

Stop Press – we are expecting some changes to the Ickford Informer, subject to next week's Parish Council meeting – look out for the next issue, if we can afford it! – Editor

There will, however, be no edition in August

Ickford Parish Council

As those who attended the last Parish Council meeting know, our current parish council consists of only 3 councillors which means that should any councillor be unable to attend a meeting that meeting would have to be cancelled. If you feel that you would like to join the council or even to see what we do please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 1st July at 7.30 at the village Hall annexe. at the back of the hall (If you go in the main door you will be joining the yoga class!)

Ickford Parish Council

Below is a synopsis of the unapproved minutes of the last Ickford Parish Council meeting.

Andrew Brunet was voted as chairman by the other 2 members of the council, Ruth Baker and Barbara Kolbert. Richard and Jenny Butler were thanked for the work that they have done on the Millenium garden.

We were made aware of the problem with the light in Turnfields and are taking measures to resolve the problem.

We are looking into the best time to allow villagers input into the meeting. At present 15 minutes are allocated at the beginning of the meeting to discuss village concerns. Although no action can be taken on these at that meeting, if necessary they can be put on the agenda for the following month.

It was agreed that we would continue to apply for funding for a village defibrillator.

CLERK VACANCY

Because of family commitments our current clerk has resigned. We are looking for a new clerk. This is a paid job and the pay rates would be between £8.60-£11 per hour in line with nationally agreed rate depending on experience and qualification. The job would involve attending the monthly parish council meeting 10 times a year to take the meeting minutes, plus other administration work to help all councillors with the smooth running of the Parish Council. Applicants need to be able to use email, word and spreadsheet applications, although support and training will provided by the councillors. The current clerk is employed for 20 hours per month, however this could be reviewed.

If you are interested, even vaguely, please come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 1st July at 7.30pm at the village hall annexe to get a better idea of what and who is involved. Alternatively a job description and sample contract will be available from barbara@kolbert.net after next week's Parish Council meeting.

Calendar - July 2015				
		What	Where	When
1	Wed	Yoga Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall Village Hall Annex	7 – 8 pm 7:30 pm
2	Thurs	WI	38 Golders Close	7:30 pm
3	Fri	Little Stars	Ickford Church	10-11:30 am
4	Sat			
5	Sun	Morning Praise	Ickford Church	10 am
6	Mon			
7	Tues	Rendezvous Pub Quiz	Ickford Church Rising Sun	10:30 -12:30 8 pm
8	Wed	Darby and Joan BBQ Yoga	Village Hall Village Hall	7 – 8 pm
9	Thurs			
10	Fri	Little Stars	Ickford Church	10 –11:30 am
11	Sat	FoSN Garden Party	Manor Farm House	3 – 5 pm
12	Sun	Morning Worship	Ickford Church	
13	Mon			
14	Tues	Rendezvous Pub Quiz	Ickford Church Rising Sun	10:30 -12:30 8 pm
15	Wed	Yoga	Village Hall	7 – 8 pm
16	Thurs			
17	Fri	Little Stars	Ickford Church	10-11:30 am
18	Sat			
19	Sun	Quiet Communion followed by Breakfast and Praise Be	Ickford Church	9 am 10 am
20	Mon			
21	Tues	Rendezvous	Ickford Church	10:30-12:30
22	Wed	Mobile Library Yoga	Outside School Village Hall	9:40 – 10 am 7 – 8 pm
23	Thurs			
24	Fri			
25	Sat			
26	Sun	Family Communion	Ickford Church	10 am
27	Mon			
28	Tues	Rendezvous Pub Quiz	Ickford Church Rising Sun	10:30-12:30 8 pm
29	Wed	Yoga	Village Hall	7 – 8 pm
30	Thurs	Beer Festival	Rising Sun	
31	Fri	Beer Festival	Rising Sun	
1	Sat	BBQ & live Music Shabington Steam Rally	Rising Sun	4 pm

Ickford Art Group

If anyone is interested I will be holding an Art Group on Friday 14 August and Friday 25 September 9.00am – 12 noon at Ickford Village Hall. The cost will be £10 per head.

This will cover the hire of the hall, tea/coffee etc and art materials. If you wish to bring something along to paint that inspires you that would be good. Either in the form of one of your photographs, or a still life. I will demonstrate techniques etc if people wish.

I am happy to give tuition, but equally if you wish to do your own thing, that is fine too.

Please let me know if you would like to attend, either by e mail

joy.hawes@btinternet.com or telephone 01844

338042. Please would you sent me £10 in advance made payable to Joy Hawes, 14 Golders Close, Ickford. Thank you. Please note that your cheque will not be cashed until it is confirmed that we have sufficient numbers.

Late addition The Tug o war will be held on a different weekend from the steam rally this year. the Tug O'War taking place on **Friday 7th August**. Following the pulls down at the River please join us at **The Rising Sun for a Pig Roast and Live Band**.

Repairing the Churchyard Cross at St. Nicholas

Originally made of stone ancient church crosses often predated the building of the church. These have eroded by weather over the centuries or were destroyed in the 16th century by Protestant reformation often with only the stump remaining.



There was most likely a stone cross on the site of the wooden one in the churchyard today, as this has an ancient stone base.

These crosses are a visible reminder to people entering the churchyard that it is consecrated or holy ground.



Until the 18th century most grave markers were simple stone slabs often inscribed with little more than the deceased's initials and date of death. Some were made of wood, now long gone, or unmarked. A churchyard cross served as a communal cross over all the graves.

All though not a war memorial, the St. Nicholas cross is the natural focus for the laying of wreaths at our Remembrance Day Services.

2015 is the centenary of the cross and it has received some TLC to assure its life for many years to come.

The Friends of St Nicholas Church invite you to a

Garden Party



Saturday 11th July 2015

Manor Farm House, Worminghall Road, Ickford

3.00pm to 5.00pm

Music by the Bagatelle String Quartet

TICKETS £5

Including Cream Tea or Tea and Cake

Prosecco will also be available

Tickets from Keith Tattersfield 25 Bridge Road (01844 339507) or the Village Shop

Or on the gate at Manor Farm House

The Friends of St Nicholas Church Ickford is a non-religious organisation established to support fundraising for the maintenance and development of the Church Fabric including the Churchyard.
(Registered charity number 1110383)

5th Summer Exhibition At St Nicholas,

30th August - 1st September.
"Ickford's Got Talent" - corny isn't it? But how true.

Many people have exhibited in the past, but they are only the tip of the iceberg, there is a wealth of untapped talent out there.

Photography, sport, art, craft, music, poetry, hobby or interest, etc, please share it with us and make this year's exhibition a knock out!

Living in Ickford is the only qualification. For further details contact Anita, 339952



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(Full Menu also available)

SUNDAY LUNCH served Noon until 3pm ~ A choice of Roasts and non-roast options such as Fish, Vegetarian, Salads, etc

Children's Menu Available

Take-Away Service 6.30pm-8.30pm (Wednesday to Saturday)

Private Functions Catered For

Outside Bars and Catering

QUIZ Night Every Tuesday 8.15pm

RISING SUN ICKFORD
BEER
FESTIVAL

Thursday 30th July - Sunday 2nd August
On Saturday 1st August at 4pm there will be a BBQ and live music from Garrett and hopefully the usual run of steam engines from the Shabington Steam Rally will be paying us a visit.

Hot news

I have just been informed that there are bees in the thatch at Holywell Cottage, 50 Worminghall Road. Evidently they are making honeycomb under the eaves of the thatch. You have to peer behind the honeysuckle but you are welcome to go and look if you are interested

COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

I am looking at areas where communities would benefit from having a local Community Responder scheme, South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust has long subscribed to the fact that the quicker we can have a suitably trained person, with the appropriate equipment; to a member of the public during a life threatening emergency, the better the chance of survival and making a good recovery.

A Few years ago we launched a charity division called "Community Responders", this initiative depends on members of the community volunteering within their local area to respond to emergencies giving lifesaving treatment prior to the ambulance arriving.

Volunteers are given 2 full days of training at one of our training Centre's, explaining how to recognize and treat many life threatening medical emergencies, ranging from cardiac arrest to strokes in the elderly down to infants, to name but a few of the situations the volunteers may face.

Once they have successfully completed the course they are supplied with an Automated External Defibrillator, breathing equipment and a mobile phone. The volunteer responders can then respond, to an emergency in their local community and tend to the needs of the most vulnerable, whilst an ambulance is on route. Due to the close proximity of the volunteer responder to the emergency they are very often first on scene and their actions can directly affect the outcome of the patient, this will have an impact on the lives of the their family and friends within your community.

We are currently looking for volunteers in and around your area to be a part of this lifesaving scheme to help within your community. No prior medical knowledge required as full training is given.

If you would like to find out more please email or give me a call on 07768635501 you could also visit our website <http://www.southcentralambulance.nhs.uk/get-involved/howdoivolunteer.ashx>

ICKFORD CHURCH SERVICES

The times and dates of all services in St. Nicholas Church are published every month and placed on the noticeboard outside the church and in the noticeboard on the wall outside the village shop.

ANNUAL GARDEN FETE - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 25TH MAY

At last! A dry, warm, sunny but not too hot Spring Bank Holiday Monday. The weather conditions were perfect for our annual Garden Fete and, in Betty Baxter's beautiful garden, we couldn't have asked for more. The crowds came and stayed - having spent their money on the stalls, most of which were eventually sold out, they settled down to cream teas and cakes and, in the end, we had to ask them politely to leave because the trailer had arrived to take away the tables and chairs. It was an excellent event and we are so grateful to everyone who helped us - and we cleared £1,500 which will be a great help towards the considerable cost of running the church and the day-to-day expenses.

HYMNASTIC - SUNDAY, 14TH JUNE

This was a service of favourite hymns and readings, chosen by people in the village and sung and read by them. It was a chance to listen to beautiful readings and to really enjoy singing well known and loved hymns - who can resist giving "Guide me O thou Great Redeemer" everything you've got! After a cool and damp start to the day, we came out of church to warm sunshine and blue sky and a real feeling of well being.

REDECORATION OF THE CHANCEL

Last month I reported that the Jacobean panels had been restored and rehung in the chancel. After the rotten paneling was removed, the walls were replastered and, when that was dry, they were redecorated. Now the walls above the 'dado' rail have been painted and the whole effect is beautiful.

THE CHURCHYARD CROSS

See separate attachment from Anita Tansley

THE CHURCH PORCH

Renovation of the church porch will be starting soon with financial help from the Friends of St. Nicholas. The roof will be retiled and the inside replastered and painted. The porch was added later to the original church building but has received no remedial work for many years. It is dark and gloomy and we are looking forward to a much brighter entrance.

DOGS IN THE CHURCHYARD

Despite our polite request in last month's Informer asking dog walkers to clear up after their dogs, we are still finding dog poo in the churchyard, particularly on the path to the right of the main drive, round the east end of the church. **PLEASE TAKE IT AWAY.**

CHURCH CARE

Recently some of the people who have helped with the care of the church in the past have had to give up through illness or age. We desperately need others to volunteer to help with the day to day "chores", none of which is arduous.

The church brasses need cleaning each month. At present there are eight people who take it in turns to cover this.

The church needs cleaning every week and there are 12 people who take it in turns to cover this.

The flower rota has seven people on it at present. Flowers are changed every two weeks and so it means that we ask each person for their contribution every three to four months.

You do not need to be a regular church goer to help keep our old village church looking at its best. Male or female, old or young could carry out each of the above jobs and each task only takes approximately one hour. Please, please, I ask each person reading this to think seriously about helping. You never know when you or one of your loved ones might like to use this beautiful building which we, living in Ickford, have inherited. I would be pleased to talk to anyone about exactly what is involved in volunteering for any of the tasks. Full details and help would be given to each volunteer. Thank you in anticipation.

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VILLAGE SHOP

We are very fortunate to have a shop and post office in our village when so many have lost theirs.

Our shop is open at the following times

Mon-Fri 7.45am-6.30pm

Saturday 8.00am-13.00pm

Sunday 8.30am-12.30pm

The post office hours are

Mon-Fri 9.00am-1.00pm

Saturday 9.00am-12.30pm

The bus also comes to the village 6 days a week as follows

It leaves from the school at

07.19, 09.19, 11.30, 13.40 and 17.10
each day and on Saturday at

09.22, 11.27, 13.32 and 15.37

Most buses, but not all, go via Long Crendon and Thame and finish up at Aylesbury bus station.

Check the timetable at the school for return times.

VILLAGE CONTACTS

After School Club	Helen Harris (manager)	338785
Allotments	Natalie Morton	339358
Bernwode News	Janet Noyce	
Breakfast Club	Helen Harris (manager)	338785
Church Rector	Rev. David Kaboleh	338839
Church Warden	Claire Hennessey	339564
Church Warden	Anita Tansley	339952
Darby and Joan	Maureen Parker-Farrell	339417
Village Hall Bookings		339417
Fish Scheme	Helen Woodham	339683
Football Club	Joe Kitchen joe1988ckitch@hotmail.com.	
Friends of St Nicholas Keith Tattersfield		339507
Ickford Informer	barbara@kolbert.net	338851
Ickford Pre School	Suzanne Prior	
Ickford Pre school PTA	Rebecca Shuttlebotham	
Rendezvous	Gill Rippin	338807
The Rising Sun Pub	Jan and Paul	339238
Parish Council Clerk		
Post Office/Village Shop	Vina Parmar	339256
Village Shop Association	Paul Farrell	339417
School Headmaster	John Ronane	339261
Tug of War Teams		
Tennis Club	Will Richards	339705