

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR CAROL MCCANN

As I am in lock-down for a minimum of 3 months being high risk this Gazette is only able to be sent out by email, if you have neighbours who don't have the internet could you please print a copy for them and if you know anyone with email, who would like to receive the Gazette ask them to let me have their details (my telephone/email details are on the last page. I am doing my utmost to try and keep things as normal as possible and have asked Andy Wilkins – Gittisham Vale and Janet Twist – Hayne Farm Estate to print this and put it on the noticeboards.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who are helping me with shopping, meals and picking up medication etc., I can't convey my thanks more profusely but when all is over I will then.

I hope you all are keeping safe and well and that we all come through the other end unscathed.

Wishing you as Happy an Easter as you can possibly have

FROM JULIA, (LAY MINISTER) ST MICHAELS, GITTISHAM.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed Hallelujah! Our places of worship may be closed but the traditional Easter Morning Greeting, the great message of hope will soon reverberate around the world and will be heard again in our village.

The unthinkable may have happened, the Church is closed, the bells are silent and for a while even the church clock stopped. We have lost the freedoms we take for granted, to wander and roam as we will, in and out of each other's houses, to gather together, to play, to socialise, to go out to work or school, to mix and mingle as we please. Yet our community spirit is stronger than ever! A team of volunteers look out for our more vulnerable members, generous supplies of fresh greenery and eggs from The Pig are deposited on doorsteps, and help is never far away - as I discovered yesterday after a nasty fall off my bike. I was rescued by good Samaritans from Hayne Farm Development, while creatively maintaining the rule of social distancing; carried my bike and shopping and looked after me in their back garden until I could be safely returned to the village, where first aid was delivered by Carol Hall, our very own St John's Ambulance First Aider. At times, here in Gittisham, it may feel that we are in a bit of a backwater - the important action is elsewhere - although behind closed doors we know there are people, in our midst, working hard via the internet and phone lines to keep essential social services and businesses going. However, as I've heard so many say - we are so privileged and blessed to live in these beautiful, unspoiled surroundings . . . And we have only to look out our windows or look around us on our daily walks to see how hard our farmers are working to ensure we will have enough to eat in the coming months and at harvest time.

Meanwhile the news bulletins remind us of those who daily risk their lives on the 'frontline' to save lives and serve their fellow human beings in need. A little reminder - clap and make as much noise as you can (saucepans, drums, whistles etc. etc.) at 8,00 pm every Thursday evening to show your appreciation for our N.H.S. Daily, I am reminded of the first two great commandments, 'To love God - the source of all life and ground of our being - and to love one's neighbour as oneself'. Perhaps for the first time in living memory, the world is united in a common purpose, to defeat the power of death and destruction that is currently stalking our lands. So that, together with Mother Julian, a Medieval Christian Mystic who lived through the time of the Black Death we may say 'All shall be well, all manner of things shall be well'. It is in this spirit, I wish you all a Happy Easter.

GITTISHAM MEMORIES WEEKEND SATURDAY 14TH & SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

Helen Hayman ran the memories weekend again this year, There were many items displayed including a wonderful set of enlarged photos of the village cottages and their occupants brought down all the way from Lancashire by Tom Pridmore whose family owned and lived in Parkers many years ago. Several files with village weddings, funeral service sheets, village events, and other memorabilia. Refreshments were served both days, on Saturday by Gittisham Church and Sunday by the Village Hall Committee. A huge thank you to Helen for a marvellous display with so much thought and care and to all who helped in any way. One of the pictures taken on a Shrove Tuesday depicting the village children crossing the river Gitt before the flood defences were put in.



SHERMANS FARM

It's been a while since I last wrote and blimey hasn't the world changed ! The constant rain that we had at winter almost seems forgotten about, it was a nightmare in certain aspects for us. Although we have enough sheds for the cows and cattle to keep sheltered through the winter, not being able to get a good amount of poo spread early enough was the problem... we got by, but we were glad when it did finally dry up, you will of smelt it I would of thought ! The sheep were extremely fed up with the weather. We just had to constantly move them to fresh pastures as walking around with a wet woolly coat on just makes them even heavier travellers on the land.

Now we're faced with something that exceeds any problems we've had Covid 19. The news was that a virus was spreading in China, personally at the time I thought it probably wouldn't get to affecting our country... unfortunately I was very wrong.

On the farm things can't stop, we're in lockdown but animals still need our full attention, this means food deliveries are still arriving and our couple of members of staff are still able to come to work. We are being very careful however and implementing all of the advised precautions, by having the robot milkers we don't need to be crossing paths like in a conventional parlour. We are sticking to certain tractors each as-well, to keep things simple. As I say the show must go on... being responsible at the same time.

I wish everyone the best of health and to come out of this pandemic stronger than ever, I hope nobody falls short of any food or supplies shout if this is the case ! As you may be aware my sisters farm shop (Bartlett's Farm shop) is coming to an end this week, they have done everything they possibly can to help people with delivery etc over the last few weeks and would like to thank everyone who has supported them over the years.

All the best

Jack and the Bartlett family

TRIP COMMUNITY TRANSPORT 01404 46529 Office/Shop at 29-31 New Street Honiton Trip are still operating a service collecting and delivering shopping and medication if you are in need of help please give them a ring.

PARISH COUNCIL – APRIL REPORT

Seven councillors met for the April meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC), Damian Furniss (DCC) and one member of the public were also present.

Corona virus. Damian Furniss provided the latest advice regarding the corona virus from DCC, where he is acting as the lead on this for the county's adult social care system. He said it was important to continue to follow the Government advice to stay at home, and to respect social distancing. He explained that a subsidised transport service would be brought in to enable key workers to use dial-up taxis, as further reductions in public transport were likely. He reported that temporary hospital facilities similar to the Nightingale in London were planned for the South West, and he added that the Hampton by Hilton hotel at Exeter Airport was already being used as a temporary care home. More information on this developing situation is available from www.devon.gov.uk/document/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/. Susie Bond said that the hub at EDDC is the go-to place for information on how to get through the lock-down. The hotline is manned from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and gives advice and support to whoever needs it. <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/east-devon-district-council-coronavirus-community-support-hub/coronavirus-community-support-hub-hotline/> Carol Hall said the volunteer group set up in response to the coronavirus outbreak was working well, with volunteers nominated as a point of contact and help for a specified group of households. Andy Wilkins reported that the support group for Honiton had leafleted all properties in the Vale. He said he was also posting information on the Gittisham website.

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Planning applications.

- a) Shermans Farm, Gittisham - Construction of permanent agricultural worker's dwelling with parking and associated development

Councillors agreed that subject to there being a proven agricultural need, the parish council has no objection in principle to the erection of an agricultural dwelling but expressed concerns about the scale of the proposed dwelling and any potential adverse effect on the setting within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

- b) 1 Riverside Cottages, Gittisham - Extension to existing outbuilding works to also include raising floor level to match the main house; single storey flat roof extension on rear elevation of main house linking to extended outbuilding; removal of 1no. window and 1no. door on ground floor rear elevation; construction of wall at ground floor; replace 2no. windows at ground floor north elevation; replace 1no. window (on ground floor south elevation and replace 1no. window on first floor north elevation; external insulation of part of wall at ground floor (bedroom 4); additional step leading from bedroom 4 to new hallway

Councillors expressed reservations in respect of the impact the proposals would have both on the listed cottage and on the setting of the cottage in the conservation area.

Village hall. Carol Hall said the redecoration work had been brought forward and would start on 6th April. She emphasised the need for the contractors to work in isolation.

Play area. Carol Hall said due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the play area had to be closed and she had fixed signs saying so to the various entry points.

Defibrillator. One member of the public reminded councillors that only those designated to check the device in the village should do so, and to secure the cabinet door afterwards.

Next meeting. This will be on 6th May at 7.30pm via Skype. Any member of the public interested in joining the meeting should contact clerk@gittisham.eastdevon.gov.uk

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH 200 CLUB

March was the time to renew your subscription, there are still several members who have not sent their's in, unfortunately I am not able to come and collect your cheque, (£12.00 per number per year) There are several numbers available owing to the sad departure of members. Monthly prizes are £40. £20. £15. £10. £5. and two 6 monthly of £48. If you would like to have a number or two do please let me know and I can email or post an application form. Payment can be made by cheque or by standing order – I can email or post the form. The 200 club is a much needed way of keeping the church running especially as all churches are closed during the duration of Coronavirus. Carol McCann 01404851113, 07946409142, charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk.

APRIL RESULTS

1st **Guy Carstairs** 2nd **Jane Whitehouse** 3rd **Keith Bassett**
4th **Emma Fuller** 5th **John Boswell**

GITTISHAM FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW 1 AUGUST 2020

Despite the restrictions, it is time to be thinking about – and growing for – the annual Flower and Produce show. A full schedule of classes is available by email from Carol McCann but meanwhile, to enable gardeners to prepare, the vegetable and flower classes are:

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| Vegetables | 11 6 Pods broad beans |
| 1 3 White Potatoes | 12 6 Pods peas |
| 2 3 Coloured potatoes` | 13 Pair of cucumbers |
| 3 1 Cabbage (any variety) | 14 5 Tomatoes |
| 4 1 Lettuce (any variety) | 15 5 Cherry tomatoes |
| 5 5 Spring onions | 16 3 Courgettes under 6" |
| 6 5 Onion sets | 17 6 Runner beans |
| 7 6 Shallots | 18 2 Parsnips |
| 8 6 Sprays of Parley | 19 3 Sticks rhubarb |
| 9 3 Beetroot | 20 4 different culinary herbs(no parsley) in a jam jar |
| 10 3 Carrots (any variety) | 21 The longest runner bean |
| Flowers | 26 6 Stems sweet peas |
| 22 Any foliage plant (not exceeding 8" | 27 4 Stems different cut flowers |
| 23 5 Pansy heads floating in clear water in a clear glass bowl | 28 1 Specimen Rose |
| 24 1 Spike gladioli | 29 An arrangement of garden flowers, not exceeding 16"or 40dj in any direction |
| 25 3 Dahlias | |

Entries are welcome from those who reside in the Parish of Gittisham, including of course Gittisham Vale and the Hayne Farm Estate. 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

KADENCE'S CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA, Kadence hosted an afternoon tea on the 8th March, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and Hospiscare. There were lots of people enjoying a delicious tea and thanks to Kadence's efforts around £350.00 was raised and split between the two charities. Kadence wished to thank everyone who attended and those who helped on the day. Well done.

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Copy date for May 3rd please. Probably only by email next time too.
