

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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FOOTPATHS, BRIDLEWAYS AND BYWAYS

Are you interested in footpaths, bridleways and byways in Gittisham parish? Devon County Council is carrying out a review of public rights of way that lie within this parish, and it needs your help to ensure that existing public rights of way are correctly recorded in terms of status and location. This is work the council has been carrying out for nearly 30 years across Devon, considering each parish in turn. Gittisham is recorded as having four footpaths and three bridleways. Maybe you know of others? Could there be footpaths in use that don't appear on any official maps? For example, some believe that a footpath survey carried out in 1950 overlooked a path between Hayne Farm and Goldcombe. Do you have any old parish maps, or any other evidence of paths being used? If that's the case, you can suggest changes to the rights of way network which could be incorporated in the review. Come along to the village hall on Saturday, February 25th between 10.30am and 12pm and tell councillors about the footpaths and bridleways you use. Tel. 01404 851442 07899 932620 Fiona Clampin – Parish Clerk

Dates for your diary February

18th Coffee get-together 10.30 – 12 noon in the Parish Room

Friday 24th The Kings School PTFA Quiz Night 7.00/7.30 start, Teams of 6 Adults £5. Students £3. Raising funds to support student activities and equipment book your team at ptfa@the.kings.devon.sch.uk

25th Footpaths Public Meeting Gittisham Village Hall 10.30 – 12.00 – your views appreciated.

25th Quiz Night Village Hall £6.00 / £3.00 under 14. Teams up to 6, Soup & Ploughman's Supper. No bar, bring own drinks. Raffle. Quiz Master Marty. Book table from Carol McCann 01404 851113.

26th Team Evensong at St. Mary & St Giles Buckerell 6.30pm (choir practice 5.30)

28th. Tip,Tip Toe There will be tea in village hall beginning 4 o'clock the children then walk around the village collecting goodies and keeping this old tradition alive. Look forward to seeing lots of children there. Details from Carole Rowe 01404 42510.

2nd March Gittisham Fete Meeting 8 pm, Gittisham Village Hall Bring a bottle, bring ideas, bring contacts! Everyone welcome to come along and make this years fete even better, brighter, busier and bursting with fun! So please just turn up or pass information to Sue Fallows, Jayne Bramley or Helen Hayman! Stalls, entertainment and much more needed for a great day on 1st July put it in your diary!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Edith and Sid Phillips, Sid is still in Exeter, it is thought that Sid will remain in there for a little while longer and hope he will soon be able to come back to Honiton. Edith has now returned to the village. We wish them both good recoveries and may they be reunited soon.

Frances and Charles Holme have a new addition to the family, Max a 2 year-old rescue black Labrador has taken up residence and is settling in nicely.

FOND FAREWELL. -BARBARA STARR Mother of Liz Warne and Sister Margaret, Mother-in-law of Ian Warne slipped away peacefully on the 18th January at her residential home in Bournemouth at the age of 106 and three quarters! Her funeral has taken place We wish Liz, Ian, Margaret and their families comfort and peace in their grieving. Barbara lived in Gittisham for many years with her late husband who was the Treasurer to Gittisham's P. C. C.

PARISH COUNCIL – FEBRUARY REPORT

Six councillors met for the February meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC), Claire Wright (DCC), Sara Randall Johnson (DCC) and two members of the public were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Susie Bond said EDDC is waiting for more information from the applicant as regards the Estate Yard and bridge applications. Claire Wright said there was still time to respond to the public consultation on schools funding. The address for responding is: HighNeedsFundingReform.CONULTATION@education.gov.uk David Fallows agreed to write on the parish council's behalf to local MP Neil Parrish and Hugo Swire with concerns over the formula used to calculate funding. At King's School for instance, it could mean bigger class sizes and fewer subjects available at A-level in future. Claire Wright added that a decision over hospital beds could be made on 2nd March. She also agreed to speak to somebody at DCC about what possibilities exist for reducing the speed of traffic through Gittisham village.

Crime.

No report received.

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Planning applications.

- Nags Head Farm Nags Head Road Gittisham EX14 3AW - Proposed conversion of barn into two residential units

Members had no objections.

Hayne Lane development.

David Valentine said he and Susie Bond met representatives from Baker Estates, who are developing the site west of Hayne Lane. They asked about the possibility of a pedestrian link between the new development and Gittisham village, but the developer said they would not be responsible for taking anything beyond the boundary of the site. John Adamson commented that links such as these can encourage crime and anti-social behaviour.

Public rights of way.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting on 25th February. Sara Randall Johnson said there was some DCC money available for footpaths.

Support grants.

David Fallows said the parish council was empowered to make small donations to local charities. In the past organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau and transport provider TRIP (whose objectives have a direct benefit to residents) have benefited. Members would like to encourage people to suggest charities in the area which would fit these criteria.

Future projects.

Members agreed they would support the defibrillator, and Stella Adamson offered to help drive this project forward.

Next meeting. This will be on 1st March at 7.30pm.

GRAIN TO CREAM - RUSSELL HAYMAN

A month into 2017 and what do I expect it to hold in store for us. Going to be interesting the price we are now selling milk for is gradually rising at last but what we have to buy is going up faster. Fertiliser has gone up by over 50% since last June feeds are going up nearly as quickly so it will be interesting to see if we are able to get some of that back from the market will be a first if we do. Now we don't have the French farmer to fight our cause can't see our muppets doing much in Westminster, the price of food must never go up. As for further into the future any bodies guess.

Nearer more immediate future spring is on the way so now I've put that in writing winter will be here for 3 more months at least. We still have a few sheep running about making sheep shape holes in the hedges (try saying that quickly). So that means more maintenance, fencing, any gate posts to sort out ditches to clean drains to clear, and sheep shape holes to stop up, dam sheep nice with mint sauce!

Then when ground conditions are good to go you guessed it muck spreading we have to keep topping up those country aromas, (smile it organic! far better than a smoky old VW) fertiliser spreading to get the grass to grow and generally getting ready for next winter. Just hamsters in a wheel we are.

BEAUMONT CHARITY

The Beaumont Charity was established in 1596 with the stated aim of 'assisting the poor, infirm and impotent of Gittisham'. After 420 years these intentions need to be updated to reflect current society and the changed requirements of the Trust's beneficiaries. The Beaumont Trustees are agreed that both the structure of the charity and the way in which its funds are donated need to be modernised.

Previously, beneficiaries have received quarterly payments from the Trust fund with little consideration of need. The Trustees have decided that donations will be given based on applications being made and approved, these applications will be considered at Beaumont Trustee quarterly meetings. In the case of urgent need an immediate decision may be made.

The Trustees will follow both trust law and Charity Commission guidelines when making decisions. There is no set list of reasons for seeking a donation and all applications will be considered, however typical examples of applications could be to help with the payment of a home safeguard pendant, utility bills, or assistance with replacing a domestic appliance.

The Trust allows the Trustees to consider applications from the whole of the Gittisham Vale as well as Gittisham village boundaries.

The Trustees of the Beaumont Charity are:

Richard Marker, Chair
Charles Holme, Secretary
Mike Dawes, Treasurer
Roy Abbott
Jayne Bramley

Contact details for applications: charles.holme@talk21.com or telephone Roy Abbott on 01404 850550

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT Carol McCann.

Now that the Christmas and Epiphany seasons are now over we are now in the lead-up to Lent which starts with Ash Wednesday (1st March) There will be 'Ashing' Services in St. Paul's at and Awliscombe 7.30pm. There will be a Lent course possibly on some of the Psalms, held in St. Paul's details from Parish Office 44035 or carol 851113.

Forthcoming Church Services 11am unless stated

February

12th Parish Eucharist
19th Lay-led Morning Worship
26th Parish Eucharist

March

5th Family Eucharist with refreshments
12th Parish Eucharist
19th Lay-led Sung Matins
26th Mothering Sunday Family service

200 CLUB RESULTS FEBRUARY

1st Alice Hayman	2nd Rosemary Wensley	3rd Ann Boakes
4th Charlie O'Reilly	5th Bill Griffiths	

200 Club subscriptions are due in March, £12.00 per year, a few numbers available.

Christian Review Subscription is due still £5.00 for the 12 editions If you haven't paid yet, I would be grateful to have your payment as soon as possible please. If you would like to have this Church Magazine, which encompasses various churches in Honiton and the villages please let me know. 01404851113.

FOR SALE

Volvo XC70 2011 Diesel Manual 38,000 miles MOT July 2017

Audi TT Convertible Petrol Manual 46,000 miles MOT September 2017 01404 45101

SCHOOL REPORTS

Kings School :Now in a new term and so many topics to discuss- one is change in uniform which is in consultation and the other as you may have heard is the funding (lack of) both highly important to such a successful school!

Also 6 th form applications started and workshops for parents with students also are taking place , preparing for GCSEs. Vaccinations took place for year 10's, various students have received headteacher commendations for outstanding work in a variety of subjects, the rotary youth presents music competition saw a couple students come 3rd in their respective heats, the (mad) make a difference group made and sold refreshments at the event , raising funds for Devon air ambulance. The green leaders led an assembly promoting awareness of fair trade, a selection of students were selected to represent Devon in their respective age groups, the boys badminton teams have all been crowned east Devon champions representing at the county finals in February and the mix of students in the cross country championships did extremely well so huge congratulations to all ! PTFA is still strong and all our funds raised feed back to the students in a variety of supportive ways, please join us for meetings & events , **Helen Hayman**.

Feniton School: Has been running Internet Safety Training workshops for parents. These workshops gave an important insight into the potential risks children face today from advancing technology and their personal devices. There are useful links on the school website

In 2015/16 Feniton Primary ranked joint third place for our high attendance rate (97.2%) compared to all other primary schools in Devon. This is very impressive and the school has thanked parents for supporting the school in maintaining these exceedingly high standards.

Finally, the school are collecting Sainsburys Vouchers. If you have any spare, please pass them to Carol Hall, via the church if necessary.

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