

## CHURCH NEWS

Thank you for all the support we receive. Please come and join us for services held at 11.00am on the second and fourth Sunday in the month (additional service when there are five Sundays in the month). Refreshments served afterwards. Special services to be held over the summer include:

**St James Birthday Service**, Family Worship on Sunday 26th July @ 11.00am

**Summer Songs of Praise** followed by afternoon tea and cakes on Sunday 30th August at 4.00pm.

Coffee mornings held in the Alton Room on the last Tuesday in the month from 10.15 – 11.45am.

Also in the church:

Food Bank collection point

Book Drop to swap and get books.

Summer dates for diaries:

**Summer Picnic**, South Sitch on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 6.00pm – 10.00pm. Tickets cost £10 each (children under 3 free; 3-16 £2.50) to include a glass of bubbly or Pimms and live music.

Tickets available at the Village Store.

**Garden Fete** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, Town Head Farm, The Green, Idridgehay from 2.00pm – 5.00pm; all the usual favourites including cream teas, Belper Town Wind Band, dog show, stalls, Pimms and lots more. All proceeds from these events are to help support the maintenance of the church building.



If you have any ideas for social or other charity events or want more information about St James please contact Jill Matthews 01773 550877.



## FLY TIPPING

Please report fly tipping to AVBC  
01773 841335  
Or Email

[landscapeservices@ambervalley.gov.uk](mailto:landscapeservices@ambervalley.gov.uk)



## ELECTION

Following the uncontested election in May, all 7 councillors were re-elected making IA A PC one of few rural PC's with full council membership.



## HOW TO CONTACT US

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## Idridgehay, Alton & Ashleyhay Parish Council

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### Welcome to the summer 2015 newsletter.

The Neighbourhood plan is now at the examination stage. A referendum on its adoption will follow next. A new group has been formed to "save" the Idridgehay Black Swan. There is also news of a Broadband Survey and articles on:

Church News  
Neighbourhood Plan  
Black Swan Update  
Local Broadband  
& Reporting Fly Tipping and Pot Holes

So, please read on.

[www.iaa-pc.org.uk](http://www.iaa-pc.org.uk)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LATEST NEWS

The final draft – the “submission” version - of the VIA Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to AVBC in December following approval by the Parish Council, (PC) at their November meeting. A pre-Christmas social event was held in the Alton Room on December 9<sup>th</sup> to give everyone an opportunity to see The Plan in its’ final draft. This event was very well attended and drinks and nibbles enjoyed by all.

After checking The Plan and supporting documents satisfied all legal requirements – the “basic conditions”- AVBC arranged the publicity and formal consultation for a period of eight weeks from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015.



The next step is for The Plan to be examined by an independent Inspector. Following agreement with the Parish Council, AVBC have appointed Julian Jackson RTPI to carry out the independent examination of The Plan and his

report will be published in the near future. The examiner may recommend some further amendments but hopefully, will be satisfied that it is a sound document which is ready to go out for approval by referendum of all who live in the parishes. It is hoped that this will take place during the summer.



The VIA Steering Committee will be holding a drop-in session in the village church before the referendum and that will be advertised nearer the date.

## LOCAL BROADBAND

Speed and reliability of our internet access has been a constant source of concern for all our residents; and, we now understand that the upgrade to Superfast Broadband for Rural Areas is not scheduled for our Exchange, until sometime after 2017!

In order to try and bring this date forward, your help is urgently required. You can do this by “registering your interest” with Openreach (details available on our questionnaire); the more users we have “registered”, the better chance we have.

We also need more data - so participating in our broadband survey and completing the speed test will enable us to present a more demanding case for bringing our truly “Rural” communication services into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Councillor David Taylor has also volunteered to assist us with the campaign.

A copy of the survey should be with this newsletter. You can also download it from [www.iaa-pc.org.uk](http://www.iaa-pc.org.uk)

Please return your completed form as soon as possible and if you need help doing this, please ring Bev or Mike who will be happy to assist.

Mike Westbrooke (01773 550403)  
Bev Webster (01773 550749)



## BLACK SWAN UPDATE

The Black Swan has now been deemed as an Asset of Community Value. It is understood that the current owner, Crostone Ltd is looking to sell. As the community has until August to bid for it, a public meeting was arranged by the Parish Council to gauge the level of support. Eighty people turned up at the first meeting and this encouraged a further meeting when a campaign group was formed.

This group is exploring the options that are available to us and we have an advisor Sally Soady who has successfully resurrected a pub in Bamford in the Hope Valley. However it is understood that the asking price of the Black Swan may be beyond an economical enterprise. The group have at their disposal a number of professional parishioners who are prepared to evaluate the value of the property. The Chairman of the group has met with the owners to establish a working understanding of their aspirations around value. When these two things are complete it is intended to hold another public meeting in early June to discuss the next steps.



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