

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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My Sincere Apologies.....Carol McCann

I am truly sorry that I was unable to do the July Gazette. I have had major surgery and was in hospital for 10 days, when I came out I was able to stay at friends in the village - many thanks to Helen & James Fuller - who had ground floor accommodation and I could be a companion to their dog and cat whilst they were on holiday. I was wonderfully looked after by both Maggie Walker and Carol Hall plus many others. I would also like to thank all those who sent cards, flowers and other items, I do hope I have personally thanked you all. As I am still not allowed to drive, a big thank you to all who have ferried me about especially Judy. I would also like to thank all who have taken over my duties for the day to day running of St. Michael's, I am now back but not yet in full working order as lifting is quite uncomfortable, and as my back is bad, I am using two sticks. You will notice that this Gazette has a different format,- I'm having problems with the programme.

Roger George Hutchings (13th april 1951 – 28th June 2016)

Once again Gittisham went into mourning when we heard the very sad news that Roger had given up his noble fight against Cancer on the 28th of June with wife Angie, daughters Frances and Elizabeth and son-in-law Jurgen at his bedside in the R. D. & E Wonford Hospital. He had had many spells in hospital and had set himself goals to achieve. Roger was such an active person being President of the Rotary Club of Otter Valley for a year and having organised several priority events, and, latterly including a most wonderful evening of entertainment at Ottery St. Mary's Church with the Military Wives choir along with the Exmouth Town Concert Band and the Ottery Silver Band. His President's evening was a great success and he arranged for Pete Goss (Vendee Globe yachtsman and hero) to be the guest speaker for the evening. Both Roger and Angie hosted many formal and informal events for Rotary throughout their year of office (Angie was also President of the Inner Wheel Club of Otter Valley – the ladies side of Rotary. In April, Roger was so pleased to be able to walk his daughter Elizabeth up the aisle to marry Jurgen, their wedding took place in Holland which was a long trip to undertake. Roger was our Churchwarden and very much involved with our quinquennial repairs and the work needed on the gallery he was the current chairman of the Mission Community Team Council. Roger is much missed by all who knew him and we wish Angie, Frances, Elizabeth and Jurgen peace in their grieving and may their many memories always be with them. Roger's funeral was on Friday 8th July and he is in the churchyard.

Ronald E.H. Pew, BSc(Eng.) CEng FRAeS Gittisham's oldest resident died after a short illness on the 16th July age 101. Ronnie spent his working life in the aerospace industry working at Armstrong Sidley's aero division, Fairy Aviation, Plessey Aircraft division, Rotax and Lucas Aerospace. He was also a consultant with Ampep (Dry Bearings) and initiated the use of ceramics in human joint replacements. Ronnie was a very keen and successful golfer and still played the odd hole at Honiton Golf Club until recently. He joined the Aero Golfing Society at 49 and he played to his age at 74, 86 and 92 and has won several trophies including the Brabazon Trophy. Along with his wife Ann they were great supporters of the local Conservatives and held many functions for them. Ronnie had an interesting collection of clocks and indeed looked after the church clock for a great many years and when he couldn't go up into the tower was always able and willing to give advice. Ronnie's funeral was held at St. Michaels, Gittisham on Friday 5th August was very well attended by family, friends, former colleagues and many from his golfing fraternity and villagers, he is also buried in the churchyard.

FENITON SCHOOL REPORT - CAROL HALL

The Summer term was as busy as always with serious and fun events. Years 2 and 6 have undertaken national tests, with the staff saying how proud they are of how calm the children were. The school celebrated the Queen's Birthday with maypole dancing and cucumber sandwiches. For Arts Week a local willow sculptor helped the children create wonderful willow animals. Have a look for them in the meadow area. Years 3 and 5 had great fun on their residential, learning about the Bronze Age and building rafts, fires and dens. As PTA Chairman I'm continually amazed by the enthusiasm the Feniton School children have. They are stimulated by a wide variety of activities, many of them going beyond what is required by the curriculum, and so well supported by parents and friends. It's so important for the children to have parents who are engaged in their children's learning and Feniton School is very lucky in that respect.

Gittisham Flower and Produce Show -

On behalf of the committee, I want to say a big thank you to all those who supported our show on 6th August. Although the number of entries were down from last year, we were delighted to receive new entrants and want to encourage more people in the future. High standards were maintained and the beautiful weather encouraged everyone to sit outside and enjoy their cream teas and cake.

List of the cup winners - Angie Hutchings

Most points in the vegetable classes – Len Abbott

Best Vegetable - Len Abbott

Most points in the flower classes – Sarah Abbott

Best Floral exhibit – Angie Hutchings

Most points in the Homecraft classes – Sue Fallows

Best Homecraft Exhibit – Bill Griffiths

Men only cup (lemon tart) – Charles Vyner-Brooks

Children's Cup 3 – 6 years – Margot Vyner-Brooks

Children's Cup – 6 – 12 years – Shared by Daphne and Clara Hall

Dates for your diary

19th Team bar-b-q at Jackson's Nurseries, Combe Raleigh 6.30 /7.00 £6.50 per person, tickets from Carol McCann.

20th Coffee Get-together 10.30-12 noon in the Rookery, (inside if wet)

21st Grand Summer Fete Combe Hill Estate, Combe Raleigh 2.30 – 5.30 entrance £5.00, children £2.00 (sorry no dogs). Stalls, cream teas, maypole dancing, steam traction engine, bouncy castle, sideshows, games, pony rides, gardens and woodland walk and more.

Forward notice

10th September Coffee Morning for the Hospiscare Kings Day Centre run by the Chown Family from 10.00am details from Pam Chown 01404850085

Gittisham Fete- Saturday 17th September,

2 pm start, if anyone would like a stall or can help or donate any items such as groceries, bottles, tins, plants, books, bric-a-brac or other items of good use please contact Helen Hayman-07806480246 (Gittisham Farm), nearer the time any produce or cakes would be greatly appreciated. Also please look out your bunting as the village looked amazing last year, let's keep up that tradition! When everything is being set up, why not come up to the Rookery for our coffee get-together between 10.30 and 12 noon.

GITTISHAM MEMORIES WEEKEND

Over the weekend of 11th & 12th June Helen Hayman staged a marvellous exhibition of Gittisham memorabilia with photos, several of the classes at Gittisham School with both boys and girls and tip, tip toe pictures, plus some of the Gittisham Football team, several names were added to those already known. There were many anecdotes from villagers elderly and younger, old maps of the Combe Estate, tithe maps, maps showing all the field names and old cottages some now no longer standing. Many people lent their family photo albums showing weddings, parties, babies etc. Visitors were in abundance and one could hear people greeting each other having lost regular contact. Catering on the Saturday was undertaken by St. Michael's Church members and on the Sunday, the Village Hall Committee took over. The donations pot collected funds for the children's playground.

It was a thoroughly good event and congratulations to Helen for her sterling work and time putting on such a good show. It is probable that a repeat event will take place in September 2017.

Forthcoming Church Services 11am

August 14th Parish Eucharist
21st Lay-led sung Matins
28th Parish Eucharist

September 4th Family & Pets Eucharist

with refreshments
11th Parish Eucharist
18th Lay-led Morning Worship
25th Parish Eucharist

THANK YOU

On behalf of our family, I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for their phone calls, visits and cards received during Rog's illness and after his passing. We are so appreciative of everyone who helped him and cannot emphasise enough how much he valued your support.

We now move into a new chapter of our lives but will always cherish the time we spent together.

Angie Hutchings

200 Club Results

July

1st Bill Griffiths
2nd Daphne & Clara Hall
3rd Karen Loveland
4th Michael Hawkins
5th Judith Turner

August

1st A. Hutchings
2nd Guy Carstairs
3rd Alison Valentine
4th Owen Morgan
5th Russell Hayman

Caravan For Sale

Burstner C455TS 2006 Motor mover. Awning.
4 berth with fixed double bed.
Hob Oven Fridge Toilet Shower
01404 45101 Angie Hutchings

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PARISH COUNCIL – JUNE-AUGUST REPORT
DCC / EDDC Report.

Susie Bond said that the residents at Trafalgar Bridge near Weston were appealing the enforcement order. She added that EDDC was exploring potential official sites for travellers. The Heart of the South West devolution bid is continuing, but it is unknown what effect Brexit will have on the process.

Crime.

- 1) 10th April – dog not under control attacked another dog
- 2) 7th-12th April – outbuilding broken into and property stolen
- 3) 3rd June (Vale) – common assault; domestic incident between partners.

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Planning applications.

- a) Meriden House, Nags Head Road, Gittisham - Removal of render, repointing of revealed stonework and replacement of asbestos roofing with natural slate
 - b) Land at the West End of Devonshire Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate - Construction of single storey industrial building (Unit A) for use classes B1, B2 and B8; alterations to car park layout, internal access and omission of Unit E as approved under application 07/3056/FUL.
 - c) Curlditch House, Gittisham - Internal modifications and demolition of conservatory
 - d) Devon Violet Nursery, Honiton - Certificate of lawful use of the site as a nursery, inc. erection of polytunnels and storage of agricultural, horticultural and building materials along with ancillary sales to members of the public; erection of office building associated with on-site activities
 - e) 40 Cypress Close, Honiton - Construction of rear extension
- Members had no objections to the above.

f) Combe Higher Barn, Gittisham - Provision of venue for weddings, conferences and related activities through conversion of existing barns, demolition of pole barns and their replacement with new timber clad barns and provision of associated car parking, enhanced access and landscaping works

Members agreed they were not as a parish council against development or business growth, but raised concerns about locating this application within the AONB, and the size of the development in connection with the existing buildings. The potential impact on the local tenant is also of concern.

Car parking at The Pig.

Staff from the hotel and Combe Estate, along with members of the public, discussed the overflow staff car park near Talbots. Tom Ross from The Pig asked that they be given time to settle in. At the August meeting Susie Bond said the hotel has 28 days to submit an application for change of use, new access and the bridge.

Limited residential development in Gittisham village.

David Valentine said there had been a high return rate of the housing needs surveys. The results show there is a need within the village for six affordable homes. A meeting with councillors, EDDC and Devon Communities Together is the next step.

Play area.

Russell Hayman said £109.05 had been raised from the memories weekend, which would go towards the play area. David Fallows said he had discussed a structure for the wild area with Hamish Hall and Bill Griffiths and, while inexpensive, will require further fundraising.

Next meeting. This will be on 7th September at 7.30pm.