

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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WHAT A DISPLAY!

ANGIE HUTCHINGS

A very big thank you to everyone who organised, participated in or visited the Gittisham Flower and Produce Show held on 3rd August. There were well over 200 wonderful entries from an age range of 3 to 80+ which were viewed and admired by all our visitors. We hope even more people will be encouraged to join in the fun next year on 1st August 2020.

There were a magnificent 32 participants for the 'Potato in a Bucket' competition. Please collect your potato bucket and keep it for next year's exciting competition. The winner was Len Abbott with 1.63 kg, second Henry Rowswell with 1.13kg and third Ada Partridge with 1.01 kg.

The cup winners were: Vegetable Cup - Len Abbott, Best Vegetable - Len Abbott, Flower Cup – Angie Hutchings, Best Floral Exhibit – Angie Hutchings, Homecraft Cup – Sarah Abbott, , Men Only Cup (cake baking) – Stephen Howe, Children's Cup 3-6 years Cecily Vyner-Brooks, Children's Cup 6 – 12 years William Fuller, Carol McCann Cup – Clara Hall.

Dates for your diaries

August

17th Coffee get-together 10.30 – 12.00 Parish room or outside, everyone welcome

31st Concert by the Parnham Voices from Beaminster 4.30 in Gittisham Church with refreshments after. Free entry, donations on retiring. (see separate article)

September

5th Gittisham PCC meeting – Paish Room 7.15/7.30

14th Gittisham's Big Bash & Boules finals (see separate articles)

19th Film discussion night, details from om Carol Hall 850793/07854492347

21st Coffee get-together 10.30 – 12.00

22nd Team Evensong at Buckerell (harvest theme) 6.30 Choir practice 5.30

29th Play reading evening with Sarah Agg-Manning (Under Milkwood) in the village Hall 7.00 everyone very welcome details from Sarah 851177 – hopefully one of many

Parnham Voices on Safari - Concert in Gittisham Church 31st August

Parnham Voices, the Beaminster based a cappella choir, will be on safari on Saturday 31st August 2019. Safari is a special event in the choir's calendar, when the members come back together after the long summer break and visit four different churches during the day, giving short, informal concerts showcasing the choir's large repertoire. There is no charge for admission, a retiring collection for charity will be taken

Parnham Voices is a small chamber choir formed in 2002, the singers coming from a wide area centred on Beaminster, Dorset. The choir sings all types of music - medieval to modern, sacred and secular - including masses and motets, anthems and folk songs, Victorian pieces and evergreens from the twenties and thirties. They have been invited to sing in many beautiful venues, including Bath Abbey, Sherborne Abbey, Salisbury Cathedral and Barrington Court as well as performing in the Beaminster Festival in support of the well-respected Armonico Consort and as performers in their own right.

As you may be aware, a housing need survey was carried out in Gittisham in 2016 which identified the need for 6 affordable homes in the parish. Since that time Gittisham Community Land Trust (GCLT) has been formed to undertake the development of these homes. The GCLT has been working closely with the Combe Estate to identify a suitable site for a small development and after a public meeting on 16th May their preferred site (Agricultural Buildings former Town Farm, Exeter Road) was officially endorsed by the majority of those attending.

The next steps are to engage solicitors, consultants, architects and a housing association who will manage the homes and then to submit a planning application to East Devon District Council.

As Gittisham is a small rural village, the need for these homes must be justified. Therefore as the housing need survey is now over 3 years old and people’s circumstances may have changed in the intervening years, it has been decided to update the housing need in the parish. As part of this process the GCLT is running a “drop-in” event for anyone interested in affordable housing in the village.

Time & Date : 3 – 7 pm Thursday 10th October 2019 Venue : Gittisham Village Hall

At this drop-in, representatives from Gittisham CLT and Wessex CLT Project, the Devon Rural Housing Enabler and East Devon District Council Housing Options department will be available to discuss the development and to advise how to register on Devon Home Choice which is the local housing register. All conversations will be held in strictest confidence and no personal data will be passed on to members of the GCLT or Parish Council.

In order to apply for these homes, you would need a local connection to Gittisham, either by residence, employment, upbringing or a family connection.

It is important that anyone who believes they need affordable rented housing registers on Devon Home Choice as this is where the homes will be advertised and where applicants can apply for them. Early application will enhance the chances of being allocated a home.

If you cannot attend this drop in but would like to register your interest and find out more, please contact Janice Alexander at Devon Communities Together who will be carrying out the housing need update.

Janice is available by email at janice@devoncommunities.org.uk or telephone 01392 248919. David Valentine Gittisham Community Land Trust

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY? - PAUL WAKLEY

In the 1970’s when I learned that Belle Vue was once called Baal’s hill, I looked Baal up in a dictionary and found that he was a god associated with weather. This fitted very well with the amount of water the hill sometimes deluges us with.

At about that time I wondered why there are two St Michael’s churches within a couple of miles of each other. At that time ley lines were discussed in the papers etc, St Michael’s churches being built on them. This also seemed to tie in very well.

About a year or so ago I read an article on Baal and found that he was also known as beelzebub (the devil). As St Michael defeated the devil in the war in Heaven , I wondered if that is the reason our church is dedicated to St Michael. To show the locals that our God is the more powerful.

THANK YOU FROM DAPHNE Thank you to everyone who helped us (Daphne and Lily) raise £360 for Children's Hospice SW. Everyone who came to the quiz night had fun and we're very sorry for inflicting GCSE maths questions on you. Lots of friends who couldn't get to the quiz passed on donations and we're very grateful for your support. We did the 200 foot abseil at Canonteign Falls and had to be quite brave. It was tricky to start and then very slippery and the powerful water made it hard work. You're all very kind and we'd especially like to thank our families for making the whole event possible.

PLAYGROUND NEWS

Look out for the new slide in our village playground. Funded by the Big Lottery, the slide arrives in mid August and has a small climbing wall too. Also look out for the surprise balancing game in the family orchard. Have fun!

BOULES TOURNAMENT

The Village Hall Committee are organising a boules competition, with semi-finals and finals to be played at the Village Bash on 14th September. Open to all ages, all friends and relatives who want to join in. To enter please put names on the list in the bus shelter, call or text Bill 07516189695 by 17th August. A cup will be presented to the winner.

GITTISHAM VILLAGE BASH – SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

In September, Gittisham will be celebrating our amazing village with a party. The Gittisham Bash will include the ever popular Duck Race which will start at 3pm (tickets available from the committee below), followed by the final round of Bill's Boules and there will be Maggie's Historic Ramble and a talk about 'Kitchen Gardens at The Pig' to look forward to. The raffle will offer a selection of prizes. The evening celebration, (adults £10, primary school children £5) commences at 6pm in the hall with food, bar and music. Live music, starring our outstanding local talent will commence at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale shortly from Angie (01404 45101), Carol (01404 850793), Rosie (01404 850873), Terry (01404 850443), Pierre (01404 851442) Bill (01404 851428) and Judith (01404 851061).

Put the date in your diary, bring your friends and join in the fun. Please contact Angie (01404 45101) if you can help on the day or evening.

ARTIST/ARTISAN: AN ART EXHIBITION

HELEN MADDEN

I am always amazed at the wealth and diversity of talent in Gittisham. The village seems to have more than its fair share of creatives. Now a, relatively, new resident reveals her talents.

Kate Kimber is making her curatorial debut with a wonderful art show in Sidmouth during the Folk Festival at Kennaway House from Saturday 3rd to Friday 9th August. 14 artists will be exhibiting, 4 with close Gittisham connections - the painter Robert Jennison RWA, sculptor Jo Golesworthy, emerging artist Octavia Madden and installation artist Kate herself. Artist/Artisan will include paintings, kinetic sculpture, sound art, paper sculpture, wood, ceramics, tapestry and contemporary silverwork. There will also be a tiny cupboard of tiny things. Most of the work is for sale. Kate designed the exhibition "to create something happy" and it is open 10.00 - 16.30. Entry is free.

A RIDE IN THE PARK AND CREAM TEA AT COMBE FARM!

At 2.30 pm on Sunday August 18th I would like to invite you to Combe Farm for a ride around The Park by tractor and trailer along with sharing my herd of Arabian Horses. The Park is a very special place for me especially when haymaking! The views are exceptional from many angles that you may never have experienced and the stories that I would like to share with you I hope will entertain you. Followed by a Cream Tea at the Farm for £6 per head with proceeds to St. Michael's Church. This could well be a very special afternoon for everyone – me included! Our horses still manage to cut a dash at the local show gaining First and Champion in the Arabian Class followed by Reserve Supreme Champion of the whole show – quite a feat!

Further, I am sad to share with you our lovely Gittisham Elm is a fear showing signs of 'die-back' in its upper branches and I fear may not survive. We must enjoy it whilst we can!

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Obituary

Maurice Gray died in his sleep whilst in Wonford on Monday 29th July. His funeral is at St. Paul's on Monday 12th August at 11.30 followed by a private cremation. Maurice's ashes will return to Gittisham to join all members of his family. Maurice was born at Gorse Cottage.

Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

July was quite a quiet month however we had four big birthdays to celebrate from 70 years to Cliff Wensley at 101 and Mary Ward and Lilian Hayman both 90 congratulations to all we hope you had special days. It was lovely to see Doren and Ernie Wensley at the Village Flower & Produce show, brought by Ian and Liz Warne who sadly in the very near future will also be moving to Sidmouth, Ian is kindly remaining as Treasurer and is looking for someone to take on the role next year and hopes that when someone comes forward he or she can shadow him to get the gist of what is necessary, if you might be interested do please get in touch with Ian 07762919935 / iancwarne@gmail.com. The first Sunday service in September will be a pet one so do bring yours along (hopefully outdoors). In the past we have had stick insects, chickens, hamsters, cats, dogs and ponies, so all types are welcome, we will be serving refreshments afterwards. It is hoped to have children or adults playing instruments, if you would like to participate get in touch with Julia on 07763111367/gshaminister@gmail.com

Holy dusters for August, Ian and Liz Warne and Angie Hutchings, September Phyllis Broadhurst, Peter & Ann Stansell As you will notice from the service details below we are having to have a said service on the 4th Sundays as we do not have an organist, we do hope this might change sometime. Another change coming up is from September our first Sunday all age service will be non-Eucharistic for a three month trial.

Forthcoming Church Services Gittisham and Mission Community 11am unless stated

August

11th Parish eucharist
18th Lay-led sung matins
25th Said Parish Eucharist

September

1st Lay-led pet service outside if possible all pets welcome with refreshments
8th Parish Eucharist
15th Lay-led Morning Worship
22nd Said Parish Eucharist
29th Parish Eucharist

200 CLUB AUGUST 2019 RESULTS

1st Mrs J. Lovell 2nd Jennifer Lawrence-Jones 3rd Ben Cheffey
4th Ken Horn 5th Liz Warne

The 200 Club has several numbers available and cost £12 per year this is a vital source of income for our church, There are 12 monthly draws paying £40, £20, £15, £10 and £5 with 2 six monthly (March & September) of £48. If you would like to join our 200 Club (as we are 4 months in to the year the fee would be £8.00 per number for the rest of this year) do please let me know. Carol McCann 851113 07946409142 charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk

Christmas boxes for the Food Bank. I am hoping to start collecting items for family Christmas boxes including any of the following - toiletries, goodies, such as Christmas pudding, stuffing, sweets, knitted hats, gloves or scarves, toys, games etc. The boxes shouldn't be wrapped but if you wish to include a sheet of giftwrap the food bank will cover after matching the box to a family. If you can contribute items I can make up boxes if you would like to help with this, please let me know 851113/07946409142 and I will collect from you or bring them to Gittisham Church or my home 3, School Cottages, Gittisham. Last years were very much appreciated. Many thanks Carol

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