

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 3rd JUNE 2012

Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall 2.30-4.30pm

£3 adults £2 children

Treasure Hunt for the children

TUESDAY 5th JUNE 2012

Picnic in the Park 12noon

Bring your own picnic, Annual Gittisham Eggathon,

Boules tournament, fun and games

Party in the Village Hall 7.00pm

Tickets £10 adults (under 14s free)

Live music, supper and licensed bar. Fancy dress—royal theme.

Enquiries to Carol Hall—01404 850793

Please get out your flags and bunting to decorate our parish!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MAY 13th-19th CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

MAY 13th—ROGATION WALK at 10.30 from Buckerell War Memorial to Doug's Shed where a church service will be held at 11.00am. There will not be a service in the village that day. Everyone is welcome to attend the service in Buckerell.

MAY 19th—COFFEE MORNING, St Michael's patio 10.30—12.00 with Bring & Buy stall. This will be held in the church if the weather is wet. All welcome.

JUNE 5th—TEA DANCE in the Village Hall 2.00-4.30pm. Music by Elaine. Admission £2.50 to include Tea/Coffee and biscuits. For further information ring Alan or Christine Broom 01404 44641

JUNE 16th—CHARITY ABSEIL & TEDDY BEAR ZIP WIRE at Feniton Church. Individuals or teams are invited to abseil 50 feet down the church tower in aid of Melanesian Mission and local charities. Abseilers must be over 8 years of age. However, if your nerves prevent you from joining in why not bring your teddy bear and send him/her down the zip wire? We believe that teddies are very brave and might even enjoy the adventure! There is no age limit for teddies!!! Email: admin@feniton.devon.sch.uk or ring 01404 851303 to register.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

BRENDA ABBOTT is progressing steadily after the car accident on 10th March. She spent a fortnight in intensive care at Exeter where she received the most fantastic care for all the multiple injuries she had; the doctors were amazed at the way she is recovering and the spirit she has to get better. She was moved to a medical ward to specialise on her internal injuries after her time in intensive care. She has since progressed so well she is now in Honiton hospital to finish her recuperation and build up her strength. It is a long time for anyone to be in hospital... she still has a long way to go, but with yet more care and attention by the doctors and nurses, all of whom do such a great job, and all the effort she is putting in to get well, its good luck to Brenda and we look forward to you coming home. Thank you to every one for your good wishes and concern. Roy Abbott
CAROLE ROWE, we hear, has been poorly so we wish her well and hope it is only a minor blip.

YEAR'S MIND

May

Pam Blackmore
Reginald Rowland Chown
Amy Nicholas
Cedric Summers

HOLY DUSTERS—May

Helen Hayman,
Jan Sutcliffe and
Barbara Mullett

Winners in May

1st Prize MRS J Lawrence-Jones
2nd Prize Mr & Mrs House
3rd Prize Mrs F Trevelyan
4th Prize Mr M Neve
5th Prize Mrs L Hayman

BIRTHDAYS in May

14th Catherine Wakley
Bob Gilling
16th Sara Trumper
20th Emily Arbuthnott
Ellie Chapman
Sid Phillips
22nd Vera Mayhew
23rd Hilary Watkins-Field
24th Ernie Wensley
25th Alice Vyner-Brooks
27th Phoebe Lorberg
30th Charlie O'Reilly
Thomas Vincent

in June

3rd Amber Martin
4th Kirsty Davey
6th Ben Hulbert
7th Tia Broom

COMMEMORATIVE MUGS

Last month we reported that at The Eleveses morning in the village hall we had raised money to buy mugs for all the children in the Parish, aged 0-16.. We have purchased the mugs, 60 in total, and will give one to every child who attends the Tea Party on Sunday 3rd June. Those children who cannot attend will have their mugs delivered to their door during the following week. Once again we would like to thank all those who came to the Eleveses event and everyone who helped us on the day, before and after. Call us 'old fashioned' if you like but we both, and those who helped us, wanted to do something special so that we will be able to remember the Diamond Jubilee in years to come. And the children will be able to show their mugs to their children and grandchildren.

Barbara Mullett and Jan Sutcliffe

BEES ARE BUZZIN' by Roy Abbott

Jan has asked me how our bees are getting along with the fantastic weather we have had through April. We were very lucky with them all getting through the winter and they started to build up nicely with the super couple of weeks we had in March, only for them to be totally confused by the cold and wet of April. This has led to lots of young hatching from the early laying in March meaning lots of extra bees all stuck in the hives, so any stores of food they had were quickly consumed! So we fed all of ours, as it is very common for them to starve in these conditions, plus the effect of starving puts the queen off laying and we could end up with fewer bees when the weather improves for them all to get out foraging. Hopefully we will get better weather and all will be well in the hives, then pollination can get under way big time.

GRAIN TO CREAM by Russell Hayman, Gittisham Farm

We have had a lovely summer if a little short so now the animals are on their way back in. Yes the wet weather has caused us some problems after turning some of the animals out to grass the bad weather started and we have had to bring some back in because of the damage been caused to the pasture, hopefully they can go back out again soon. The planting of the maize is also been held up though there is some around about sown under plastic. This protects the crop from the colder weather and also warms up the ground beneath all things maize likes. The plastic is biodegradable so will disappear after about a year the main downside to growing it this way is cost so been a bit of meanie I haven't sown any this way. So other than moaning about the weather what else have I to say well the cereal crops are looking well and with this bit of rainfall will be able to go some more we have not been too badly affected by the drought we get more rain than we need most of the time anyway. We have also seen the barn owls a bit more of late which is nice and also on the bird front the jackdaws have started attacking the animal feed again so will need some more education. Also on the subject of pests Helen and Rolle the dog have just come back from a successful ratting expedition.

KEEP OUR ROADS TIDY

We hear that Helen Hayman takes a carrier bag out with her and stops to pick up any rubbish she spots in the hedgerows or ditches. If we all did this our parish would be much tidier so please copy Helen and join in an anti-litter war.

OBITUARY

REV. JAMES TREVELYAN

Many of our readers will remember James who was Team Vicar at St Paul's church, Honiton for several years. When he retired he, and his wife Felicity, moved to Northumberland. He has been unwell for some months and died on 22nd April. We send our love and condolences to Felicity.

WALKING CIRCUITS

A small group continues to meet on Tuesday at 5.00pm for an hour of gentle exercise. We really need a few more in order to keep the group going so if you have time to spare and can get yourself up out of that chair, come along and join us.

SPRING IS HERE!!

Doris Down reports that she and Archie have spotted a pair of house martins up at Churchmead. She thinks they are a bit later than usual but it is great to know they have made it back again this year despite the gale force winds and torrential rain. What hardy, determined little creatures they must be!

A GREENER PARISH?

Have you seen the new Village signs on Honiton Lane (past the Forge) and Vicarage Lane (past Goldcombe Farmhouse)? They are rather pale so you may have missed them! They were chosen, presumably, because it was thought that they would look better than the original type that we have had...I, for one, am not convinced! What do our readers think? Barbara Mullett

PS—the road surface on Honiton Lane is greatly improved; our thanks to the Parish Council and, in particular, Roger Giles. Hopefully Vicarage lane will be next.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Please contact one of the editorial team below if you have a happy event to report, or wish to voice a concern, or have an interesting tip or village memory to share.

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Ernie Wensley	45774

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS
(CONTINUED))

CANON RICHARD SAUNDERS has moved into his new home in Ottery St Mary...28 Yonder Close, EX11 1HE. Tel: 811049 We send him our love.

STUART DAVEY has been in hospital for 3 weeks with breathing problems. Liz tells us that he is now off the oxygen although he is still in a high dependency unit, Culm East Ward. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back home soon.

BOB GILLING is in Seaton Hospital although we do not know why...he is hoping to be transferred to Honiton soon.

A DYNAMIC DUO!

Our sincere thanks to Bill Griffiths and the Village Hall Committee for organising such a wonderful evening for us on Thursday 19th April in the Village Hall. The captivating performance by Dimitris Dekavallas, guitarist, and Violeta Barrena, violinist was a real treat. The large audience was thrilled to hear and watch this highly professional duo offer a mix of music to suit all tastes, while their humour and charm added greatly to the evening. Villages in Action have long produced excellent artists, but these two young musicians must certainly be among the best ever. If you missed the concert, look out for them. I am sure they are destined for great things.
Jan Sutcliffe



ROSE OF ENGLAND

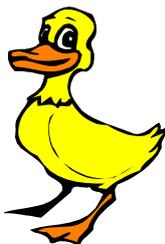
By Ivor Novello

Rose of England thou shall fade not here
Proud and bright from growing year to year

Red shall thy petals be as rich wine untold
Shared by thy warriors who served thee of old
Rose of England breathing England's air
Flower of chivalry beyond compare
While hand and heart endure to cherish thy prime
Thou shalt blossom to the end of time

QUACK QUACK!!

About 4 weeks ago we were on the way to Gittisham Farm to play with Alice when we saw a group of very young and motherless ducklings in the middle of the lane. We stopped the car because we were worried that they would get run over by the other cars on the road. We shouted to Helen and Alice to come and help us round them up. We managed to find 10 of them but Edmond thought that he heard another in the bushes but we could not find it. Helen took them back to the farm and looked after them for a few days whilst we tried to persuade mum and dad to let us have 5 of them. It didn't take much!! We are amazed at how much they have grown in the last few weeks. They have gone from tiny fluff balls with stumps for wings into young ducks with a few proper feathers poking through. We are looking after them in the garden for the next week or so but they are making a lot of mess, so we will then move them up to our vegetable patch near the church. When they are big enough to fly we will take them back up to Gittisham Farm and put them onto the pond with the other ducks.



By Emily and Georgia Bramley

Secret of Serenity

The real things haven't changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful; to make the most of what we have; to be happy with simple pleasures; and have courage when things go wrong. Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867-1957) American writer

CANON RICHARD'S REPLACEMENT

Interviews have been held with two applicants to take over Richard's ministry. Unfortunately, neither was considered suitable for the post. The vacancy will be advertised again and, hopefully, any applicants will be interviewed on 31st August. We hope to keep you posted on future developments.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Hello everyone - more on the plans for the Harvest Festival. Following a third meeting at Eveleighs we now have our neighbours in the parish taking responsibility for all the various things that need organising and planning, from Ticket Sales through Catering to Clearing up. Thank you! What we would like to do is to alert everyone to grow produce that we can all share on the night of the 6th October in our Harvest Supper. So - potatoes, carrots, onions, greens, herbs and apples are what we would like if possible. What is not used will help to decorate the Church and any produce/donations or left-overs will be distributed to the needy through St Petrocks Trust or the Honiton Food Bank. We really do hope to have a full on committed Parish function. Tickets will be restricted to 80 and will go on sale in September. The evening will be for all ages but until we know a little more of what we can expect to come in by way of produce, we cannot determine the price - but it is our intention to keep it very affordable!

If you think you could be in a position to donate produce please could you let me know. Thank you.

Nick Agg-Manning (851177).

PARISH COUNCIL – APRIL & MAY REPORT

Four parish councillors met for the April meeting, and five in May. Cllr Roger Giles (DCC) was also present.

DCC Report.

Roger Giles reported back from the Feniton annual parish meeting, where it had been discussed that EDDC's proposal for up to 450 additional homes in Gittisham parish would result in Feniton Primary having to accommodate somehow an extra 112 children. He agreed to investigate a suggestion that the catchment area would be redrawn.

Crime. Three reported crimes in March:

1. Gittisham Vale, forced entry to house and property stolen.
2. A30, Male offender threatened female driver.
3. A30, Diesel stolen from lorry parked in lay-by while driver asleep.

Finance. Members noted the finances.

Planning application.

Members had no objection to the replacement doors and windows at Rapshayes Farm.

Strategy 2012-15.

David Fallows has written a snow plan that forms part of the parish strategic plan.

EDDC Local Plan.

EDDC has now produced its proposed submission draft of the Local Plan, following the consultation exercise at the end of last year. Members were concerned to hear of a completely new site identified for 300 additional homes, at the top of the Vale right the way along to the Sidmouth Road. This lies partly in Gittisham parish and also in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. David Valentine said there had been no previous consultation about this new area by EDDC, and advised canvassing parishioners' views – especially in the Vale. This should help to refresh the parish council's submission in August 2012 when EDDC will begin a final public consultation before submitting the plan to the inspector. The 15 hectares of employment land proposed around Hayne Lane is still on the cards, although now EDDC says it will be released in 'phases'. Opposition to much of EDDC's development plans is gathering pace, with a Facebook page called 'Vote of No Confidence in EDDC Planning'. Members agreed to consult Cllr Brown to find out if he knows how the additional housing has reappeared in the plan.

Play area modernisation. The bird's nest swing should have a replacement shackle fitting w/c 7th May. The roundabout manufacturer has dispatched the new bearing, which, once installed, should see it spinning as intended. Members discussed an appropriate site for the gap in the wall to link the old play area with the new piece of land.

Jackdaws and chimney fire risk.

Members were concerned at the potential risk to life posed by jackdaws building nests in village chimneys, following two fires in the space of two weeks where this was the cause. David Fallows encouraged all home owners in the village to protect their fire chimneys against the birds, and the parish council will contact the relevant agents / estate. He also reminded members that the law does not allow householders to deal with the birds directly, but farmers are entitled to take action in order to protect their crops.

Parish website.

Members were pleased the domain name www.gittisham.org.uk has been registered for the new parish website. The site is under development and currently being populated with photos and text. There may be the possibility of local businesses advertising on the site, or being represented in some way.

Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Members resolved to pay the village hall hire for the evening event on 5th June.

Telephone box.

The clerk will be writing to BT to find out what the company's intentions are for the telephone, although the box itself is owned by the parish council.

Matters for DCC/ EDDC.

Roger Giles agreed to mention to DCC highways department:

the state of Dark Lane

the situation on the link road from the forge to Honiton, where old tree guards have been blowing onto the tarmac

the state of the road near Weston by Pippins, RH side.

Next meeting. This will be on 6th June at 7.30pm.