

## Saving St Nicholas The First Idbury Arts Festival

As part of the effort to prevent St. Nicholas, Idbury from being declared redundant and to raise funds for the running of the church and the restoration of the



bells, an Arts Festival is underway with events being held on the first Fridays of August and September. Each event will start at 7pm and last for no more than an hour and a half, to be followed by an after-party with drinks and nibbles for all ticket-holders.

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Neil Philip will discuss Idbury's Literary Heritage.

Neil lives in Idbury; his books include; *The Penguin Book of English Folktales* and *Victorian Village Life*. His talk will explore the surprisingly rich legacy of Idbury literature, with readings from many authors as well as folk rhymes and tales.

### Friday 2nd September

The Ducklington Morris will dance the Idbury Repertoire. The Idbury dancing tradition, which died out at the end

of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, was crucial to the revival of morris dancing in the 20<sup>th</sup>. The very first revival side, in Bidford, danced the Idbury dances and later Reginald Tiddy brought Cecil Sharp to the village to record the 28 dances in the Idbury/Bledington repertoire. The Ducklington Morris (including Revd. Wendy) will dance as many of the Idbury dances as they can, at a street party, up and down Spring Lane.

Tickets £10 per event (£6 for concessions). Please contact Kate Ransom on: 01993 830246, e-mail: [kate@homebarnm.co.uk](mailto:kate@homebarnm.co.uk) Peter & Lee Cox on: 01993 832575 or Nicki Sissions on: 01993 831235

## Wychwood Players Unveil the Dreadful Secret

What is the dreadful secret of Veronica's Room? Dare you find out? **Veronica's Room** is a chilling drama with a disturbing and adult theme, which presents a challenging puzzle. It is written by master playwright Ira Levin (*Deathtrap*, *Rosemary's Baby*, *The Stepford Wives*, etc.) and features Amanda Henriques, Zoë Humphrey, John Drew and David Staines. The director is Philip Brown who brought us the

successful production of 'Hay Fever' last year and he is relishing the task of working on a completely contrasting play.

Make a date to visit '**Veronica's Room**' at the New Beaconsfield Hall on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**, when the secret will be revealed.

For tickets please ring our box office lady Mrs. Gill Drew on: 01993 830398  
**John Drew**