

# IBBERTON, BELCHALWELL & WOOLLAND NEWS

Welcome to the second edition 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)

Items from

**Hazelbury Bryan and the Hillside Parishes**  
**Benefice Pew Sheet**  
**Sunday 23rd January and 30th January 2022**



Details of services and a recording of each Sunday's gospel will be available on our Benefice Facebook page at :

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



or on Facebook at Hazelbury Bryan and the Hillside Parishes.

*Thank you*

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the last six and a half years; thank you for welcoming us in to your homes and hearts. Thank you too for making our last Sunday with you such a special occasion – as ever, much work behind the scenes to get everything organised! And, my goodness, we were overwhelmed and humbled by your generosity not only in the form of the gifts to mark our retirement but in the cards and conversations we have had over recent weeks. We just cannot find the words to thank you – but thank you! We shall miss you all, everything has its season and to quote the late Sir Terry Wogan “there is never a good time to go, but there is a right time,” this is the right time.

May you continue to know God's blessing and mission as you shine His light in your lives and communities. With our love, Diane and Roger

## **Benefice News Continuation**

This edition of the BN will be the last sent out by me, after which the task will be split between myself and Susie Potter. I will be producing a template for each edition followed by Susie adding articles which should be sent to her email [susie@partway.org](mailto:susie@partway.org). Susie will then email the completed BN to those people on the distribution list. If anyone would prefer not to receive further editions of the BN or does not wish me to pass on their email contact details, please email me directly and I will take you off the list.

Kind regards, Roger. [gingell.roger@gmail.com](mailto:gingell.roger@gmail.com)

**Covid guidance:** Across the Benefice our aim is to provide an opportunity and environment within which to worship and where every person will feel safe. Face coverings are currently mandatory in a range of indoor venues including places of worship. There are exemptions which include allowing people to remove a face covering whilst singing if they wish to do so. Full guidance Church of England guidance can be found here [https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-12/COVID%2019%20Guidance%20v2.3\\_1.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-12/COVID%2019%20Guidance%20v2.3_1.pdf)

Jestyn Coke writes:

### What happens next after Diane and Roger have gone?

This is a question much asked - here are some answers:

Whilst there is no priest in the Benefice, the work can be divided into two:

Firstly, there should be little change in the work undertaken by those on the PCCs which generally involves the running of the individual churches. We are all grateful for the time they put in to keep the churches going, particularly in the last two difficult years. A member of the local Ministry Group (more about this below) is always willing to come to PCC meetings if a particular problem arises, and one of us will also attend the annual meetings.

Secondly, there is the work of the ministry to the Benefice. This will be conducted by the local Ministry Group which is made up of James Hepburn, David Dunning, Chris Jervis and myself supported by the pastoral lay assistants - Lucy Foot, Victoria Foot, Jenny Knotwell-Sissons, Helen Sinclair and David Sinclair. The Group will liaise with the PCCs through the churchwardens' meetings which will still occur every quarter.

With regard to the church service rota, it will be staffed by the local Ministry Group and supported by those from outside. The Group will also look after the pastoral work in the Benefice and be responsible for arranging weddings, funerals and Benefice services. It is probable that we will be without a priest for at least six months. The Venerable Penny Sayer, Archdeacon of Sherborne, is coming on 2nd February to conduct a commissioning service for the local Ministry Group and those helping. Please show your support by attending this service.

### Future arrangements:

As I write, a proposal has been put forward by the Archdeacon to the parishes to change the status of the priest appointed for the Benefice from one of an assistant priest to an autonomous rector. That rector will be tied in to a legal arrangement where he or she will need to give support to other priests in the Deanery. The arrangement is not for ever, and could be re-visited once a particular priest has left the Benefice. The PCCs' response to this proposal needs to be back with the Archdeacon by the end of January. The local Ministry Group support the scheme and believe it is an exciting prospect moving forward to grow the ministry in the communities.

<b>HAZELBURY BRYAN AND THE HILLSIDE BENEFICE</b>			
<b>Full Details of Services and Readings for 23rd &amp; 30th January and February 2022</b>			
Lectionary Year C (Sunday Principal Service, Track 2) <b>Book of Common Prayer Services appear in Old English Font</b> Common Worship Services are in plain type. <i>If alternative readings are used, the minister will advise the churchwardens</i>			
<b>Sunday 23rd January 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Epiphany</b> <i>Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6, 8-10:Psalm 19 [or 19.1-6]: 1 Corinthians 12.12-13a: Luke 4.14-21</i>			<b>Colour: White</b>
9.30 am	Fifehead Neville	Morning Prayer	James Hepburn
11.15 am	Hazelbury Bryan	Parish Communion	David Dunning
6.30 pm	Woolland	Evening Prayer	Jestyn Coke
<b>Sunday 30th January 2022 - 4th Sunday of Epiphany or Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b> <i>Ezekiel 43.27-44.4: Psalm 48: 1 Corinthians 13: Luke 2.22-40 or (see above) Malachi 3.1-5: Psalm 24 [1-6] 7-end: Hebrews 2.14-end: Luke 2.22-40</i>			
10.30 am	Hazelbury Bryan	Joint Benefice Service	Chris Jervis
4.00 pm	Hazelbury Bryan	5th at 4	
<b>Wednesday 2nd February</b>			<b>Colour: Green</b>
7.30 pm	Hazelbury Bryan	Commissioning Service	
<b>Sunday 6th February 2022 - 4th Sunday before Lent</b> <i>Isaiah 6.1-8 [9-end]: Psalm 138: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11: Luke 5.1-11</i>			<b>Colour: Green</b>
9.00 am	Mappowder	Holy Communion	Chris Jervis
10.30 am	Hazelbury Bryan	Morning Prayer	Jestyn Coke
11.00 am	Ibberton	Holy Communion	Chris Jervis
6.30 pm	Belchalwell	Evening Prayer	James Hepburn
<b>Sunday 13th February 2022 - 3rd Sunday before Lent</b> <i>Jeremiah 17.5-10: Psalm 1: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20: Luke 6.17-26</i>			<b>Colour: Green</b>
10.30 am	Mappowder	Morning Praise	Jestyn Coke
10.30 am	Fifehead Neville	Holy Communion	Jonathan Herbert
6.30 pm	Hazelbury Bryan	Evening Prayer	James Hepburn
<b>Sunday 20th February 2022 - 2nd Sunday before Lent</b> <i>Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end: Psalm 65: Revelation 4: Luke 8.22-25</i>			<b>Colour: Green</b>
10.30 am	Hazelbury Bryan	Family Worship	Jestyn Coke
10.30 am	Belchalwell	Holy Communion	Tony Monds
11.00 am	Ibberton Village Hall	Morning Service	Jenny Knotwell-Sissons
<b>Sunday 27th February 2022 - Sunday next before Lent</b> <i>Exodus 34.29-end: Psalm 99: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2: Luke 9.28-36 [37-43a]</i>			<b>Colour: Green</b>
9.30 am	Fifehead Neville	Morning Prayer	James Hepburn
11.15 am	Hazelbury Bryan	Parish Communion	Chris Jervis
6.30 pm	Woolland	Evening Prayer followed by the burning of palms	James Hepburn

### St. Eustace Church News

Thank you to all those people who responded so quickly to the notification about the recent revision to the Parochial Church Council Electoral Roll. The list of 26 names is now published on the St. Eustace, Ibberton Church door. The numbers on the roll affects the number of people who can serve on The Parochial Church Council for St. Eustace, Ibberton and how many representatives from our PCC can be sent the Blackmore Vale Deanery Synod meetings.

The 26 people on the Church role will now be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council.

There will be another opportunity to register for the roll this year.

**Tuesday 19th April:** A notice of intention to revise the roll will appear on the Church door.

There will then be 14 days for people to register who are not already on the roll. Forms will be available from [ibbertonnews@gmail.com](mailto:ibbertonnews@gmail.com)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May:** The revised roll will appear on the Church door for checking by Church members. Notice for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will appear on the door. At this point anybody on the revised roll may be nominated for Churchwarden by two people on the role.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

### Carol Singing

Thank you to all everyone who kindly contributed to the 'Friends of Blandford Hospital' collection, when a group of locals, including Harry Simpson who chose the carols to sing and stayed the whole evening, wandered around Ibberton's winding lanes. The night was kind and £190 was collected. The late Barbara Smith would have been delighted with our efforts.

Annette Newman

### Sunday Fellowship Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30 am in the Village Hall

Hello everyone. I am Jenny and I look forward to seeing you at the Sunday Fellowship Service on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10.30.

I am a Lay Worship Leader based at Hazelbury Bryan.

I recently retired from Yewstock School in Sturminster Newton where I taught for the last 20 years. I have 3 children, and, now they have all left home, 3 Foster children. My husband is an Organist at St Peter's Church in Bournemouth.

Please join us - from 0 to 100 years - all are welcome - coffee, cake and chat to finish!

God Bless

Jenny Knotwell - Sissons

If you would like to arrange flowers in the Church on special occasions or come on the monthly cleaning rota please contact Judith Walker on 07990079488, [judeswiss@yahoo.com](mailto:judeswiss@yahoo.com)

### Woolland News

The Festive season in Woolland got off to a rousing start in our beautifully decorated church when a sizeable congregation turned out with best voices to sing well-loved carols and hear the familiar, forever welcome Christmas story. We are grateful to all the readers and in particular to the Rev. Diane Gingell and Roger as this, sadly, was their last service in Woolland Church. A good number of local and visiting people came to Midnight Mass and we were pleased to

welcome back the Rev. Angela Syer who led us in a lovely celebration of Christ's birth. At the beginning of January Fifehead Neville church hosted a packed Benefice Service which marked the end of Diane's tenure as House-for-Duty Priest in the Hillside Benefice. We have appreciated her steadfast, gentle,



approachable manner over the six years. Diane and Roger have operated well as a team and have worked hard for us all, inaugurating, among other things, the Breakfast Club and a weekly service of Morning Prayer and we are very sorry to lose them. At a farewell party following the service, in Fifehead Neville's Village Hall, the PCCs had the opportunity of thanking them for their hard work and kindness and wishing them both a very happy and fulfilling retirement. We now await the Archdeacon's and the Bishop's decision on the future plans for the Benefice. We warmly welcome Charlie and Bea, their young children Tabitha and Claudia, two dogs and three horses to their new home in "Hillside". We hope that they will settle in quickly and happily and love living here in this special village.

**Julie Robson**

### **Belchalwell News**

Well, Christmas has once again quickly come and gone. I do hope you all had a good time especially after some of you, due to the pandemic, were separated from close family last year.

Our church was as usual floodlit up for Christmas and our thanks must go to Peter for fixing up the lights for us to enjoy this festive season.

We are also grateful to Mrs Helen Yeatman for having a handrail erected, leading up the path to the church, in memory of her husband Jack.

In spite of the misery of Covid threat once again looming over us all we bravely went ahead with our Carol Service which drew a large congregation and was enjoyed by all; lifting the spirits of everyone present. Our thanks must go to the ladies of the Sanctuary Guild for their time, thought and effort in decorating the church, to all our readers and not forgetting the ladies who kept us well supplied with mulled wine and refreshments after the service.

The Carol singers, 13 of us in all, (but not an unlucky number!) toured the village before Christmas when a record sum of £200 was collected for the Macmillan Nurses. Our heartfelt thanks must go to all of you who gave so generously and also for all the welcome hospitality we received on the way around.



Finally - on a much sadder note for us all, it is with deep regret that we are having to say 'goodbye' to Diane and Roger who retire at the end of the year. We therefore wish to put on record our sincere and heartfelt thanks for their dedicated Ministry and devoted service we have received from them and wish them a long, happy and above all healthy retirement.

After our Carol Service Richard spoke for us all when he thanked them both and said we shall miss them and their time with us will be hard to follow. Brenda then presented them with farewell gifts on behalf of the Parochial Church Council.

**Brenda Courage**

### **Ibberton Parish Council Update**

The parish council met on Tuesday 25th January 2022 in the village hall. 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> As well as agreeing the Precept for 2022/23 (no change) and the usual Highways and other matters, the council agreed on a way forward to share the results of the "Ibberton 20:20 Vision" questionnaire carried out two years ago. A copy of the summarised results will be delivered to every house in the village early in February and it will be the main item for discussion on the agenda at the Annual Meeting sometime in May - assuming we are still ok to go ahead with a face to face meeting in the hall.

**Malcolm Wilson, Parish Clerk**



## Ibberton Village What's App Group



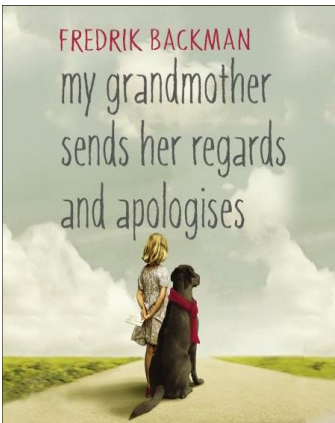
If you would like to join please message 07771561099 to be added to the group



Congratulations to Lucy and Piers Closier on the birth of their son, Oliver, in January.

Welcome to Kevin Hodges and his family - Connor, Ella, Ashton, Justin, Angela and Megan who are living at 3, Cutlers Close. They are looking forward to getting to know you all and keen to get involved with village events. We hope they will be very happy living in Ibberton.

### The Bulbarrow Bookworms



The latest book we read was *My Grandmother Sends Her Regards and Apologises* by Fredrick Backman. It tells the story of Elsa, a very smart but swearsy little girl whose eccentric grandmother makes up wonderful fairy/fantasy tales to help her cope with having no friends and being bullied at school. As the story progresses you begin to realise most of the fantasy world characters relate to the people in Elsa's real life- and what characters they are too!

Unfortunately we have been unable to meet and discuss this book yet but hopefully it was enjoyed by all.

**Sara Bayliss**

### 'The Belles of Waterloo' by Alice Church Ibberton Resident

As some of you know I am publishing a novel in April and we are crowdfunding some of the costs. It would mean so much if you would like to contribute - here is the link and please share with others!

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/support-the-belles-of-waterloo#start>

My latest project which is inspired by a collection of letters sent from Brussels between 1814 - 1815 from the Capel family to the family matriarch the Dowager Countess of Uxbridge back in England. The real life story of the Capel sisters and their mother inspired my novel, and the majority of the events are written as they unfolded over two hundred years ago.

It is being published in April 2022, and I need help to get it into as many bookshops as possible. This project will only be funded if at least £7,500 is pledged by 7th February 2022 at 6:53pm



**Alice Church**

## Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall News

Happy New Year to you all.

Thank you to everyone who has attended events, hired, helped with cleaning, decorating, removing timber, tidying up the grounds after ash tree felling, repairing and improving the hall during 2021.

The Village Hall Christmas party was on Saturday 8th January for children from 0 to 11 years old. A good time was had by all playing traditional party games. Thank you to Mary Leamon and Willow Franklin for helping prepare and serve the food as well as supporting myself with the games.

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 8th February, 2022 at 7.45pm. All are welcome to attend. We are looking for new representatives from Woolland following John and Anne Heath's move to Dorchester a few years ago. We thank them for all their help and continuing to drive from their new home to recent meetings. John was Chairman of the Committee for 10 years, supported by Anne, and guided us all well with his charming and gentle leadership style.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June planning meeting

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30 pm there will be a meeting where everyone is welcome to come with their ideas to plan a special event for our community to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It would be lovely to have ideas for food, live music, games, etc. Please come along and join us.

### Hall Cleaning

Thank you all the people who volunteered to clean the hall once in a month. We are still looking for a kind person to clean once in December. It entail sweeping the hall floor, dusting, cleaning the toilets, sinks and worktops and washing the kitchen floor and anything else that obviously needs cleaning. All the materials are under the sink and equipment in the disabled toilet. The key is available from Derek or myself.

### Memorial Gates in Memory of Jack Yeatman



Jack was a Hall Trustee who held office as treasurer, secretary, bookings secretary, a true gentleman and supporter community. Thank you to his wife Helen Yeatman, who has taken his place as Trustee, for the new, wider gates installed by Newton Forge, Sturminster Newton.



Many thanks to Derek and Andy Old who tidy up the surface around the posts of the new gates.

### Artsreach Event

'A Journey into French Music' featuring FiFi La Mer & Oliver Wilby will be on Friday 18th March, 2022 at 7.30 pm.

The show that will take you on a journey through 100 years of French music, from Offenbach to Gainsbourg. The show features the dulcet tones of Fifi on accordion and voice, and the talents of Oliver on clarinet, members of the saxophone family, and accordion. Enjoy tales of the mystery, romance and heartache that we so often associate with Paris alongside a repertoire of musical gems. Fifi La Mer was born in Paris and when not touring with this show performs with her band Oh la la! Oliver

Wilby regularly tours with the Pasadena Roof Orchestra and the Ray Gelato Giants. <https://www.ohlalamic.co.uk/> Adult bookings £10, U18 £5, Family £24 email: [newman638@btinternet.com](mailto:newman638@btinternet.com), phone: 01258817269 or visit

[www.Artsreach.co.uk](http://www.Artsreach.co.uk). It will be a French themed evening with a buffet £4.50 and a bar. The Hall will receive 20% of the door and refreshment / bar / raffle takings. Why not come dressed as a French person and FiFi will award a prize to the most



'Frenchiefied'!

If anyone would like to help on the evening or donate raffle prizes please get in touch with myself.



## Ash Trees Felled!

The Tree Guy, Chris Baxter - Arborist Telephone 07763 155061  
<https://www.treeguy.co.uk/>

You will probably have noticed that the area surround the Village Hall has changed. Unfortunately the ash trees in the hedgerow had developed ash dieback disease and had become unsound and

started dropping limbs. The arborist, Chris Baxter gave the hall a reduction in price if I created an item for the Newsletter about ash die back disease. Chris is passionate and very knowledgeable about his work; some of his training has been undertaken in Scandinavia.

Chris, who regularly travels to and through our village, has noticed that unfortunately the disease has reached our trees. Unfortunately the Halls trees all had become unsound. It is not always the case Chris was able to pollard mature ash tree in our garden last year and it now appears healthy. He has amazing equipment that means that he and his men do not need to climb the trees. To keep the cost down he left the wood to be cleared up by Trustees of the Village Hall. Usually he will clear the site if required.



### The symptoms of ash dieback include;

**On leaves:** Black blotches appear, often at the leaf base and midrib. Affected leaves wilt

**On stems and branches:** Small lens-shaped lesions or necrotic spots appear on the bark of stems and branches and enlarge to form perennial cankers. The infection may girdle the stem and kill it in a single season. If the bark is peeled, the wood underneath has a brownish to grey discolouration. This discolouration extends beyond the bark necrosis

**On stem bases:** Some trees affected by the disease develop dark lesions at the bottom of the trunk (known as basal lesions), sometimes in the absence of leaf symptoms or lesions higher up the tree. These basal lesions can cause a more rapid decline of the tree and can also make it unstable

**On the whole tree:** Affected trees commonly show extensive dieback of shoots, twigs and branches. Trees often have prolific epicormic shoots (shoots produced from previously dormant buds below the bark of the trunk or branches).

### Collecting leaves and leafmould

If composting ash leaves in an area where ash dieback is known to be present, the Forestry Commission recommends covering them with with a 10cm (4-inch) layer of soil or a 15-30cm (6-12 inches) layer of other plant material, and leaving the heap undisturbed for a year (other than covering it with more material). This is likely to prevent any spore dispersal and may help to slow the spread of the disease in an affected area.

Because a tree affected by ash dieback may become structurally unsound, owners of affected trees need to be aware of their liabilities with respect to any damage or injury to third parties or their property that could be caused, should the tree or part of it fall.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/disease/ash-dieback>

Thank you to Derek and Andy Old, Jason, Claire, Willow and Freddie Franklin who cleared up the vast amount of wood.

**Annette Newman**

## The New Year

This is a poem I remember from my childhood in Ibberton. I cannot remember who wrote this but it has always remained in my memory. (The editor found out it was written by Enid Blyton)

### The Black Bird Singing by Enid Blyton

Here's the New Year,  
Now what will it bring,  
Apples in autumn,  
Bluebells in spring,  
Pussy palm soft as a grey kittens' fur,  
Poppies are dancing when summer winds stir,  
Yellow clad fields where the buttercups gleam,  
New little ducks on the chattering stream,  
Eggs in the hedgerow,  
Lambs skipping by,  
Woods full of primroses little and shy.  
All these and more the New Year is bringing,  
Really no wonder the blackbird is singing.



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My husband followed his Yorkshire traditions by bringing a lump of coal in at midnight and marking our foreheads with it.

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**AN EXTRACT FROM PARSON WOODFORD'S DIARY FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 1795.**

As cold a night last night almost as we have had yet, it froze very sharp within doors, the milk and cream froze. Extreme cold this Morning with cutting wind, and much Snow besides. Both Barometer and Thermometer very low. Many birds have been found dead, and the Rooks and Crows so tame that they come up to the Kitchen door where I feed my Poultry. Dinner today, boiled Veal and Potatoes.

**SNOW AT IBBERTON 15 JANUARY 1965.**

**Part of a letter to me from my father, Herbert Courage.**

I never knew it so bad in the fields on the hill. Job to get away milk. Farmers had to carry it to factory. We have some good fires to keep pipes from freezing.

Aunty Win had a lot of chickens come on rail from Salisbury, very cold for them but they are doing alright. Had to collect them from station.

No market for several weeks. Uncle Randolph came down off the hill

today with Richard and Brenda. They couldn't get cattle off the hill so have to walk back and forward every day. They now have some snow diggers up there. We still have snow on the ground and a hard frost, three weeks now.



A last cheerful thought?



It snowed on my wedding day, April fifth 1958.

Hazel Sinkinson (nee Courage)

## Polish Cake

8oz. Broken Biscuits  
4oz. Margarine  
1 Dsp. Brown Sugar  
2oz. Sultanas  
1½ tbsp. Golden Syrup  
3 heaped Dsp. Drinking Chocolate  
6oz Plain or Milk Chocolate

Method

Melt the margarine, syrup & drinking chocolate in a saucepan over a low heat.  
Break biscuits very small and add to the mixture with the sultanas.  
Mix well and spread in a greased Swiss roll tin 10" x 7" 9approx.  
Melt 6oz of plain or milk chocolate and spread over the mixture.  
Leave to set.



Kay Old



## MUD .....

Mud..... Mud ..... Glorious mud.

No I am not a hippopotamus and I have never thought it glorious even if it does "cool the blood". After the flood which I wrote about before Christmas we were bound to get mud. Having been born and brought up in the Blackmore Vale I reckon I know a bit about it. Thomas Hardy described it as the Valley of little Dairies. Very different times now, all the little

dairies have come to their end and now we know only a few VERY LARGE dairies. The routine is the same when the mud takes over as it does every winter, the cattle have to live indoors. We no longer have a dairy but if you have any livestock you will still get problems. Stan likes sheep and they get foot rot. I like horses and they get mud fever! Because of the mud horses have to be stabled at night which involves a lot of work - food and bedding etc. I do their last feed quite late at 7pm then I don't need to see them again until the morning. Pitch dark and raining and up to my ankles in mud I retreat to the house to produce our meal. Yes, we eat late as neither of us like having to go out and do more chores after eating.

So by the time I reach the kitchen, I need the whisky to see me through the rest of the chores. As I get a glass and the Grouse HE says it's supposed to be dry January! Oh is it, well well. I am wet through and frozen. You must have heard THAT weather forecast!

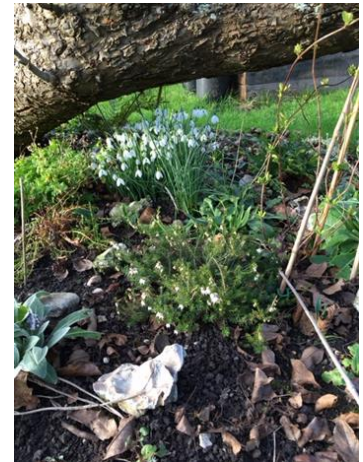
Patsy Harris

## Garden tips for February:

This is a busy month in the garden preparing for Spring!

Trees and shrubs; Bare root trees and shrubs can be planted now, (not when there is a frost) and any remedial work done to existing specimens. Apple trees and vines should also be pruned.

Prepare vegetable beds and sow some vegetables undercover - most seed packets give sowing dates. Tomatoes and some hardy annuals can be sown on windowsills or in a greenhouse.



Chit potatoes prior to planting out - egg boxes are a very good way to keep them upright and tidy.

Prune winter flowering shrubs that are finished, and finish tidying and dividing last year's perennials to allow spring flowering bulbs to emerge and be seen. Remove leaves from hellebores as this gives a better flowering display. Also prune wisteria to give better flowering.

Clear leaves and either compost separately or in black bin bags, with holes poked in them to give lovely leaf mould for next year.

During hard frost make sure there are holes in the ice in your ponds for wildlife. Cut grass with blades on high when the ground is dry and frost is not imminent - walking on grass when frosty can cause yellowing.

Feed the birds and provide water - they certainly seem to think Spring is coming!

Fiona Closier

## Innovative Piano Lessons

As Christmas comes closer, you might like to consider piano/keyboard lessons at The Old School. Special packages available as well as the usual free trial lesson. Contact me on 07990079488, 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

## Do you shop on Amazon? Well you could help the Village Hall....

To use AmazonSmile, simply go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone within the Settings or Programmes & Features menu. On your web browser, you can add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at with AmazonSmile.

### **Can I use my existing Amazon.co.uk account on AmazonSmile?**

Yes, you use the same account on [amazon.co.uk](https://amazon.co.uk) and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

### **How do I select a charitable organisation to support with AmazonSmile?**

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organisation to receive donations from your future eligible AmazonSmile purchases. We will remember your selected charity whenever you shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) or with AmazonSmile activated in the Amazon Shopping app, and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation for your selected charity. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the programme.

### **How much of my purchase does Amazon.co.uk donate?**

AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, VAT, and service charges, and less any rebates, returns, and bad debt. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organisations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

### **Can I receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from my purchases on AmazonSmile?**

Donations are made by AmazonSmile and are not tax deductible by you.

## 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)



### Local Freecycle

Mark Bayliss has a 4 draw metal filing cabinet he would like to find a new home for contact him on 07778778127



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