



PIMPERNE VILLAGE NEWS

Spring 2025



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I wonder what gets you hot under the collar: politics – local or national, climate change, cost of living, the people next door or dog poo? It is a shame that our lovely village and local environment is spoiled by irresponsible owners failing to pick up their dogs' waste. Dog waste is dangerous to us, especially young children who may fall in it or may even try and eat it, especially if parents are distracted. Then we might walk in it, take it home on our shoes and walk it in the house. It is possible to be fined for not picking up your dog's poo, but this is unlikely as there is only one dog warden for Dorset, but that doesn't mean that we should continue to act irresponsibly not picking up and binning it, leaving a health hazard lying around for someone else to walk in! Please, if you are a dog owner, keep an eye on your dog and when it goes poo, pick it up and bin it. There are plenty of bins in Pimperne and if you are not near one, take it home and pop in the black lidded bin. Thank you.

Parish Council Notes

COUNCIL UPDATE

Pimperne Parish Council works hard to safeguard the interests of our parish with each of our councillors taking part in the process. Our new councillors have become involved through their responsibilities especially their individual roles. Cllr Martin Strange has taken special interest in his role as Tree Officer and, in addition, as a member of our former school field working group, together with Cllrs Steve O'Connell and John Tanner. Cllr O'Connell was appointed to the northern committee of the Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils. Cllr Martin Richley became our Transport Officer with early involvement in the location of bus stops adjacent to the former Farquharson Arms. The parish is indebted to Cllr Richley for his continued hard work in collating and producing Pimperne Village News.

Our Communities Officer, Cllr Carole Beckford has carried out regular inspections of council facilities with detailed reports to the Council. Items requiring attention are thus brought to the Council for renovation as required. The Parish Council has recently welcomed Mr Andy Jeffery, Chairman, Pimperne Youth F.C., to a meeting and looks forward to providing financial support for the improvements to the club house. The commitment of Mr Jeffery and his volunteers to our Youth and Pimperne Sports Society is to be commended.

Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan, which took seven years of volunteer time and public funding to complete, has been breached by several planning approvals. Approvals granted by Dorset Council (DC) for the Wyatt development at Letton (130 dwellings in Pimperne Parish), the Farquharson Arms development and the A354 electric vehicle charging station do not comply with the relevant policy in the Neighbourhood Plan. Yet another planning application, namely 33 dwellings at Letton submitted by Wyatt conflicts with the neighbourhood plan. Currently

Pimperne Parish Council is preparing an objection in the strongest possible terms as is The Cranborne Chase National Landscape (CCNL) (formerly Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding National Beauty). There are also numerous objections being submitted by parishioners. An objection has been submitted by Blandford Forum Town Council with overdevelopment included as a material reason.

Pimperne Parish Council will be requesting that this application is subject to consideration by DC's northern area planning committee. Should this request be successful the Parish Council will confirm objection at the planning meeting. DC must give weight to the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan and objections from parishioners and the CCNL.

Work to involve DC officers in improving the sites at Woodbury and the former Methodist Chapel has failed. Our Dorset Councillor has suggested that communication should be established with DC's Director for Place. The Director will be asked to assist in our requests to the site owner to execute repairs to the former chapel and clear overgrown shrubs and brambles from the Woodbury site. Both the former chapel and Woodbury site are eyesores and risks to public health.

The DC Enforcement Officer has been requested to ensure that landscaping to the electric vehicle charger site on the A354 is completed in accordance with the planning conditions. The site operator, Instavolt, is to be informed that action is required to prevent the site from being used as a public lavatory.

DC has refused our request for an uncontrolled crossing to be installed on the A354 to allow pedestrians to cross the road for access to the nursery and bus stop. The refusal, by the DC road traffic team, highlights the problem with locating an alternative crossing point.

The installation of white gates to the parish/village entries on the A354 has been

stalled by consistent delay from the Dorset Signshop in submitting relevant quotations for the work. Agreement in principle for the work was reached by the Parish Council several months ago.

The auto speed watch camera originally located on the A354 adjacent to the Church Road junction has been removed. These cameras, installed in a number of locations in the county, have not been a success and all have been removed.

Our Vice Chairman, Cllr John Tanner, has dealt with a number of public interest items in addition to his role as Flood Warden. Cllr Tanner regularly reports on the sewer and manhole sealing work undertaken by Wessex Water in Church Road.

Road and footpath defects are reported to DC by our Highways Officer, Cllr Antony Argles. Cllr Argles regularly walks the footpaths in his role as Rights of Way Officer and reports matters requiring attention.

Users of our Junior Play Area will have noticed that the trampoline has been surrounded by a security barrier. The trampoline has been damaged with the result that a repair is required and a quotation from the installer, Wicksteeds, is awaited.

Returning briefly to Highways, we are currently considering hedgehog signage for the village and awaiting installation of bus stops and road markings outside the former Farquharson Arms by DC.

Our Parish Clerk, Mrs Jan O'Connell is outstanding in her ability to administer Parish Council responsibilities, in addition to her role as Responsible Finance Officer.

Nominations for Pimperne's Community Champion for 2025 are welcomed. The nomination form is included within this edition of Pimperne Village News, replies to our Parish Clerk by close of play 7th April please.

Parish Council meetings are normally held at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month. There is always an opportunity for public participation through the democratic session held

at every meeting with parishioners invited to raise any matters of local interest.

All parishioners are very welcome to attend the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm 23rd April 2025, when reports and updates of the Parish Council's activities are provided.

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

FLOOD REPORT

Since the Autumn edition of the Pimperne Parish News we have endured weather of many shades, with an exceptional lack of sunshine, many gales as we are getting used to and spells of very heavy rain lasting for few days. However, we have, unlike other parts of the country, escaped flooding, long may that last. The tributary from Salisbury Road has flowed strongly throughout this period whilst flow from New Field Road has been sporadic unlike in previous times. With higher temperatures resulting in greater evaporation and more temperate rainfall the main danger from flooding is passing.

Following an inspection of our sand and sandbags an order has been placed to ensure for next Winter, we will be well stocked with the necessary materials.

Cllr John Tanner
Flood Warden
07544 195407
jjtanners@hotmail.com

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

The main event as regards Highways since the last report is the ongoing upgrading of gas pipes along Down Road and Anvil Road. The first phase caused some problems as all traffic had to go up and down Arlecks Lane, controlled by traffic lights. This involved long waits and at first one or two people couldn't wait, jumped the lights and then met a vehicle coming the other way! However eventually everybody got used to the idea of waiting patiently. The Anvil Road section was due to start shortly but has been delayed by high water levels underground but will take place later in the Spring or Summer and again will no

doubt cause more anguish. As regards the A354, negotiations continue about the positioning of white gates at the entrances to the village but it is hoped that the work will be completed in the coming weeks. The pilot Auto Speedwatch camera has been removed and the whole project has been abandoned by the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner.

As I write, we are enjoying a lovely spell of sunny spring weather, but the winter was rather damp and gloomy, leading to muddy paths. However, they were still much used. Please clear up after your dog. Hopefully this summer will be better than 2024.

Any highway or footpath problem can be reported using the Dorset Highways website or by contacting me.

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

PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE – USE THE BUSES OR LOSE THEM!

Agreement has been reached on the position of two new bus stops. One will be relocated at the old Farquharson Arms, with a yellow bus stop box painted on the road, to stop parking outside the Farquharson on what should be the walkway. The other is a new stop and will be situated on the other side of the road by the Willows, where buses currently stop.

The 'Price Cap' is now £3 per single bus journey until 31st December 2025. Great News for all current bus passengers and a fantastic opportunity to explore the bus network of Dorset.....and elsewhere!

You may have already seen in the Blackmore Vale that NORDCAT (North Dorset Community Accessible Transport), the Sturminster Newton-based charity that has provided transport services to elderly and isolated residents for over two decades, ceased operations on 14th February due to financial difficulties. If you were a registered member for any of NORDCAT's weekly minibus services to destination towns, please contact Dorset Community Transport, who may be able to help. Their telephone number is 01258 287 987 (and ask for Charlotte) or email dorset@ectcharity.co.uk

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

Cllr Martin Richley,
Transport Officer, Parish Council
07540 777707
m.richley@me.com

TREE OFFICERS REPORT

We survived the onslaught of Storms Bert, Daragh, Éowyn and Herminia without any destruction of our trees. That's not to say that a few branches weren't rattled!

It's fair to say that we weren't inundated with tree/hedge planting suggestions from the Autumn 2024 Newsletter but don't be shy if you do have any feelings on this subject and email them to the Parish Clerk.

"The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second-best time is now." – Chinese proverb.

If you think you can identify any potential planting sites then please get in touch.

Cllr Martin Strange
Tree Warden
m.strange61@gmail.com

PIMPERNE'S DEFIBRILLATOR or AEDs

The Village has two Defibrillators, AEDs, one in the refurbished telephone box opposite the Farquharson Arms and the other at the Village Hall. When the Ambulance Service is contacted, if they suspect a heart attack then they will only give the location of the defibrillator if the caller is within 200 metres of its location.



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

Dial 999 or 112 and ask for the ambulance service. Give them the location of the casualty including postcode, they will also accept *what3words* (W3W) if you have the app. They will direct you to the nearest defibrillator and give you the instructions for opening the storage cabinet.

If you can get the defibrillator and take it to the casualty, do so.

When the defibrillator is switched on, verbal instructions will be given. You cannot hurt anybody by using a defibrillator. The unit cannot deliver a shock unless the casualty needs a shock.

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

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

- Scissors (for cutting away the patient's clothing),
- a mini towel (for removing sweat from the patient so the pads stick),

- a disposable razor (for shaving excess chest hair so the pads stick)
- and a protective face shield (for safer rescue breaths)

Online training can be found here:
<https://www.aeddonate.org.uk/education-hub>

LOCAL ADVERTISING

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

place, as they provide much needed information regarding coffee mornings, bingos and quizzes etc.



Community News

LO'S COFFEE SHOP AND BAR

It's springtime here at LO's, and the coffee shop is buzzing with energy! Whether you're a family hoping for a delicious lunchtime fix or looking for a cosy coffee shop to study alone, LO's Coffee Shop has something for everyone. We've also been increasingly busy with our private events, hosting anything from baby showers, to corporate lunches, and even birthday parties.



Overall, LO's has helped to grow a community within Pimperne and bring people together, and we continue to do so through various events throughout the year, such as charity dog walks, comedy nights, open mic events and more! We've also been working hard to make special days that extra bit more memorable, like our upcoming Mother's Day set menu, and our Easter Nature trail. Make sure to keep updated with our social media and on our website as we begin planning even more as we get closer to summer!



For enquires please pop in or email
loscoffeeshop@hotmail.com
www.loscoffeeshop.co.uk

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

The Pimperne Village Hall Coffee Mornings are held every month on the third Saturday between 10 - 12, with entrance of only £1-00 that includes tea/coffee and biscuits. There are a variety of stalls to check out. The following amounts have been raised.

- November the Royal Signals received £130.90 with an additional £100 from the Friday Coffee Club plus the takings from their own stall.
- In December Marie Curie welcomed the contribution of £205.40 plus £100 from the Friday Coffee Club and takings from their own stall.
- In January Cat's Protection received £167.80 and £75 from the Friday Coffee Club.
- February saw The Air Ambulance have £155.70, Friday Coffee Club an additional £75 plus own takings.
- In March Margaret Green received £205 plus £100 from the Friday Coffee Club.

If you can please come along for a chat, biscuits and cake to help these wonderful charities, a warm welcome awaits you.

For more information please contact:

John & Joyce on 07544-195407 or email
jitanners@hotmail.com

PIMPERNE POSTAL SERVICES

The Outreach Postal Service, in the Village Hall, provides a full Post Office Counter Service every Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. All usual Post Office transactions including: Banking – Withdrawals, Cash/Cheque deposits and balances, Travel Money on a Pre-order basis, Car Tax (processed at Child Okeford), Top Ups

on Electric Keys, Bill Payment, e.g. BT Phone Bills, Council Tax, Water Bills, Gas and Electric etc., Drop and Go service on Parcels.

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

ST PETERS CHURCH

We remain in limbo. The advert for a new minister has been in the Church Times twice, with no takers. It remains on the diocesan website. Progress is however being made with forming a new benefice, incorporating the parishes of Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston, Tarrant Gunville, Hinton and Monkton. The Church Commissioners have approved the amalgamation and it now awaits the legal details to be finalised. The name of the new benefice will be the Long Barrow Benefice.



The church remains open for services, worship and prayer.

Services

The regular service times at St Peter's are:

Sunday	Time	Service
1 st	9:15	Morning Service
2 nd	10:30	Holy communion
3 rd	—	No service
4 th	9:15	Holy Communion
5 th	10:00	Benefice Service*

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

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

Festival Services

- 30th March – Mothering Sunday 10am
- 20th April – Easter Day 9:15am

Private Prayer

The Church is open for private prayer daily between 9 am and 4 pm.

Concerts

Future concerts planned/being planned are:

- Sunday 30th March - St.Nicholas, Durweston
Johnathan Watkins – Bassoon
- Sunday 11th May – St.Peter's Pimperne or
Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

Programme and venue tba

- Sunday 8th June – Venue tba

Programme tba

- Sunday 6th July – Venue tba

Members of Poole Young Musicians

Pews News

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

Maintenance and upkeep

We continue to complete repairs to the fabric of the church including the gutters and roof drainage channels resulting in no leaks even in the heaviest rain. We will though be looking to replace the north aisle roof soon and depending on funding resurface the path from the lychgate to the Ryland Room, widening it, so that it can accommodate wheelchairs safely.



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 still £6. Places need to be booked in advance. All inquiries to:

Jane Willis
01258 450483

ST PETER'S CHURCH FLOWER GROUP



Calling all flower lovers & arrangers!

Pimperne Flower Group is a very small group of ladies who arrange flowers every week to keep Pimperne church looking welcoming and cared for and for the congregation to enjoy.

We have an excellent arrangement with the "Big Yellow Bus" at Shillingstone, a Community Project. We purchase all our beautiful flowers each week, plus for weddings and funerals etc. If you would like to help in any way, please contact us

Janet Parker
01258 455187
janetmparker@btinternet.com
or *Jane Stockdale*
janestockdale950@btinternet.com

HIRE OF THE RYLAND ROOM, ST. PETER'S

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

Mary Newnham on 455331

PIMPERNE SPORTS SOCIETY

It's been an exciting and eventful season for Pimperne Youth Football Club, with plenty happening both on and off the pitch!

For those who may not be familiar with us, we are a family-run club that began in 2023. Since then, we've grown to over 30 children regularly training and playing across two U10 teams, as well as a newly formed U7 team.

Our mission is simple: to encourage children to reduce screen time and embrace outdoor activities through football. We aim to foster teamwork, discipline, and camaraderie in a fun and supportive environment. Our club ethos, 'TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More,' is at the heart of everything we do, as we firmly believe in the power of unity and collaboration.

The children have been having a fantastic season, with numerous victories under their belts. More importantly, we focus on teaching them the values they can use both in victory and defeat. We strive to inspire our players to challenge themselves and be the best they can be, not only for themselves but also for their teammates.

Off the pitch, our fundraising efforts continue as we work toward refurbishing the Pavilion, improving the pitch, and purchasing new sports equipment. These upgrades will help create a better environment for the Club, as well as for local teams and families who use the facilities year-round. In addition, the Pavilion will serve as a community space available for meetings and social events.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Jackie Vacher, we are well on our way to reaching our £1,500 fundraising goal. Jackie worked incredibly hard to organise and host a recent quiz night and bingo event, which raised over £800! We cannot thank Jackie enough for her dedication and commitment to making the event such a success.

A huge thank you also goes out to everyone who attended these events. Your support means the world to us, and we truly appreciate all the contributions.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place on Thursday 10 April, arrive between 10–11 am at Bushes Farm and Caravan Site. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased through our Club Secretary. For more information, please contact Sarah at 07584 018265.

If you would like to support our fundraising efforts, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations, big or small. Every contribution helps. You can donate via our GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/7cd85951>



Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing *you at our events!*

If you're interested, please get in touch via email at pimperneyouthfc@gmail.com.

Andy Jeffery
Pimperne Youth FC
Club Chairman/Head Coach
pimperneyouthfc@gmail.com

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE.

u3a

Blandford & District

Are you retired and looking for things to do and ways to meet people? Then why not have a look at Blandford and District u3a? For £12 a year you can join as many of our groups as you wish. Full details of all our various groups are available on our web site www.blandford.u3asite.uk, and they include Badminton (held in Pimperne village hall); Bridge; Scrabble; Rummikub; Languages; Painting; Art Appreciation; Music Appreciation; Walking; Cycling; Skittles; and, our latest, Egyptian Hieroglyphs; with many more beside. Our motto is 'Live, laugh, learn' and the object of the various groups is to have fun – we don't take ourselves too seriously. Anyone who is not in full-time employment is welcome to join us and there is no minimum, or come to that maximum, age. So if you want to learn more please go to our web-site.

Knit and Natter

Every third Wednesday of the month
Pimperne Village Hall Committee Room

2-4pm

**Bring a project or
just come for a
natter!**

Next date: 16 Apr; 21 May; 18 Jun; 16 Jul; 20 Aug;
17 Sept; 15 Oct; 19 Nov; 17 Dec

**£2 entry
includes tea/coffee and cake**



We would love
village residents to
pop along and enjoy
the refreshments in
the committee room
to help us raise
money for the group.

There will be a
selection of drinks
and homemade cake
for £1 a slice
We are able to take
cash and card
payments.

PIMPERNE VILLAGE HALL

Visitors to the hall have admired both the new main entrance doors and the new floor covering to the Committee Room. Negotiations with the installer for a new sound/vision system for the main hall are continuing with finalisation expected in the next few weeks. Various forms of

microphone have been suggested, a decision will be forthcoming at an early date.

Bookings for the hall continue at a good rate with new ventures, e.g. pickleball, coming forward.

The monthly coffee mornings, organised by John & Joyce Tanner are a continued success with regular assistance from Mary & Lennie, Jill & Elinor, Helen & Rob and our many volunteers.

The Friday morning visit from the Outreach Post Office is very popular accompanied by the coffee club volunteers raising funds for a number of charities. Jane (Post Office) has recently retired. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Jackie Vacher's village hall events, namely bingo evenings, quiz nights, craft fairs etc. remain extremely popular and well attended.

Preparation of a website for the Village Hall is underway with the assistance of Tamsin Holloway, organiser of the Wednesday morning Parent & Toddler group.

The Committee thanks our secretary, Mrs Debby Mackenzie and our Treasurer, Mr John Beckford for their continued hard work in the administration of the Hall.

All persons involved with the Hall are unpaid volunteers whose enthusiasm is to be commended.

Bookings for the main hall and Committee Room may be made by contacting the writer, details as below.

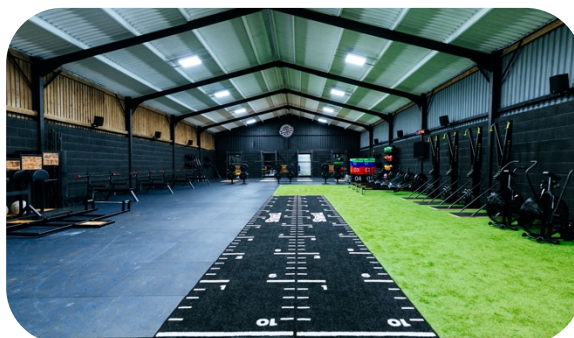
*Peter Slocombe - Pimperne Village Hall
Management Committee
01258 453419 / 07979 592288
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PIMPERNE GYM - R LUKINS FITNESS



This year R Lukins Fitness are celebrating its 10 year old birthday! Starting out as a small barn into the grand facilities we have today.

With the opening of Forge Strength and



Fitness, we are planning multiple events this year, starting with our second Hybrid Power Games at the end of March and our very first StrongMan competition mid April! There are still

spaces on both events so if you haven't done so yet, sign up! Or if you want to come down and spectate, there will be a BBQ and music throughout.

or email: www.rlukinsfitness.co.uk
info@rlukinsfitness.co.uk

You can also follow us on social media:

Instagram: @r_lukins_fitness
Facebook: @rlukinsfitness

HOMEWATCH AND SPEEDWATCH

The police encourage us not to go out on Speedwatch during the cold and wet weather. We have quite strict rules regarding the weather conditions in which we can operate, especially concerning the avoidance of incidents should we be spotted by a driver who then reacts to seeing us and puts him/herself or our team in any danger. So you will have not seen us out for some time but the police speed camera van has been operating as usual, both on the main road and recently including a session in Church Road near the church. Now, as the weather improves, we shall resume our sessions. Several people have complained about the speed of traffic in Church Road and Down Road which has been exacerbated by drivers using the village as a bypass for the roadworks on the ring road, so we will concentrate our efforts there. However, we currently do not have an authorised place to stand in Down Road, the problem being that we need a safe location where cars need to be able to see us (and we them) from a distance, which is difficult as the road is a steady curve until abeam Boyte Road. We do, however, have a position in Anvil Road so will use that although, on the occasion that we used it last summer, we caught no one speeding. I appreciate that it is sometimes quite difficult to hold to 20mph; I have found myself being surprised how easy it is to exceed 20mph in Church Road having come off the main road and taken the sharp bends.

Our local rural police team has looked to be more available to the public and have recently set up a series of pop up, come and meet us events locally, for example in the car park of Homebase (as was) and some village halls. Sadly, we get very short notice of these events which are publicised only on social media. However, they do advertise them on "Dorset Alert" which comes in via email. I have suggested to you previously and repeat now that it is a good idea to join up because it offers you the opportunity to keep up with the latest information and allows you to communicate with the police on any matters. Simply go to www.dorsetalert.co.uk and follow the instructions to register.

The local crime rate has fallen slightly over the past months with violence, criminal damage, antisocial behaviour and burglary topping the list. As we head for better weather now is the time to

check your properties are safe from potential burglaries. Please ensure you do not leave any valuable items outside and, remember, most burglars reconnoitre the area ahead of carrying out their crime so keep alert to unknown vehicles slowly touring the area.

Derek Andrews
Homewatch Co-ordinator
(452005)

CRANBORNE CHASE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE



**Cranborne
Chase**
National
Landscape

Cranborne Chase is a National Landscape, a designated Area of Natural Beauty. National Landscapes are considered so precious that they are protected for the nation.

The criteria for designating a National Landscape include valuable wildlife, habitats, geology and heritage, as well as scenic views.

The primary purpose of the designation is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area, now and for future generations.

Cranborne Chase National Landscape covers 380 sq miles of countryside overlapping the boundaries of Wiltshire, Dorset, Hampshire and Somerset.

It is a diverse landscape offering areas of rolling chalk grassland, ancient woodlands, chalk escarpments, downland hillsides and chalk river valleys each with a distinct and recognisable character. The landscapes of NL today, as they were in the past, are extraordinarily rich.

If you wish to explore Cranborne Chase National Landscape, there are a number of different routes from short to long walks, those suitable for wheelchair/push chairs, for cyclist and horse riders.

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

DID YOU KNOW...?

ACCIDENT

On Monday morning a poor fellow named John Ford, a labourer of this parish, met with a serious accident while feeding a threshing machine at Langton Lodge. He got his hand entangled in the machinery and being drawn into the machine it was frightfully crushed. Mr Daniel and Mr Spooner surgeons soon arrived and Ford's hand was amputated by Mr Spooner. Ford is progressing favourably.

(Western Gazette Friday 23rd November 1900)

THE WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

The branch has had another successful start to the year with a series of very well attended meetings. It is very pleasing to note that the number of people attending our meetings has gone up significantly with many new faces. We are hopeful that this trend continues as Judy our branch secretary continues to seek out new quality speakers and a wide range of topics to interest and attract an appreciative audience. Topics covered so far this year include: The Shillingstone Story by local member Andy Vickers, The Dorset Regiment at the Bluff, by Callum Murray – another brilliant talk by our young, very knowledgeable and enthusiastic member of the branch. Noted historian Peter Hart gave a fascinating talk on Great War Officers at the Battle of Omdurman 1898, an interesting take on WW1 History. Future talks include American Divisions at Bellicourt, The Spanish Flu Pandemic 1917-1919 and the RNAS Secret Experimental Station. Meeting details are available online at <http://www.wessexwfa.org.uk/> and on the notice board in the hall. Wessex Branch WFA meetings are open to all and we ask for a modest donation of £5 to defray the cost of hiring Pimperne Village Hall, our excellent venue, and speaker fees. The donation also includes a £1 entry into our book raffle, proceeds going to support branch education projects. We look forward to seeing you at our remaining meetings for 2025, always the first Saturday of the month except for July and



August when our dedicated volunteers take a well-earned summer break. Any queries can be sent to cambrai.rtr@gmail.com where either our secretary or I will reply. We hope to see you at one of our meetings soon.

Martin Willoughby
Chairman

Wessex Branch WFA

Your local WW1 historical society
Branch registered charity no. 1124787
Branch Patron: The Lord Lieutenant of Dorset

a n v i l 

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



WELCOME TO FORGE'S FIRST STRONGMAN COMPETITION

BRUTE FORGE

APRIL 26TH 2025

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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* 07544 195407 to book beforehand. Offers of cakes, raffle prizes etc. welcome. Please support our efforts to raise much needed funds for charity.

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

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

Pimperne Social Snappers The Pimperne Social Snappers meet once a month to go out in the local area with their cameras, take a few photographs and enjoy a sociable chat over a drink in a local pub. There are no subscriptions, and no need for vast experience or expensive camera gear (a camera phone will do nicely!). All you need is an interest in photography and a sociable outlook! All standards of photography are welcome - why not come along and give it a try.

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

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



Blandford Art Society meets on the third Thursday of the month with afternoon meetings at Pimperne Village Hall. Remember the hall opens at 1300 hours for refreshments and the opportunity to get to know fellow members, exchange ideas, and pick up any information about what's going on in the society and elsewhere. Fees to attend meeting: members £5; and non-members £10.

- 17th April 13:30 Come and Paint
- 27th April All day–Jack Dickson Portrait workshop

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

Knit and Natter The knit and natter group meet every third Wednesday from 2-4pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, for more information contact Carole on 721318.

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 07887 921717 or email nicola@zumbafitsteps.co.uk

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

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

Pimperne Baby & Toddler Group The group meets every Wednesday during Term time at the Village Hall from 9:30 to 11:30. Cost is £2 per 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 Parish Council 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.

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/>

Western Front Association (Wessex Branch)

Meet monthly on the first Saturday of the month

at 2:30 pm at the Village Hall, unless there is a field trip. List of topics are on the notice board in the Village Hall. More details from: Martin Willoughby at martin@eastcote.co-plus.net or on the WFAWessex website

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

www.evolve-neurorehab.co.uk or 07763735251

U3A Badminton every Friday morning More details from Drystan England: 01258 860905

or drystanengland@outlook.com

DOG WALKERS



Remember, Bag it and Bin it, offending owners can be prosecuted in the magistrates' court where a fine of up to £1000 can be imposed.

PICTURE QUIZ

Last Issue's Photo



This is the old chapel in Priory Lane.

Where and what is this the remains of?





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Bingo Marion Haynes 451484
Blandford Art Society. Wendy Gregory 474646
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Churchwardens TBN

Church Administrator Vacant
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 Judy Jakes office@psdbenefice.org.uk
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The next edition of the Newsletter will be Autumn 2025, updates etc to The Editor, by early September 2025 - 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events are at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

March

Sunday	30 th	7 pm	Quiz for Julia's House. Soft refreshments provided for donation, bring your own alcohol. Help, raffle prizes, etc. appreciated
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April

Wednesday	16 th	7:30 eyes down	Bingo in aid of Lymphoma Cancer, prizes and help appreciated
Saturday	19 th	10 am	Village Coffee Morning
Wednesday	23 rd	7pm	Pimperne Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday	26 th		Brute Force Competition Lukins Fitness

May

Sunday	11 th	2:30 pm	Village VE Day Celebration Help will be appreciated on the day and for prized etc.
Saturday	17 th	10 am	Village Coffee Morning
Saturday	17 th	7pm	Horse Racing Night in aid of Teddy 20. Come and have some fun, free admission
Sunday	25 ^h	10;30-1pm	Baby &Children Preloved Sale in aid of the Pimperne Baby and Toddler Group -see advert
Sunday	25 th	7 pm	Quiz Night in aid of the Jolly Good Company Club for memory loss and memory issues, Blandford. Soft refreshments provided for donation, bring your own alcohol. Help, raffle prizes, etc. appreciated

Jackie Vacher needs your support, especially in the way of prizes and helping out on the day/night. Please contact her on 07879-003567 or 01258-455658

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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 (Continued)

All events are at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

June

Wednesday	18 th	7:30 eyes down	Bingo in aid of Blandford Hospital, prizes, help and cakes appreciated
Saturday	21 st	10 am	Village Coffee Morning
Sunday	29 th	7pm	Music Quiz Night in aid of the Air Ambulance, Soft refreshments provided for donation, bring your own alcohol. Help, raffle prizes, etc. appreciated.

July

Saturday	19 th	10 am	Village Coffee Morning
Sunday	20 th	10 am -1pm	Car boot, table top & jumble Sale in aid of Pimperne Play Area. Help, cakes & raffle prizes much appreciated.
Sunday	27 th	7pm	Quiz in aid of Dagability, Blandford. Soft refreshments provided for donation, bring your own alcohol. Help, raffle prizes, etc. appreciated

August

Saturday	16 th	10 am	Village Coffee Morning
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September

Sunday	7 th	1 – 5pm	Pimperne Village Fete in aid of Yellow Bus Project. A lot of help required as well as cakes, raffle prizes etc.
Saturday	20 th	10 am	Village Coffee Morning

October

Saturday	11 th	7pm	Harvest Supper in aid of the Church, tickets £10 Love to see you, help, raffle prizes much appreciated.
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Pimperne Community Champion 2025

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Name of nominee: _____

Reason for Nomination _____

Name of nominator _____

Signature of nominator _____ Date: _____

Please return your nomination by **7th April 2025** to **Parish Clerk**, address over leaf