

NEWSLETTER

May-June 2019

THE NEW DORSET COUNCIL OPENS FOR BUSINESS



On April 1st, 2019, the new Dorset Council went live with over 8,000 staff and 357,000 residents across the county. Though this is clearly a huge change for those working for the new Dorset Council, residents should see no interruption to services. All services will continue as normal. The change aims to save money and to streamline administration. By converging back room functions of the district councils, it is envisaged that savings of £16m will be made.

The priority of the new council is to improve services to vulnerable adults, children and the homeless.

Residents can contact the council the same way as before: online, by phone and email, or in person. The new web address is dorsetcouncil.gov.uk though dorsetforyou will still work. Council offices, including Nordon, will still work.

While it is a sensible way forward, there is the danger that the scale of the new organisation might mean that people feel much more removed from the decision-making hub. Town and parish councils and community partners, along with the new People's Panels, will therefore have a crucial role to play in keeping Dorset Council in touch with the residents it has been set up to serve.

DEBORAH CRONEY HONOURED FOR LONG TERM SERVICE

Deborah Croney, a resident of Iwerne Minster, has been made an Alderman in recognition of her service to the now disbanded North Dorset District Council. At one time she was leader of NDDC. Deborah is standing down in May and not seeking re-election to the new Dorset Council.

ROADWORKS

Work scheduled for the Iwerne Bridge culvert appears to have been cancelled.

The planned closure of Durweston Bridge will begin on June 22nd for four weeks.

Melbury Abbas works will finish by May 24th.

HARMONISATION OF TAXES

It has been agreed that with the advent of Dorset Council, all residents should pay the same council taxes. Residents in North Dorset have for many years paid the least amount of council tax and so for them the rise is most noticeable. Households in North Dorset in Band D homes, for example, will pay an extra 6.29% or £96.45 per year. This works out at £1.85 per week. The increase was calculated by increasing the lowest council tax rate across the area by the maximum allowed.

ELECTIONS ON MAY 2ND



Dorset goes to the polls on Thursday May 2nd, 2019 to choose the first representatives of the brand-new Dorset Council. Elections to the town and parish councils in the Dorset area are also taking place on the same day. Iwerne Minster is in the Beacon Ward. Go to the Dorset Council website to find out the details of the candidates who are standing. Every household in Iwerne Minster should have received a leaflet with details of the candidates for the Parish Council elections. You can vote at Abingdon Hall from 7am to 10pm.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON MAY 2ND
FOR A NEW IWERNE MINSTER PARISH
COUNCIL!**



THE ABINGDON MEMORIAL PARISH HALL AGM

The AGM will take place on Wednesday 15th May at 7:30pm in the Abingdon Hall.

The main business on the agenda will be the Reports of the Chairman & Treasurer and the annual appointment / election of committee members. If anyone in Iwerne Minster is interested in joining the committee or, if they do not wish to join the committee but are willing to be involved in any practical way such as fundraising / maintenance / repair, please contact Cliff Derbyshire either by phone or e-mail. We need all the help we can muster.

Cliff Derbyshire (Secretary - Abingdon Memorial Parish Hall) 01747 812203 or cliff@cderbyshire.plus.com

FORTNIGHTLY COFFEE MORNING

There will be a regular coffee morning in the Village Club fortnightly on Wednesdays starting Wednesday May 1st. Drop in and enjoy coffee, cake and company between 10am and noon.



IMPHA

Many thanks to everyone who contributed towards our Marie Curie appeal on Saturday 13th April, both in growing their daffodils and giving so generously. We were able to collect £134.11 (and 200 pesos). The ‘real’ money will all go to Marie Curie. Our winner, by public vote, was Maggie Hale.



COME AND SING!

All would-be singers are welcome to join a new choir starting in Shroton. Come along to the taster evening at Shroton Village Hall on May 9th at 6.45 for a 7pm start. There will be a £5 charge per person. It is open to both men and women, all abilities and there is no need to read music. It will be run by Nicky Stevens (of Brotherhood of Man fame).

Things have been quieter at the club just recently but that does not mean we’ve gone to sleep.

Unfortunately, the Pancake Supper did not take place due to lack of support. However, the pancakes, which had been made in advance, still need to be eaten. So, if you fancy pancake fun in May or even June, contact Penny.

Instead of the supper, we had a very successful Coffee Morning. We served coffee, had a book stall, gift stall and cake stall as well as the usual raffle and, you might have guessed, we served pancakes with sugar and lemon. As a result, £260+ went into the funds. Thank you to everyone who supported it. Our next event is another round of “Call-my-Bluff” on Thursday May 2nd at 7.30 p.m. We know it is Election Day but come along and relax and have a laugh!

On Saturday, June 8th we are having a Car Boot Sale. July will see the “Boules Tournament” – so get practising.

Penny Marsh

AED UPDATE APRIL 2019

AED/CPR training was held at **the Talbot on Wednesday 20th March at 11am**. This was run by Dr Geoff Percival who is now retired and is very proactive in CRR/AED training. He kindly gave his time FOC. It was an extremely ‘hands on’ training and the eight people who attended all said how informative it was. Our thanks to Gareth & Amanda for providing refreshments.

Dr Percival, who lives in a neighbouring village, was surprised how few people in Iwerne have expressed an interest in attending training; his words were, ‘Why wouldn’t you?’

The AED team has put posters on the village notice boards asking for anyone interested to contact the team and state their time preference - in the day, the evening, on weekdays or at a weekend - as Dr Percival has offered more training if required. Once we have at least ten people we will arrange another session.

We are considering putting the code for opening the AED on the outside of the cabinets as Dr Percival advised that in the event of a road traffic accident or similar event this could save precious time.

Please contact the team at AED_IwerneMinster@outlook.com



HORSES, FLOODLIGHTS, AND CARILLONS

The Rocking Horse

The five-child, red rocking horse in Iwerne Minster children's play park has at last returned from holiday and is ready to be ridden again. I remember a similar one in a municipal park in Stone Staffordshire, around the corner from my grandparents. That was when I was nine or ten. It seemed old then, and the Iwerne Minster horse must have been made in 1920s or 30s. The body was very rusty, and really not safe, as we discovered. It now has a smart new body and new seats and has been completely rebuilt and repainted.



Our very many thanks to Andy and Ethan Essex, who have done the bulk of the engineering rebuild. Ethan has been helping maintain the children's play area as part of the public service element of his Gold standard Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It has helped him to complete all the sections and gain the award. Well done, Ethan! Thank you for your help.

We hope the horse will give many more years of pleasure.

Floodlights

I'm sure many will have noticed that the church floodlights are not working at present. They are getting a bit long in the tooth and tripped the church electricity supply every time it rained.

I came across an old Parochial Church Council meeting minute book which indicated that they were installed in 1977 by EC electrical but Dennis Webb believes that this set were installed in 1990s, so perhaps there have been two previous sets.

EC Electrical are preparing to install new LED lights, which are a soft white, and not too bright. We hope that these will be complete and working again by the end of May.

Carillon

The carillon in St Mary's church tower is also having problems. The original bits are performing well but the new modern parts have let us down. The switch for the carillon is released every hour by the clock. The switch signal goes to a programmer which allows the carillon to strike when programmed to do so, and not at other times. Unfortunately, the original one was affected by a

lightning strike on the church and we have not been able to get the new one programmed correctly. As the carillon is controlled by the clock, and the clock is wound electrically and stops when the power is off, we have decided to get the floodlights changed first, and then to address the other things.

Richard Hood

THE VIEW FROM ST MARY'S

It has been a busy time at St Mary's since the last newsletter – but then the Easter period is always like that, as well as being one of the most joyous in the Christian calendar. We have enjoyed an excellent series of Lent talks on various aspects of the gospel of Luke, led by Dr Clare Amos, Garry Bennett, Chris Jervis and David John; a small group of about a dozen met during Lent to discuss various aspects of relationships – with each other, with strangers and with God - under the title "Better Together"; and, after a well-attended and moving Palm Sunday service, a good number stayed behind for the church's Annual Meeting, when we heard reports about the activities of the last year and looked forward to the coming year. In particular, the vicar is planning an "Exploring Faith" course which will be open to all.

And so to the Easter weekend itself. We were blessed with glorious weather (in contrast to last year) for which those who gathered on the Chalk to witness to their faith were duly grateful. Garry Bennett led a contemplative "Final Hour" service on Good Friday afternoon, with hymns, readings, prayers and opportunities to think in silence and in praise of the events of the original Good Friday. This was followed by a well-attended and rousing service on Easter Sunday itself, when members of the congregation gave thanks and renewed their faith.

St Mary's is open every day and the church and churchyard are places of peace and calm; all are welcome to share that peace.

David Parkhouse



View of St Mary's churchyard taken from the tower

INSIDE THE TOWER OF ST MARY'S

The mobile phone relay is now operational in St Mary's tower. Not all networks, however, are served. Vodaphone and O2 provide service having their boxes in the tower. Some other service providers piggy-back off them, include Tesco, Green Mobile and Lycamobile who use the O2 network, and talktalk, talk mobile, Lebara, giffgaff, and VOXI who use Vodaphone.

EE (ex Orange and T-mobile), Three, Virgin (which piggy-backs on EE) and others, are not served. It would be up to EE or Three to negotiate with NETCS (NETwork Coverage Solutions – providers of mobile and wireless infrastructure) if they wished to get coverage here, and they would need to get permission to install their box(es) in the tower.

It is worth noting that the aerials will cease to function in the event of a power failure which affects the whole village. You won't be able to make mobile calls. However, the phone box on the Chalk should work in such a circumstance as it takes telephony power from the exchange. The phone box, which has recently been fixed, does not take cash - only credit/debit cards, prepaid or reverse charges.

John Goodliffe

IMPHA SUMMER NEWS

It is the time again to report the various events being planned by IMPHA. If you are not members yet, don't worry - either contact Sue Le Prevost (812173) or Penny Marsh (811339) for more information. If you just want to come to one of our open meetings, feel free. They are all advertised on the village notice boards and in the Village Diary.

The village's annual Plant Sale is taking place at the Abingdon Hall on Saturday May 18th from 10am to 12 noon. As well as the usual bedding plants and perennials, there will be the best coffee and cakes, all served to order by members and other residents. If you are bringing some plants for sale, please label them so that they can be correctly identified by anyone wanting to buy them. All proceeds go towards our Summer Show, so your help is much appreciated.

The next IMPHA trip is to Parterre at Tarrant Keyneston Mill on Monday May 20th starting at 2.30pm. The cost is £10 per head and everyone is welcome. The visit includes a talk and tour of their gardens and you can then visit their restaurant for coffee & cake.

Our annual Summer Outing is to West Dean Gardens in West Sussex on Monday 22nd July. We will be travelling by coach. Please let Penny know if you want to come. Notices will be on the Chalk Notice Board.

The Summer Show on Saturday August 17th is already in its planning stage and we are looking for anyone who wants to have a stall to display and/or sell anything from art to potpourri. We also ask for as many sponsors as possible, which helps make the whole venture bigger and better each year, so please be generous and speak to our treasurer Paul Le Prevost (817173). Otherwise just book it in your diaries and come and enjoy yourselves.

Paul Le Prevost



GARDENER'S SCRATCHINGS

MAY – From the middle of this month it should be safe to plant out your bedding plants. Keep on top of weeding and hoeing. Watch out for and deal with pests. You can now mow lawns weekly. Pinch out any green shoots appearing on variegated trees and shrubs. Tie in new growth on climbers. Support perennials. Plant and train sweet peas. Plant up tubs, troughs, window boxes and hanging baskets. Check plants regularly to see if they need watering. Most vegetable seeds can now be sown. Continue earthing up potatoes. Harvest asparagus, lettuce and rocket. Protect strawberries from grey mould and birds. Ventilate the greenhouse well by day and apply shading. Continue to prick out and pot on seedlings, cuttings and young plants. Remove unwelcome weeds from ponds. Watch out for late frosts. Beware! Pests are everywhere at this time of year.

JUNE – Propagate shrubs and roses by taking softwood cuttings. Pinch dead flower-heads carefully from rhododendrons. Tidy up perennials after flowering. Plant out summer bedding. Water and feed containers. Dead-head flowers. Transplant leek and brassica seedlings. Keep all fruit trees and bushes well watered in dry spells. Thin heavy crops of plums, apples and pears. Damp down the greenhouse regularly. Introduce any new fish to your pond. Keep a lookout for lily beetle and blackfly. Protect developing soft fruit from birds with netting before the fruit starts to ripen or it will be too late!

Mervyn Marsh

NEWS FROM THE SUTTON WALDRON- IWERNE MINSTER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

MARCH MEETING

Our SWIM March Meeting in the Abingdon Hall saw us hosting a visit from Steve Oliver. He is an excellent speaker who explained the vital work of Dorset Wildlife Trust, and the part he plays: in preserving wildlife, in habitat management and, through his talks, educating people to care for the free spaces which extend over 1300 hectares owned by the Trust.



The focus of his presentation was the outstandingly beautiful area of Fontmell Down. It covers 64 hectares of chalk downland in the AONB and is an SSSI. With colourful photographs, he showed us how important and immensely diverse this wildlife site is. Virtually on our doorstep, it is home to carpets of wild flowers at different times of the year. There are species of orchid, rock roses and a gentian which is endemic only in the UK in the month of June. Glow worms can be seen in July when night walking. The silver spotted skipper butterfly can only be found here, as well as 35 other species. Other animals that have their home here, are field voles, dormice, foxes, badgers, hares, bats and other flying mammals, as well as nesting birds. The area is so rich in wildlife because it is managed, but not improved. Cattle graze in summer, sheep in winter.

North Dorset is one of the most declined areas due to farming. That is why the work of the Wildlife Trust is so important. Steve was encouraging us to join the "Get Dorset Buzzing Campaign" to help pollinators in our gardens. We can all help to preserve the beauty of Dorset, even in a small way.

Many thanks to Lee for her delicious scones and shortbread.

Barbara Ball

APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting was held in The Abingdon Hall. This was the annual AGM for our 32 members. Next year we will celebrate 90 years of friendship. A tribute to members past and present.

Eight committee members were confirmed for 2019. Janet Wall, our President, steps down but will remain a committee member. The new President is Barbara Ball, also a committee member. Sadly we see Caroline O' Brien also step down as well as Sheelagh Duly, our Beacon Rep. We thank these ladies for their enthusiasm, energy and commitment and hope to carry on their good work.

Jean Whittaker was awarded the ACWW cup for the most consistent floral contributor, whatever the season! Jean Glavin was presented with her own birthday flowers, but also a gift voucher. This was to express our thanks for the lovely posies that Jean always creates for members' birthdays. Again, whatever the season!

As a result of the sad closing of Melbury Abbas WI, we have received 4 monogrammed WI cups and saucers that they have kindly donated.

Members were asked to bring in an "heirloom". The most astonishing item was brought in by Sandra Jelbart, our treasurer. An old, very worn and slightly battered, leather suitcase revealed deeds dating back to the 1700s complete with a large seal, still intact. It had been found in a cupboard and belonged to her husband's family, who had originally been farmers in Cornwall. Sandra told us the family story.

After business was finished those present were able to enjoy various delicious cakes and tea. Thanks to Caroline O' Brien and Liz Westwall.

We are part of the Beacon Group of WI's. This consists of five local groups from Child Okeford, SWIM, Sixpenny Handley, Tarrant Gunville, and East Orchard and Margaret Marsh that meet up several times a year to socialise. This year it is our turn to host the Spring Meeting on May 9th at 7.15pm. Sheelagh has kindly arranged for Mike Deeming, who is a guide at Salisbury Cathedral, to tell us all about the cathedral. This is proving to be a popular choice and will be followed on June 21st with a guided tour for members.

Our next SWIM meeting on Wednesday May 15th at 2.30pm will take place at Sutton Waldron. "Life Below Stairs" sounds intriguing! Thanks in advance to Marilyn and Mary who will do teas.

On the afternoon of June 19th, Rod and Barbara Ball invite the ladies of the village to a Charity Garden Party in aid of Julia's House at Downside, Tower Hill. Music will be provided by the group "Half Baked". There will be refreshments and a raffle. Let's hope for good weather!

With best wishes from The WI Committee.

RECYCLING UNWANTED ITEMS

If you're doing a spring clean and wondering where you can dispose of those bits of wool left over from winter knitting or an old pair of binoculars you have found in a cupboard, you might be interested in Ideas2Action recycling waste initiative. *We Need That-Dorset* is a reuse directory which matches 150 commonly thrown-away items such as keys, printer cartridges and pieces of drainpipe with the not-for-profit organisations or individuals which need them. The list also shows how you can contact them. To find the directory, go to [http:// www.ideas2action.org.uk/](http://www.ideas2action.org.uk/) and look for the link [We Need That March-April 2019](#).

Recycling your waste is good but reusing it is even better and you'll also be supporting the 19 not-for-profit organisations and individuals who are looking for items that you may want to dispose of.

Please remember to mention that you saw the organisation/ individual and what they needed in this directory.

If you work or volunteer with a not-for-profit organisation or are you an individual who wants to help good causes and would like to ask for items, email contact@ideas2action.org.uk or ring 07771 705662. As the directory is regularly updated, it's never too late to register.

WORLD WAR II PLANE CRASH IN IWERNE

The following email was received about a plane crash which took place nearly seventy five years ago:

I'm currently collating information about the crash of a Stirling Bomber at Iwerne Minster on October 28th, 1944 to submit to the digital archives at the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln. My maternal uncle, Eric H. Bailey, along with four others, died in the crash. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the crash and I wondered if there are any plans to commemorate this event in the village or Church.

My uncle, Eric H. Bailey, born in 1924, was the eldest of four children. My mother (Helen) was next, born in 1928, followed by Christopher (Chris, 1942) and Elizabeth (Liz, 1944). Liz was born on 31 October 1944, the day after my grandparents received the letter informing them of Eric's death.

My mum visited Iwerne Minster in 1994 as the Blandford Forum Museum had put her in touch with Tom Brooks, who lived at 2 Valley View, overlooking the crash site. At that time there were still residents who remembered the crash, and Tom was able to show Mum where and how the crash occurred. One resident had been a nurse at Clayesmore School and had assisted the injured. She was happy to talk to Mum about what she

remembered about that night. Mum had now learned enough about the crash and decided that she didn't want to know any more. Tom remained in contact with Mum, sending her Christmas cards and a letter on the anniversary of the crash.



Crash site at Iwerne Bottom opposite Wales Wood according to Tom Brooks

My mum died in 2013. It had become clear after the death of Chris in 2012 that the younger generations of the family, and probably Chris and Liz, did not know the exact circumstances of the crash, so I decided to investigate. I visited the Dorchester County Archives - there is a brief mention of the crash in a couple of Iwerne Minster booklets (off the top of my head I'm not certain of the date and the file is in the loft!), but nothing in the local press or Home Guard records. The latter would have been responsible for arranging the salvage of the aircraft. I'm reasonably confident that I now have a full record of what happened and why, based on RAF reports, letters between the crew families, references in the Old Clayesmore and conversations with current RAF pilots. I would be happy to share this with you. Copies have been given to the Newark Air Museum (previously RAF Winthorpe, where the Stirling was based), the IBCC Archive, and the RAF Archive. I also have photos from Tom Brooks showing the route of the plane as it approached Iwerne Minster and the location of the crash site.

I last visited Iwerne Minster in 2014, the 70th anniversary of the crash. I got a sense that the village has changed and that newer residents may not be aware of the more recent history of their village, particularly what happened in war time. I left a request in the Visitors' Book in the church asking that the crew be remembered in the congregation's prayers. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the crash and it seemed a good opportunity to see if the crew could be commemorated again.

If you would like any further information, please let me know. I may be contacted by email at bakers.rosebank@btinternet.com or by telephone 01886 830255.

Elaine E. Baker

ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO CLEAR UP YOUR DOG'S FAECES

I like dogs. I like their energy, their enthusiasm and their directness: there's no 'side' to a dog. And, although I don't have one, I'm delighted that many people in the village do. However, as all dog owners know, with a dog comes many responsibilities. And here is another very good reason for clearing up your dog's poo.

There is a parasitic infection caused by the protozoa *Neospora Caninum*. Known as Neosporosis, it is responsible for causing over 10% of all abortions in cattle in the UK. *Neospora Caninum* is found world-wide and in many species. Abortion due to *Neospora* has also been shown in sheep and dogs as well as in cattle. Infection is transmitted through ingestion of contaminated faeces or infected food, such as aborted calves. Dogs are a significant part in its transmission because dogs and other canids (such as foxes) have been shown to be the "definitive host". That means that they are the animals in which the parasite becomes sexually mature and reproduces.

There is no proven treatment other than prevention.

We live in sheep, cattle and dog land, so, **prevent! Please, clear up after your dog!**

For further information, see:

https://www.moredun.org.uk/research/diseases/neo_sporosis

John Goodliffe

RIGHTS OF WAY IN DORSET

The Ramblers Association has launched a project to discover, and record, old rights of way across the country. In some cases, rights of way are not shown on the "definitive map", a copy of which resource can be viewed by appointment at County Hall. Any rights of way omitted from the map must be registered to save them, and communities have until January 2026 to this.

More information about this initiative can be found at:

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/dont-lose-your-way-2026.aspx>

The Iwerne Valley walking group will try to contribute to this initiative.

Anyone interested in who is responsible for the management of footpaths and other rights of way can find outline information about this on Dorset Council's Website:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/countryside-coast-parks/rights-of-way/public-rights-of-way-maintenance.aspx>

Maintained by Dorset For You, it is a remarkable resource, and well worth a visit. With a

selection of Ordnance Survey base maps (including the historic 6" to the mile 2nd edition survey done between 1888 and 1913), onto which you can overlay listed buildings, rights of way, drainage, flooding predictions, and much more, it is the most wonderful research tool. See: <https://explorer.geowessex.com/>

John Goodliffe

IWERNE VALLEY WALKING GROUP: MARCH 2019 WALK



A grand total of twenty-one walkers and five dogs met in the National Trust car park at King Alfred's Tower on a windy day. The gales experienced over the past week were evident in the cut tree stumps and piles of branches along the approach road, but the hard tracks we followed were mostly sheltered and the threat of drizzle soon vanished, leaving a fine day. Phyl had done the chosen route before and knew which of the many forestry tracks to choose from but the cutting of more timber since our recce was confusing.

We passed tall stands of pine trees but also a lot of replanting for the future. The small trees were protected with bright blue plastic spikes which one can assume would prick the noses of nibbling deer.

Many trees were coated in mosses and lichens giving a very green feel. There was only one stile to slow progress and only one really muddy part where timber lorries had been working. Though rather early for spring flowers, foxglove, campion and bluebell leaves were evident. An early patch of oxalis was in flower. A stone-built cottage near the start had flowering daffodils, magnolias and a camellia in the garden which was being upgraded with new hedging. At the end of the walk some had a closer look at the brick-built three-sided tower erected by Sir Henry Hoare and architect Henry Flitcroft to commemorate the end of the Seven Year War. Nineteen of us drove back to the Red Lion pub in Kilminster for a good lunch with optional rugby on the TV.

Judy Westgate

TO MAKE YOU SMILE!

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."

CLERK'S CORNER

- Bournemouth University, funded by the local authority and public health partners, will be working this spring to try and reduce the spread of Blandford fly along the River Stour. The treatment has been ongoing for many years and has been successful in reducing the nuisance caused by the animal bites.
- The Speed Watch team in Iwerne will from time to time be joined by a police officer who will be able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to any driver caught speeding. This is an indication of the ongoing commitment of Dorset's Chief Constable to the Community Speed Watch teams.
- The public is reminded that all dogs should be kept on leads when walking through fields with livestock. The only time a dog should be let off the lead is when cattle charge as the cattle will follow the dog rather than the dog walker. More information about the Countryside Code can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>. In addition, villagers are reminded that dogs are not allowed on the parish field or the children's playground.
- A third swing which has been fitted between the existing swings in the children's playground will be removed as it invalidates third party insurance. If the person who 'donated' the swing would like it back, they can apply to Paul Le Prevost.
- Thank you to all those who turned out for the litter pick and in particular to Mr Stibbins who keeps Tower Clear of litter throughout the year.
- Dorset Police have reported an increase in items being stolen from cars parked at public beauty spots and urge everyone to keep valuables out of sight.
- The Annual Parish meeting will follow the Parish Council meeting on Monday, May 13th 2019 from 6.30pm. Anyone belonging to a local organisation who wishes to make a report should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council at iwerneminster@dorset-aptc.gov.uk
- The Dorset Fire Brigade would like to remind the public of the need to park with care especially in villages and towns where roads are narrow. The fire and rescue service do have the power to do anything they reasonably believe necessary to extinguish or prevent a fire. They have issued the following guidelines:
 - pull in wing mirrors
 - don't park too close to corners as bigger vehicles like fire engines need more room to turn

- if you park opposite another car, remember that a fire engine needs three metres or two car widths to pass safely
- in narrow roads, park only on one side of the road where possible
- make sure wheels are straight and not sticking out
- park as close to the kerb as possible
- don't block driveways

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Please send any contributions by email or hard copy through the letter box.

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