

# IBBERTON NEWS

Shared with Belchalwell & Woolland

Now the Parish Magazine has been relaunched this Newsletter will include items related to Ibberton Village and any events occurring in Belchalwell & Woolland.

Please send items to [ibbertonnews@gmail.com](mailto:ibbertonnews@gmail.com) to be included.

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

## St. Eustace Church News

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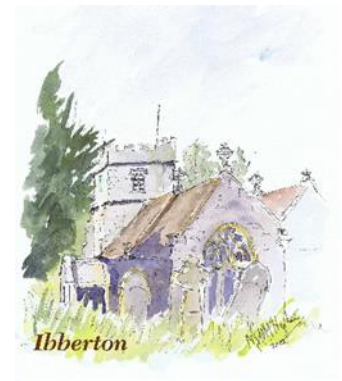
### Church Services

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 am Mothering Sunday Family Service

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

B&IPPC invite you to a Lent Lunch - No booking required.



IBBERTON & BELCHALWELL  
LENT LUNCH

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

12 noon - 1.30 pm

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Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall

Donation plate Bring & Buy table

Proceeds

North Dorset Refuge Friends

<https://www.fndwr.co.uk/>

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

St. Eustace Church Fabric Fund Raising Quiz Evening

Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 7:00 pm

Ticket price £12 (quiz to include a lasagne supper with vegetarian option salad, sweets and laughter!)

Bar & Raffle

Teams of 8 people - you can join groups on the night if you wish - with your own creative team's name!!

Bring your own plates, cutlery & glasses

To book tickets email [steustacechurch@gmail.com](mailto:steustacechurch@gmail.com) phone 01258 817269

BACS payments: PCC Ibberton; 30-90-92; 00814986

Reference: Quiz and surname

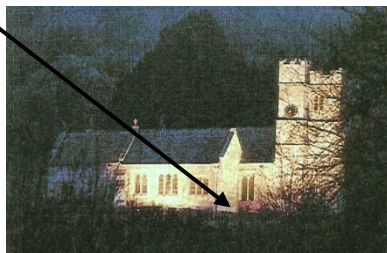
Thank you to Malcolm Wilson be creating the quiz and being Quiz Master.

## St. Eustace Restoration Project

You may have read in the February Edition of the Parish Magazine that the North Aisle of our Church is being investigated for the stability of the North West Corner. Inside cracks have opened up which have recently enlarged, perhaps due to the last summers hot weather. On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February some test pits were dug to investigate further. The path is now closed on the North Side of the Church for safely reasons. The general findings are that when some drainage pipes were installed parallel to the North Wall, probably in the 1950's or earlier. At this time the 16<sup>th</sup> century lime concrete foundations that are at least 50cm under the stone work, where broken up to enable the pipe run to be installed. Hence the instability of the North West Corner. There are plans to install steel rods through the building to stop the roofs from spreading, repair two windows, an arch and a monument. At the same time the walls, as far as possible at the lower level, will be made good by local labour.



Base of Foundations



The previous restoration that took place in 1903 - 1909 entailed the rebuilding of the main arch between the chancel and nave, parts of the North Chapel and Chancel walls and the roofs of the nave, chancel and North Chapel. It cost the village £1.500 which equates to £142,812.73 in 2023!

Once a schedule of work is formulated the PCC will apply for grants to cover some of the work. The rest will rely on fund raising donations/ events towards the fabric fund. More will follow in the coming months about what is planned. The PCC hope that you will all feel about to support to keep this Grade

2\* listed building, that has stood therefor 643 years, for the generations to come to appreciate.

Hillside Parishes Fete Saturday 5th August,2023

Safari Supper Saturday 7th October - kindly being organised by Fiona Closier on behalf of the PCC

Halloween Party Fun Saturday 28th October bonfire / fireworks etc.

### Woolland News

Lent Lunch

Friday 10th March at The Shoot Room, Chitcombe 12-1.30pm

A warm welcome to everyone

Julie Robson

### Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall News



On Saturday 11th February, 2023 Janice Burns & Jon Doran, traditional folk performers, entertained a packed hall from local communities. We thank the Charity of Artsreach for enabling our community to host / experience such high class performances for just a walk down the road.

### Film Night Friday 17th March

'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris'

Staring Lesley Manville, Isabelle Huppert, Lambert Wilson

7 for 7.30 pm start

Popcorn Ice cream Tea Coffee Raffle £5

Bookings [ibbertonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:ibbertonvillagehall@gmail.com) 01258817269

At the AGM it was decided to keep the hiring fees the same as they have been for some years. A new hall sign is to be installed reflecting the legal name to the hall 'Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall. The hall has acquired four large tables, a double table trolley, 30 newish chairs and a large film screen from Hazelbury Bryan Methodist Chapel recently. A new outside tap will be installed soon. An application to granting bodies will be made to update the four stage lanterns to LED lights. They will require a new installation and lighting desk as well. The hall has recently applied to have a licence to sell alcohol which means people will not need to apply for a TENs licence each time costing £21. Only five of these licences are available for a premises each year. The application and licence has a fee attached to it but the committee feel it will enable hirers events to have a paying bar in future. The hall plans to purchase some glasses that will be available for hirers.

A BBQ is planned for Saturday 24th June 7-8.30 pm - £8 adult ticket £4.50 child.

The Trustees and Committee thank Mr Graham Dykes to independently examining the accounts.

All policies have been updated with legislation changes. Visit [www.ibbertonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.ibbertonvillagehall.co.uk) for all details

Due to ill health Derek and Kay Old have left the committee but will continue to support events. Both of them have had a long association with the Hall as Committee Members. Derek has given service as treasurer, bookings secretary and Trustee. Recently the Village Hall enter the Wonderful Villages Award one of our entries concerned an Unsung Hero.

### **Derek Old BEM Lynch pin of a small rural North Dorset Community for over 60 years.**

When Derek and his wife Kay returned to the village over 60 years ago to help run Kay's family dairy farm this was the beginning of a life of service rooted in the rural Dorset village of Ibberton. During this period, Derek has served the community as Church Warden and Lay Chair of the Parodical Church Council, Chairman of the Parish Council, Trustee, Chair of the Village Hall committee, treasurer and Booking secretary - the back bone of Village life. Not only did he lead the committees and decision making but quietly implemented many of the projects himself like magic!

His relationship with the Village Hall has been a constant unseen presence. Committees come to meetings, events and hire the hall they may notice hall housekeeping issues but that is often a moment of thought, soon forgotten. Not for Derek once noticed a solution is formulated, resources acquired, time assigned and tasks undertaken without fuss or self-recognition. Overlooked and unnoticed and the hall remains safe, sound and available for community events and clubs, a constant service in our small rural Dorset communities of 200 residents. The grass is cut, the hedge trimmed the car park cleared of moss and swept, especially essential in summer months. Walls painted inside and out, safety rails and ramps maintained. The deconstruction of the old lorry back container, its removal the rebuilding of a much larger storage shed. Helping and clearing up six ash trees when they had to be felled because of ash die back. With chain saw in hand and climbing around on felled wood he cuts the timber into manageable pieces and loads his trailer with logs while being assisted with his crutches! Derek's responsibility extending beyond that of management to an extension of his home.

Often as you visit the St. Eustace Church, which is located half way up a steep halter path overlooking the beautiful Blackmore Vale, you may come across Derek cutting the hedge precariously perched on a ladder to enable the Christmas flood lighting to be appreciated for miles. Or he will be painting downpipes, repairing masonry, scrubbing the aisle, replacing tiles on the roof, cleaning gullies, collecting produce from the Harvest Festival, cutting the grass and hedges, treating the doors with oil and taking his wife up weekly, along with flowers, for her pedestal arrangement in memory of her parents. It might be taking bottles of wine and glasses in preparation for refreshments after special services in a church with no water! Throughout the year you might come across Derek on his tractor lawn mower preparing the grass in the field a joining the village hall in preparation for the Church fete. Then in the week before the fete the marquee and side stalls are erected, bunting hung, etc. all coordinated by Derek.

Around the village a sign post might be being painted, grass cut, notice board legs repaired, the historic sheep dip fence and cleaned, footpaths kept clear, and the list goes on. Even in his late 80's using crutches with a heart condition that is causing fluid build-up in his lungs he is still silently serving and mostly unseen by the community. Is it magic or is it Derek, who unseen, has enhanced life in our small community?

A life time of service.

## King's Coronation Village Celebration Planning Meeting

Hello to you all

There will be an open meeting in the Village Hall for us all to discuss ideas on how the village would like to celebrate the King's Coronation during the weekend of 6th - 8th May.

The meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm.

Everyone in the village is invited, so please come and join us. If you are not able to attend but would like to put forward your views or ideas please email, message or call Heather so that the views of everyone can be taken into consideration.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

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### Possible Pilates Session on Tuesday Afternoon in the Hall

I have a session in the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings. The teacher Zane Eglite, Pilates and Yoga Instructor, <https://www.onlineyogapilates.co.uk/instructor-zane-eglite> is excellent and is happy to stay on for another 1 to 1 sessions or a group session after 3 pm in the Hall. 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 to meet your needs.