

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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GITTISHAM PAYS TRIBUTE

What a splendid day we had on the 11th of November with lots of people attending the short service at the lych-gate to remember those lost from the village in both world wars with wreath laying and the 2 minute silence followed by a parish Eucharist in church. In the afternoon Cliff Wensley planted a commemorative English oak by the bus shelter. We then migrated to the village hall for a lovely afternoon of entertainment Maggie Walker introduced the proceedings and gave a history of those from the village who died in WW1. The village over 80's were VIP's each being looked after a village child. then well known songs from the era led by Georgia and Emily Bramley and Ellie Chapman with the audience joining in the chorus's, poems recited by several people including Jake Fuller who recited one about a game-keepers son going off to war , a Blackadder sketch with James and Ed Fuller, Nick Chapman and Hamish Hall, Alison Kettlewell sang a poignant piece. There was a delicious tea donated by several villagers with a beautiful 'poppy' cake baked by Emily Bramley. At the end of the afternoon the children presented a memento to each VIP. a colouring competition of a poppy was won by Kadence Cheffey. I would like to thank the Gittisham Parish Council for sponsoring the event and especially to Maggie Walker, Carol Hall, Sarah Agg-Manning and Neil Madden (who played for the songs) for putting on such an enjoyable afternoon.

Dates for your diaries

December

- 12th PCC meeting in the Parish Room 7.30** (to discuss Christmas arrangements)
- 13th Carols at Gittisham Hill House 2.00pm** you are most welcome to join us there
- 15th Coffee Get-together in the Parish Room 10.30 – 12 noon.** Everyone most welcome
- 16th Candlelight Carol Service Gittisham Church with refreshments 6.30pm**
- 21st Carols on the Green with bangers and mulled wine** (donations will be required please) don't forget your torch
- 24th Carols at the Pig at Combe 7.30pm** (if you would like to join us please let Carol know)
- 24th Midnight Mass Gittisham Church 11.30pm**
- 25th Christmas Day Family Eucharist Gittisham Church 11.00am**

January

- 6th Christingle Family Service with Eucharist 11.00 with refreshments.**
- 8th PCC meeting in Parish Room 7.30**
- 9th Gittisham Parish Council 7.30 in the Parish Room**

Gittisham has waited a long time but at last the village has a new minister, and I am honoured to be the person who has been called to come and live and serve among you. The first thing I want to say is a heartfelt 'thank you' for the warm and generous welcome I have received since moving here and to all those who helped to make my licensing service such a memorable occasion. It seems fitting to be settling in and beginning to get you know you all during Advent, the season that traditionally marks the beginning of a new cycle in the Church calendar with a time of waiting and quiet preparation for Christmas. Setting time apart to be quiet at this busy time of year can be challenging to say the least! There is so much to do! It is easy, if we are not careful, to miss the 'wonder' of Christmas: the wonderful gift of God's self-giving love to us that lies at the heart of Christmas, of God taking the risk of coming among us as a vulnerable baby, dependent on human love and care. As an old Christmas Carol puts it 'Love came down at Christmas' which is why we in our turn gather together with family and friends to celebrate and give presents and cards as signs of our love for each other. And why you are all warmly invited to gather as a village family for the Carol Service on Sunday Dec 16th in St Michael's Church at 6.30pm which this year includes a Christmas Crib activity for children. You may also be interested to know that during Advent (up until Christmas Eve) prayers are being said in Church, on a Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9am and Saturday evening at 5pm in Church. If you have any specific prayer requests please do contact me on **01404 850680** or by email at gshaminister@gmail.com I pray that you and those you love may know the blessing of the Christ Child this coming Christmas.

Julia Barrett. Lay minister at St Michael's and All Angels. December 2018

Gittisham Community Land Trust

Please come along to the public meeting on Thursday 13th December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We would like to have the opportunity to explain how the Gittisham community can show it's support for the work being undertaken to bring forward a small residential development to serve the affordable housing needs of the village and to also provide details on the progress being made in identifying an appropriate site.

Combe Garden Centre Opens Its Doors **By James Trevett, Manager.**

So after nearly three years from initial concept to completion, we finally opened our doors on December the 1st. It's been an exciting build, all efforts have been made to try and deliver a premium shopping experience with a personal touch and we hope you are not disappointed.

All our staff have years of experience within the garden trade, from managing Sidmouth Garden Centre to running a florist. It's our privilege to get to work in such a welcoming community that clearly has a passion for their gardens.

We will be supplying as much locally grown stock as possible, along with quality specimen trees from foreign climes.

Opening times are as follows:-

Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 10am – 4pm

We look forward to meeting you over the coming months.

People in the news

Amelia and Ollie Padget had a daughter (who was very overdue) on the 16th November, Florence May a sister for Rosie

Hazel Celebrated her 95th Birthday with a marvellous tea party in the village hall

Hazel would like to thank everyone who came to her party on the 2nd December and to also thank them for the lovely cards and presents she was given. She had a lovely birthday made all the more special by being with so many friends and family. Thank you

Debbie Thorne (Hazel,s Daughter)

Edward Fuller attended the Brit-champs (British indoor rowing championships) on Saturday and gained a bronze medal for his age group from the entire United Kingdom. Meanwhile **Tom Fuller** and his rowing partner won gold at the Exeter Head of the River Regatta on the same day. Well done Ed and Tom.

Honiton Carers Support Group - Winnie Cameron

You may know that I run the Honiton Carers Support Group. We meet a couple of times a month. Once at the Methodist Church and once in conjunction with Hospiscare at Kings House.

reminding people that we are there for support, training and signposting.

Our next two meetings are

9th JANUARY at The Methodist Church from 2 – 4 pm

We have Tony4Seasons, giving a talk on West Country Snippets

Wednesday 23rd January at Hospiscare Kings house from 2 – 4 pm

Susan Horswood with a Needlework session. (Please bring your own work for discussions)

All Carers over the age of 18 years are welcome

Light refreshments and a warm welcome is guaranteed

For further information please contact Win Cameron

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PARISH COUNCIL – DECEMBER REPORT

Seven councillors met for the December meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC) and Harry Bonnell (Devon Communities Together) were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Phil Twiss said a national programme to help GPs identify patients experiencing domestic abuse and/or sexual violence and refer them to specialist support services is being rolled out across Devon and Torbay.

Scams

The rise in scams across Devon often targeting elderly and vulnerable people is alarming and growing. Some older people have been robbed this way in excess of £100,000 and another by £400,000. Trading Standards can offer advice as to how local communities can help combat this invidious trade.

Susie Bond said the Strategic Planning meeting at the end of November discussed future housing needs in East Devon. District councillors also received a Housing Monitoring Update, which shows housing delivery currently stands at 5.71 years. There is a Government requirement for district councils to show a 5-year land supply, so this looks to be a healthy figure. Nevertheless it is lower than previous updates as building has slowed in the West End of the district. However, building in other parts of East Devon is coming forward, so we are expecting to see housing land supply increase.

Crime. 1) Anti-social behaviour, Aspen Close, Gittisham Vale in October.

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Planning applications.

a. The Bakery - Conversion of old bakery to holiday accommodation
Councillors had no objections to a) in principle. However, they asked for it to be noted that the building is in flood zone 3, and for that reason there was concern over this application being granted.

Smart meters.

Harry Bonnell from DCC delivered a presentation about how smart meters work to councillors. He explained that for those properties where there is a poor mobile telephone signal, the meters will not work effectively. He said that nobody would be obliged to take one. They have proven to be of use in changing users' habits, as when they observe the meter, users realise how much energy they are consuming unnecessarily. There is no risk, he said, of under- or over-estimate of bills, as usage is sent directly to the supplier. A meter can also benefit those who use pre-paid tariffs, as it allows the user to budget more effectively. Councillors said it was disappointing that suppliers could not use the same meter, and that users would be obliged to change meter if they switched supplier. There was also some concern over cyber-security, which Harry Bonnell agreed to investigate. He advised anyone wanting to switch to a smart meter to wait until February 2019 when the second generation of meters is introduced. Members cautioned that some vulnerable people may use smart meters, and decide not to put the heating on when they realise how much they are using. Harry Bonnell agreed this had been observed in some places, but added that if people were having trouble paying their fuel bills there was help available.

Village hall.

Carol Hall said she had received three quotations for a chartered surveyor to look at what work needs doing and produce a schedule of works. Councillors selected Luxton Chartered Surveyors.

Play area.

The clerk said that a new bearing for the spinner to make it work again was on order.

Next meeting. This will be on 9th January at 7.30pm in the parish room.

Some of the village children are bringing items for the Honiton Food Bank to church which is a lovely gesture to help those in need. Festive items including some small toys, toiletries, sweets etc would be most welcome. The items will be taken to Honiton on the mornings of 14th and 18th December.

Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

We have had a busy time since the last edition, with the Inauguration Service for Julia Barrett, our new Lay Minister on the 22nd November who is now in post and living at St. Michael's Cottage. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Crediton, the Archdeacon of Exeter and Rev'd Sue Roberts. There was a good number attending from our Mission Community, clergy around the diocese and Julia's former colleagues and friends. After the service we adjourned to the village hall for wine and cheese refreshments. It was a very special day. We had a good Remembrance Day service. Christmas events are as set out in the single sheet which you can detach for information and times.

Forthcoming Church Services Gittisham and Mission Community 11am unless stated

December

16th Carol service with refreshments 6.30
No morning service

21st Carols on the Green with bangers
and mulled wine, for donations

23rd Parish Eucharist

24th Midnight Mass 11.30pm

25th Christmas Eucharist 11.00

30th No service in Gittisham, Eucharist
at St. Paul's 10.00am

January

6th Christingle family service with
with refreshments

13th Parish Eucharist

20th lay-led Morning Worship

27th Parish Eucharist

200 CLUB NOVEMBER RESULTS

1st Val Edmonds

4th Carol McCann

2nd Emma Fuller

5th Des Hollis

3rd Karen Loveland

New Medicine guidance coming into force from the NHS

Medicines for some minor, short-term health conditions will no longer be prescribed by a doctor, following a change in NHS guidance. Medication used to treat things such as sore throats, coughs, colds and diarrhoea, will only be available in pharmacies or supermarkets.

The NHS has been spending around £136 million a year on prescriptions for medicines that can be bought from a pharmacy or supermarket, such as paracetamol. It's hoped that by spending less on over-the-counter medicines, the savings can be used for more serious medical conditions.

There are circumstances where you can still be prescribed some of these medicines. For more information and for a full list of conditions affected, consult the patient leaflet or visit <https://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/> and click on Information for Patients.

Family Fruit Orchard There are some lovely fruit trees already planted by families in the wild area of the village playground. Thank you to those who have done this and to those, if planning to please contact Carol Hall who will let you know what is most needed so not to have too many duplicates 850793 partdrillers@hotmail.com The area will be mowed in the spring with paths, and wild flowers sown so it will be a magical place for all to enjoy.

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