

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

## A monthly Community Newsletter

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### HARVEST SUPPER

On 6th October went very well - 87 people came and were well fed. The event raised £312 for Gittisham church and it seems that everyone had a good time - just what was wanted! We would like to thank to all who helped, in particular: Bartlett's Farm Shop who donated the potatoes; Len Abbott who gave the carrots; Emily Bramley and David Fallows who both did a huge amount of cooking, and the Warnes who gave some apples. There were volunteers to peel potatoes, set up and lay tables, provide table decorations, and do a mountain of washing up as well as clearing the hall at the end of the evening. Truly a community event! We would also like to thank the hall committee who provided the hall free of charge. Thank you all for coming. Jayne and Sue

I would like to say a huge thank you to Sue and Jayne for their wonderful meal and all their hard work shopping, preparation and cooking in their own homes and bringing it all hot to the Hall also to all those who kindly donated prizes for the draw.  
Carol

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### Dates for your diaries

#### October

**16th Mission Community Team Skittles 7.00 Feniton Bowls Club details in each Parish Church.** If you would like to join the Gittisham Church team please let Carol know 851113 asap, we need some players cost is £7 including supper

**20th Coffee get-together with bring and buy sale** in the parish room 10.30 – 12 noon

**21st Coffee morning in the village hall run by Rose Graeber 10.30 – 12.30** as part of her class's school project for a Civic Award where pupils of Feniton school are asked to do something for a charity with a personal connection and close to their hearts. Rose has chosen Asthma UK. Everyone most welcome to go along and support this very worthy cause.

#### November

**11th Remembrance Sunday**, a short service will begin around 10.50 at the lych-gate with wreath laying and the 2 minutes silence then will proceed into church for the Eucharist.

**Does anyone know a trumpeter/bugler who might be able to play for our Remembrance Day**

**Memorial service at the Lychgate on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.50am please ring Carol 85111**

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### People in the news

**Roy Abbott and Ken Hopkins**, Roy and Ken plus 6 dogs and the bees have left the village for pastures new in Wales. Roy has lived in and been part of the village all his life having been born in Lewis Cottage (now known as Olive Tree Cottage). We wish them every happiness in their new surroundings.

A very warm Gittisham welcome to **Michelle and Kurt** who have moved into 2 Westgate we wish them a happy time living next door to Paul and Nicky.

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### Remembering 11/11 at 4pm in the Village Hall

Teas, songs, poetry, music Also commemorative Tree planting at 3.45, bus shelter. Donations of cakes and sandwiches will be gratefully received. All are welcome. Please contact Carol Hall 850793 [carol.partdrillers@gmail.com](mailto:carol.partdrillers@gmail.com)

## Honiton Lions Club Charity evenings

**18th October** Ladies Section offering a pampering evening from 7.00pm at Kings House Day Centre £5.00 ticket from Livingstones Jewellers Honiton High Street, or on the door. Proceeds split between Hospiscare and Force

**20th October** Book and plant sale in the Mackarness Hall 9.30 – 1.00. Proceeds to Devon Insight. Coffees will be served

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**Dry Cleaning again available in Honiton** Exeter company Careclean have an outlet at Stitched Up (the new wool shop at 135 High Street). Items are collected first thing on a Tuesday and returned on the Thursday. They also collect on the Thursday and returned the following Tuesday. Details can be had from 07974 371053

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### **GRAIN TO CREAM - RUSSELL HAYMAN**

Harvest is done and as expected yields were variable but not disastrous. The maize has also been harvested yields where on the better side of average but it did suffer a bit from of the windy weather we had and has gone down a bit.

So now we are drilling crops for next year, grass seed, all in and growing and we have even planted some cereals. It is early so will get a bit forward into the winter. To counter this the seed rate is reduced to two thirds of normal. Where we used to drill by weight we now go for seeds per meter squared, as there can be quite a difference between varieties. A dry time (within reason) can make our life so much easier.

Once again this year we are direct drilling so no ploughing. This is to improve the soil structure and help reduce diffuse pollution, all good. It does throw up some challenges for weed control.

I see the government has put forward it's thinking for the countryside and as expected it's their's to come out of London and play in! Food production doesn't get a mention at all. Then there is the latest fad called re-wilding. That means, do nothing, can't see that's any way to look after a managed landscape but then there are lots of people out there very fond of telling everyone how to do it but are themselves experts in the nothing department!

What a rant! On a happier note the cows are calving well charging through the robotic milkers and leaving behind lots of lovely milk and a bit of Sh-t. can't write one of these articles and not mention organic. "Tis lovely" if it's not on me.

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### **Plant Sale success!**

The plant sale held last month at Bartlett's Farm Shop proved very worthwhile, with a total of £390 being contributed through sales and donations. Many thanks to all who came along on the day, to the generous donations made from local residents, to our community gardeners & helpers, Rainbow Plants (wholesale) & Perrie Hale Nursery for providing a few 'extras' and of course to Nicola and the team at Bartlett's for hosting us on the day. We hope to be able to purchase the defibrillator very soon and plan to hold a first aid awareness day in November - more details nearer the time. For further info contact Richard Pratt, 01404 46551 or Andy Wilkins 01404 371084.

Many thanks,  
Richard Pratt

## **PARISH COUNCIL – OCTOBER REPORT**

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

**DCC / EDDC Report.** Phil Twiss said he hoped a senior representative of DCC would attend a meeting in Westminster this month, organised by Gary Streeter MP, to look at the issue of school funding. On Highways, Phil Twiss explained he had expressed concerns in the past about the gully clearing programme, but he was pleased to report that the contractor was ahead of programme at approximately 60 per cent complete. A new patching machine has been brought in to address some of the problems on the more minor road network. Members informed him of a large hole uphill from Keeper's Cottage. Susie Bond drew members' attention to the leaflet distributed in recent days about EDDC's new metal recycling service. She added that EDDC's move to Honiton is due to take place in January 2019 and is so far on target.

**Finances.** Members agreed the finances.

### **Planning applications.**

- a) Rapshayes Farm Gittisham – Re-slate roof on main farmhouse; construction of porch on east elevation; block up internal door (from dining room); block up internal window on ground floor side (south) elevation and remove partition walls in kitchen
- b) 7 Honeysuckle Drive Honiton - To carry out a crown reduction via thinning on that part of canopy overhanging the driveway. No more than 20 per cent of the live foliar area will be removed from any one branch and pruning will be limited to the making of target pruning cuts predominantly no greater than 50mm but where necessary up to 75mm in diameter, to remove branch end lengths of up to 2m maximum length; to make safe any dead wood through either reduction or if necessary removal.

Members had no objections to the above applications, provided a) met with the EDDC conservation officer's criteria.

**Broadband.** David Valentine said it was extremely disappointing that there seemed to be no formal document which mentioned Gittisham's position on superfast broadband, and what steps would be taken to remedy the continuing poor speeds. The clerk agreed to contact Talaton's parish clerk to understand more about their experience with Voneus, a company which has installed superfast broadband there. Carol Hall said she would canvass opinion among village residents to see who might support registering interest with Voneus and Gigaclear.

**Vale defibrillator.** David Fallows congratulated everybody involved in September's plant sale, which raised £390 for the Vale defibrillator.

**Hayne Lane.** Members heard that boulders had been installed opposite the development at the bottom of Old Elm Road, which are designed to prevent future unauthorised use of the land. Members approved a draft letter which would be included in any new home owner's welcome pack for the development. The clerk will forward to Baker Estates, and ask to be kept informed which houses have been sold so they can be added to the distribution list for the Gittisham Gazette in future.

**Play area.** Carol Hall said Safe and Sound Playgrounds had advised her to get in touch with another supplier about the small roundabout, which no longer rotates. While there was no progress to report on the fruit tree planting in the wild area, members agreed that apples should be avoided as there is a surfeit of them in Gittisham village.

**Bench.** Several residents had contacted the council regarding the poor condition of the bench in the rookery. Carol Hall agreed to take this forward.

**Next meeting.** This will be on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

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### **Metal Recycling in East Devon and beyond**

No doubt you will have received the leaflet from E. D. D. C. giving the details of what our metal items are turned into when we recycle? Metals are the most valuable items that they collect in our kerb-side recycling. Metal is 100% recyclable and there is no limit to the times it can be recycled and turned into new items such as, cans, mobile phones, car components, watches, the list is endless. things. Recycling metals is both good for the environment and saves money. We are asked to make as much effort to use our recycling service, as it costs a lot less energy to recycle metallic objects than creating items from raw materials. We are asked to rinse items before placing them in the appropriate containers.

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### **Playground fruit orchard**

Gittisham residents are invited to donate and plant a fruit tree (preferably not apple) in the wild area of our playground. If you are interested in doing this please contact Carol Hall 850793. Trees need to be planted during the autumn (now!) and taken care of for many years. What a lovely, lasting legacy which will be enjoyed for years to come.

## **Church Wardens Report Carol McCann**

We are now well and truly into autumn. Harvest is now over, the church has been decorated beautifully and the kind donations for the Honiton Food Bank will be delivered to them on Tuesday. Our cash collection is going to the Devon branch of the Farming Community Network who support local farmers who need help and support. October is the time of year when we have the annual inter-church skittles match at the Feniton Bowls Club, Gittisham used to win the cup quite often but of late victory has eluded us, here's hoping for this year if we can get enough players. The bowls club provide us with a lovely buffet supper and we have a draw, the evening costs £7.00 per person, there is a bar with very reasonable prices. If you would like to join Gittisham's team please ring Carol on 851113. Our new Lay Reader Julia Barrett will soon be joining us and living in St. Michael's Cottage, her Licencing service will be here in Gittisham on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30 with the new Bishop of Crediton Jackie Searle. Wine and cheese refreshments will be served in the village hall after the service.

### **Forthcoming Church Services Gittisham and Mission Community 11am unless stated**

#### **October**

14th Parish Eucharist  
21st Lay-led sung Matins  
28th Parish Eucharist  
28th M.C. Choral Evensong at Awliscombe  
6.30 (choir practice 5.30)

#### **November**

4th Family Service with refreshments  
4th All Souls service at St. Paul's 6.30  
11th Remembrance Day, Short service  
at the lych-gate from 10.50 with wreath  
laying followed by Parish Eucharist  
18th Lay-led Morning Worship  
22nd Licencing Service for Julia Barrett  
with Bishop Jackie 7.30 followed  
by refreshments in village hall  
28th Parish Eucharist

### **200 CLUB RESULTS SEPTEMBER 2018**

1st	Clare Chapman	2nd	Francis Wigram	3rd	Ava Marker-Morgan
4th	Angie Hutchings	5th	Sarah Abbott		

There are still several numbers available if you would like to participate. The monthly prizes are £40, £20, £15, £10, £5 and 2 x 6 monthly of £48 and the cost is £12 per year ring Carol on 851113. The cost will be pro-rata for the remainder of this year.

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### **Royal Mail**

Is asking people to report any scam mail they may receive. Scam mail is not normal advertising mail. It typically involves professional fraudsters, who send convincing letters or emails that are designed to trick people out of money or other valuables. Scam mail can include bogus competitions and fake prize draws. Even the most alert people can be taken in by these criminals. If you or someone you know has been on the receiving end of scam mail, or is receiving an unusual amount of it, get in touch with Royal Mail's scam mail team:

Tel. 0800 0113 466

email: [scam.mail@royalmail.com](mailto:scam.mail@royalmail.com)

Write to: FREEPOST SCAM MAIL

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