

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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ZERO WASTE COOKERY

On Easter Saturday Pierre Graeber gave a demonstration on how to prepare interesting meals with leftover rice. He made several dishes including a green Kedgeree, Paella with seafood chicken and vegetables, Arancini, a chocolate rice pudding, cakes with apricot and cardamom and one with blueberries, a savoury croquette with Tika Marsala, onions and tuna to name a few. After the demonstrations we all sat down to a 'feast' Pierre also emailed recipes for us to try at home, The next demonstration on left-over food will be on the 21st April from 11.00 to about 2.00 in the village hall. "Those who come along will be emailed recipes afterwards, along with tips about how to store your left-overs safely email Pierre at pgadmin@zerowastecookery.com if you would like to book a place on the 21st or give Pierre a call on 851442 or 07545 214940

Dates for your Diary

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'.

19th Film Night To Kill a Mockingbird 7.00pm Gittisham Village Hall £2.00 includes popcorn

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

21st. Zero Waste Cookery demonstration and lunch, 11.00 – 2.00 Gittisham Village Hall see above for booking information

Obituary

Bob Gilling died on the 23rd of March following a stay in hospital, he would have been 93 in May and lived in the village at no 2 School House Cottages for a great many years. Bob was a great supporter of village events but was not able to attend owing to health and mobility. He had lunch every day at the Hare and Hounds and indeed had his own chair at the bar. He will be missed by everyone and it is sad not to see him sitting at his desk in his sitting room window. Bob's funeral will be held on Friday 13th April at the East Devon Crematorium, Whimple at 4.00pm.

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

GRAIN TO CREAM - RUSSELL HAYMAN

Spring is here, well it is meant to be, it's a late one this year. I must say March has been a trying month, just when we want to go playing in the fields setting up for the year ahead it's either been wet or covered in snow which makes it wetter still. The cold snap caused us quite a lot more work. The snow just blew everywhere. We had 2 feet on top of the bulk tank a foot and a half filling the cow sheds it was a right mess. We had to shovel the snow off the cow's beds and then scrape it into the slurry lagoon this resulted in the biggest snowman I have ever seen but he was far from white! Luckily the tanker picked up all our milk, most other farmers had to drop thousands of litres into slurry stores. The calves had extra jackets put on and their hutches became proper igloos with all the snow around them. Plus of course all their water had to be thawed out. This was all going on upon the ground and anything outside was covered in ice from the freezing rain; we were far from elegant ballerinas! (though Helen was more graceful than myself) Still we heap up the muck hopeful we can spread it in the near future to plough in for the next crop. Not to mention the rolling, fertiliser spreading and spraying that needs to be done.

We have had another T.B. test four more going and now have another test in June. Our annual declaration to D.E.F.R.A. for all the land use we do is now open for us to complete. They have kindly measured all my hedges, only in the process we have gained some fields with hedges that are not there, so needs a little bit of sorting out there.

On top of that we are installing a new milking system, so mid-April the cows will be having an intensive education in robotic milking not to mention myself. (Who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks.) So once the girls have got the knack of milking themselves we will be able to get on with the task of giving them more pampering. Well they are worth it!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jack Bartlett has now moved from Hayne Farm to Shermans and is currently installing the robotic milking system. We send our congratulations to him as he has just become engaged to Lauren Wiggins we wish them both every happiness and every success in their new life at Shermans.

SARA AND BILL'S GREAT ADVENTURE

Sara Trumper and Bill Griffiths are setting out from Gittisham to cycle to Crete on Saturday 14th April, "Our route will take us from home near Honiton in Devon to Poole and then by ferry to St Malo. We will go down the coast to La Rochelle and across France following the Canal du Midi to Montpellier, from there along the South coast to Nice and into Italy. Being completely unaware of the best route through Italy we thought we'd stick to the West coast until the Naples area, then cut across to Brindisi, hopefully avoiding any nasty mountains. We get the ferry from Brindisi to Patras, then cycle from Patras to Athens, via the Corinth canal, and take another ferry from Pireaus to Crete. We may then do the last 17 odd mile uphill stretch to our house in Apokorona, or alternatively some kind friends might meet us off the boat in Souda and take pity on us and give us a lift! "

"We have set a challenge to you all to guess WHICH DAY we will arrive in Crete". There is a just giving page (link below) and we suggest a donation of £5 per guess with all proceeds going to Cancer Research. There will be a small prize for the winner. www.justgiving.com/Sara-Trumper . Our Blog is up and running at: Saraandbillsgreatadventure.com.

We wish you a very successful trip without hazards, with good cycling weather and hopefully with time at the other end to have a 'rest and do nothing' time at your home in Crete and look forward to seeing you when you get home to Gittisham

PARISH COUNCIL – APRIL REPORT

Five councillors met for the April meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC), Phil Twiss (DCC) and one member of the public were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report. Phil Twiss said he was thrilled to have persuaded Highways to allow a temporary opening along Old Elm Road for reasons of economic impact on Bartlett's Farm and the shop. He would be looking to monitor the situation to see how to prevent any abuse. The access is only wide enough for cars. The Chair noted that Hayne Lane and Parsonage Lane were in a poor state. Tommy Wax is due to be resurfaced during the current financial year. The Chair was disappointed that nothing had been done to clear the blockage in the watercourse at the bottom of Hayne Lane; the site needed better access and the fence is a hindrance. Susie Bond reminded residents wishing to make use of the green waste service to sign up with EDDC. It can be shared between two neighbours under an informal arrangement.

Crime. No reported crimes since the last meeting.

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Planning applications.

- a) Shermans Farm Gittisham - Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and replacement with new cattle building and associated infrastructure, incorporating robotic milking facilities
- b) 1 Hamlet Cottages Weston - Removal of workshops and construction of detached two storey dwelling and detached garage

Members had no objections to the above. Cllr Hayman declared an interest in a).

Casual vacancy. Members agreed to co-opt Andy Wilkins as parish councillor for Gittisham Vale.

Defibrillator. Richard Pratt said the application with Honiton Town Council to the Parishes Together fund to contribute towards purchasing a defibrillator in the Vale had been successful.

Hayne Lane. Baker Estates sent an update on the development:

"We have completed four weeks of our 12-week programme; works are scheduled to be finished by 25th May 2018. Despite the need for some additional works to culverts and headwalls, we anticipate completing the works on programme but unfortunately not in advance of the 12-week date. We have facilitated access to the top section of Hayne Lane via Old Elm Road to provide access to the Farm Shop only. Unfortunately, it will be necessary to close this temporary access again during w/c 16th April whilst the service company installs its mains. We should be able to reopen the access to the Farm Shop once that is complete. There are some further works to be completed as part of the S278 Agreement that are not in Hayne Lane and these will be done via traffic lights with limited inconvenience to residents once the Hayne Lane works are complete. The show home should be opening in early August and the first completions are scheduled for October."

Play area. Maggie Walker said many of Gittisham village's 22 children would like to see a larger swing, slide and goal posts. Carol Hall agreed to spearhead a fundraising campaign to install some new play equipment.

Broadband. Phil Twiss said he would be meeting Connecting Devon & Somerset in May to gauge the short distance between Rectory Cottage and Gittisham village, with a view to extending the Gigaclear 'Farway packet'. He added that from April, BT is offering a £7 discount to its customers on their line rental, where they have not included broadband in their package. For further details and eligibility, see <https://bit.ly/2GWh5sn>

Next meeting. This will be on 9th May at 7.30pm and will be the annual parish meeting.

Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

Holy Week and Easter was a very busy time with evening services throughout the Mission Community from Palm Sunday through to Holy Saturday, Rev'd Sue presided at all and participated at the Evensong on Palm Sunday. I would like to thank our flower arrangers who have decorated St. Michael's beautifully making it a picture of spring. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Thursday 12th April 7.00 in Gittisham Church it would be lovely to see as many as possible to hear the reports on our past year and find out what we are planning for the next few months. We do need to keep our fundraising up as costs of running the church and churchyard are outweighing the income.

Forthcoming Church Services Gittisham and Mission Community 11am unless stated

April

8th Parish Eucharist

15th Lay-led sung Matins

22nd Parish Eucharist

29th Parish Eucharist

May

6th Family Service with refreshmen

13th Parish Eucharist

20th Lay-led Morning Worship

27th Parish Eucharist

200 CLUB RESULTS APRIL

1st Julian Rowe

2nd Mary Ward

3rd Joyce

Underdown

4th Sandra Moss

5th Andy Wilkins

March was 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 still several numbers available if you would like to participate. The monthly prizes are £40, £20, £15, £10, £5 and 2 6 monthly of £48.

BUCKETS, GET READY! JOIN IN THE FUN!

Found your 2017 bucket from the Gittisham Flower and Produce Show? Well done! Now is the time to collect your seed potato 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. If you want a complete show schedule please contact David or Sue

DOG WALKERS! - DARK LANE.

Whilst it is fine to see dog poo in the black bags, please can you make owners aware of taking it home to their own bins and refrain from aiming to throw it into the fields, it is just like throwing it in another persons garden! These black bags at present, are now hanging in the trees as they are springing into bud and leaf! Helen Hayman.

Thank you to all those responsible dog owners who endeavour to keep our countryside pretty and safe for those just out for a walk. Black poo bags don't grow on trees! Editor

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