

PIMPERNE VILLAGE NEWS

AUTUMN 2008



Once again the Flower Show on Bank Holiday Monday marks the end of summer events and reveals an inspiring range of skills and talent in the village.

Autumn is a good time to take up a new hobby or revive an old skill. Pimperne Village News is issued twice a year by the Parish Council and aims to provide an up-date on village activities to enable everyone to play a full part in village life. Your support at fund-raising events will be much appreciated and will make a real contribution to the well being of the village.

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Our July meeting heard a presentation from Dorset Police (P.C. Dave Mullins) concerning safer neighbours and Partners and Communities Together (PACT). P.C. Mullins explained the general procedures and confirmed that our Blandford Rural North Safer Neighbourhood officer is P.C. Rich Barnes. Mr. Derek Andrews is our point of contact. P.C. Mullins advised that PACT has been introduced under Section 19 of the Crime and Disorder Act with funding from existing sources. Items that have received attention under PACT in Blandford have been speeding, dog fouling and antisocial behaviour.

The Parish Council is indebted to Mr. & Mrs. D. Toze for their invaluable work in the preparation of our application for the registration of the School Field as a Village Green. Ninety witness statements have been completed together with identification map, graph analysis of usage, support statements and photographs, all assembled by Mr & Mrs Toze to support the application which is to be lodged with Dorset County Council in accordance with Section 15 of the Commons Act 2006. It is essential that our application is successful to ensure that the School Field remains an open space and is not subject to development in future years. Many hours of work have been expended by Mr. & Mrs Toze which should be rewarded by a successful application.

Work to enhance and protect the area beneath the chestnut tree outside St. Peter's Church has been delayed. However, negotiations with the contractors for the work, Banyards Ltd., have been successfully concluded by our Tree Warden, Mr. D. Hart, with a view to completing the work in the near future.

With reference to the proposed new school development adjacent to the Village Hall, the application (which was approved by Dorset County Council) has been passed to the Government for the South West, located in Bristol, for their consideration.

We were sad to learn of the resignation of our Parish Clerk, Mrs Jean Coull. Mrs Coull has carried out her duties in exemplary fashion, embracing new technologies and complex financial and legal requirements with enthusiasm and ability. We shall be very sorry to lose her efficient, polite and effective ways and wish her good health and happiness away from Council agendas, minutes, meetings and everything else that accompanies this position of vital importance to the community.

Please note that the Parish Council welcomes parishioners who wish to raise any topic of local concern at the democratic session held prior to Parish Council Meetings which are held at 7.30 p.m on the second Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall. .

Peter Slocombe,
Chairman



PIMPERNE ART GROUP meet on Monday fortnightly in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. to sketch or paint under the guidance of Claire Thomas, a local painter and Adult Ed. Tutor who also runs local private groups. We are a friendly, informal, mixed ability group, very supportive of each other. New members, whether complete beginners or old hands, are very welcome. The new term starts in the village hall at 2 p.m. on Monday, 8th Sept. (fee for the term £15), just come.



PIMPERNE CAMERA CLUB

Meet at 7.30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall. The objective of the Club is to encourage members to use their cameras and improve their skills.

New members very welcome.



THE THURSDAY LUNCH

12.45 p.m. every Thursday in the Village Hall a two course lunch with tea or coffee is served for an inclusive charge of £3.50.

The aim is to provide a meeting point, companionship and a good meal and it is open to anyone, any age, living in the village. Transport can be provided if necessary. Why not come along and make some new friends? Drivers willing to offer a lift particularly welcome!

PIMPERNE MIDWEEK CLUB

The Midweek Club meets in the village hall on the second Wednesday afternoon in the month. Meetings start at 2.30pm. We usually have a speaker followed by tea and biscuits. Previous talks this year have included 'My Life as a Stunt Woman', 'The Wireless in Wartime', 'Discovering Dorset'. We have a summer outing. This year we had a private guided tour of Deans Court near Wimborne followed by a delicious tea on the terrace. Future plans include talks on 'Fair Trade - India' and 'Antiques' as well as our Christmas lunch in December'.

New members are always welcome. Please come along."

BLANDFORD MACHINE KNITTING CLUB

meets in Pimperne Village Hall on the third Tuesday in the month at 2 p.m. There are demonstrations and displays. New members welcome. Visitors are also welcome to attend individual meetings for a charge (to include coffee).



PIMPERNE SHOW **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY** **25TH AUGUST - 2 P.M.** **IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Come along and see what the village can do

Home made teas

Flowers – Fruit – Vegetables
Cookery – Flower Arranging
Art, Crafts, Photography
Children's Section

Open to all residents of Pimperne and/or members of Pimperne based organizations (children who are present or past members of Pimperne Primary School are also eligible) The exceptions are the photography and flower arranging sections which are open to all.

Last year's show was well supported with a high standard of entries and we hope for similar success this year. Please don't be shy about entering, you may surprise yourself and win a prize!

As encouragement the names of first time adult entrants will be put into a draw for a £10 prize which will be drawn at the end of the show.

The show concludes with an auction of surplus produce and the judging of the Potato Competition, which is run by the Garden Club.



SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Are held at 10.30 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the Village Hall to raise funds for local charitable causes.

The scope has been increased to include table top sales and crafts. The 100 Club Draw is also be made at these Coffee Mornings, which provide an interesting and valuable meeting point as well as raising funds for good causes – please support them! 6th Sept Coffee Morning for the Parkinsons Society. Offers of cakes etc. welcome.



OLD TYME AND SEQUENCE

DANCING If you have ever done Ballroom Dancing then you are well on the way to being able to get to grips with sequence dancing. Even if you haven't it is never too late to start - our leaders, Brian & Pam, and members are very willing to help anyone with the dances and get your feet going in the right direction! We welcome new members. We meet every Tuesday at 7.45p.m.in the Village Hall. The entrance fee is £1.50 and this includes refreshments. Five times a year we have a late night with an American Supper

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PIMPERNE

**Rector: Revd. Stephen Coulter
(480580)**

St. Peter's Church holds a 9.15 a.m. service of Parish Communion every Sunday, at which all are welcome.

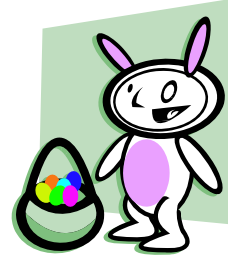
Dates for your diary:

Harvest Supper, Sat. 11th October in the Village Hall. Entertainment - Folk, jazz and

country music by Martin and Debbie (Woman wants Tall Man).

Christmas Fayre at St Peter's Church on Saturday 8 December at 10.30 am. Coffee and mince pies, Christmas music, cakes, jams, pickles, table decorations, grand raffle, children's tombola and more. Come and start the festive season with us."

In term time the Sunday School, "SPuD Club", meets most Sundays at 9.10 a.m. in the village hall for children from 4 years upwards.



PIMPERNE PRE-SCHOOL

Is led by NVQ trained and qualified Play Leaders Kim Lillington and Claire Sully and has recently had an excellent Ofsted report.

We have a strong committee of parents who organize fund raising events throughout the year and this has enabled us to buy a lot of new fun equipment.

We have ties with both Pimperne Toddler Group and Pimperne Primary School giving children continuity and a sense of belonging. The group has a good caring atmosphere with lots of fun activities for the children, aged from 2 years 9 months until they start school. We currently operate, Monday to Thursday from 9.30 to 12 noon and Fridays 9 – 11.30, at the Sports Pavilion, Old Bakery Close.

PIMPERNE PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

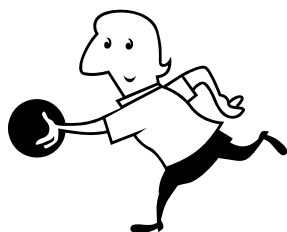
Join us in the Village Hall 9.30 - 11.30 on Wednesdays during term time We have a wide selection of toys for young children and babies with 'quiet' areas, active areas, 'art', music and a jigsaw library. Plus a table where Mums may buy & sell unwanted toys etc. We also aim to provide opportunities for friendship and support.

PIMPERNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

All members of the school community have worked hard this year; we are particularly proud of our Ofsted inspection, which graded the school as good, as did our Church Inspection.

Our year 5/6 football team were runners up in the recent Davison Trophy when they competed against 60 other schools. The Kiwi Cricket team has also qualified for the Dorset County Finals. The school took part in the North Dorset Swimming Trials with two individual pupils and two relay teams getting through to the finals.

Mrs Cathy Rimmer
Headteacher (452025)



PIMPERNE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

How sad that the winter season will soon be with us. What better reason could there be to liven up those long winter Monday evenings than playing bowls? We are now actively looking for new members – so why not join us?

Our league teams did very well last year and we are very proud of them and wish them well for the coming season. Various social events are planned. We look forward to welcoming you soon.



PIMPERNE GARDEN & SOCIAL CLUB

Meet at 2.30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. Our programme includes illustrated talks on garden related subjects, coach trips and social meals. There was a lot of interest (not to mention fierce competition!) in the potato in a pot competition judged at last year's Flower Show and greater things are expected this year!

New members are very welcome, come along and get your programme for the coming year at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 23rd September, when Mr & Mrs Pitman will introduce us to "Gardens Great and Small" and the theme for the monthly competition will be 'Hedgerow and Harvest'

The club's scarifier is available for hire at £1 per day.

GARDENS OPEN DAY

We are delighted to announce that due to great support and hard work at the Open Gardens a few weeks ago, we can now donate a cheque for £1,000 to the Dorset Air Ambulance, our nominated charity and also £200 to our village Church. Well done to everyone involved.



PIMPERNE VILLAGE HALL

The Hall continues to be well used in general. The Lunch Club is currently seeking additional members to enjoy the well prepared lunches available each Thursday. Completion of maintenance defects is awaited from the contractor employed to construct the hall extension.

Both the Committee Room and/or Main Hall available for hire, with special rates for regular users and village residents.

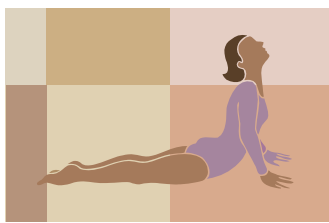
The Hall is maintained to a high standard by Mrs Robina.

PIMPERNE BROWNIES

(Girls aged 7 – 10 years)

Meet in the Village Hall every Tuesday during term time between 5.15 and 6.30 p.m.

ALL SORTS YOUTH CLUB meet at the Sports Pavilion Monday evenings 6.30 – 8.30 p.m. and welcomes youngsters from year five to year eight for a wide range of fun activities.



YOGA FOR EVERY DAY LIFE

This class meets weekly on Friday, 2 – 3.30 p.m. in the Village Hall and is a mixture of toning, mobility and strengthening exercises, together with relaxation techniques. All ages of moderate fitness welcome. The autumn sessions start on Friday 12th September.



PIMPERNE SPORTS SOCIETY

Priory Sports Field has been much used this last year. The pre-school are still regular users and provide valuable income to support the facility. The Youth Club meets in the Pavilion on Monday evening and is well attended. The field supports ad hoc football for the kids.

Pimperne Cricket Club

The Saturday side, newly promoted into Division 3, are performing well so far this season. Weather being much kinder to us this year, we have lost only one weekend to the rain, and out of a total of 12 games played we have won 9, leaving us third position in the league with 5 games remaining.

The evening league side has completed their fixtures for the 2008 season and were very successful this year, finishing champions of Division 2.

All in all, the future for Pimperne cricket is bright.

The field is available for hire and the pavilion can be hired for children's parties.

Special request

When celebrating with fireworks please take care and consider the stress that is caused to farm animals, horses and pets by loud bangs.

To dog owners – please note that it is an offence not to clean up after your dog.

HOMEWATCH

There have been 7 reported offences since the last report in February 2008, a significant rise on the 3 reported in the previous newsletter. Four involved car crime including theft and criminal damage. The others involved the theft of red diesel, the break into a workshop and the break into and criminal damage within St Peter's Church. The upward trend reflects that in Blandford over the past 6 months in which total crimes have risen by 15% with focus on damage to motor vehicles and burglaries in commercial premises. As the credit crunch hits us, car crimes (including theft of petrol), break-ins to outhouses and cash thefts are very likely to continue to rise. So I urge everyone to be extra vigilant and to take greater care than ever during the period surrounding the Steam Fair.

You will have seen from the display on the notice board outside the village shop that the Rural PACT (Partners and Communities Together) has now been rolled out to our area. During each PACT meeting one item from the Blandford North Rural Area will be taken for action, based on the number of completed postcards received. Please remember that PACT involves all aspects affecting your quality of life and not just matters of relevance to the Police. The next meeting will be held in the Corn Exchange on 14 October. Postcards must be delivered to the Police one week beforehand (through me please). If you have any issues to raise please ask for a postcard from me or the Parish Council clerk. It is possible that, in future, postcards will also be available from the Anvil Hotel and Farquharson Arms. It is important to remember that a significant number of postcards covering the same aspect will be required to have the issue adopted at the PACT meeting so get together with friends and neighbours, and involve the rest of the parish to ensure success.

I have had a very disappointing response to my request for information on trustworthy traders from which I can compile a useful list. I ask once again that you let me know about good quality and good value workmen.

There has been some confusion about whether to call 999 or to use the non-emergency service, leading to some reluctance to use the 222 222 system. Use 999 if you deem the need for the immediate call out of any of the emergency services, otherwise use the non-emergency service. If you have any doubts, use 999. Use the non-emergency service to notify any and all criminal activities because, without the statistics to rely upon, the police funding will continue to fall. Dorset is already the lowest funded police authority in the country.

Derek Andrews
Homewatch Co-ordinator

NORDCAT – Your community bus

The Nordcat bus provides a door-to-door service for all people over 60 and for people of all ages who have difficulty using normal public transport for whatever reason.

The buses are wheelchair friendly and easily accessible for those with mobility problems. The service enables access to shopping, visiting friends, medical appointments and much more.

Also available once a week is the opportunity to visit the larger towns, e.g. Poole, Bournemouth, Salisbury, Dorchester, Exeter.

Several Pimperne residents already use the service and speak very highly of the friendly, helpful door-to-door service.

There is a small registration charge to cover the cost of a newsletter and programme, which is mailed to you every 4 months. Application forms available at the Village Shop.

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

ART GROUP Claire Thomas
BADMINTON John Jenner
BOWLS Indoor Mary Newnham
BROWNIES Joyce North
CAMERA CLUB John Draper
CHURCHWARDENS
Richard Ashwell
Velda Andrews
CHURCH NEWS Jenny Ashwell
CRICKET Club Kevin Langdown
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
Mike Oliver
FLOWER SHOW Tony Bartlett
FLORAL GROUP
Margaret Churchill
GARDEN CLUB Anne Allan
HOMEWATCH Derek Andrews
LUNCH CLUB Jean Coull
MACHINE KNITTING CLUB
Win Ball
MIDWEEK CLUB
Velda Andrews
OLD TIME DANCING
Jenny Read
PARENT/TODDLER GROUP
Peggy Hearne
PARISH COUNCIL(Chairman)
Peter Slocombe
PARISH COUNCIL (Clerk)
Jean Coull 453422
PRE SCHOOL
Kim Lillington
RECTOR
Stephen Coulter 480580
SCHOOL (HEADTEACHER)
Cathy Rimmer 452025
SPORTS SOCIETY
John Truswell
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Barry Torrance
VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS
Robina Pierrepont
VILLAGE NEWS Jean Coull
YOGA Barbara Emery
YOUTH CRICKET
Chris Langdown
YOUTH CLUB ALLSORTS
Lesley Green

USEFUL NUMBERS

HEALTH

NHS Direct Helpline (24 hours) 0845 4647

Eagle House G.P.Surgery 453171

Whitecliff Mill St. G.P.Surgery 453171

Blandford Hospital 456541

Dental Helpline 01202 85443

West Dorset Breast Cancer Care Support Group provide support and information, contact Nancy Brickell 01258 4551717.

TRANSPORT

For all public transport information (buses/trains) ring Traveline
0870 6082 608 7am-9pm every day.

NORDCAT 472164

N.D.D.C. 454111

Citizens Advice Bureau 01747 822117

M.P. Robert Walter 01258 452420

THE MOBILE LIBRARY visits Fridays fortnightly outside the Church from 10 – 11 a.m

BLANDFORD CARERS SUPPORT GROUP hold monthly meetings at Blandford Community Hospital. If you are a Carer come and join us for coffee and chat. Next meetings 17th Sept., 22nd October. For information ring 0845 4500 418.

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