question to be asked was "what was the point of communities preparing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP), when Dorset Council (DC) appears to give NPs such scant regard in reaching (*planning*) decisions."

DC refused permission for me to attend the Cabinet meeting and ask the question.

Subsequently a request to the Secretary of State at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for the planning application to

be "called in" was submitted by CCNL, CPRE and Pimperne Parish Council on 9th November 2023.

Cllr Sherry Jespersen, Chair of the Northern Area, Planning Committee has since resigned that position.

The Parish Council is most concerned at the disregard shown by the Planning Authority in connection with the lack of adherence to the PNP. The PNP includes policies that cover development, use of materials and landscaping. The PNP policies should be taken into account in the consideration of applications by the Planning Authority. Developments such as the Salisbury Road EV Charging Stations and the dwellings at the Farquharson Arms site are amongst applications that conflict with the PNP.

We note that the chimneys to the Farquharson Arms building have not yet been replaced (replacement required by the Planning Authority).

The site at Woodbury (including the former Methodist Chapel) continues to deteriorate without resolution. The Parish Council submitted a request to DC for the issue of a Community Protection Notice to the site owner. Having supplied a great deal of information to DC, their response was to suggest the use of Section 215 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. DC however, in the past, has consistently refused to issue a Section 215 for this site. In the meantime, the overgrown shrubs and brambles on the site continue to be an eyesore and public health risk in addition to the growth of ivy etc. on the chapel and slow decline of the fabric of the building.

Raw sewage leakages into Church Road are described in our Flood Warden's report. Wessex Water is at fault with the raw sewage causing a serious public health hazard. After clearing blockages and tanker pumping operations, Wessex Water should attend site to execute cleaning and disinfecting the affected areas. Wessex Water has so far failed to effect consistent sanitisation after the escape of raw sewage on to public areas.

The Parish Council is in discussion with Wessex Water concerning not only the disinfectant procedures but also the increased



occurrence of the escape of raw sewage, plus improvements to the sewer system.

The funding obtained from the Section 106 developer contribution on the Wyatt Home Field development has allowed the installation of a coated rubber play surface to approximately 50% of the area previously covered by play bark. The Parish Council intends to include the cost of the installation of coated rubber to the remaining play area within a Section 106 Agreement for the proposed Franwill development in Down Road.

Improvements to road safety have continued to be employed on the A354 through the parish. The introduction of a 20mph speed limit on village roads (a key requirement of Pimperne Neighbourhood Road Plan) will commence in the new financial year. The above items, together with additional information are included within our Highways Officer's report.

Election of Parish Councillors is scheduled for 2nd May 2024. The Parish Council regrets that three current Councillors will not be seeking re-election and wishes to sincerely thank all of them for their continued sterling effort displayed for the Parish Council over the past five years.

Cllr Tim Harman has worked diligently as the Council's Transport Officer and in support of the Climate and Ecological Group. Tim has spent many hours in negotiation with Damory in agreeing bus timetables and bus stops. He has been instrumental in enabling the play area work

to proceed as well as being completely committed to the wellbeing of the parish.

Cllr Bob Adams has continued to represent the Parish Council at all meetings of the Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils. He has very ably brought the views of Letton residents to the Council.

Cllr John Beckford has inspected our play areas on a regular basis and brought items requiring renovation to the Council's attention and subsequent action.

Cllrs Harman, Adams and Beckford have scrupulously carried out their public duties to the Parish Council with good humour and resilience. They are to be thoroughly commended for their service.

Grateful thanks are due to the Parish Council's Vice Chairman, Cllr John Tanner for continuing hard work in dealing with the responsibilities of the Flood Warden and general assistance on all Parish Council matters. The Parish Council's Highways and Rights of Way Officer, Cllr Antony Argles has most ably dealt with the many topics that have required his attention over the past 5 years. Cllr Hugh Sutton, the Parish Council's Tree Officer has successfully managed several tree related situations with confidence and good humour.

The Parish Council's gratitude is sincerely expressed to our Parish Clerk, Mrs Jan Fairman, who in addition to her role as Responsible Financial Officer, has over the past six years, time and time again proved her ability to guide the Council in reaching the successful conclusion to

PIMPERNE COMMUNITY CHAMPION
2024

It is that time of year when you can nominate an individual(s) to be the 2024 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 at the bottom of the next page, please fill it out and return it to the Parish Clerk by the 8th

Pimperne Community Champion 2024

Please return your nomination by **8th April 2024** to **Parish Clerk**, address over leaf



Pimperne Community Champion 2024

Name of nominee: _____

Reason for Nomination _____

Name of nominator _____

Signature of nominator _____ Date: _____

Please return your nomination by **8th April 2024** to **Parish Clerk**, address over leaf

numerous difficult matters. Jan's exceptional organisational ability was displayed in the brilliant set up of the Coronation Garden Party that year held in the grounds of the Old Rectory (by kind permission of Hugh and Miranda Sutton).

I would also like to thank Martin Richey for producing the parish newsletter.

Meetings of the Parish Council are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7pm in Pimperne Village Hall. Parishioners are invited to attend and may raise matters of interest in the democratic session of the meeting.

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

ELECTION 2ND MAY 2024 – VOTE AND HAVE YOUR SAY!!

You may be hoping for an earlier or later Parliamentary Election, whichever that may be for you, we know it will be coming at some point in the next 10 months. But in the meantime, why not get back in the voting routine and exercise your rights on a local level. There will be local elections on the 2nd May for Pimperne Parish Council and Dorset Council – the first time in 5 long years! There will be not only an opportunity to vote, for those eligible to do so, but also for any individual to put themselves forward as a candidate. If you have been considering doing this, now is the time to act if you have not already done so. Depending on the arrival of this Newsletter there may still be time to put yourself forward as a candidate. The Notice of Election will have been published by Dorset Council on the 11th March and the closing date for delivery of Nomination papers by hand to the Returning Officer at Dorset Council is 4.00pm on Friday 5th April. The count for the elections will take place on Saturday 4th May and the results published as soon as possible thereafter.

For any new voters the deadline to register is Tuesday 16th April and, as mentioned previously, you will need photo ID when you vote.

Cllr Harman

FLOOD REPORT

The weather since the last Parish Council Magazine was placed through your letter box has been a real curate's egg! A period of very wet weather following on from a not so glorious Summer. Result the stream commenced flowing early, on several occasions reaching to within inches/centimetres of the top of the bridge arch that spans the A354. The flood plan was extracted from the filing cabinet. Luckily our supplies of sand and sandbags remain undiminished!

In recent years sewage has sprouted in the form of mini fountains from manholes along the lower part of Church Road. Each year increasing in severity, this year being no exception. This has occurred despite Wessex Water undertaking various actions such as lining pipes to decrease ground water ingress. Tankers have been employed to decrease the level of pollution. On the weekend of the 10-11 February a blockage occurred in the sewage pipework again in Church Road.

These emissions are both environmentally and health wise not just unpleasant but present a clear hazard.

May I assure you that your Parish Council has, over the years, made every effort to ensure that Wessex Water fixes this issue and will continue to do so until it is resolved.

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

CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

The investigation concerning the feasibility of installing solar panels on the village hall has, unfortunately, not made any further progress to date. This lack is due to several reasons, primarily relating to the time and energy available on the part of those attempting to pursue the investigation. This is most regrettable as, arguably, any measures aimed at addressing the

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Please return nomination to:

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

ever more pressing Climate Emergency should be given top priority. Essentially, a surveyor still needs to be commissioned to survey the roof space and the results of the survey passed on to potential solar panel installers for them, in turn, to submit 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.

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

Tim Harman
harmantim@sky.com
or 01258 480685.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

As you will be aware, the Parish Council has been putting in great efforts to ensure that a 20mph speed limit is implemented throughout much of the village. We are very pleased that this will finally be happening in the next few weeks. Years of work but we got there in the end!

As regards the A354, several new measures are in the offing, including new signage on the Anvil bend and the provision of white gates at the entry to the village. We are also lobbying for Pimperne to be one of the sites for a pilot project involving Auto Speedwatch Cameras, which will identify persistent speed-limit breakers without the need for Speedwatch volunteers. Fingers crossed! Dorset Highways are also looking at the possibility of buffer 40mph zones as vehicles approach the village on the A354.

A drop kerb is to be provided at the Fiveways junction which will enable pushchair/wheelchair users to travel through the village to the school and village hall without having to negotiate a raised kerb.

All these improvements will make Pimperne a safer place to live and of course you can help by being a considerate road-user.

Footpaths

The very wet weather this winter has led to many muddy paths. Hopefully it will be a drier spring. The Parish Council has arranged for stiles in the field at the top of Chapel Lane (the one with horses in) to be changed to kissing gates to enable greater accessibility to that footpath, which will mean that the circuit along there via the Bushes Road corner to the church will have no stiles at all. The handrail at the top of the churchyard has been renewed.

On a final note, there have been several complaints about dogs off-lead on the old school playing field. This is not permitted as it is a play area. Please be responsible and ensure that your dog is on a lead.

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

PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE

USE THE BUSES or LOSE THEM

Further news on the bus stop pole and 'flag' at Letton – the 'Flag' which originally was well below the top of the pole has now been raised. I have been assured that a timetable case has been procured from the Dorset Council depot in Dorchester and that a timetable will, hopefully soon(!), be installed in conjunction with Go South Coast, the owners of Damory buses.

In respect of the bus stop outside the Farquharson Arms I have again been reassured by Dorset Council that this is firmly on their radar for reinstatement once the housing development is complete. The precise location will be discussed with Go South Coast. There would appear to be still some considerable way to go before site completion however, so let's just hope that the stop is in place by the time of the Autumn Newsletter – this year.

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. I suspect that this will now not be further addressed until the approval of the LTP4 (Local Transport Plan), of which more below.

The current Local Transport Plan (LTP3) encompassing Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole expires in 2026. A Dorset Council survey asking for views on the big transport issues for the next 10 to 15 years from 2026 ended on March 3rd. You will have the opportunity to make comments on a Draft LTP4 in late 2024 or in 2025 before adoption by Dorset Council. Whatever you may think about completing surveys for Dorset Council this is an opportunity for you to have your say.

Just a reminder that the 'Price Cap' of £2.00 per single bus journey is now in place until the 31st December 2024. Still 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,
Transport Officer, Parish Council
01258-480685 email: 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

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

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.

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



Community News

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

Since the last edition of the Pimperne Village News, the following charities have received donations. In November the Royal Signals received £103.50 plus £100.00 from the Friday Coffee Club in addition to funds raised from their own stall.

All the following figures include Friday Coffee Club donations:

- In December, Marie Curie benefited to a total of £322.10.
- Cat's Protection in January were very pleased with a total of £223.50.

- Recently in February the Air Ambulance gained £246.40.

Coming in March Margaret Green Animal Rescue is the chosen charity. Please come and support - on the 3rd Saturday morning of the month. Entrance is only £1.00 and includes tea/coffee and biscuits. New stall holders welcome.

For more information email:

John & Joyce Tanner on
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, all are welcome.



Services

The service times at St Peter's are:

Sunday	Time	Service
1 st	9:15	Morning Prayer
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.

It has been agreed that the Benefice of Pimperne, Stourpaine, and Durweston with Bryanston will join with the Churches of Tarrant Gunville, Tarrant Hinton and Tarrant Monkton to form a new grouping of 6 Churches. The details are still being finalised, but it is hoped that an advert for a new priest to serve all the parishes will be placed soon. In the meantime, Revd David Miell will continue as our priest in charge with continuing support from Henriët until they retire. Their final service(s) will be on the 29th June 2024, details of which are still being finalised so please keep an eye on the Benefice website and Pews News for updates:
<http://www.psdbenefice.org.uk>

Festival Services

Palm Sunday – 24th Mar @ 10am. This is a Group service for all 6 Churches. There will be a choir and a performance of the 'Open the Book' team, who act out bible stories at the local school, at least twice a term.

Good Friday – 29th March @ 2 pm
 An Hour at the Cross

Easter Day – 31st March @ 9:15
 Easter Holy Communion



Private Prayer

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

St Peter's Day Cream Tea – Saturday 29th June at 2:30pm

Based in the Ryland Room and Church to celebrate St Peter's day. Cream Teas, Homemade Cakes, Games and Raffle



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Pews News

Pews News is 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>

Church Fabric

Over the last 6 months the sound system in the church has been renewed allowing greater flexibility and providing a very clear audio experience. Just before Christmas the church lights were upgraded to LED lanterns. These give more light and has brightened the place up. Our thanks to Portmore Electrical for carrying out the work.

Monitoring of the roof continues, but having cleared the gutters and gullies around the rook there has been little ingress of water.

Ryland Room Lunches

The Ryland Room lunches are on the 2nd 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

ST PETER'S CHURCH FLOWER GROUP

Calling all flower lovers & arrangers!

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

Janet Parker 01258 455187
email janetmparker@btinternet.com

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

PIMPERNE SPORTS SOCIETY

A brief update from Pimperne Sports Society.

I reported in the Autumn 2023 Newsletter that there was the potential to host both a Veterans and Youth football team and that the Muddy Monkeys school may return.



I'm pleased to say that the Veterans team have started along with the Youth team and the pre-school Muddy Monkeys have returned for 2024/2025.

Andy from the youth team sends this: -

Pimperne Youth Football club was started a little under a year ago. Pimperne didn't have a youth team and we wanted to start a small club where we can focus on each individual player's talents, development and growth and come together as a team. Our ethos is "TEAM-Together Everyone Achieves More".

The success of the club has far exceeded our expectations. The team shows true sportsmanship, consistently growing in skill and confidence and have built lifelong friendships.

We have been shown tremendous support from John (Truswell), and our local sponsors to whom we are extremely grateful. We have really created a football family and look forward to our future seasons ahead.

We first started Pimperne Youth Football Club with one under 9s team and have recently expanded to include a development under 9s team. We are currently looking to expand further and start an under 6s team and are recruiting for new coach/es to come on board and join us in growing this great club.

Andy Jeffery, Club Chairman/Head Coach
Pimperne Youth Football Club

John Truswell
Chair Pimperne Sports Society
07775673060 or 01258455433

PIMPERNE VILLAGE HALL

The village hall has successfully recovered from the damage sustained during a party on 11th November 2023. Dorset Police are still endeavouring to locate the youths responsible for the damage to the hall. An insurance claim, for

approximately £1200 has been submitted to our insurance company. Further incidents have occurred necessitating both visits from the police an serious review of party bookings and payments of deposits.

The hall, however, continues to receive varied bookings throughout the week. Breakages continue to occur plus occurrences such as the removal of 90% of the tea towels from the kitchen. John and Joyce Tanner with the assistance of many helpers continue to organise the popular monthly Saturday coffee mornings. We are indebted to John and Joyce for their hard work and commitment.

Quotations for improvement works, namely flooring to the Committee Room, new entrance doors and a new sound/vision system are currently being obtained by the writer.

Every Friday morning Jane in the outreach Post Office welcomes customers to take advantage of full Post Office services. Customers can visit to transact Post Office business combined with a cup of tea/coffee at a very reasonable price provided by volunteers each week.

The Committee wishes to thank our Secretary, Mrs Debby Mackenzie and our Treasurer, Mr John Beckford for their continued hard work and the commitment to the hall.

The committee wishes to congratulate Jackie and Mike Vacher on their golden wedding anniversary and to thank Jackie for the organisation of so many community events in the hall.

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

Peter Slocombe - Pimperne Village Hall Management Committee

01258 453419 / 07979 592288
ps92220@yahoo.co.uk

PIMPERNE PRIMARY NEWS!

Pimperne CE VC Primary School



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



These three items have been on display at Pimperne Primary since we moved to this site nearly 9 years ago. At the start of my Headship here at Pimperne, they were sent by the family of a former Headteacher. A note explained that the clock was a gift given to him on his move to pastures new. The cloak was an old choristers cloak from a young lady that belonged to the choir at St Peter's Church, as depicted in the picture — she was thought to

be the blacksmiths daughter. We were very appreciative of the gift as a window into our history. We do love hearing stories of times in our school's past, therefore, if you or someone you know, attended Pimperne School, please share a few memories with us so that we may relive these with our children. They learn about the school's history in their curriculum 'times in living memory and beyond.' We are hoping to make a collection of all these and so it would be truly appreciated—names, descriptions, what it felt like, memorable events...



As a school we have been investing in our library.

Our PTA have also agreed to fund a Key Stage 1 and a Key Stage 2 book each month from the new releases. This supports our current drive to update and have a range of new and familiar authors. This diversity in our book offerings will enable children to have quality texts to choose from.



We are reminding children who borrow from the library to look after the books with care and return them as soon as they are finished with them so that others can enjoy the reads too.

Fiona Waller (Headteacher)

PIMPERNE GYM - R LUKINS FITNESS

We have been very busy in the last couple months here at R Lukins Fitness! Our expansion has finally started, and 26 new pieces of machinery and weights have been flooding in. The



once outdoor section has now been turned into another room filled with brand new



equipment to try out. Once everything is built and looking pretty the next game of action is planning the Tractor Tug for September!

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

In the light of the recent burglaries in the village I will use this section to provide the current advice on how to reduce the risk of a burglary. Obviously, it is not possible to adhere to all the suggestions but they provide good guidance for householders to do what they can.

Secure Boundaries – metal side and driveway gates allow intruders to be seen: gravel driveways and pathways make a silent approach difficult: store away wheelie bins and any other potential climbing aids so burglars can't climb on them: secure wooden gates with two hasps and staples: try to keep your rear and side boundaries as high as possible (between 1.8 and 2 metres is recommended): be aware that the use of barbed wire or broken glass on the top of walls or fences could cause injury for which the occupant might be made liable.

Before you leave your home – close and lock all doors and windows: set your burglar alarm: make sure back and side gates are locked: lock sheds and garages: make sure no valuables have been left in sight: put keys out of reach of letterboxes: if going out in the evening, shut the curtains and leave interior lights on: never leave car documents or ID in obvious places like kitchens or hallways.

Gardens and Garages – Ensure your insurance covers theft from sheds and gardens: don't leave tools and implements outside: if you don't have a shed, wrap a heavy padlock around tools and secure to an anchor device: always keep sheds and outbuildings locked and, maybe, put thorny plants nearby: secure windows with diamond mesh grills and padlock the outside: install purpose made locks on up and over garage doors: shackle and padlock wooden garage doors: secure side doors with 5-lever mortice locks

Locks and Security Devices – If you are able, fit a burglar alarm with a prominent box: fit tamper proof security lights activated by photo-electric cells which will automatically switch on from dusk till dawn: position your lights so that they cannot be triggered by animals and do not cause annoyance to your neighbours: have solid wood front doors, at least 44mm thick, fitted with 5-lever mortice locks – frames should be reinforced with metal strips and fit a door viewer at user height: downstairs windows should be fitted with locks or shoot bolts.

This is not an exhaustive list and further advice can be found online.

We have temporarily suspended Speedwatch until the weather improves but the police continue to check speeds using their car mounted laser devices. Even with the road works and associated traffic lights limiting progress through the village, cars nevertheless continue to speed on the A354. Speedwatch is seen by the police as an essential part of the county's policy to reduce speeding so our efforts are greatly appreciated by them. When we resume our checks I need a few more people to assist as we ideally need 4 people to ensure we can take the registration number and car details. Please let me know on if you would like to join our group.

Derek Andrews
Homewatch Co-ordinator (452005)
dandvandrews@gmail.com

LO'S COFFEE SHOP AND BAR

It's been 9 months since LO's Coffee shop opened, and there has been nothing but smiling faces from both our staff and our customers.

Almost as soon as we opened the indoors seating area in December, numbers of new customers have made themselves at home here, enjoying coffees, cakes and numerous savoury breakfasts and lunches on both weekdays and weekends. Regular events such as monthly dog walks and holiday specials means that LO's always has a buzzing atmosphere, helping to build a solid community for all ages around the Pimperne area!

Not only has our indoor area provided the space we need to hold our growing customers numbers, but it has also given us the opportunity for indoor event hire during the colder seasons; birthday parties, baby showers and corporate meetings are just a few of the events we have been picked for as THE perfect venue. Our largest event to date has been the Christmas market, with over one thousand attendees, and we continue to bring many experiences to the coffee shop such as live music and open mic evenings, themed dinner parties and singles nights. Our intention to keep the local community entertained continues into our spring/summer schedule, with music from Matt Black, Mothers' Day meals and more to be confirmed as the year progresses.

With the growth in popularity, LO's has also increased their menu selection, with a vast range of breakfasts and lunches – most popular being our toasties and breakfast rolls that have



customers returning as soon as the doors open at 9am. Our tray bakes, cream teas and sponge cakes are equally as popular for a midday treat to go with your brew; there's a little something for the whole family at LO's!

Summer opening times, (9am to 4pm) will start on the 25th March, in time for the Easter Egg Trail. Please check website for dates of activities.

CRANBORNE CHASE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE



Cranborne Chase
National Landscape

In November 2023, DEFRA announced that Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty will be known as 'National Landscapes', stemming from the Landscapes Review of 2019.

Working closely with the National Landscapes Association, a new logo has been developed. It is recognisable with the previous identity of this landscape, which has been close to the hearts of our community since we were first designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in 1981.

Explore Cranborne Chase with the Countryside Code. The Countryside Code, a guide to the outdoors, has been joined by Shaun the Sheep to help young explorers Respect, Protect and Enjoy the countryside.

Watch Shaun the Sheep's adventures to help young visitors enjoy the countryside this February half-term. <https://cranbornechase.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=995562bbf57086d9816b1243b&id=ce78e80e37&e=3f665249f8>

There is plenty to discover on Cranborne Chase, with a variety of shorter and buggy accessible walks available for families and young visitors to enjoy. <https://cranbornechase.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=995562bbf57086d9816b1243b&id=bb8921852a&e=3f665249f8>

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

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SUNDAY ROASTS
Served All day 12-7:30
Locally sourced meat & Homemade Vegetation options

QUIZ NIGHTS
Fortnightly Wednesdays 7:30pm £2.50 entry
Hosted by @quizpicable_me

LUNCH & DINNER
Lunches from 12pm Dinner from 6pm
7 Days a week, Seasonal options

PIZZAS
Wood Fired Pizzas & Garlic flatbreads from the Forge
Locally sourced ingredients & toppings

BUFFETS
Available for any occasions, Birthdays to family gatherings

Info@anvilpimperne.co.uk 01258451999

The poster features a central circular area with a pink-to-white gradient background. This area is framed by a wreath of green leaves and brown flowers. A large green button is positioned at the top center of the wreath. To the left of the wreath, there are illustrations of a pair of red-handled scissors, a spool of orange thread, and a pink measuring tape. At the bottom of the wreath, there are more green leaves and a small brown flower. The text 'SPRING CRAFT FAYRE' is written in a bold, dark green, sans-serif font across the center of the wreath.

SPRING CRAFT FAYRE

SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

PIMPERNE VILLAGE HALL

🪡 **10:30 AM - 3:30 PM** 🪡

Free entry 🪡 Crafts 🪡 Refreshments

Funds raised in aid of P.O.R.T.
(Pseudo Obstruction Research Trust)

For more information, please contact Jackie Vacher on 07879003567



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 sales table 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 in the village hall 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. For a small annual fee you can

enjoy 7 speakers with refreshments and 2 social events. This year we are enjoying talks including "Planting for Autumn and Winter Interest " and "Capability Brown's Approach to Landscaping ". So whether you are a keen gardener, someone new to gardening looking for help and advice or simply someone looking to add to your social calendar then why not come along. 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 monthly in Pimperne Village Hall. Non-members are very welcome. The hall opens at 1pm and meeting starts at 1.30pm and finishes at 4pm. Members pay £5 and non-members £8 which includes refreshments. Further details are available on the website including materials to bring along and details of the featured artists www.blandfordartsociety.weebly.com.

Programme for the next few months is:

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| 18 th April | Pam Philip Workshop Coastal Scene in Oil or acrylic |
| 16 th May | Tamsin Loveday – Artist Book Workshop |
| 20 th June | Come to Draw and Paint the local area, led by Tricia Armitage, BAS member |
| 18 th July | Angela Corben Workshop – Intuitive Art |

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 £6.50 a class, pay as you go. Contact *Nicola* on 07887921717 or email nicolathommes@aol.com

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

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

Pimperne Baby & Toddler Group The group meets every Wednesday during Term time at the

Village Hall from 9:30 to 11:30. Cost is £2 per family which includes child snacks and unlimited adult drinks. Children birth to school age are welcome. Lots of toys for all ages, activity tables, song time and special occasion parties through the year. Nice Relaxed friendly atmosphere. Find us on Facebook. More information from:

Tamsin 07867 568941
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 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 cambrai@eastcote.plus.net or on the [WFA/Wessex website](http://www.wfa-wessex.org.uk)

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

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

Gather and Glow We offer a variety of offerings in service to women including 1:1 birth preparation and birth healing sessions, groups holistic antenatal courses, pre and postnatal yoga, ceremonies, blessings and rituals as you navigate this time from Maiden to mother. Aimee is a qualified Yoga teacher with the British Wheel of Yoga, specialising in pregnancy and postnatal yoga and accredited with Yoga Alliance Professionals. She is a trauma informed healer, ceremonial priestess, and birthkeeper offering sanctuary at her home studio on the edge of Bryanston Forest. She also runs free wellness walks on Thursday mornings gathering at Pimperne Village Hall Car Park. More details from: *Aimee Strongman*, 07742 982983 or <http://www.gatherandglow.co.uk/>

PICTURE QUIZ

Last Issue's Photo



The cross is at ground level on the outside wall of 22 Anvil Road



Where is the milestone in Pimperne?
 Answer in the next issue



The lights in the sky were excavators working in the fields on a foggy morning at New Field Farm Cottages

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

Art4 You	Saskia Darrell 07530 041335	Parish Council Clerk	Jan Fairman 480046 pimperne@dorset-aptc.gov.uk
Badminton	Debbie & Mike Davies 453527	Pimperne Baby and Toddler Group	<i>Tasmin</i> 07867 568941
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 07540 777707 m.richley@me.com
Cancer Care	Barbara Thomson 454191	Post Office	Jane 861445
Churchwarden	Bryan Putt 07884 135056	Rector (Priest in Charge)	Rev David Miell 07708 601462 dkmiell@gmail.com
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
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Garden Club	Andrew Hunt 07816 467281	U3A Badminton	David Shepherd 07831687805
Gather and Glow	Aimee Strongman 07742 982983	Village Hall Bookings	Peter Slocombe 453419
Homewatch	Derek Andrews 452005	Western Front Association	Martin Willoughby cambrai@eastcote.go-plus.net
Parents & Toddler Group	Tasmin 07867 568941	Zumba	Caroline Barr 452936
Parish Council	Peter Slocombe (Chairman) 453419		

Stop Press

PIMPERNE SCHOOL

We are very proud to have received another letter from the Minister for Schools to congratulate us on our school results for the last academic year being in the top 5% of primary schools in the country. This is testament to the hard work of a fantastic staff team and our community supporting us.



Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP
Minister for Schools

The next edition of the Newsletter will be Autumn 2024, updates etc to The Editor, by **6th September 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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OPEN
GARDENS
WEEKEND

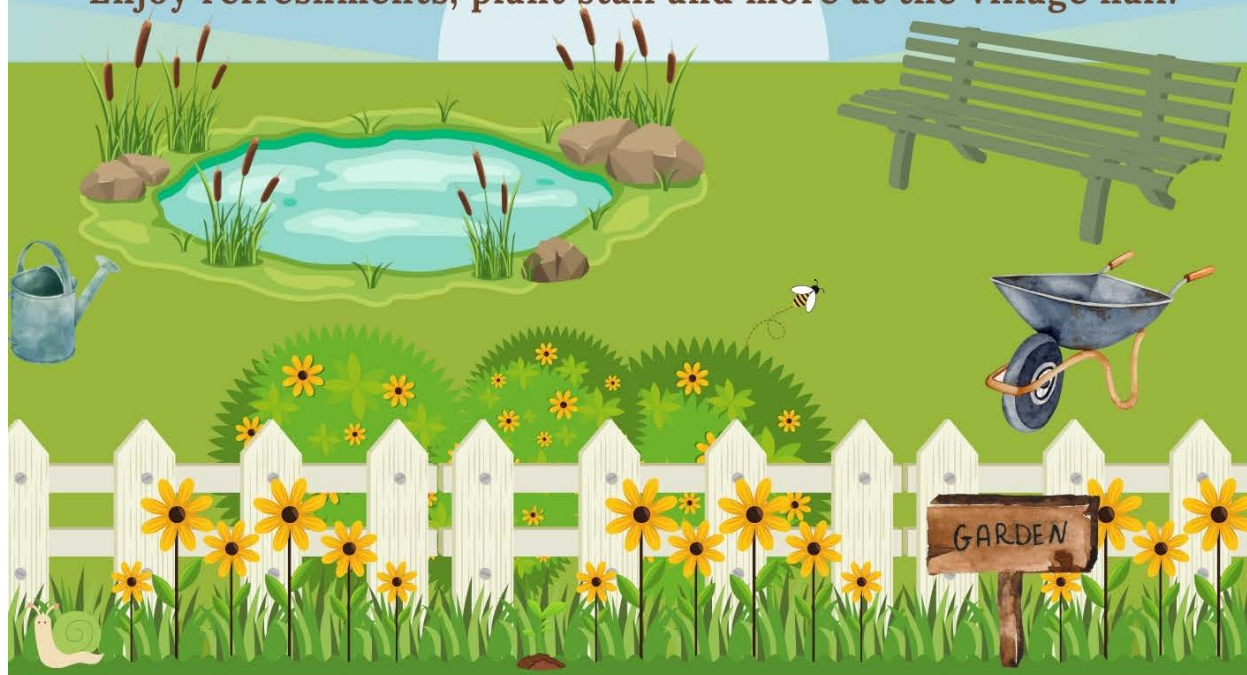
SATURDAY 22ND &
SUNDAY 23RD JUNE
1PM - 5PM

Spend a Summer afternoon exploring the beautiful gardens of Pimperne

TICKETS £5 FUNDS RAISED IN AID OF DORSET & SOMERSET
AIR AMBULANCE AND PIMPERNE VILLAGE HALL



Purchase your tickets from Pimperne Village Hall from 1pm
and collect your programme with a map of participating gardens.
Enjoy refreshments, plant stall and more at the village hall.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events are at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

Please support these events or lose them.

March

Saturday	23 rd	7:30 pm	Open Mic Night – Lo's Coffee Shop & Bar
Sunday	24 th	7 pm	Quiz* in aid of Stour Valley Dog Rescue
Monday	29 th to Sunday 31 st		Easter Egg Trail – Lo's Coffee Shop & Bar

April

Monday	1 st	1pm	Live Band – Lo's Coffee Shop & Bar
Sunday	14 th	10:30 am	Dog Walk in aid of Margaret Green Lo's Coffee Shop & Bar
Wednesday	24 th	7 pm	Annual Parish Meeting
Friday	26 th	7 pm	Quiz Night and Disco – Lo's Coffee Shop & Bar Teams of 6

May

Sunday	19 th	10:30 am	Craft Fayre in aid of Pseudo Obstruction Research Trust (PORT) https://www.port-charity.org.uk
Saturday	25 th	7 pm	Live Music – Lo's Coffee Shop & Bar
Sunday	26 th	7 pm	Quiz* in aid of Pimperne Church Flowers and Garden Open Pimperne

June

Saturday	22 nd	1pm to 5:30pm	Gardens Open* Tickets & Refreshments from
& Sunday	23 rd	1pm to 5:30pm	Village Hall, in aid of Air Ambulance
Friday	14 th	7 pm	Gurkha Night – Lo's Coffee Shop & Bar
Saturday	29 th	2:30 pm	Cream Teas and Games, in Ryland Room and Church
Sunday	30 th	7 pm	Quiz* in aid of the Gurkhas.

July

Sunday	28 th	7pm	Quiz Night*
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September

Sunday	1 st	1:30 pm	Village Fete*
Sunday	29 th	7 pm	Quiz Night *

October

Saturday	12 th	7pm	Harvest Supper*
Sunday	27 th	7pm	Quiz Night *

November

Sunday	17 th	10am	Christmas Fayre*
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December

Saturday	7 th	9am – 4 pm	Christmas Market with Father Christmas – Lo's Coffee Shop & Bar
Wednesday	11 th	7:30pm	Christmas Bingo*
Friday	20 th	7pm	Christmas Quiz from Jackie – Lo's Coffee Shop & Bar



***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**