


Welcome to the Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland News.

Thank you to the residents who responded to the paper slip with an email to ibbertonnews@gmail.com , belchalwellnews@gmail.com , 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 June 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

## Hillside Parishes Fete Meeting

Fete Planning Meeting on Tuesday 20th May 7.00 pm in Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall - please join us as we plan the stalls, events and attractions. All are welcome.
The Fete will be on Saturday 2nd August, 2025.

## St. Eustace Church News





**Sunday 20th March, 2025 10.30 am Family Service with Jenny Knotwell** followed by an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard 🥚 🐣 🍃, if you're planning to come with littlies can you let me know so I know how many easter eggs to get - thanks! (Feel free to park at ours) alice.church90@gmail.com

Thank you to all who decorated the church windows for Easter. If you would like to look after a window in the church – flowers are only displayed at Christmas, Easter and Harvest please get in touch. You choose the time to decorate and the flowers – there are many vases in the bell tower and a supply of water in the church.

Thank you to all who attend the recent Lent Lunch, donated soup, etc and gifts for the bring and buy stall. £144 will be donated to The Dorset Historic Churches Trust who have so kindly supported St Eustace during the recent stabilisation and tower steps project.

The Church Electoral Roll applications have now closed.

The revised roll will appear on the Church door for checking by all visiting.

A notice for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will appear on the Church door / via email on **Tuesday 29th April**. At this point anybody on the revised roll may be nominated for Churchwarden by two people on the role. Forms will be available to download from http://www.ibbertonvillagehall.co.uk/St-Eustace-Ibberton/

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 to the Blackmore Vale Deanery Synod meetings.

**Monday 20th April** the PCC accounts for the year ending 31 December, 2024 will be available for inspection in the church & on http://www.ibbertonvillagehall.co.uk/St-Eustace-Ibberton/

On **Tuesday 29th April** the church will hold the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting will begin with the election of Church Wardens to which all members of Ibberton Village are welcome to attend and vote for the two Churchwardens positions.

The **Churchwarden** is one of the oldest offices in the lane because of its ancient origins, the Warden still represents the whole of the laity in the Parish, not only the members of the congregation or the electoral roll of the church. They duties will always involve being at the centre of the parish's operations, for which they must know the people, know who to go to for various purposes, know the liturgy and the services that are being held, and have "ear to the ground and finger on the pulse" contact with all that happens or is going to happen.

The position involves three types of responsibilities: -

1. Dealing with legal issues:

Keeping the terrier, the inventory and the log-book is the specific responsibility of the Wardens.
There are required at least annually to make a sufficient inspection of buildings and contents, and the last PCC meeting before the AGM the wardens must report to the PCC and then to Annual Parochial Church Meeting on all the property matters.

All the moveable items of the church are the property of the churchwardens. They cannot sell them without the authority of a faculty, but their ownership can be important.

When there is a vacancy in a parish – meaning when there is no one appointed as the minister of the parish – the Churchwardens have additional responsibilities. They have a legal duty to be sequestrators – that is to say they share in the running of the financial issues for the parish – and they have to arrange for the provision of proper people to conduct the services until there is a full appointment.

2. Good Order

Churchwardens are legally responsible for provision of what is needed for communion services.
Sidesmen are strictly assistants to the wardens, and the work that is done in providing books and welcoming congregations is done on behalf of the wardens.
It is the duty of Wardens to report to the Bishop not only the formal matters dealt with at visitations but also any matter that ought to be a cause for concern on the part of the Bishop. This can be a sensitive area, and it is as well to take advice before launching into reporting to the Bishop, but it should not be ignored.
The grounds of the church also come under the purview of the Churchwardens, and depending on the size and location of the church, the grounds may include a burial ground, gardens, paths, a driveway and even parking facilities.

3. Finance
The wardens have the responsibility for administration of collections, and they need to be sure that processes are in place to ensure the proper carrying out of this work. If there is a treasurer, the responsibility will normally be partly with that officer, but if there is no treasurer, the wardens have the whole of that responsibility, and are in law the treasurers instead.

This is the same for sequestrators during a vacancy. There is a specific duty to report any failure of the parish to do its best to pay Diocesan charges.
https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/whos-who/resources-library/parishes/churchwardens/2015%20Churchwardens-%20Vacancy%20Pack%20-Dec%202015.doc

Following the election of the Churchwardens the people who are on the New Church Electoral Role will be able to remain in the meeting. At this point the Parochial Church Council and the roles of secretary and treasurer (both positions can be held by people who are not on the church electoral register) will be elected and a committee meeting will follow.

If you are interested in standing for any of these positions, please contact Alice Church, Churchwarden and Vice - Chairman of the PCC to find out more details ahead of the AGM. St. Eustace Church is one of our community organisations, along with the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trustees and Committee they are central to what makes Ibberton the place it is. steustaceibberton@gmail.com

Final Report of the stabilisation works on St Eustace Church - completed on budget

FALCON Report 3

17th to 28th March, 2025: Falcon return to make good the site - complete the drainage work and rod the drains, back fill the pilling site, reinstate the original paths.
7th – 9th April - Clear up the plywood protection, paths completed, jet washed, grass seed scattered, church interior tidied up, skip removed from the village hall















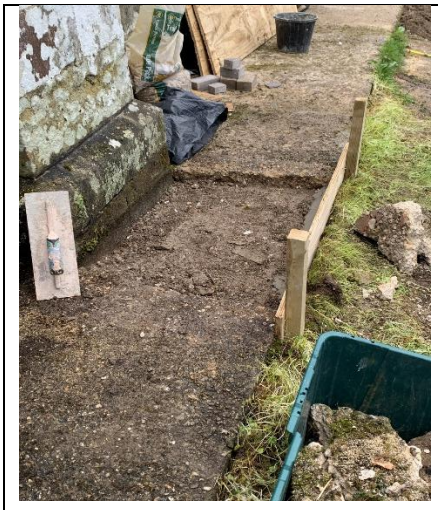






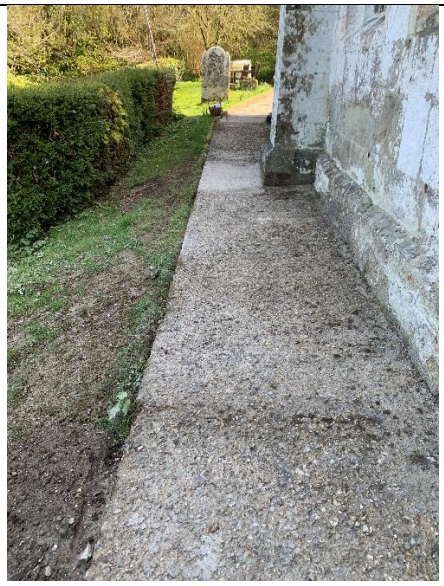












**St Eustace Church Grade 2* ,**
**Ibberton**
**Blandford Dorset DT11 0EN**

**Tower Steps Reconstruction**

Dorset Historic Churches Trust
*Conserving the past – enriching the future*

During 2024 the condition of the upper two wooden treads and the door that exits onto the church tower roof gave rise to concern. The door step of the frame rotted and fell away leaving water to soak the two timber steps below. These in turn become unsafe. Meanwhile the water was running down the tower steps eroding the limestone. One step has in the past been repaired with a metal door!



This stunning print captures the timeless beauty of Ibberton, Dorset, as painted by renowned landscape artist Alfred Robert Quinton in the 1930s.
https://www.mediastorehouse.com/mary-evans-prints-online/new-images-july-2023/ibberton-dorset-32309442.html

We are also very grateful to our Local Community who have generously made financial gifts.

**Problem**

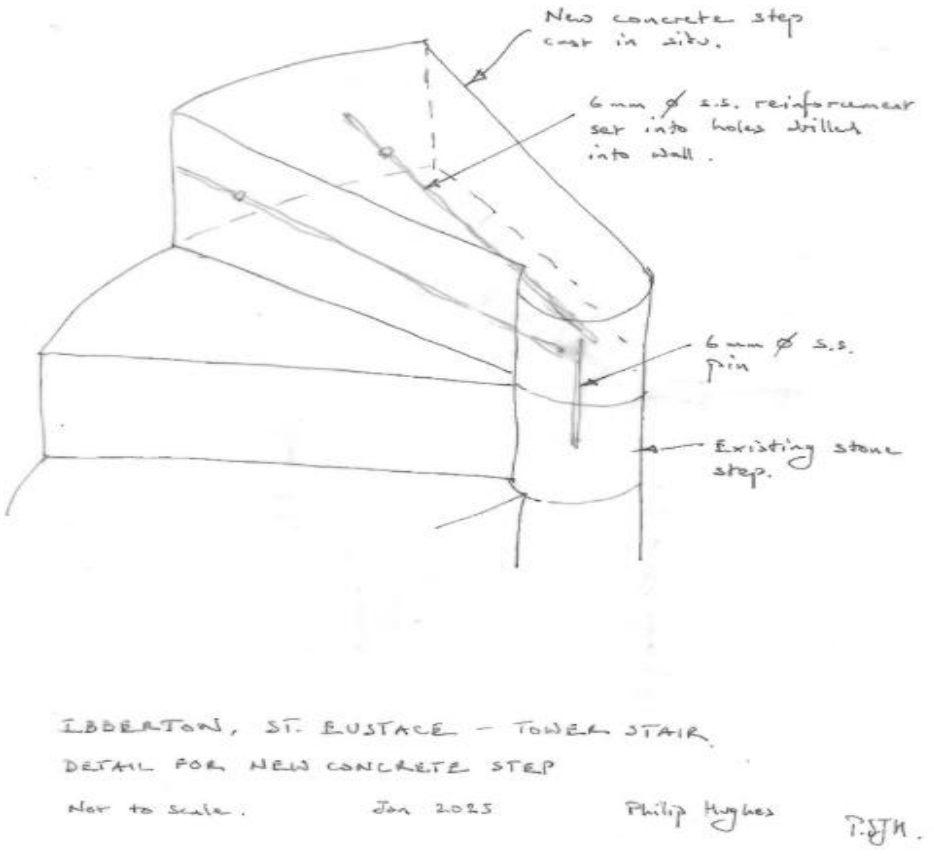
**Looking down from tower access door**





**Looking up towards the roof access**

**Proposal**




IBBERTON, ST. EUSTACE – TOWER STAIR.
DETAIL FOR NEW CONCRETE STEP
Not to scale. Jan 2025 Philip Hughes P.J.H.

Solution to cast the steps insitu …..





Nigel Jaggard – stone mason
Friday 28th March, Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th April, Monday 7th April

28th March, 2025: The stone mason arrives to reinstate the missing steps in the bell tower and the door exiting onto the tower roof

The works as they are undertaken …



Supporting the stuttering as the concrete is cast.
Steps below used!



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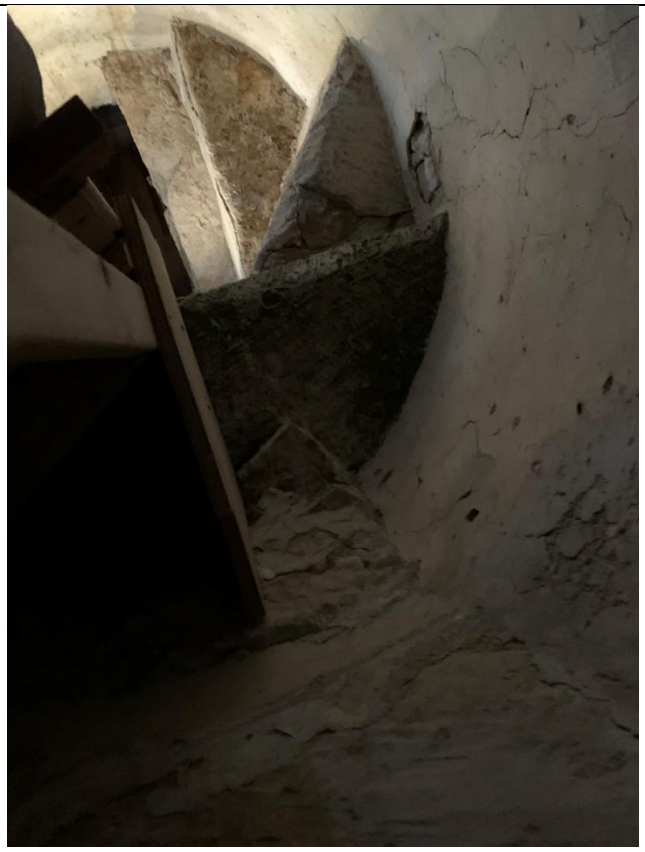
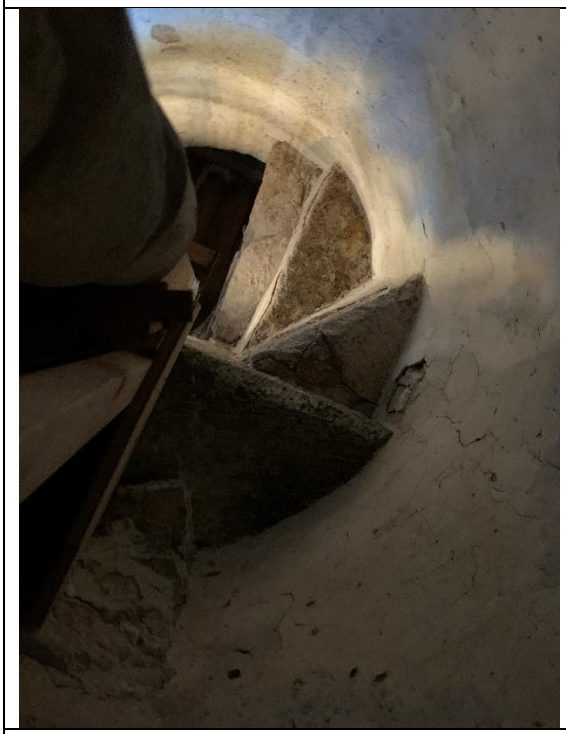
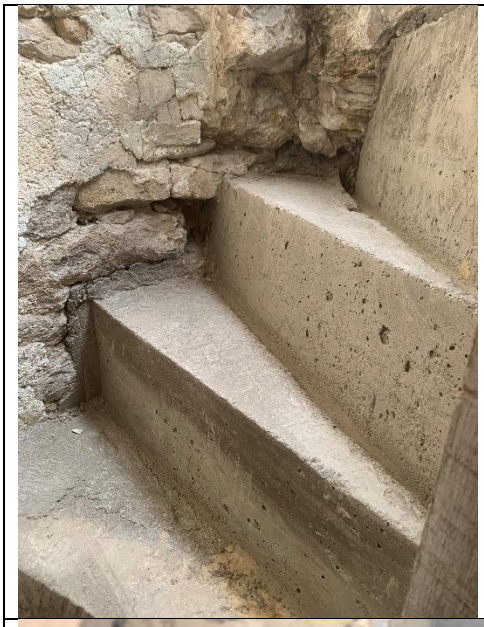
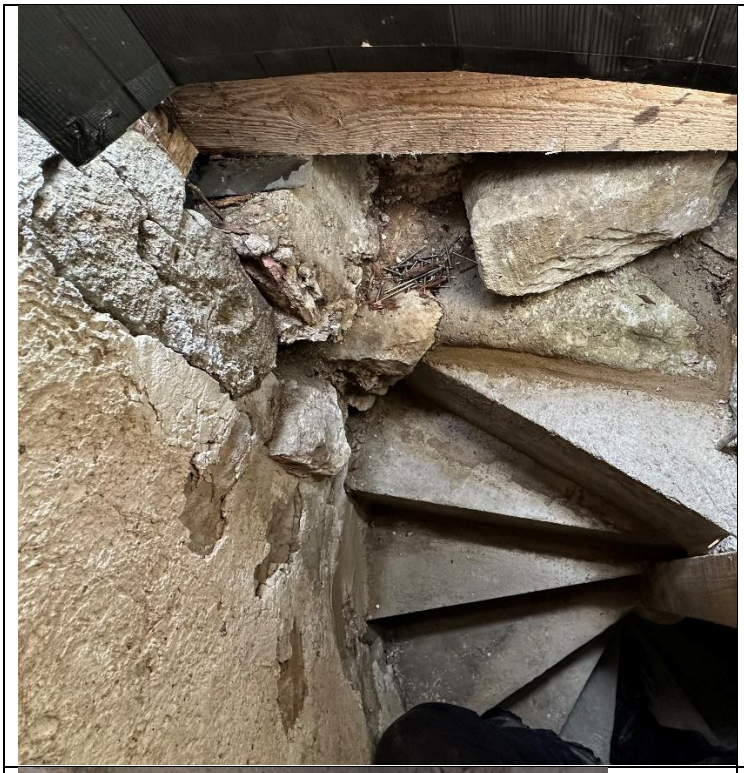
| Looking up towards the area of damage<br><br>Note the width of the tower less than 1 metre |  |
|  |  |
| | Looking up to the new steps from the bell tower |

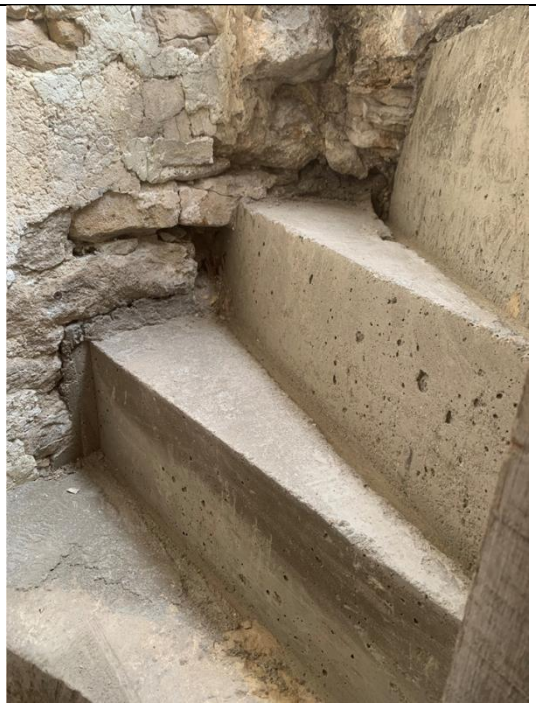








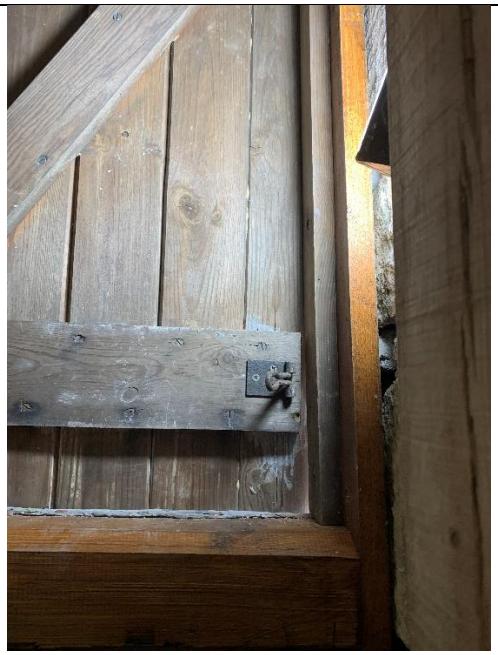


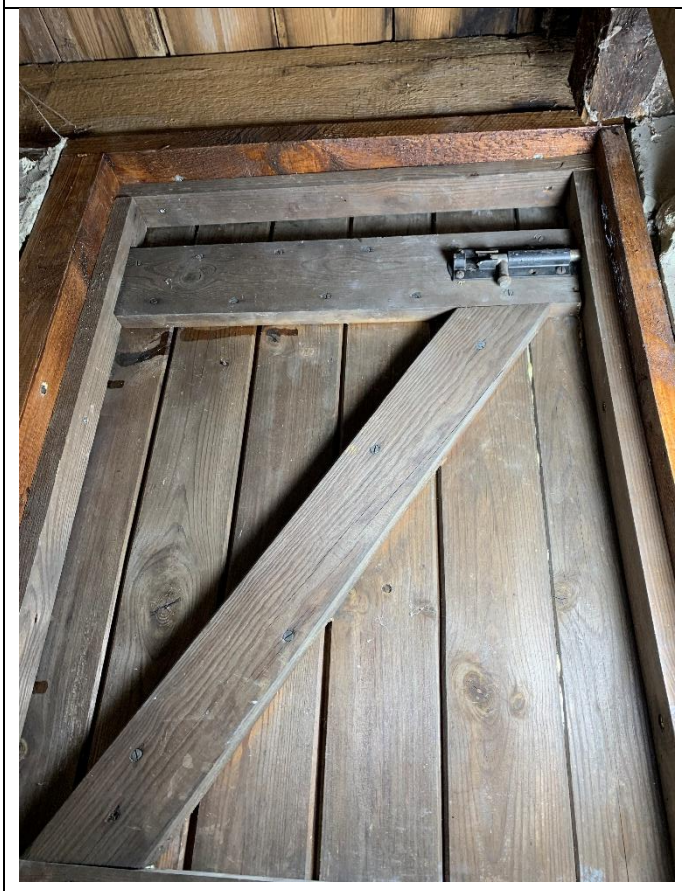


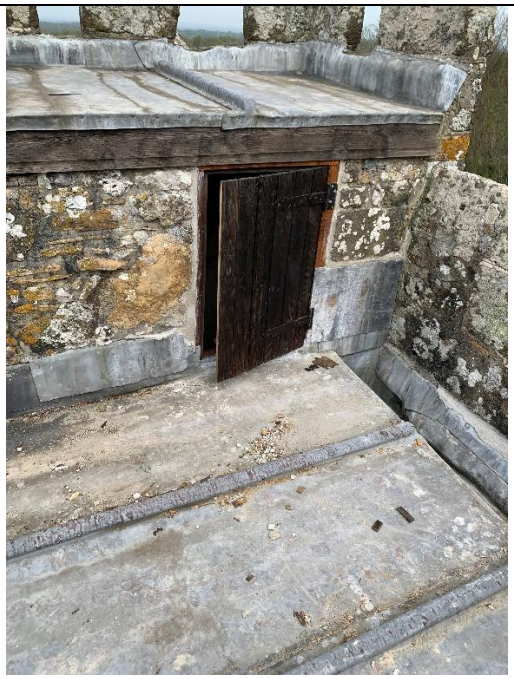


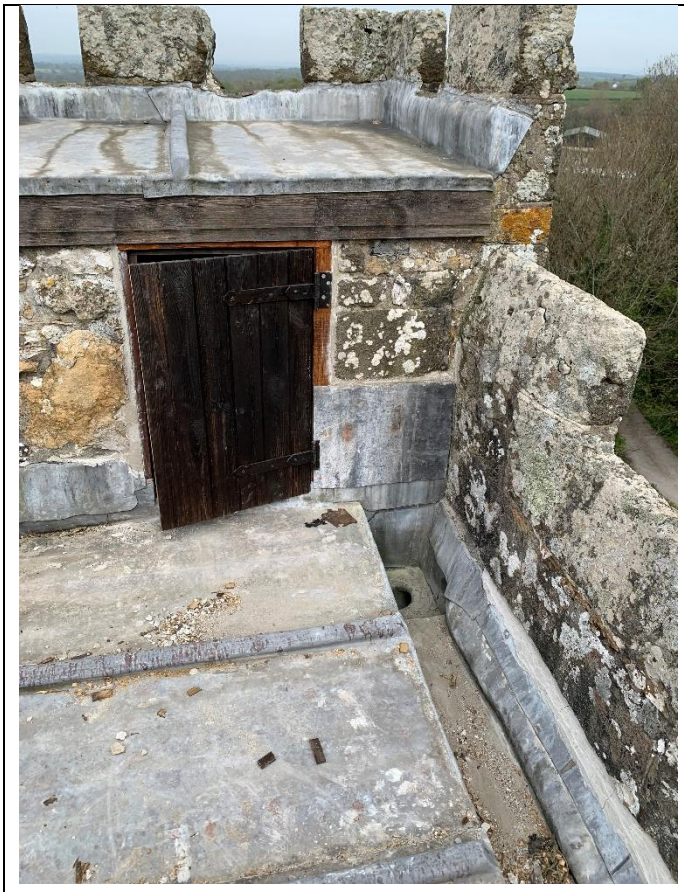


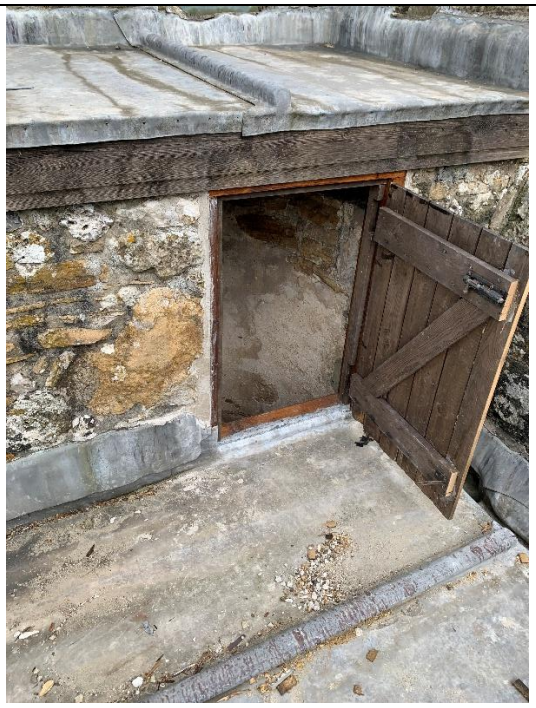




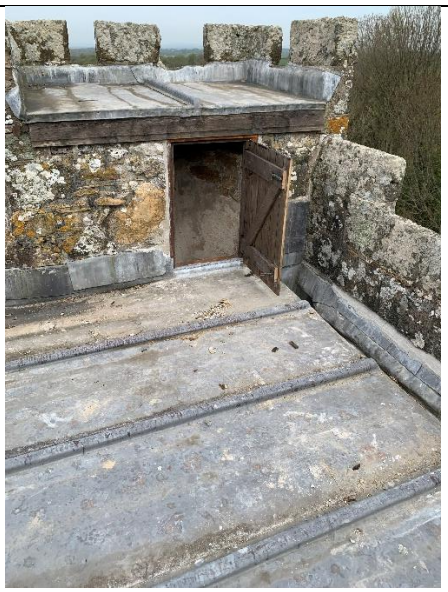


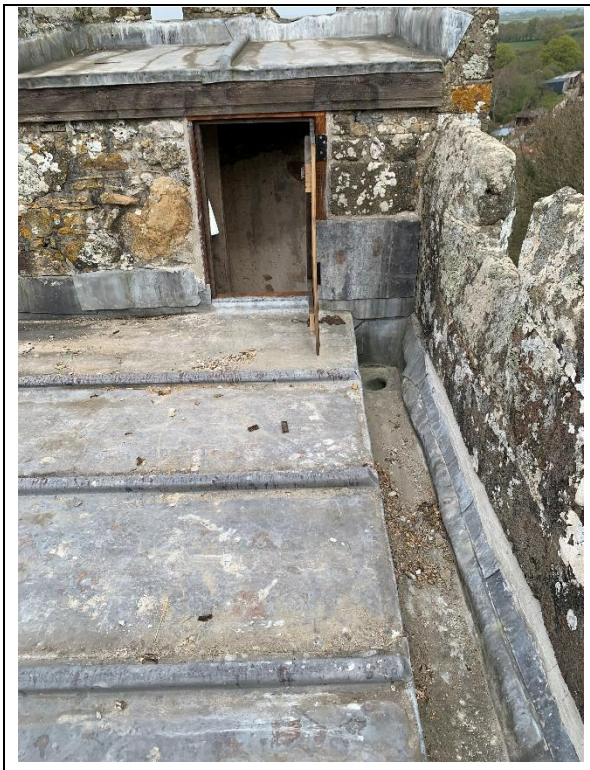




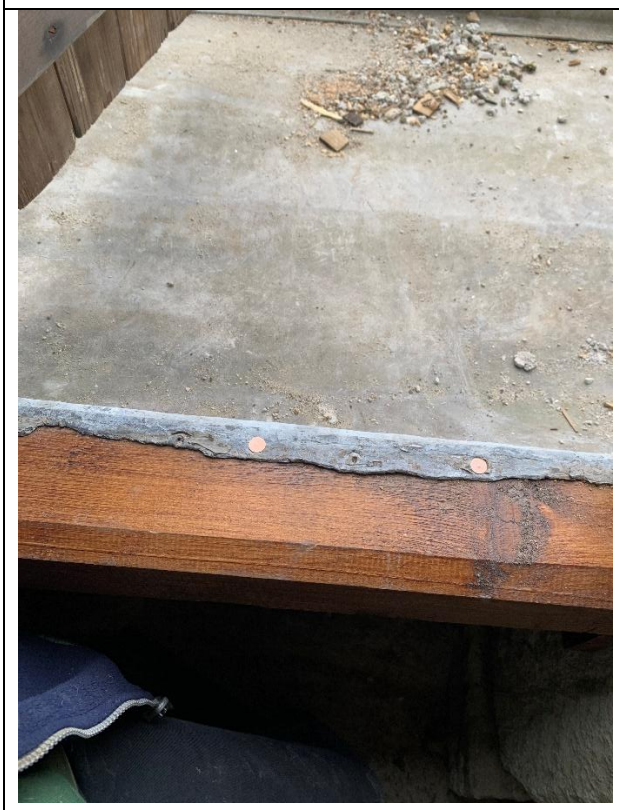














**4 Steps still requiring repairing**

Above



Below



Further works to complete this year –

Overhaul of the main roof

Drainage repairs

Trimming of the yew trees to enable air to move freely around the building

**Advanced News** On Sunday 21st September, 2025 the Bishop of Salisbury will lead a service in the church dedicated to St Eustace. Followed by refreshments in the village hall. Time to be confirmed. All will be welcome.

## Woolland News



The PCC hosted the second Lent Lunch of the year at The Shoot Room, Chitcombe and was thrilled to welcome both new faces in addition to familiar friends. The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance is celebrating its 25 th Anniversary this year and a new helicopter is on their wish list. It was a real pleasure to donate your generous donations of £201.00 to such a worthy cause.



We warmly welcome Rosemary and Carl Aylett to the village. They have recently moved into Spring Cottage and we hope that they will be very happy here.

Easter celebrations and the APCM are still to take place at the time of writing this.

**Julie Robson**

## Belchalwell News

Coming up, Easter Sunday April 20th will be a Holy Communion service at 10.30am. Following the service we hope to place and bless a bench in remembrance of Jack Yeatman in the churchyard.
The Church Annual General Meeting will be held in the Church at 7pm Tuesday 29th April. All are welcome to attend.
Looking ahead a date to book into your diary for Harvest Supper on Friday 10th October at the Village Hall in Ibberton. Along with a lovely meal, during the evening we will also be showing a film depicting life in our local area in the 1970's. Please keep the date free and look out for more details nearer the time.

**Brenda Courage**

## Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall News

Thank you to everyone who has supported the recent film and Artsreach events the Hall Trustees and Committee have organised. These have been an opportunity to bring the Community together while raising income that covers our running costs. Please visit to view the minutes, etc https://www.ibbertonvillagehall.co.uk/Minutes-of-Meetings/

**On Saturday 28th June, 7 – 8.30 pm** the hall will hold a **BBQ & Bar** in aid of Village Hall Funds, £8 adult ticket/£4.50 child.

# Artsreach Event Twelfth Night Miracle Theatre




**@**
**Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall DT11 0EL**

**Thursday 31st July, 2025 7:00pm**

**Site open for Bar & BBQ from 5:30pm (cash/card).**

**Bring a chair and a torch! Assistance dogs only**

**Standard Ticket £16 Under 18s £8 Family ticket £40**

**Bar BBQ £6 each with a vegetarian option Ice cream Tea/coffee**

**Telephone booking: Tel 07771 561099**
**or email ibbertonvillagehall@gmail.com**
Ticket office **BACS payments for tickets please to**

**Annette Newman 40-16-63 91128841**
**Ref: miracle /your surname**

**Or post a cheque to Woolland View, Ibberton, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0EJ**

**Car parking in a joining field**

**Audience: Families, Adults, Comedy, Drama. Suitable for all ages but recommended for children aged 7+**

**In partnership with Artsreach, Ibberton Village Hall presents**

## Miracle Theatre - Twelfth Night

**Thurs 31 July, 7:00pm. Ibberton Village Hall. 07771 561099. £16, £8 u18s, £40 fam**

Miracle Theatre is back on the road this summer with a new open-air production of Shakespeare's dazzling comedy Twelfth Night, a joyous, chaotic tale where love knows no boundaries!

It is the story of twins Sebastian and Viola who are separated from one another by sea and storm. Shipwrecked and without

her brother for the first time, Viola finds herself washed up in Illyria, a playground for the hedonistic and lovesick elite. What unravels next sends the story spinning into a tangle of unrequited love, mistaken identities, hilarious awkwardness, cruelty, and mischief.

First adapted by Bill Scott in 2002, this fresh, bold take comes from Miracle's co-artistic director Sally Crooks, a longstanding Miracle collaborator who also directed last year's summer hit, Love Riot.

Blending Miracle's playful spirit with the Bard's wit, expect plenty of belly laughs, heartache, gloriously outrageous characters, and a contemporary twist proving once and for all that it's hearts, not parts, that truly matter! Touring Dorset with Artsreach, the county's rural arts charity Recommended 7+

*Gates open at 5.30 pm for all. Please note that this is an outdoor performance - bring your own chair/blanket to sit on. Assistance dogs only.*

www.artsreach.co.uk https://miracletheatre.co.uk/

Annette Newman

**Ibberton Parish Council**

Ibberton Parish Council Annual Meeting

All welcome on Monday 19th May @ 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

## Dorset Highways

Name: Dorset Highways
Tel: 01305 221020

Dorset Council
County Hall
Colliton Park
Dorchester
Dorset
DT1 1XJ

Please report potholes, road sweeping and any issues with the roads in and around Ibberton to Dorset Council.

When there are more potholes than road – eg Leigh Lane! Report using the phone number 01305 221020. The more people who do this perhaps things will improve. It would only take a child to hit a pothole awkwardly on a bicycle and fall and hit their head – a health and safety issue.



**Ibberton Village What's App Group**

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




*Flamenco-based exercise is* **excellent** *for:*
*Posture. Core strength. Leg strength. Bone density. Co-ordination. Mental fitness. Menopause issues. Defying ageing. General well-being.*

*It is also fun and challenging (it literally keeps you on your toes).*

Call Sarah on
Telephone: 01258 863861,
mob 07963 311010
Email: slcb@3d-unlocked.co.uk

**Innovative Piano Lessons**

As Christmas comes closer, you might like to consider piano/keyboard lessons. 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

**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 11.30 am 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 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**

**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



**Local Freecycle**

If you have any items to include, please email ibbertonnews@gmail.com / text 07771561099 for the June Edition

**Local News**

**https://blackmorevale.net/latest-issue/**

**https://www.theblackmorevale.co.uk/the-blackmore-vale/**

**http://www.fippennynews.co.uk/print-edition-apr-2022/**

http://www.hazelburybryan.com/

https://childokeford.org/the-village/the-hill-2/

https://www.shillingstone-pc.gov.uk/

**https://sturminster-newton.org.uk/**

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