

IBSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

As you may know there have been at least 2 accidents recently at the narrow section of road next to the phone box. It is also potentially dangerous for pedestrians walking through the village. The PC discussed possible solutions for making this safer including adding rumble strips at the entrance and exit to the section, perhaps introducing Priority Passage signage or traffic mirrors to help when exiting Grays Lane. We would like to have your views on this so please come to the Annual Parish meeting on the 17th of May to tell us what you think.

The Wormsley Estate Manager attended our meeting to further discuss the subject of vehicle access to the common. He explained the reasons for the Estate wanting to permanently fill in the part of the ditch which is used for vehicular access to the common and close this off with a locked single bar barrier. Under the current system the ditch has to be dug out a few days in advance of the event and filled in some time after. This can leave the common vulnerable to unwelcome visitors for several days. Also, the Estate had received requests to provide access for private functions at very short notice which could be difficult to service.

The Council requested that Wormsley continues to provide the "pro bono" service of filling in/digging out the ditch for the 2 main village events of the Ibstone Show & concert in August and Fireworks Night in November, negating the need for a barrier. Any villager using the Common for a private function would in future meet the cost of digging and refilling the ditch. The Estate will come back to us soon on this suggestion.

Ibstone is about to lose 2 of its regular sites. The 104 bus service is likely to be withdrawn as part of WDC's cost cutting but this 'once per day' service has hardly been used by any Ibstonians. We are also proposing that the red telephone kiosk should be removed. It is a bad state of repair now but, if you feel it should be retained, then tell us at the Annual Parish meeting.

Many thanks to all who took part in the village Litter Pick, and in particular to Tony Grant who, as always, made an excellent job of organising the team. Please try to keep the village looking good by picking up any stray litter you see.

The dress rehearsals for Garsington opera are on 30 May (The Magic Flute), 31 May (Il Turco in Italia) and 17 June (La verità in cimento) starting at 6.10pm. You can take a picnic and doors open at 4pm.

Applications should be sent to dr-tickets@garsingtonopera.org stating the number of tickets requested, dates in order of preference, and your name and address. On the 30th of May they will be offering a 3 course meal with glass of wine for £25, or take a picnic. You should apply asap.

Don't forget that the local council elections are on the 5th of May which is your chance to do something for your community by standing for the Parish Council. Application forms are available from clerk@ibstone.org.uk.

Nominations open on March 21st and close on the 4th of April. See you at our next meeting on the 17th of May in the cricket pavilion at 7.30.