

# IBBERTON, BELCHALWELL & WOOLLAND NEWS

Welcome of the Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland News.

Thank you to the residents who responded to the paper slip with an email to [ibbertonnews@gmail.com](mailto:ibbertonnews@gmail.com) , [belchalwellnews@gmail.com](mailto:belchalwellnews@gmail.com) , [woollandnews@gmail.com](mailto:woollandnews@gmail.com) . Please send any news items / contact details to these email addresses or put paper copies through my letter box at Woolland View for inclusion in the April Issue:- future & reports about events, birthdays, offers of help, adverts etc.

A copy of this Newsletter will be on the Village Hall Web site - [www.ibbertonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.ibbertonvillagehall.co.uk)

## Hazelbury Bryan and the Hillside Parishes Benefice

<https://hazelburybryanhillsideparishes.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/369357260969623>

Details of services, Churches and Clergy Team

## St. Eustace Church News

Thank you to everyone who has supported our church during 2023 - attending services, creating beautiful flower displays, cleaning the church, organising and supporting fund raising events, keeping the church yard tidy and the church lit at Christmas, donating jam/chutney for sale in the church, serving on the Parochial Church Council and making the journey up the church path to enjoying the view and experiencing the peace.

Carol Singing: Thank you to everyone who kindly donated directly to Woolland View in aid of 'The Friends of Blandford Hospital'. It was a shame that the singers where unable to sing in person because many people in the village were unwell with Covid. £176 collected.

The PCC met recently and are busy planning events that will occur during the year to bring our community together.

Lent Lunch: Belchalwell PCC are organising a Lent Lunch on Wednesday 6th March 12 noon at Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall donations are in aid of Dorset Air Ambulance. All are welcome  
Wishing everyone peace in 2024.



Annette Newman

## Woolland News

A meeting of Woolland PCC was convened in January. The Treasurer presented the Church's interim Financial Report, and the items under discussion included fund-raising, and an update on the church electrics. Shrove Tuesday on February 13<sup>th</sup> is within our sights and we are anticipating the first of a series of Lent Lunches very shortly.

Woolland will host the event in The Shoot Room, Chitcombe on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March from 12 noon until 1.30 pm. This is an ideal opportunity to meet up for a chat with people from local parishes over a simple lunch of warming soups, bread and cheese. We welcome one and all; there is no charge but a donation to the chosen charity will be much appreciated. There will be a Bring-and-Buy stall; please make an effort to come for it will be so good to see you.

Our Quinquennial took place at the church this morning, 8<sup>th</sup> February. Three roof slates need replacing to rectify the leak in the vestry; now we await the report.

Those among us who have visited Dorchester Museum recently can attest that the Dame Elisabeth Frink exhibition, focussing on a significant work produced at her Woolland studio between 1976 and 1993, is extremely well worth seeing. It runs until 21<sup>st</sup> April and it then tours Swindon and Salisbury's museums. It features around 80 prints, drawings, sculptures, sketches and personal possessions, many of which can be seen for the first time. As well as items from the museum's own collection, acquired from the Elisabeth Frink Estate in 2020, the exhibition includes large-scale sculptures from Yorkshire Sculpture Park and the Ingram Collection. Her creative methods and her sources of inspiration and philosophy are clearly explained. It is a very personal insight into all that was important to her. It coincides with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death. It is not to be missed. A lecture by Annette Ratuszniak takes place in the museum on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm-8.30pm.

**Julie Robson**



## Belchalwell News



Our Carol service held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December as usual attracted a large congregation which helped to fill the Church. A big thank you, as always, to the ladies of the Sanctuary Guild for decorating the Church so beautifully. Thank you also to all the readers and to Jestyn for taking the service. The mulled wine with refreshments afterwards were also appreciated by all.

The carol singers toured the village before Christmas and collected £200 for Macmillan Nurses. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously and also to all who provided such hospitality, including mulled wine which really helped us on our way although perhaps with a few wobbly knees!

Our first late night Christmas Eve service which really helped to get our Christmas underway. Finally thank you Peter for floodlighting the Church during the Festive season and to David for providing much needed extra lighting for our late-night service on Christmas Eve,

### **The Old Bishop's Chair**

On behalf of 'Bel PCC' I wish to thank Mrs Jackie Abbott for rescuing what we believe to be an old bishop's chair which sadly been languishing in the cold and damp vestry of our Church for potentially at least 75 years - may be more. Jackie painstakingly removed all the grime which had accumulated over the years from the frame, re-upholstered the broken damaged seat, before finally, re-straining to bring back to its original lovely colour. It was then placed in the Chancel on Advent Sunday, most appropriate it being the start of a new Christian Year in the Church's calendar.

Lent Lunch - Belchalwell Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 12 noon donations in aid of Dorset Air Ambulance

**Brenda Courage**

### Ibberton Parish Council Update

The council would like to urge everyone in the village to report potholes and other road damage to Dorset Council via the **Dorset For You** website ([link](#)). The report goes straight to the correct teams, who can then act on the information.

Dorset Police also have an easy **Tell us About** page ([link](#)) where you can report a crime or inform them about something you have seen or heard. If do you get in touch with the police for any local matters, please feel free to get in touch with one of your councillors who can support you and help track the issue. Contact details are on the Ibberton Parish Council website ([link](#)).

### Information from SturLitFest

#### 80TH ANNIVERSARY D-DAY PROJECT, JUNE 2024

The D-Day project for this year's SturLitFest is seeking contributions from local people whose family members took part in the build-up to and military invasion of Normandy 80 years ago. We will be creating an exhibition of family testimonies and images that will be on show in the gallery at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton from June 6th. On June 9th the exhibition will be formally launched alongside author events commemorating the invasion. If you'd like to contribute to the exhibition, please send us a 500 word account of your forbear's experience in June 1944. If possible, please submit a typed version via email or deliver a hand-written account to the Town Council Offices in Sturminster Newton. Mark it FAO CClr Pauline Batstone - D-D 80th Anniversary Project.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 11 March at 7.30pm @The Village Hall - All are welcome Minutes of the meeting can be seen on the notice board and the parish council's web site - <https://ibbertonparishcouncil.chessck.co.uk/Minutes/Minutes2016onwards>

Sofie Hopkins, Parish Clerk [Ibbertonpc@gmail.com](mailto:Ibbertonpc@gmail.com)



### Ibberton Village What's App Group

If you would like to join please message 07771561099 to be added to the group

### Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall News

Happy New Year to you all.

Thank you to everyone from the community who has attended events, hired, helped with cleaning, decorating repairing and improving the hall during 2023.

At the recent Annual General Meeting the halls policies were reviewed and the annual accounts approved, which showed a slight surplus of £201.84. Thank you, Mr G Dyke, for independent examining the accounts. This situation is inline with our **Charity Objective**: The provision and maintenance of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of Ibberton, Belchalwell and Woolland without distinction of Political, Religious or other opinions, including use for: (A) meetings, lectures and classes, and (B) Other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.

During the year the hall replaced two of the ceiling lighting tracks with LED units after one failed, both had been installed when the hall was refurbished in 2001. The bolts and washers have been replaced on the roof following a water leak. Our electric bills have increased by 40% when our contact came to an end. Heating and electricity

bills now becoming 50% of our expenditure! The hall now has an alcohol licence and boxes of 96 wine glasses and 96 tumblers to use when the hall is hired or hired for off-site use.

Following a successful National Lottery Community Fund the Trustees and Committee were able to view minutes, agendas, accounts, etc on the screen. I wonder how much paper we saved that evening!

The hiring fees have been reviewed which has left the local fee at £6 per hour, etc. The people who hire from outside our three villages will find a slight increase in charges which compare favourably with halls within the vicinity. <https://www.ibbertonvillagehall.co.uk/About-Us/>

The hall is being assessed by Dorset Community Action DAC <https://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/> for Hallmark 1, 2 & 3 <https://acre.org.uk/> a grading system that assesses the management of the Village Hall.

Achieving each level will gain the hall a discount on our insurance.

As part of Village Halls week, DCA are putting on a Networking event on **Wednesday 20th March.**

At: Ibberton and Belchalwell Village Hall, Ibberton, Blandford Forum, Belchalwell DT11 0EL

From 14:00 to 16:00

At this in-person event, you will have a chance to network with your fellow Village Halls plus finding out more about:

- Dorset Village Halls Association
- DCA's project helping Village Halls to achieve the ACRE Hallmark
- Funding news for Village Halls
- A toolkit for Village Halls aimed at helping you to reduce your environmental impact and help your community to do so.
- And much more

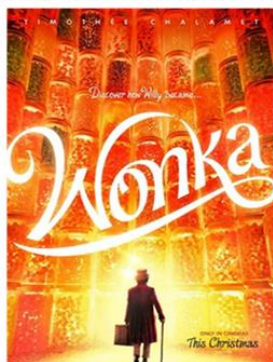
Sign up [here](#) and reserve your place as numbers are limited.

As part of Village Halls week DAC are hosting a Networking event at Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm**

Following this event there will be an opportunity to join an Energy Outreach Project 4pm - 5pm

All are welcome

**IBBERTON, BELCHALWELL AND WOOLLAND VILLAGE HALL DT11 0EJ**



'Wonka'

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 6.30 pm

with Bar, Raffle, Popcorn & Ice cream

Family Ticket £12.50, Child £2.50, Adult £5

Booking

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**Dorset  
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**Energy Outreach Project, formerly known as Big Energy Saving Network, is an outreach only energy advice programme delivered across England and Wales.**

It is delivered by a network of Champions and Regional Energy Leads, based in local organisations.

**Are you a Frontline (Key) Worker**, working with hard to reach and/or under-represented communities?

**Do you know enough to spot the signs** of fuel poverty or to advise your clients on where to go for advice and support?  
**If not, we can help.**

DCA in partnership with NEA and CAB can provide free training to frontline workers to support their vulnerable clients/patients. This training is delivered by a qualified member of staff from Dorset Community Action. It can be delivered to your team in person, or on-line. The training will be for one hour and will include handouts of further information from the session.

**We will cover topics such as:**

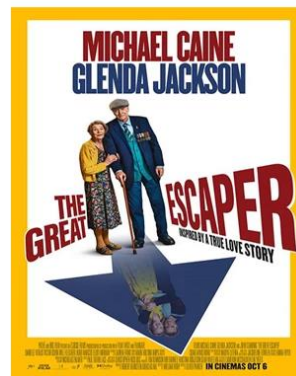
- Energy Efficiency
- COL & Fuel Poverty
- Fuel Poverty and Health Impacts
- Debt Advice & Grants
- Your Rights as a Consumer
- Support & Signposting

If you are an individual, a member of a local community group, or meet with a group of friends on occasion and consider this information to be valuable to you, we can come and deliver the training in person. The presentation will cover all the topics above.

**Sound of Interest?**

If so, please contact [Julie.johns@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:Julie.johns@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk) and I'll look forward to speaking with you shortly.  
Julie Johns - Community Advisor (Projects & Engagement)  
Dorset Community Action - Telephone 01202 847610

**IBBERTON, BELCHALWELL AND WOOLLAND VILLAGE HALL DT11 0EJ**



'The Great Escaper'

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 7.30 pm

with Bar, Raffle, Popcorn & Ice cream

£5 per ticket

Booking

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## Artsreach Event @ Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall DT11 OEL

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3.30 pm Doors open @ 3.00 pm

Harbottle & Jonas

Bar, Raffle, Tea/coffee & cake

Standard Ticket £12

Under 18s £5

Family ticket £30

Telephone

booking: Tel: 01258 817269 / 07771561099



or email: [ibbertonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:ibbertonvillagehall@gmail.com)

Award-Winning Folk Duo make Artsreach Debut! Partners in life and music, dynamic Devon based folk duo Harbottle & Jonas are one of the most exciting acts on the UK circuit today, combining a love of the richness of traditional folk with their own original and powerful songwriting. Together the duo have built up a revered reputation on the folk circuit over the last ten years and racked up nearly 900 gigs in the process.

Crowned Fatea Magazine *Best Band/Duo 2021*,

Dave Harbottle and Freya Jonas have developed a distinct and compelling signature sound, blending concertina, harmonium, cittern, stomp box, acoustic guitar and banjo with their beautiful and closely intertwined vocal harmonies.

Don't miss these captivating performers as they tour Dorset with Artsreach.

[www.harbottleandjonas.com](http://www.harbottleandjonas.com) <https://artsreach.co.uk/event/harbottle-jonas#instances>

20% of the door is kept by the hall and refreshments and bar takings

**Annette Newman**

### Innovative Piano Lessons

You might like to consider piano/keyboard lessons with Judith. Special packages available as well as the usual free trial lesson. Contact me on 07990079488, [judeswiss@yahoo.com](mailto:judeswiss@yahoo.com), any age (you are never too old) and don't believe anyone that has told you the piano is not for you. Come give it a try and I'll change your mind!!

I am also available to play for parties and events. Send me an email if you are interested to find out more!

**Judith Waker**

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### **Possible Pilates Session on Thursday Afternoons in the Hall**

These sessions are becoming very popular so Zane is now conducting a friendly group session in the hall at 12 noon on Thursdays they are looking for one more person to join them to share the cost. If you would to join this group please email - [ibbertonnews@gmail.com](mailto:ibbertonnews@gmail.com) for further details.



Zane also has a 1 - 2 pm slot available on the same day.

Why not get a small group together and share the session and hall rental?

Zane Eglite, the Pilates and Yoga Instructor, <https://www.onlineyogapilates.co.uk/instructor-zane-eglite> is excellent.

If you are interested please get in touch with her directly via mobile 07730380471 or her web site. You will read that she is very experienced and will tailor make the 1 to 1 sessions or group session, to meet your needs.

**Annette Newman**

### **Milk Deliveries and much more!**

The Milk and More milkman delivers to the village on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings early. (You can order up until 6 pm the previous evening and pay online). These items can be regular items and / or one off purchase. Visit the web site and find out the range of goods available and delivery is all free.

[https://www.milkandmore.co.uk/?&bidkw=milk%20and%20more&dvc=c&h=https://clickserve.dartsearch.net/link/click?lid=43700022501741727&ds\\_s\\_kwgid=58700002608594601&gclsrc=ds](https://www.milkandmore.co.uk/?&bidkw=milk%20and%20more&dvc=c&h=https://clickserve.dartsearch.net/link/click?lid=43700022501741727&ds_s_kwgid=58700002608594601&gclsrc=ds)

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