



HARVEST FESTIVAL

The chapel is decorated for the service.

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



**THE CHAPEL
GARDEN PARTY
AT MILLER'S GREENE**





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



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 outside and repairing windows, barge boards and doors. The meeting decided that Derek Old together with Owen 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 Peter Hayter, a Building Surveyor from Winterborne 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 Lois 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; 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 lightweight 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 use.

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 underpin 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. This led to Annette Newman conducting 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 much more positive and 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 it up to £1,000.

THE CROWN INN

‘Past’



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'Present'



IBBERTON CRICKET CLUB

The Club is run by annually elected Officers and the current committee is: Chairman Paul Holman, Treasurer Peter Wilkinson, Secretary Jenny Bartlett, Fixtures Secretary and Groundsman Andy Old, League Captain and Youth Team Malcolm Dudley, Vice Captain John Bowles, and Friendly Captain Martin Rose.

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, Harold Guard and Trevor Fry.

Members of the dart team at the Crown Inn resurrected the cricket club in the 1980's, it having been dormant since the forties when the cricket field was at Court Orchard, behind the Pub, now part of Church Farm. The Cricket Club restarted in a field belonging to Stan and Patsy Harris at Marsh Farm. In its early days the Club epitomised village cricket; teas were served from the back of a pony trailer, matches were occasionally interrupted by animals invading the pitch. Terry Small, landlord of the Crown, manned a barrel on the boundary, for those needing to quench their thirst before tea. The dress code was informal, cricket whites a rarity, and the home team's success rate negligible but it was a very popular venue with opposing teams, due to the excellent hospitality! A gauntlet thrown down to the men resulted in the formation of a ladies cricket team. Initially it was intended the ladies would play one fun match, however this annual event continued for many years. Practices were held on Priscilla Houstoun's 'ground' with Philip Mott and Michael Dyer acting as coaches. The men played in fancy dress, and just managed to get a result, although it was a close run tie.

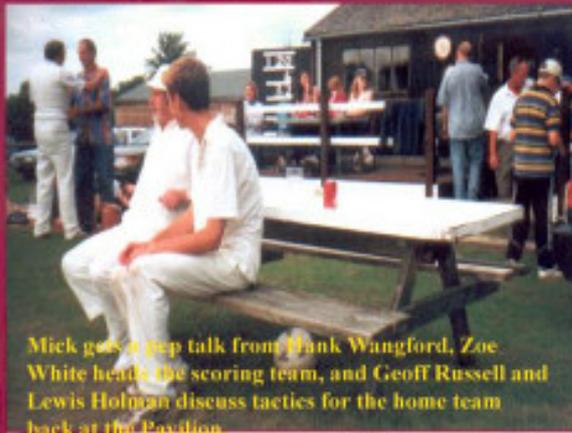
The Club later moved to its current ground owned by the Old family. Derek was both Chairman and Groundsman, and over the years it became a successful and competitive Club, playing 'friendly' matches against local, and not so local teams, as well as being host to a variety of touring sides. George Burton, former resident of Rafflyns (Ibberton Hill House) donated an old summer house which was used for the teas and Charles and Jane Abell allowed the club to run an electricity cable from Shoemaker's Cottage. A large second-hand shed was also purchased and erected by club members for use as a changing room until it virtually rotted away and was replaced by a new construction. John and Linda Wild became landlords of the Crown, and for some time followed the tradition of providing sustenance on the boundary, until a couple of players entered a little too enthusiastically into the spirit of things!

Ibberton voted to join the League and now plays in the sixth division of the North Dorset Sunday League, as well as maintaining a full fixture list of Weekend and Midweek friendly matches. It has also enabled three representatives to train as junior coaches resulting in Malcolm Dudley initiating and developing a strong youth section that competes in the Junior Leagues.

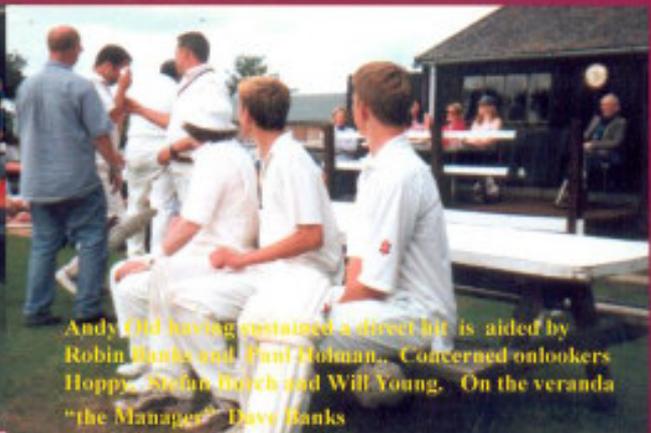
Players now enjoy the comparative luxury of a Club House with changing rooms and veranda, not quite Lords but a far cry from the days when teas were served out of a pony trailer. Vice Presidents support the Club with annual contributions, and villagers, wives, mums of the players and friends, all assist in making the most superb cricket teas. Many players are involved in farming which poses headaches for the captains trying to raise teams during silaging or harvesting time, and on occasions players have been known to vanish mid-game to do the milking. The villages are kept informed, or misinformed, of cricketing events by a light-hearted newsletter distributed in a fairly *ad hoc* manner throughout the season!

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, Nolan Birch 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



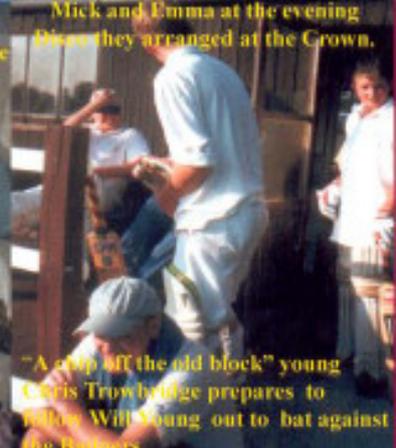
Mick and Emma at the evening Dinner they arranged at the Crown.



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



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



"A chip off the old block" young Chris Trowbridge prepares to bat like 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 Side this winter. Graham Morris [top back] takes many of the photographs for the ECA Posters and England Tours. No doubt his pictures will be featured in many of the newspapers this winter.

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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"