

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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A VERY HAPPY, PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS 2019 TO EVERYONE

Gittisham's festive season was by all accounts a good one, starting with the kind invitation of Fiona and her team at the Pig inviting us up to the Folly for lovely goodies, and delicious mulled wine. Many thanks Fiona for a most enjoyable evening. We had a Carol Service up at Gittisham Hill House which was enjoyed by both residents and staff plus some guests too, the theme was the Nativity and Rev. Ann and I set up scene and filled the 'stable' with the usual occupants having shown them to the residents first. The 16th December was our own Carol Service with 61 adults and several children, led by Julia who did a Crib Activity with the children just before the interval and had the youngsters adding the Holy Family, Shepherds and the animals, asking them who was who and once the scene was set, who was missing (the 3 Kings). Along with the readings, poems and carols Georgia and Emily Bramley plus Ellie Chapman, sang extra carols which was so poignant. Thank you girls. Helen Hayman organised the refreshments with assistants. Thank you Julia for a most enjoyable service. We were lucky that the weather was kind for Carols on the Green, many thanks to Helen Fuller for cooking and serving the sausages and buns and to Angie Hutchings for making and providing the mulled wine and non alcoholic punch. On Christmas Eve several villagers went to sing carols at the Pig at 7pm with several guests joining in. The Midnight Mass had 24 attendees and the Ven. John Rawlings gave us a lovely service, on Christmas Day Rev. Ann and Julia led the Family Eucharist with participation by the children. Sara Trumper and Bill Griffiths invited us to celebrate saying goodbye to 2018 and saying hello to 2019 with a lovely and lively party in the Village Hall with bucks fizz and scrumptious hot and cold nibbles, thank you both for a brilliant night which included the bells being rung and villagers singing Auld LNG Syne at the Lych-gate and watching some wonderful fireworks from nearby. We finished the season on the 6th January with the annual Christingle service for Epiphany led by Rev. Ann (sadly Julia was unwell and couldn't participate) the theme was the Three Kings and Ann had the children plus a couple of adults enacting the arrival of the Maji. 5 children and a few adults made the Christingles on the Saturday and the children handed them to the congregation just before the final carol. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Dates for your diaries January

- 17th Gittisham Community Land Trust meeting 4.00 in the Parish Room**
19th Coffee get-together 10.30 – 12 noon in the Parish Room everyone welcome to come along
23rd Honiton Carers Support Group meet at King's House Hospice day centre, Honiton 2pm – 4pm
Susan Horswood's Needlework session. (Please bring your own work for discussions)
carers over 18's, refreshments available info from Win Cameron 01404 46041 or 07974 636926
26th Burns Supper 7.00 for 7.30 £8.00 / £4.00 for primary age 2 course meal in the Village Hall
please bring own drinks, there will be a raffle. Bookings to Angie Hutchings 01404 45101 (see separate article for more details)

Combe Garden Centre - Manager James Trevett 01404 515600

Supplying as much locally grown stock as possible, along with quality specimen trees from foreign climes, garden furniture, bird food, and much more. We look forward to seeing you over the coming months as you get ready for the spring planting season.

Opening times - Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm Sunday 10am – 4pm

Happy New Year! Let's hope it a good one, not too cold in the following months and just a smattering of snow. The routine on the farm is much as usual, looking after the animals and some winter repairs when we get time.

I have seen the barn owls out and about more of late and the ducks waddle up for their morning snack on maize. Hopefully our food stocks will last out after the reduced amount we harvested last year.

So, what's going to be new this year? Not much I hope, had quite a change last year and we are still learning, never stops but it is nice to consolidate a bit. I have decided 2019 is to be the year of the cow. The poor girls have had a bit of a battering of late. According to the press they are the devil incarnate when it comes to global warming! Yes they belch and fart a bit but there are one or two humans that can give them a run for their money on that front! They don't fly planes or drive cars might be a bit better at that than some as they can find reverse! These fantastic creatures give us so much; using land to produce food we can consume in a sustainable way. So much of this world is not suitable to cultivate and what can be is so much better with some help from animals. Indeed, most of the UK needs animals to maintain crop production it is the only way we can ever hope to feed this world with ever more humans. Sheep are also quite good at this but were a little bit late arriving when brain matter was handed out! As a farmer we have a wonderful symbiotic relationship so let's celebrate it.

GET OUT THOSE DANCING SHOES!!

The village hall committee are organising a Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh on Saturday 26th January in the village hall, 7 for 7.30pm. Price £8 adults, £4 primary school children, to include a two course meal. Please bring your own drinks. The caller for dancing is again Margaret Marker Bring your family and friends and join in the fun. To offer help with catering or book your place please phone Angie 01404 45101. There will be a raffle.

GITTISHAM COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting in the Village Hall before Christmas. The main purpose of the meeting was to tell those who were able to come along the background and details to the formation of the CLT and how the community can help with the ongoing work of the CLT. For the CLT to move forward it was necessary to provide a legal status to the CLT and this was achieved by registering the CLT as a Community Benefit Society. The involvement of the parish community is key to the CLT and its future activities and decision making. The best way of providing that support is by becoming a Member of the Community Benefit Society. The Community Benefit Society is joined by members owning shares in it. We are asking for those who wish to support our initial goal of providing affordable housing for local people to invest £1 in shares and join us. To apply for membership and see more details please download a membership form from the CLT web site which can be found at www.gittisham-clt.org.uk or contact David Valentine (01404 851322) or Helen Hayman (07806480246)

People in the news

Congratulations to Edward and Tom Fuller who have both gained National records in their age groups for timed indoor rowing Ed (15-16 year old boys) rowed 10 kilometers in 35mins 38.9 seconds and Tom (13 – 14 boys) in 60 minutes rowed a total of 14,722 meters. Well done!!!

PARISH COUNCIL – JANUARY REPORT

Six councillors met for the January meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC), Phil Twiss (DCC), James Trevett (Combe Garden Centre) and one member of the public were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report. Phil Twiss said discussions are taking place over the long-running issue of a new bus stop at the end of Devonshire Road where it meets Hayne Lane. Unfortunately the officer overseeing this is on long term leave of absence, with another officer filling in temporarily. The clerk agreed to write to Phil Twiss to request a bus stop for the new garden centre. Phil Twiss was pleased to report that the road to Tommy Wax is a priority for repair this financial year. He expressed concern that the collapsed drain near Clysthayes had not been properly attended to. Sandbags are now in place to prevent water flowing into the property, and further down the hill. An engineer is due to visit the site. Susie Bond said home owners can apply for up to £5,000 to carry out a survey of their property, identifying the required flood resilience measures, and to purchase the recommended measures. Any additional budget requirements will be at the expense of the property owner. Susie Bond said EDDC was beginning to charge developers for a suite of waste / recycling bins that up to now have been provided for free. If residents damage their own bins, they can be charged £30, she said. Susie Bond added that the new EDDC headquarters in Honiton would be open in February, with 27th February the first full council meeting.

Crime. 1) Other crime, Devonshire Road in November;
2) Violence and sexual offence, Parsonage Lane in November.

Finance. Members agreed the budget for 2019/20 and the parish precept was frozen for a further year at £8,160 to help parishioners.

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 internally window on ground floor side (south) elevation and remove partition walls in kitchen (amended plans)

b) Land At Meadow View Nursery Honiton - Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans) and 3 (restriction on sale goods) of planning permission 17/1053/FUL (Proposed garden centre) to facilitate a restaurant/café use within the building.

Councillors had no objections to either application. At the start of the meeting, councillors raised concerns with James Trevett over parking and highway signage at the garden centre. He agreed to look into measures to prevent customers parking in the waiting bay along the road.

Traffic speeds. Andy Wilkins said DCC's speed monitoring device had found the speed at which 85% of users were travelling at or below was 25.9 and 24.7mph respectively. Members were by and large reassured that average speeds were relatively low through the village. As those travelling above these speeds continue to cause concern, it was agreed to monitor the situation locally through observation, and raise the issue with DCC again if the problem worsened.

Village hall. Carol Hall said Luxton Chartered Surveyors had produced a schedule of works, which indicated approximately £10,000 of work for the village hall. Members were relieved that none of this work is considered major.

Play area. The clerk said that a new bearing for the spinner had been fitted.

Next meeting. This will be on **Friday 1st February** at 7.30pm in the parish room

The Honiton Food Bank were delighted with the two overflowing blue boxes of food items, toiletries and festive goodies along with three bags of toys and gifts for children. I would like to thank everyone who donated items, especially the initiative of the children. There is always a blue box by the font in church to collect items for the food bank who are in constant need of tins of vegetables, meat and fish, fruit, puddings plus pasta, pulses, cereals, squash long life milk, toiletries, baby food, and nappies. If you would like to donate items and need me to collect them from you please let me know. Carol McCann 851113

Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

I would like to thank all those who decorated the church for Christmas so beautifully and for looking after their arrangements to make them last. The church's Christmas doesn't actually finish until Candlemass (2nd February) so some of the decorations may be in church until then. The two Christmas charities this year were Shelterbox and CEDA an Exeter based charity for disadvantaged and vulnerable people, the cash collections will be split between the two. You may have heard that the Honiton Mission Community (St. Paul's Honiton and the 4 village churches in Gittisham, Awliscombe, Buckerell and Combe Raleigh) is soon to be expanded with the addition of the churches of Cotleigh, Offwell, Farway and Widworthy, they are already starting to be integrated by holding team joint services such as the monthly Choral Evensongs and others such as Ash Wednesday, The Holy Week evenings and Ascension.

Christian Review

The Christian Review subscriptions are due the cost for 12 editions is £5, if you already take this or would like to have the magazine (which encompasses the Honiton Mission Community churches plus the Honiton Methodist and Roman Catholic churches) Please let Carol know 851113 and let her have your sub asap thank you. The next edition will be available from the 24th January.

Forthcoming Church Services Gittisham and Mission Community 11am unless stated

January

13th Parish Eucharist
20th Lay-led Morning Worship
27th Parish Eucharist
27th Mission Community Choral
Evensong at Combe Raleigh
6.30 (choir practice 5.30)

February

3rd Family Eucharist for Candlemass
with refreshments
10th Parish Eucharist
17th Lay-led sung Matins
24th No Morning Service
24th Mission Community Choral
Evensong in Gittisham 6.30
(choir practice 5.30)

200 CLUB JANUARY 2019 RESULTS

1st Joyce Underdown	2nd Margaret Hall	3rd Stephanie King
4th Olive Collis	5th Carol McCann	

LOST PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Several jackets have been left in the village hall – some have been hanging around for some months! If you recognise any of the following, please contact Angie Hutchings 01404 45101.

Gap - Brown quilted jacket with fur edged hood.

Mountain Warehouse – Black lightweight waterproof.

Navy/grey lightweight jacket.

Gelert – lightweight navy waterproof jacket.

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