

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

A monthly Community Newsletter

Published by St. Michael's Church and Gittisham Parish Council

March 2018

Edition 193

FLUSHED WITH SUCCESS

On Saturday 3rd of March the Village Hall Committee held a magnificent fund raising event for the Charity Toilet Twinning – to help flush away poverty in the poorest areas of the world. Chefs Pierre Graeber and Jordan Davey with several helpers gave around 40 people a very delicious three course dinner in the Village Hall. Starting with a red and white onion tarte tatin with a carrot mousse, main course breast of chicken with ribbon vegetables and a melange of pastas, Pierre made lemon verbena and rosemary ice cream served with brandy snaps. All that for £10 and there were also seconds on offer ! The raffle had a good selection of prizes. After all expenses have been deducted £337.00 was raised with some extra donations pledged. This amount can sponsor a complete toilet block and probably a couple of single ones in Africa, India or South America. Thanks so much to the Hall committee for their sterling efforts. It is my intention for the Church to hold a similar event in late spring / early summer and propose to have a Sunday roast lunch for the same charity, look out for information in the near future. Carol McCann.

Dates for your Diary

March

17th Coffee Get-together 10.30 – 12 noon in the Parish Room everyone welcome

April

12th Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.00 in St. Michael's Church everyone welcome to come and hear the annual reports on our church's past year and plans for the forthcoming one. You will not be co-opted onto the PCC unless you would like to join us and if you have any fundraising suggestions do please let us know. Refreshments will be served after the APCM.

14th An evening of Ferret Racing in the Village Hall run by the church 7.00 with 8 races, a tote, bar and small refreshments. If you would like to sponsor a race or purchase a 'runner' please give Helen Hayman a call on 07806480246 or 01404 758334 there will be further details next month however do get in quick for a 'runner'.

21st Coffee Get-together 10.30 – 12 noon in the Parish Room do come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Another Cinema evening is on the cards and your choices voted for were – Jaws, To Kill a Mocking Bird and The Full Monty watch out for which will be shown first and when.

People in the News

Reverends Philip and Michelle Butcher have announced the birth of a bouncing boy to be called Andrew Bruce Christopher who arrived in the early hours of Wednesday 14th March. Both mother and baby are doing well, we wish them every happiness. Andrew is a half-brother to Philip's children James and Florence. Their Ministry is now in the Bath and Wells Diocese.

GITTISHAM FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW 4 AUGUST 2018

Despite the weather, it is time to be thinking about – and growing for – the annual Flower and Produce show. A full schedule of classes will be distributed later but meanwhile, to enable gardeners to prepare, the vegetable and flower classes are:

Vegetables

1. 3 White Potatoes
2. 3 Coloured Potatoes
3. 1 Cabbage (any variety)
4. 1 Lettuce (any variety)
5. 5 Spring Onions
6. 5 Onion Sets
7. 6 Shallots
8. 6 sprays of parsley
9. 3 Beetroot
10. 3 Carrots (any variety)
11. 6 Pods Broad Beans
12. 6 Pods of peas
13. Pair of cucumbers
14. 5 Tomatoes
15. 3 Courgettes under 6"
16. 6 Runner Beans
17. 2 Parsnips
18. 3 Sticks of Rhubarb
19. 4 Different culinary herbs (not parsley) in a jar
20. The longest runner beans

Flowers

21. Any foliage plant (pot not exceeding 8")
22. Vase of 5 Pansies
23. 1 Spike Gladioli
24. 3 Dahlias
25. 6 Stems Sweet Peas
26. 4 Stems different cut flowers
27. 1 Specimen Rose
28. A flower arrangement in a container from the kitchen

Entries are welcome from those who reside in the Parish of Gittisham, including of course Gittisham Vale. Entries are also welcome from those who no longer live in the village but have previously done so and continue to actively support the village.

If you require any further information or are willing to help with the organisation, please contact Angie Hutchings 01404 45101 / angieh13@binternet.com

CALLING ALL BUCKETS!

Have you still got your potato bucket for the Gittisham Flower and Produce Show? If so, now is the time to retrieve and clean them in preparation for planting in April. Collect your seed potato from 1st April from David and Sue Fallows, Parkers, Gittisham (01404-850922) - £1 per entry. For those who did not participate last year, join in the fun, a bucket and seed potato are provided for just £1. Buckets are emptied and weighed during the show on 4th August. Entries from all ages very welcome

DON'T FORGET GITTISHAM MEMORIES is taking place again this year over the weekend of 26/27 May. More memorabilia/photos needed by Helen Hayman and offers of help.07806480246. Refreshments will be served throughout each day. More details nearer the time. Do put the date in your diary.

Zero Waste Cookery,

Run by professional chef Pierre Graeber, who will be holding a cookery demonstration in Gittisham Village Hall on Saturday 31st March. Pierre will be focusing on how you can use up left-over rice, demonstrating both savoury and sweet recipes. The demonstration costs £12pp and will run between 11am and 2pm. Booking essential. Tel. 07545 214940 / 01404 851442 or email pierregraeber@yahoo.fr

PARISH COUNCIL – FEBRUARY & MARCH REPORT

Four councillors met for the February meeting and seven councillors met in March. Susie Bond (EDDC), Phil Twiss (DCC) three representatives of Baker Estates and one member of the public were also present. Carol Hall was welcomed as new councillor for Gittisham Village, and members thanked Edward Underdown who has resigned as councillor for Gittisham Vale.

DCC / EDDC Report. Phil Twiss said despite the challenges thrown up by winter weather in March, DCC Highways maintained a good service in the majority of Devon and the situation is now back to normal, with salt/grit supplies still held in reserve. Members thanked Highways and Russell Hayman for clearing snow. Phil Twiss said it was unlikely that Beech Walk would be resurfaced before the end of the financial year, but he was due to meet DCC Highways officers to discuss locations which need work. Susie Bond said council tax would increase by 5.27% across all authorities in 2018/19.

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Crimes. March, 1 crime, Gittisham Vale: common assault following incident between two partners.

Planning applications.

- a) Bakery Cottage - Block up existing door from kitchen into shower room and remove existing partition wall in shower room
- b) Gittisham Forge - Construction of cover to yard area to create a dry area and enable storage for equipment

Members had no objections to the above.

Casual vacancy. Following Cllr Underdown's resignation, an election may be called to fill the Gittisham Vale vacancy. If not, the parish council will proceed to co-opt.

Broadband. Phil Twiss said he had met Matt Barrow of Connecting Devon & Somerset to discuss the lack of Superfast Broadband in the Feniton & Honiton County Division (and other places in East Devon), with a focus on lack of progress in Gittisham. Councillors have been asked to identify three towns or settlements in rural East Devon with low broadband coverage, who would benefit from being funded, and Phil Twiss said the first on his list was Gittisham. In addition Phil Twiss said he had told Matt Barrow that he is prepared to allocate a sizeable chunk of his £10k invest in Devon funding allocation to help extend the Gigaclear 'Farway packet' Superfast rollout down the hill from Rectory/Coign in to the village. He added that he is still waiting to hear about possible 'gainshare' funds that could be used in Gittisham. Meanwhile Carol Hall has prepared data looking at broadband usage within the village.

Hayne Lane development. There was much discussion at March's meeting about Baker Estates' proposal to reduce the affordable housing element on the site from 40% to 31%, which was approved by EDDC on 6th March. Members expressed huge disappointment at this decision and made their feelings known to Baker Estates staff present. Ian Baker said that separately from the Section 106 agreement, 20-30 houses would be available under a shared ownership scheme. Councillors also voiced concern over the current drainage system proposed on site.

Play area. David Fallows encouraged residents to feed back to him as to whether the proposed structure in the village play area still suits the needs of village residents or whether alternative proposals be put forward.

Next meeting. This will be on 4th April at 7.30pm in the parish room.

Soon to be the other side of the hedge!

Carla Cheffey

The countdown is now on... less than 3 weeks to the farm sale, and still quite a lot to do. Mum and I have been painting inside the farmhouse – walls, ceilings, skirting and windows, 5 bedrooms, 4 reception rooms, 5 hallways, 2 stairwells... Very nearly there now, it just seems to take forever with there being beams there are more fiddly edges than there are easy to roller middles!

Outside, there's been many scrap metal runs, lots of pressure washing and lots of timber chopping to empty the log shed. To top it all off, I'm back milking again! After nearly a month off having sold our last batch of fresh calved heifers mid-January, we had the next ones booked to go to market as 'in calf' however a couple looked like they were going to calve early, so we didn't send them, and once again I am milking 2 cows, and feeding 2 calves! I assume they'll be sold before we leave the farm because I'm not taking them to Landscres to hand milk them – I probably shouldn't even joke about that.

The cats are slowly learning to move over, and I hope we can get them all settled at the new house before the first kittens are due in a couple of weeks. The geese and chickens also need to realise they are moving. We will leave behind the rats and bats in the cow sheds which like to make me jump when I do late night checks, and the ghosts in the house (they are friendly – there's a whole other series of articles to be written there).

It really has been a fantastic home at Shermans, and I truly wish the Bartletts a prosperous and happy life there.

Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

March this year is a busy one with Easter being early and the Holy Week services (see below). I do hope you have been able to collect your small change for WaterAid I would appreciate your contributions by Easter Day please. Gift Aid sleeves are available if required this is a most worthy cause to support.

Forthcoming Church Services Gittisham and Mission Community 11am unless stated

March	April
14 th Ash Wednesday services 11am St. Paul's, 7.30 Buckerell	1 st Easter Day Eucharist with refreshments
18 th Lay-led Morning Worship	8 th Parish Eucharist
25 th Parish Eucharist – Palm Sunday	15 th Lay-led sung Matins
25 th Choral Evensong Awliscombe 6.30	22 nd Parish Eucharist
26 th Holy Week Eucharist with Hymns 7.30 Combe Raleigh 7.30	29 th Parish Eucharist
27 th Eucharist with Hymns 7.30 Awliscombe	200 CLUB RESULTS MARCH
28 th Eucharist with Hymns 7.30 Gittisham	6 month Val Edmonds
30 th Lay-led reflective service for Good Friday with hot X buns Gittisham	1 st Michael Hawkins
31 st Easter Eve First Eucharist of Easter with blessing of Pastoral candles 8.00pm St. Paul's	2 nd Lady Mary Anne Denham
	3 rd Julie Broadhurst
	4 th Dawn Merchant
	5 th Guy Carstairs

March is the time to renew your 200 Club Subscriptions for 2018/19 at £12.00 per year, these can be paid by cash/cheque (Gittisham PCC) or by annual standing order (forms available from Carol McCann. There are also several numbers available. If anyone could offer help to collect subscriptions do please let me know as I cannot do it without help.

Editor: Carol McCann 01404 851113 / 07751240873 charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk

Distributors, Carol McCann, Helen Fuller, Carol Hall & Judith Turner and in Gittisham Vale Peter and Ann Sellick. Copy date for February 2018 Monday 5th. If you have any news, dates events for inclusion in the Gazette do please email it to Carol as early as possible.

If you are moving away from Gittisham/Gittisham Vale the Gazette can be sent by email on request.