

THE METHODIST CHAPEL



The Methodist Chapel was established in the hamlet of Leigh, Ibberton in 1869
The anniversary of the chapel is celebrated in the second week of June each year and many members of previous congregations return to meet old friends.

Mr. Will Miller and Mrs. Mary Leamon look after the Chapel and each August they host an annual Chapel Garden Party in the grounds of Millers-Greene.

The Harvest Festival is held in the first week in September and the chapel fills up with produce that members of the congregation bring with them. After the service Mary Leamon organises tea, coffee and biscuits for everyone.

Preachers for the services are invited by the members of the chapel.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

The chapel decorated for the Harvest Festival service. The produce is auctioned off after the service and the proceeds designated for Ibberton Chapel funds.



THE CHAPEL GARDEN PARTY AT MILLERS-GREENE





**THE VILLAGE
HALL IN 2000
PRIOR TO
RENOVATION**



The Ibberton and Belchalwell Village Hall is run by a Committee chaired by Derek Old. The Secretary and Treasurer is Jack Yeatman, Vice-Chairman Owen Yeatman and Committee Members are Barbara Smith, Annette Newman, Malcolm Dudley, Brenda Courage,

Millennium Refurbishment Project.

Jack Yeatman reported at the Village Hall AGM in October 1998 that a local builder had estimated that the hall required £5,071.30 to be spent on painting the out reported side and repairing windows, barge boards and doors. The meeting decided that Derek Old, Owen Yeatman and Jack Yeatman should meet at the hall to prioritise the work. The village hall didn't have enough funds to meet this estimate.

In view of the fact that the Village Hall was awarded a grant in 1996 to strengthen the walls structure, Annette Newman contacted Dorset County Council to see if any grants were available to help with the essential work. Mrs. Lois Rose, Village Hall Adviser for Dorset County Council suggested that Ibberton apply for a National Lottery Charities Board Grant for Community Involvement in England. Following a meeting at the hall with Lois Rose in February 1999 an open meeting was instigated on 9th February 1999 to which all residents of Belchalwell and Ibberton were invited. A meeting was held at a later date with Mr. Peter Haytor, a Building Surveyor from Winterbourne Stickland and a plan was developed. Building regulations and fire officer's recommendations were sought and gained. The very detailed application form was completed with help from Louise Rose under the criteria that the project helps the people to work together for the benefit of their communities.

The main purpose of the project was to refurbish and bring the hall up to modern standards required by legislation, thus enabling the community to not only continue existing use, but encourage additional use of the much loved facility. Currently the elderly and the very young are excluded in winter months due to poor heating and insulation, and the disabled are not catered for at all. The refurbishment would include:- enlargement of the kitchen and incorporation of health and safety features, bringing the gentlemen's toilets inside, creating a disabled toilet and ramp access into the kitchen, hall and through both accesses into the car park; replacement of the windows and back door with U.P.V.C. Double glazed windows and improvement of the heating system resulting in conservation of heat making the hall more energy efficient and economical; improvement of the car park to include easy access to the disabled ramp, and generally updating the hall's fire standards to widen its usage; purchasing light weight folding tables, fire retardant blinds and a portable stage for use and hire. The improvements would enable the hall to acquire a Community Premises Licence and widen its potential user.

The application was submitted in July 1999 and Derek Old, Jack Yeatman and Annette Newman were each interviewed by telephone in October 1999. More evidence was required concerning usage and eight letters of support were sought and subsequently put forward to support the application. Unfortunately the application was turned down on the grounds that although The National Lottery liked the project in principal they were not convinced there was enough current use of the facility or predicted future use.

Annette Newman conducted a usage survey, current and future, amongst the residents of Belchalwell, Ibberton and Woolland. A new application was made in January 2000 which included spreadsheets and the survey results. A telephone interview followed in March with the National Lottery which was a lot more positive.

On the 9th May 2000 the National Lottery informed Ibberton and Belchalwell Village Hall that its application had been successful. A grant of £47,000 was awarded towards a project of £60,000. The balance of the money was to be made up as follows:- £4,000 from Village Hall Funds, £6,000 from Dorset County Council and £1,500 from each of the Parish Councils. Belchalwell came under the jurisdiction of Okeford Fitzpaine, but unfortunately the council refused to support the project and the residents of Belchalwell raised £500 themselves and Dorset County Council made up the missing £1,000.

THE CROWN INN "Past"



THE CROWN INN “Present”



IBBERTON CRICKET CLUB

The Club is run by annually elected Officers and the current committee consists of Chairman Paul Holman, Treasurer Peter Wilkinson, Secretary Norman Damerell , Fixtures Secretary and Groundsman Andy Old, League Captain and Junior Coach Malcolm Dudley, Vice Captain John Bowles, Weekend and Midweek Friendly' Captain Paul Holman. Stan Harris is Club President and Derek and Kay Old are Honorary Vice Presidents.

Vice Presidents are Philip and Penny Mott, Christopher and Clare McCann, Mike Newman, James Hume, Mr. Harold Guard, and Mr. Trevor Fry.

Ibberton currently plays in the sixth division of the North Dorset Sunday League, and maintains a full fixture list of Weekend and Midweek friendly matches.

Players currently enjoy the luxury of a Club House with changing rooms, running water with an electricity supply veranda a far cry from the days when teas were served in a pony trailer.

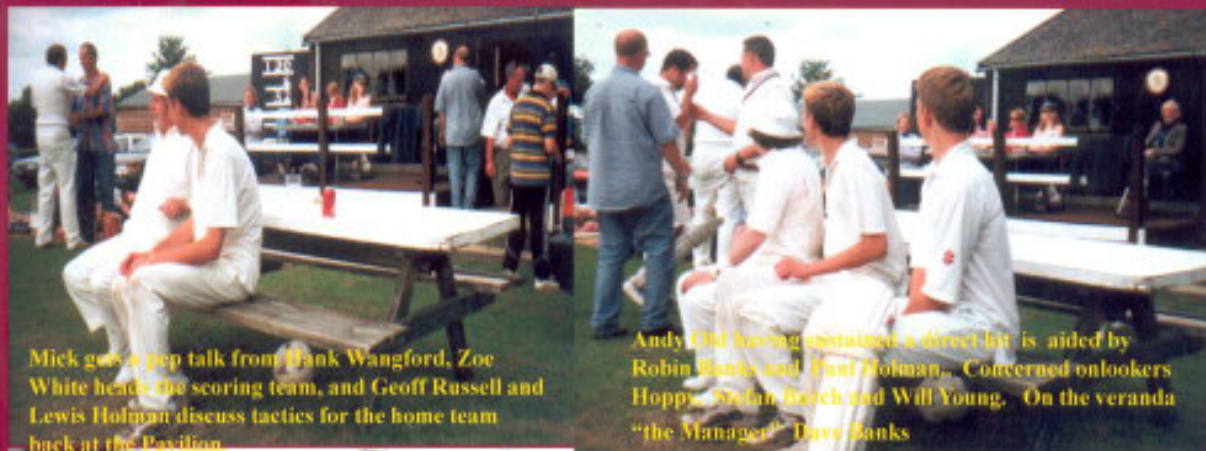
Malcolm Dudley qualified as a junior coach and runs teams

The Vice Presidents support the Club with annual contributions and villager, wives, mums of the players and friends all assist in making the most superb cricket teas . Many players are involved in farming which often results in a few "headaches" for the captains in raising teams when there is silaging or harvesting to be done and on occasions players have been known to leave the pitch to milk cows..

NB; work in progress

STICKY WICKET

Pictorial News-Views and Stews!



Mick gets a pep talk from Hank Wangford, Zoe White heads the scoring team, and Geoff Russell and Lewis Holman discuss tactics for the home team back at the Pavilion.

Andy Old having sustained a direct hit is aided by Robin Banks and Paul Holman. Concerned onlookers Hoppy, Stefan Borch and Will Young. On the veranda "the Manager" Dave Banks



Visitors, Home Supporters, and Players at the match against Mick Robertson's XI in July

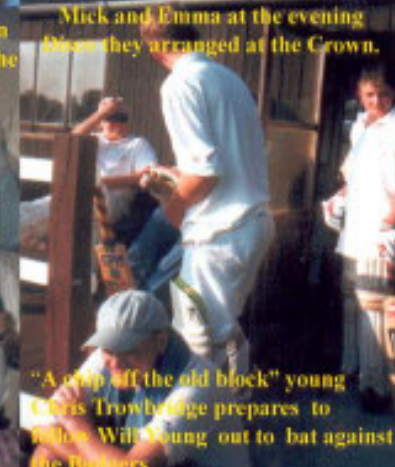


Mick and Emma at the evening Dinner they arranged at the Crown.



John Bowles with the presentation Mirror "front page" devised by the Badgers

Lunch break at the Crown during Mick Robertson's Match being enjoyed by Ibberton scorer, Zoe White and the opposition.



"A crump off the old block" young Chris Trowbridge prepares to follow Will Young out to bat against the Badgers.



The Team Picture marks a memorable closely fought final match of the season against the "The Badgers" a group of Sunday Mirror and freelance journalists, many of whom will be heading off to cover the English Touring Sides this winter. Graham Morris (top back) takes many of the photographs for the ECB Posters and England Tours. No doubt his pictures will be featured in many of the newspapers this winter.

STUMPED

IBBERTON CRICKET CLUB

MILLENNIUM NEWSLETTER

Issue 15

EDITORIAL

A Millennium slap on the wrist for the editor of this "little flight of fancy" for only managing to produce one item during this auspicious season. Therefore, following the lead of the ex English Manager I deem it necessary to "fall on my sword" and relinquish the roles of Secretary and Tea Zsar, in order to spend "more time with the family"![Henry is dreading the day!]. I shall however continue to write the newsletter and will endeavour to bash out a trio of items next season, so anyone with any dirt to dish you know where to find me. Norman Damerell, late of Sturminster High School and as many generations will confirm, the best teacher ever, has agreed to take over as Club Secretary. So anyone dissenting or showing loss of form - 100 lines by Monday! Anji Trowbridge has nobly offered to take over the organisation of Teas next season so give her your support, the alternative is "go hungry"!

CLUB NEWS

Our Chairman, Paul Holman is proving to be a "real gem" [I think that is what he said!] not only has he installed a self filling urn, new club chairs appeared like magic, and he also leant his considerable talents to mending the ailing Gang Mower. Plus he has taken over ground maintenance from Andy Old, who after many years of nursing the wicket now finds himself unable to continue due to work commitments

NB the Club are in need of a smallish tractor, so if anyone has one lurking in their garden shed, please would you give Paul a "bell"

John Bowles went on a Junior coaching course, and Malcolm Dudley returned to coaching after a year out on a course, so with Mark Adams, as well, we had a strong junior section

LEAGUE SEASON 2000

Good to see Brian Trowbridge back with us and in tremendous form. We were also pleased to welcome juniors Lewis Holman, Chris and Brian House, and James Wareham to the senior ranks which goes to show that the Junior system is working well.

The season got off to its usual soggy start resulting in the first League home match against Shaftesbury being switched to their ground-This resulted in a "stand-off" when in July they decided to remain at home as well. Luckily somebody had a mobile, and it was suggested that perhaps they should "come on down" pretty quickly else the game would be claimed - they arrived complete with sandwiches. Overall everyone seemed to have enjoyed the season even though the team finished in the lower reaches of the League

A LEAGUE OF CAPTAINS

Martin made an admiral job of the League Captaincy, maintaining the good team spirit that he inspired last year. Vice Captain John Bowles took the captaincy when Martin was "off farming" and when both were unavailable the task fell to Hoppy and Brian Trowbridge to step into the breach, and there is nobody better at it than "Hop and Brian"!

THANKS :-

TO Andy Old for all he had done over the years, and for agreeing to impart some of his groundsman type knowledge to Paul. Good luck with the racing this winter, and may "Henry" continue his winning ways!

TO Peter Wilkinson, a real "treasure" for soldiering on as Financial Adviser, a thankless task trying keeping track of funds, or lack of them!

TO all the ladies who helped provide teas throughout the season, and the players who sank their "lillywhites" into the cake mix and came up trumps whenever called upon.

TO Zoe White for the sterling work she has put in as Club Scorer interpreting manic signals from the umpires, and proving that if everyone else at the club is mathematically challenged, she at least can count up to 6.

TO Bernard Ralls, back in harness once more, the former Club Wicket Keeper returned complete with white coat and a very stylish straw hat to officiate as umpire.

TO the advertisers who for little reward continue to place their adverts each year - Please would someone offer some fenestration work to "The Dynamic Duo, as we have had a complaint from the "Russell" side of the partnership, over lack of response - Do we have any windows left in the Pavilion?

FRIENDLY FIXTURES

Captain Martin Rose stood down at the end of the season[A "pressing engagement" no doubt!] Paul Holman will combine the duties as mid week, and weekend Friendly Captain and it is hoped to arrange a few more fixtures next year.

The games against Mick Robertson's XI and the Badgers stood out amongst the fixtures. Mick had arranged lunch for everyone at the Crown, and this was followed up with a Disco in the evening - It proved a hard fought match with one run in it at the close, and everyone had a great day apart from Andy Old who sustained a direct hit to the eye, ending up in Blandford Hospital.

The Badgers, somewhat prematurely designed a Mirror "front page" depicting their loss, however this time they snicked a win in a game that also went down to the wire - But they presented the page anyway and everyone enjoyed the Barbecue afterward.

JUNIORS

The coaches, Malcolm Dudley, Mark Adams and John Bowles were pleased with the response to the practice sessions they held. Unfortunately the U13's matches scheduled for the beginning of the season were rained off. The Under 11's fared slightly better, but despite some hard fought matches narrowly missed winning. Daisy and Alfie Fitzgerald both played for North Dorset District Teams, as did Elijah Lyons, who took 3 wickets against East Dorset U 11's with his leg spin.

"That was the year that was"

***THE PEOPLE'S
PERSPECTIVES ON IBBERTON
IN THE YEAR 2000***

BAKERS FOLLY



PETER AND ANNE PHILLIPS

Baker's Folly sits on the hill above Ibberton and is the home of Peter and Anne Phillips. They moved here, with their four children Nicola, Kate, Joanne and Jeremy, after running the Drax Arms Hotel in Bere Regis for ten and a half years.

Accessing water has always been a problem due to the high elevation of the property. The previous owner collected drinking water from the village and relied on rain water for all other purposes. The problem was eventually solved by having water pumped up from the village.

In 1980 they were eventually granted planning permission to convert to a restaurant after their first application had been refused. The family successfully ran the restaurant for sixteen years when, as the children had left home to go their separate ways, and with retirement age looming, it was decided to close it down.

Left with premises much too large for them, but not wishing to sell and move away from the marvellous situation, and wonderful views, it was decided to divide the premises so they could remain there but let out part of the house to others.

They run a car for shopping and other transport requirements.

The year 2000 will be Anne and Peter's Ruby Wedding Anniversary, having married in October 1960. They met that year when both were on holiday in Cornwall, and spent the week together, plus another one when Anne, who lived in Cheadle, Cheshire, visited Peter and his parents in New Milton, Hampshire, before deciding to get married (who said holiday romances don't last!)

Anne and Peter have two granddaughters, both born early in 1999, Lucia and Natalia, who visit regularly from their respective homes in Marnhull and Wimborne.

Walking is their main "relaxation" and they are both keen members of the "Dorset Ramblers", walking, or leading walks on most Sundays, besides joining them on the annual holiday abroad and weekend breaks in various parts of the United Kingdom.

BAKER'S FOLLY ANNEXE



CRAIG AND DEIRDRE MACQUEEN & FRANK (the dog)

The Annex is a single bedroom flat situated at the east end of Baker's Folly, where we have lived for 20 months. The flat is a perfect size for a couple, and has beautiful views over the Blackmoor Vale.

Craig is 55 years old, born and bred in Manchester, and plans to spend the rest of his life in Dorset. He enjoys watching cricket, football, reading, walking and pub quizzes. Deirdre is not as old as Craig, born on the Isle of Wight and lived most of her formative years in Christchurch. She loves reading, playing computer games, walking and pub quizzes. We have two grown up children, a son living in Sweden with his wife, son and daughter, and a daughter living in Plymouth with her partner and son. Frank is a 6 year old German Shepherd dog.

Craig is an ex-career soldier who now works for a charity teaching Braille to inmates of prisons all over England and Wales and advising on Braille production for the visually impaired. Deirdre is not working at the moment, but in the past has run her own catering business and worked for the National Health Service.

Both of us have cars which we use for all our transport needs.

So far we have not been involved in any organisation in Ibberton. Our social life at the moment tends to revolve around Okeford Fitzpaine

What leisure time we have is spent reading, watching TV, eating and drinking in the Royal Oak at Okeford Fitzpaine, walking the Downs with Frank and keeping in touch with our children and grandchildren.