

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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### GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS ARE COMING FROM EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL.

East Devon is moving forward with plans to introduce a district-wide chargeable green waste collection service this year.

The council is working with partners SUEZ UK to provide a fortnightly chargeable green waste collection service for its residents who have been asking for a reliable district-wide service of this kind for some time.

The council has now approved the proposals and the service is expected to be introduced in Spring 2018.

Many councils across the country successfully operate a chargeable green waste collection service and East Devon is keen to continue to further improve and modernise its recycling and waste service by introducing this new initiative.

The new service will cost £48 a year, with an introductory offer of a free 240ltr green bin. For less than £2 per collection green waste will be collected from the kerbside of residents' homes - easy, reliable, recycled. The service is not being subsidised by the council tax payer.

If you would like to register your interest in the service, please fill in a **green waste interest form** online at [eastdevon.gov.uk](http://eastdevon.gov.uk) or call customer services on 01395 571515. They can then contact you nearer the time with details on how to subscribe.

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### Dates for your Diary

#### February

- 11th Farewell Service for Rev. Jane at St. Paul's 10.00** no other services in the villages
- 11th Snowdrop Tea at Combe Raleigh Church** from 2.30, snowdrop plants for sale
- 13th. Tip Tip Toe 4.00pm** for tea in the village hall followed by collecting round the village all children welcome to keep this age old tradition alive, contact Carole Rowe 42510
- 17th Coffee get-together Parish Room 10.30 – 12.00 everyone welcome**
- 24th Quiz Night with Marty, 7.00 for 7.30 start**, Teams up to 6, £6.00 including supper, no bar so bring own drinks. Raffle. Book table from Sue Fallows 01404 850922

#### March

- 3rd Charity Dinner in aid of the toilet twinning charity 'Let's help flush away poverty'** run by the Village Hall Committee £10 for 3 courses (£5 for small meals). Please contact Sue Fallows (01404 850922 or [sfsuefallows@gmail.com](mailto:sfsuefallows@gmail.com)) to book your tickets as she needs to know how many to cater for. (Please see page 3 for information on this charity). There is no bar, please bring your own drinks. There may be a raffle.
- 11th Mothering Sunday Family Service with Posies** (please note change from usual Sunday). Any donations of spring flowers would be gratefully received

## HAYNE FARM NEWS - JACK BARTLETT

Since the last time I wrote it has hardly stopped raining! Trust a farmer to go on about the weather, the fields are saturated and we can't really get on them with any heavy machinery. The main job that we are waiting on is to spread the winters slurry that the cows have produced, it doesn't smell great but when the conditions are correct this is a fantastic fertiliser for the summers grass production.

It is going to be all change at Hayne this year, we are moving! Not far to the other side of the village to Sherman's farm where the Hulberts have been farming. This is a very exciting opportunity for me and my farming career. The farm shop will be staying put, but over the next 12 months or so the farm will gradually move, with taking the robot milkers with us to be installed at Sherman's then moving all of the stock. A very busy year ahead!

Also Nicola and Rebecca would like to thank you all for your continued support in the shop, as probably most of you know the road has been closed for a couple of weeks due to work by south west water for the housing development, and we do appreciate you having to take a detour to get to us and there will be further closures in a few weeks.

I am very lucky to be off skiing this week to France, of the time I get away from the farm it is the skiing I definitely enjoy the most. Once in the winter routine of feeding, scraping and bedding stock it is important to get away from the farm for a few days.

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### The Kings School Report: - Helen Hayman.

There is such a busy schedule that I'm never going to cover all that happens: from parents evenings, arts evening, Tarr Barrels burger stall, Christmas Fayre, Carol service, various workshops, music & Drama performances, many sports events, outside trips ( one of which 23 year 10 students attended an intensive French language course in Normandy!) Also charity events , among those supported was the shoebox appeal, also the local community benefitted too with a party for senior citizens!

Not forgetting the hard work on the academic side with mock exams , GCSE & A levels, exams then results certificates collection taking place and currently sixth form applications are being made! Good luck to some of our children here in Glttisham who have important exams soon ! Staff too have left , with new staff employed and the uniform has smartened up with ties and blazers! A security fence has been erected and everyone given a pass to secure the safety of all who attend!

The PTFA is strong and always open to new members!

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### People in the News

Daphne Hall has gained the Chief Scout Gold award, which required her to complete 9 challenges, such as expeditions and team leadership. She's also training hard for the Ten Tors challenge, where she'll represent her Sea Scouts on the 35 mile hike in May.

If any children in the parish want advice on Scouts or Brownies do get in touch with Hamish and Carol Hall, who are both leaders. Or talk to Daphne and Clara about what they get up to.

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A warm Gittisham welcome to Matt, Nikkolay, Freddie and George who have come to live at Pomeroy in the village. We wish you a very happy life here and look forward to meeting you at one of our village event.

Robert Rowe is also training for the 35 mile hike on Ten tors for Kings School.

Several children in the village are madly studying for both GCSE and A Level exams, we wish you all great results.

## FAREWELL FROM THE TEAM VICAR!

You may not realise this but when, as a priest, you go to different Churches, you come to realise how unique each Church is! St Michael's, Gittisham is quite unique, set in a quintessential English village with several thatched cottages and a village green. We have been able to hold Carols on the green, wedding drinks there and a most successful pet's service, with the Rev'd Philip.

Because you are unique I will remember you, along with all the others naturally. I rush to get to you on a Sunday morning whilst you wait in your boxed pews. Christingle services with the best and biggest sweets on the oranges, Judith's Confirmation in the Cathedral when so many of you came, all your flower festivals, Christmas scenes and so many social occasions in the Village Hall, usually involving food, are some of the things I will never forget! You certainly have a character all of your own!

6 years have passed quickly and now I am about to retire. I wish you all the very best. Continue to work together within the village and do get to know the other Church families – they are a good lot too!

Many blessings, Jane

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### Obituary

It is with the greatest sadness that I have to announce the death on the 4th of February of Dinky Hollis. Dinky and Husband Des were regular attendees of Gittisham Church, coming most weeks from their home in Sidmouth. Des was a great friend of Freddie Blackmore (both served in the RAF) Dinky will be much missed her lovely smile and great gentleness, wisdom, care and her encouragement to us all she was without doubt a wonderful person. We send our thoughts, prayers and love to Des and the family members (several grandchildren were Christened in Gittisham Church). Rest in peace Dinky and rise in glory.

Denis Weston passed away on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. He moved in to Gittisham Hill House from his home in Gittisham Vale. Denis had not been too well for a little time, may he rest in peace with his late wife Pat. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family,

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### **'LET'S HELP FLUSH AWAY POVERTY' - 2.4 BILLION PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A LOO**

Around a third of the world's population have to use fields, streams, rivers, canal banks, railway lines,, rivers, roadsides, plastic bags or disease-breeding buckets.

Toilet twinning raises funds to enable people living in poor communities to have clean water, a basic toilet and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that helps generational poverty.

The idea is you can twin your loo to sponsor an individual toilet (£60.) or several to sponsor a toilet block for a school or community (£240) You'll receive a certificate to hang in the loo/s featuring a photo of your toilet twin, the latrine's location and even it's GPS co-ordinates.. You can gift-aid your donation the fund will gain an extra 25p per £1. donated At the dinner run by the Village Hall Committee on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, there will be a speaker – Julia Beaman who has organised very successful twinning from St. Paul's in Honiton Julia will be able to answer any questions you might have.

Gittisham Church are planning to put on another event for this charity in the future so watch out for news. If you would like to find out more you can go to [www.toilettwining.org](http://www.toilettwining.org) or telephone 0300 321 3217. We are also planning throughout Lent (14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Easter), the WaterAid 'Jars of Change Lent Appeal' Sleeves for your jars are available from Carol McCann, last year's collection of jars raised over £400. which included proceeds from the coffee morning and cake sale. I do hope you can help again this year, we do tend to take our water for granted despite the amount we pay to South West Water!

## **Church Wardens Report Carol McCann**

Our Mission Community is about to have a testing time with Rev. Jane Lankester's retirement. Rev'd Sue will be needing all the help she can get from the lay congregations around the Mission Community, there are three retired priests who do help and Rev. Ann Stuckey has been given interim permission to officiate in our Team whilst still ministering in the Seaton team. Rev. Ann will probably be taking our family services when on the 1st Sunday (there is a change for March as Mothering Sunday is on the 11th so the family service will be on that date). We wish Rev. Jane a very happy retirement and hope she plus cat Dodger will be very happy in their new home. On the 4th February Rev. Jane took her last service in Gittisham, accompanied by Rev. Ann. At the refreshments afterwards we had hot and cold nibbles with wine and sherry. Helen Hayman kindly prepared a memories book with much writing from parishioners, photographs and a copy of the poem that is in the porch. This along with a Gittisham Tea Towel was presented to Jane.

### **Forthcoming Church Services 11am unless stated**

#### **February**

- 11th no service in villages Mission Community  
Farewell service for Rev Jane at St. Paul's  
10.00 with refreshments
- 14th Ash Wednesday services 11am St. Paul's  
7.30 Buckerell
- 18th Lay-led sung Matins
- 25<sup>th</sup> Parish Eucharist

#### **March**

- 4th Parish Eucharist (Note change)
- 11th Family Service with posies for  
Mothering Sunday + refreshments
- 18th Lay-led Morning Worship
- 25<sup>th</sup> Parish Eucharist – Palm Sunday
- 30<sup>th</sup> Lay-led reflective service for  
Good Friday with hot X buns

### **200 CLUB RESULTS FEBRUARY**

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| 1st Ann Boakes   | 2nd Mr J. Zebers  |                      |
| 3rd Helen Hayman | 4th Guy Carstairs | 5th Alison Valentine |

**March is the time to renew your 200 Club Subscriptions for 2018/19 at £12.00 per year, these can be paid by cash/cheque (Gittisham PCC) or by annual standing order (forms available from Carol McCann. There are also some numbers available. If anyone could offer help to collect subscriptions do please let me know as I cannot do it without more help.**

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### **GRASS AVAILABLE**

We have 2 fields with plenty of grass and are looking for some sheep to graze them. No charge but owner must be responsible for them. Contact Ian Warne – [ian.warne@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ian.warne@tiscali.co.uk)

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**GITTISHAM MEMORIES** will take place again this year over the weekend of 26/27 May. More memorabilia/photos needed by Helen Hayman and offers of help.07806480246. Refreshments will be served throughout each day. More details nearer the time. Do put the date in your diary.

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