

## BIRTHDAYS in June

13th Hattie Lyle  
Roy Abbott  
Russell Hayman  
17th Genevieve Evans  
20th Eunice King  
23rd Reg Chown  
25th Hattie Agg-Manning  
Jack Rew  
Clare Chapman  
28th Stuart Bramley  
30th Joanna Marker

## in July

8th Terry Boswell  
9th Ian Warne  
10th Fred Blackmore  
11th Angie Hutchings  
Ben Cheffey

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I would like to thank all who contributed to my parting present. As a result my flat is now furnished with a new carpet, a new cooker, a new washing machine, a new freezer and I am getting settled in. My address is 28 Yonder Close, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1HE and telephone is 01404 811049. If you would like to come, I would welcome visitors, but please phone first to make sure I am here. Richard

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**CLIFFORD WENSLEY writes...** I was fortunate to be nominated to go to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee service on the 27th May 2012 at Exeter Cathedral and to the food hall marquee. I was introduced to the BBC Southwest and this appeared on the tele in the evening.

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Having live in Gittisham now for about 22 years, the one thing I remember among many other fond memories are the narrow lanes with thick hedges full of all the wild flowers varying each month and buzzing insects which encouraged the birds. Sadly in the last few years these hedgerows are being chipped away, the primroses lost from the bottom layer along with many other different species and most of the ditches now driven into blocking important drains without which our homes would flood. We are all guilty of driving too fast, never leaving enough time and hence becoming lazy in our maneuvering, our patience is low and this leaves us to believe we can drive through any space. If only nature could speak loud enough! Not enough of us appreciate our unique surroundings which in time will be a dual road if we leave it too long, there are too many lay-bys appearing which were not there. The council cover over the whole area as they may be unaware of the width of the lane to start with but if we look back at past photos a lot of our natural landscape is disappearing. We complain about houses being developed but we are encouraging some of this in our everyday lives. I am trying not to be a grumpy old woman as they say, just stating my views and I know others who feel the same. Helen Hayman.

## THE UDDER SIDE OF THE HEDGE— Carla Cheffey

Well, the sunshine already seems a long time ago, but it was certainly pretty manic when it came – there was a mad rush to get all the maize seed drilled followed by the task of silaging. All went well, and whilst in theory we may have been late with the maize, the shoots were through the ground in no time. Tonight is 'milk recording' night. This is done monthly whereby we take individual milk samples from each cow to go away for analysis of butterfat, protein and somatic cell counts. I also combine recording night with doing all the necessary scoring for Tesco. They need to know how clean all the cows are, how well they walk, if any have any swollen or grazed hocks, and also if any cows are too thin. It's funny how, when walking cows out to the field, some people comment on them being thin yet in general it's cows being too fat that have more problems, such as fertility issues and fatty liver problems. Last month we received our first ever certificate for a cow with a lifetime production of over 100 tonnes of milk, with a lifetime daily average of 20.6kg (approx 20 litres) of milk per day of life. Her name was Janke Vitro Lorna, all our cows names are made up of our herd name 'Janke' which is from 'Jane' and 'Keith', then their Sire's name, then their mothers family name. She's not actually with us any more, but was in her 11<sup>th</sup> lactation and was 15 years old. Aside from the cows, I have recently acquired an incubator. I've 48 eggs in there from an assortment of hens and bantams, due to hatch in a week. I'm not sure how many will be successful as I have 'candled' a few as it says in the book and some have clearly visible veins and shapes in them, whilst other are still just a yolk. Assuming some do hatch, I wonder how many will then be cockerels! The other arrivals we are eagerly awaiting are that of a couple of German Shepherd pups. One for mum and dad and one for us, Kadence has already chosen her a pink collar and lead. They are four weeks old and should be ready at the end of the month.



The Village Hall Committee would like to meet people who have GSOH, a bit of spare time, enjoy doing something for the community with like-minded people. Basically we would like more members on the Committee and some fresh ideas and input. Please ring Bill Griffiths on 850051 or email him at BILLGRIFFITHS1@yahoo.co.uk

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## WIGGLE JURASSIC CLASSIC CYCLE EVENT Sunday 8th July

In aid of The Prostate Cancer Charity, the event will commence at 7.00am in Exmouth and proceed through East Devon with a feed station sited in Gittisham. With nearly 1000 riders expected to participate it is likely that all roads and lanes around the village will be severely affected on the day. The hall committee is serving teas and coffees to the riders during their 'pit stop' at the village hall and would welcome volunteers. Ring Carol McCann 851113 if you can help.

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## 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.

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# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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### GITTISHAM CELEBRATES DESPITE THE WEATHER!

Amidst the doom and gloom the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations have lifted people's spirits and reminded us that we have a great deal to be thankful for...among which is the freedom to come together and have parties, picnics, concerts etc. Yes, arrangements had to be changed, the 'Picnic in the Park' for example had to be moved into the church because of the rain! About 50 people enjoyed the Tea Party on the Sunday afternoon, many of them braving the elements to complete the Treasure Hunt...the winners were the Bramley family with 28 points, ahead of a tie for second place between the Haymans and the Cheffeyes with 21 points. Ian and Liz Warne came fourth and the Valentines fifth. Huge thanks to Carol McCann who masterminded the event and composed the questions. Thanks also to Tom and Margaret Ballantine who supported Carol throughout the afternoon in the kitchen, checking the answer sheets and clearing up at the end. David Valentine thanked Jan and Barbara for their efforts in raising funds to buy Commemorative mugs for the children, some of which were presented by Canon Richard to those children present. Oh yes, there was one 'hiccup'...the painters/decorators working on the interior of the hall had to commence on the Saturday and continue on the Monday in order to get the work completed during half-term. This had caused a huge headache for Bill Griffiths, of course, as the proverbial buck stops with him as Chairman of the hall committee!! There was no alternative solution! Thanks to Paul Wakely going in on Sunday morning and again on Monday night with the flags and bunting, the hall looked lovely. A hardy bunch met for the picnic in the church and even braved the rain when they held the Eggathon out of doors. The climax came on Tuesday evening with the Celebration Party enjoyed by over 60 people. They danced to the music of Nick Chapman and his splendid band with Jane Bramley (surely a star in the making) providing the singing. What a wealth of local talent!! Pierre had cooked up a storm with his delicious menu of roast pork, dauphinois potatoes, mixed vegetables and upside-down cake to follow. A wonderful evening thanks to Carol Hall, Helen Hayman and their many helpers.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**June 10th—Village BarBQ**  
lunch 12.30pm. Adults £6.50  
children £4. Bring your own  
drinks.

**June 12th—Whist Drive** in  
the Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm.  
Info from Carol McCann 851113.

**June 16th—COFFEE MORN-  
ING**, St Michael's patio or in the  
church if wet! 10.30—12.00 with  
Bring & Buy stall.

**June 23rd—Carboot Sale** in  
Russell's field. For info see post-  
ers or ring Helen Hayman  
07806480246

**June 27th—Open Garden** at  
Combe House Hotel between  
2.30-5.00pm. Entry £7 to see  
the Gardens and have a super  
Tea. All proceeds to the Church  
for a Jubilee Memorial.

### 200 Club

The winners this month were:

1st Prize	Mrs Moss
2nd Prize	Mrs V Mayhew
3rd Prize	Mrs D Chapman
4th Prize	Mrs S Abbott
5th Prize	Mr M Gray

### GITTISHAM FETE

**21st July from  
2.00pm**

It has fallen upon the Village Hall Committee to organise the fete this year. There will be an Olympic theme with Olympic scare-crows on the rookery and the Gitt Olympics in the playground The fete will open with an Olympic tug-of-war and there will be a disco in the evening. We will soon be coming round asking for help on the many stalls and games and any volunteers please contact...

**Bill Griffiths 850051 or  
Hamish Hall 850793**

**August 4th—FLOWER &  
PRODUCE SHOW.** The  
schedule has now been circulated  
detailing the many different  
classes to enter. Ring Pam  
Chown on 850085 if you have  
not received a copy.

### HOLY DUSTERS—June

Pam Chown  
Carol McCann  
Terry Boswell  
Carol Hall

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**SUE FALLOWS** is back home  
following an operation. We send  
her our love and wishes for a  
speedy recovery.

**BRENDA ABBOTT, CLIFF  
WENSLEY AND BOB-  
GILLING** have all returned  
home and improving every day.

### OBITUARY

#### Michael Foreman

We are sad to announce the death of Michael who, many will remember, lived at West Gate with his wife Kath for many years. While on a cruise they were both taken ill with a viral infection and were flown home to Exeter and the R D & E hospital. Kath is still in intensive care. Michael was a staunch members of the church, holding the post of Treasurer before moving to live in Sidbury. Our prayers are with Kath, Anne and Martin.

### YEARS MIND—JUNE

Stanley Ward  
Jack Abbott  
Doris Karlen  
Laura Horn  
Gladys Wensley