

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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LITTLE TREASURES PRE SCHOOL CLOSURES

It was a sad day on Wednesday 19th July when Little Treasures closed its doors for the last time, all the children plus mothers and toddlers had a fancy dress party as the final event. On the Saturday Anna and her team held a sale of everything, the hall was packed and equipment, toys, books tables and chairs notice boards etc were flying out of the doors. Anna will now be taking up a post as head of pre-school at a primary school in Crewkerne we wish her every success.

As the hall will now be vacant in the daytime during the week, anyone interested in making a booking for a one off or on a regular basis please contact Judith Turner on 851061 (evenings) judith.turner8@btinternet.com for information.

GITTISHAM'S FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

An excellent turnout of entries this year with several new participants in many of the classes. Winner of the trophies were: **Len Abbott** Most points in the vegetable classes, Best exhibit in show for his runner beans. Len also won the men's baking competition with his shortbread fingers. **Angie Hutchings** Most points in the flower classes, **Sarah Abbott** Most points in the home-craft classes. **Maggie Walker** Best in show with her specimen rose. The children's classes were well supported with **Margot Vyner-Brooks** winning the 3 – 6 year-old cup and joint winners of the 7 – 12 year-olds having the cup for six months each **Lettice Vyner-Brooks and Florence Arbuthnott**. The potato in a bucket was won by **Angie Hutchings** with a weight of over 4lbs (everyone had an Arran Pilot potato to grow). There were lots of entries and this class will be repeated again next year. Teas and a lovely assortment of cakes were served during the afternoon. Huge thank-yous to the show committee for staging an excellent show, **next year's will be on Saturday 4th August.**

Dates for your Diary August

19th Coffee Get-together hopefully outdoors but if wet/cold then in the Parish room 10.30 – 12 noon everyone welcome for a cuppa and a chat

11/18/25 Lunchtime Organ Recitals at St Paul's 1.00-1.45 £5.00 with lunch from 12.00 £4.50

30/31 + 1&2 Sept Shakespeare's Coriolanus in the Elizabethan Garden at the Little Manor Utoptery performance 7.00pm, take a picnic if desired to consume beforehand, warm clothes and a chair. Tickets £12. Information from Kate Littlewood 07736105522

September

2nd Fun in the Park – watch out for posters, details in due course from Sue Fallows 850922

8/9/10 Mini Flower Festival St. Michael's Gittisham 'Festivals' in aid of Devon Historic Churches and St. Michael's Fri/Sat 10 – 6 sun 1 – 6 refreshments available. We are looking for sponsors towards the flowers and new arrangers very welcome. Also offers of help with stewarding over the three days. Info from Angie Hutchings 01404 45101, Helen Hayman 0707806480246 or Carol McCann 01404 851113.

9th First Aid Training in the village Hall, see page 3 for full details donations for village defibrillator

PARISH COUNCIL - AUGUST REPORT

Four councillors met for the August meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC), Phil Twiss (DCC), Justin Lascelles (Combe Estate), Matt Barrow (Connecting Devon & Somerset), Tom Biddle (Baker Estates), Steve Jolly (Newgate Communications) and two members of the public were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Susie Bond said residents should contact csc@eastdevon.gov.uk or telephone 01395 571515 to report problems with recycling. Alternatively, she suggested downloading EDDC's app (for those with a smart phone) and sending complaints through the 'Report It' tab. David Fallows welcomed new county councillor Phil Twiss, who said he had raised concerns with the new Highways contractor Skanska and DCC over the backlog of jobs clearing drains and ditches. Phil Twiss said he had objected to the decision by the local Clinical Commissioning Group to close in-patient beds in Honiton Hospital (as well as the maternity unit currently closed for three months due to lack of staff to run the unit safely). The Minor Injuries Unit and other out-patient clinics and services provided at the hospital are not affected.

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Planning applications.

- a) 2 Drillers Cottages Gittisham - Internal alterations and insertion of rooflight and vent on north elevation of main cottage; elevation of main cottage and the conversion of outbuilding
Councillors had no objections.

- b) Kings Cottage Gittisham - Construction of two storey rear extension and alterations to landscaping and existing building to form internal connection

Councillors had no objections in principle, subject to satisfactory outcome of consultation with EDDC's conservation officer. However, concerns were noted on the pressure placed on capacity of the sewers.

- c) Land At Meadow View Nursery Honiton - Proposed development of garden centre, incorporating new building, covered sales area, outdoor sales area, storage and car parking and widening of the access

Councillors had no objection in principle to this application; however they raised some concerns over parking and access.

- d) Land West Of Hayne Lane Gittisham – amended plans.

Tom Biddle from Baker Estates defended the company's approach to the site and said it would incorporate local styles. They explained that the affordable housing element would be peppered throughout the development and would include more housing in Phase 1 than originally thought. The parish council's full response can be found in the meeting minutes.

Broadband

Matt Barrow from Connecting Devon & Somerset reported that his organisation had explained to Gigaclear (the provider for Phase 2 of the roll-out of superfast broadband) that the company should consider as a priority the remaining communities with low broadband speed. However, it appeared that the final selection would fall to the service provider, and therefore the possibility still exists that the village may be overlooked. It emerged that under a different funding mechanism called Gainshare, there was the possibility of using money raised by BT's involvement to fund cabling to the village. Justin Lascelles said Combe Estate's offer to fund the excavation work still stands. However, Matt Barrow said the parish would have to wait for the outcome of various meetings in September to see if Gigaclear had decided to include more of the village in the Phase 2 roll-out.

Next meeting. This will be on 6th September at 7.30pm.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Celebrations galore for the Furniss / Walker Family

May Rose has passed her grade 1 piano exam with the associated board of the royal school of music. She attained a very respectable 118 points out of a possible 150. May is keen to point out she only fell short of 2 points of a merit pass.

Dr Barnaby Walker has been appointed Lecturer in Philosophy at Warwick University. He will be teaching the History of Modern Philosophy, enlightening eager undergraduates on the wisdom of Descartes, Berkeley, Locke and Hume. He will also teach the Philosophy of Religion. Clearly the years spent sitting on the hard pews of Gittisham church wielding a toy rifle have finally paid off!!

Pam Chown After many years living in Gittisham, Pam has moved to Honiton, we wish you every happiness in your new home and look forward to seeing you when you come to the village for events, church and socialising.

The Udder Side of the Hedge by Jane Hulbert. (August 17)

I write this the day before Honiton show, and it's raining! I've just been standing outside holding the gate so Keith can get in the field with a feed trailer. We have a field of steers (castrated bull calves) and the grass needs supplementing to help them grow. They are very keen to get to the food and it's quite a frightening job. Also my boots seem to have a leak and my coat lets the rain in, you don't notice these things on a dry day do you!?

Only six milking cows to market this month and four went straight for meat. It's very strange having a couple of weeks between calves rather than several being born each day. We are keeping all the calves now to fatten for beef so actual animal numbers are still 450 ish. There are plenty of buildings this winter with Shermans and Oakfield and by winter 2018 most of them will have gone and Keith can then decide how much of 'retired' he intends to do!

The silage was cut for the second and last time by us at Shermans and straw has started to arrive so sadly we are getting ready for winter again. Any spare time is spent emptying and cleaning out sheds, there are some interesting finds at the back after 28years.

Do hope the incoming tenant wants a little boy as Mav. is not moving unless all the animals and tractors go with him!

First Responder and CPR Training

Saturday 9th September

Gittisham Village Hall

Qualified trainer Stella Adamson is offering 3 training sessions for local people, adults and children. Come along, have a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit and learn how to save lives.

Three, hour long sessions: starting 11;00; 12.15 and 1.30. Hall opens from 10.30.

It would be helpful if you could let Stella know when you can come, but we can cater for drop-ins too. No fee, but donations for the defibrillator fund will be very welcome

Contact Stella at navigateducation@hotmail.com or 07813 802292

Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

Several members of the Mission Community attended Rev. Philip's Licencing service on the 10th July at St. John's Church in Tatworth. He was licenced by The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley Bishop of Taunton and The Venerable Simon Hill, Archdeacon of Taunton the service was very moving and the local congregation gave us a plentiful assortment of goodies afterwards We wish Philip and Michelle every happiness in their new post. Our flower arrangers are putting much thought into their choice of displays for our mini flower festival for the Devon Historic Churches Trust weekend in September. Our theme is Festivals and we will be staging on Thursday 7th and the displays will be on view from 10am. to 6pm on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th and on Sunday 10th from 1pm to 6pm, teas/coffees will be available throughout. Whatever we raise over the three days will be sent to Historic Churches Trust and they will send half of the proceeds back to the church so the more we can raise, the more we get back. We would appreciate sponsorship towards the flowers or offers of flowers or greenery and also offers of help stewarding, if you can help please let Angie Hutchings 45101 me 851113/07751240873 or Helen Hayman 07806480246 know, thank you..

The Mission Community had lots of visitors to their marquee at Honiton show for a rest and refreshments with facilities for baby changing and feeding and a manned childrens' play area we had good feed-back from very happy customers. Thanks to Jane for all her organisation.

Forthcoming Church Services 11am unless stated

August

13th Parish Eucharist
20th lay-led Matins
27th Parish Eucharist
27th No Evensong

September

3rd Family Eucharist with refreshments
10th Parish Eucharist
17th Lay-led Morning Worship
24th Parish Eucharist
24th Team Evensong Awliscombe 6.30
choir practice 5.30

200 CLUB RESULTS AUGUST

1st Ava Marker-Morgan
4th Liz Warne

2nd Paul Miller
5th Brian Painter

3rd Genevieve Evans

Gittisham Fete 2017

A huge thank you to all who helped in any way – decorating the hall, washing up, on a stall, clearing up, providing items for the stalls, coming and supporting.

We raised over £1500 and the Church, the Village Hall and the defibrillator fund will all benefit equally. **Next year's fete will be on 7th July 2018** – so that's a date for next year's diary!

Thank you all again, from the fete committee.

The Gazette is printed at St. Paul's Honiton each month, if you know anyone who might like to keep up with Gittisham or Gittisham Vale news and don't have it delivered they could get it by email. Do please let Carol know and you will be added to the list.

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