

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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### A FOND FAREWELL TO CLIFF

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of January St. Michael's Gittisham was lovely and full to say goodbye to Cliff Wensley who died age 101 at his home in Gittisham. Cliff was a stalwart of the church having served about 25 years as churchwarden and longer on the PCC he attended church every week until just before Christmas. As mentioned in a previous Gazette Cliff had recently been awarded The Legion d'Honneur Medal for his WWII service during the D Day and Normandy Landings amongst other campaigns. He served in Italy, was a Desert Rat, among the first to cross the River Seine going on up to Germany through France, Belgium and Holland and crossing the Rhine. Cliff's final act of service was assisting in the rehabilitation and dispersement from the Belsen Bergan Concentration Camp. All his medals were mounted and placed on his coffin for the service. Rest in peace Cliff now you are reunited with your Gladys.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### February

- 15th Coffee get-together in the Parish Room 10.30 – 12 noon everyone welcome
- 16th Combe Raleigh Church's Snowdrop Tea 2.30-4.30 with bulb sale
- 20th Film 'discussion' night The Sting 7.00 pm village hall £2.00 (see below)
- 21st Hospiscare lunchtime concert with lunch (see separate article page 3)
- 25th Shrove Tuesday Pancake coffee morning Mackarness Hall 9.00 – 12.00
- 26th Tip Tip Toe, (see separate article below).
- 29th Quiz Night with Hamish, bangers & Mash supper, raffle, (see separate article)

#### March

- 7th Pierre Graeber's Pop Up Restaurant (see separate article page 2)

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### THE DANCING SHOES HAD A BUSY EVENING!

On behalf of the village hall committee, I would like to thank everyone who purchased food, cooked, set up, washed up, cleared up and took entry/raffle money at our Burns Night. Also thank you to everyone who joined us for an evening of fun, friendship and laughter.

Put the date in your diary for 2021 – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January!

Angie Hutchings

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### TIP TIP TOE. TUES 25TH FEBRUARY, SHROVE TUESDAY. 4.00PM .

Tip, Tip Toe is a tradition which has taken place in the village for many generations. For those new to the village, the children go door to door with a special chant to kindly ask for money; this is then split between the children taking part. This is my first year of organising the event, which will be on Tuesday 25th February, the children meet for tea in the village hall at around 4pm. I would very much like to welcome along any new children (and parents) and to also say thank you in advance for the generous donations they hope to receive. Carla Cheffey 07739 838625.

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### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February The Sting

7pm start,. Winner of 7 Oscars, 94% Rotten Tomatoes rating and featuring the great duo – Paul Newman and Robert Redford. £2 donation please towards popcorn and hall.

## **GITTISHAM MEMORIES WEEKEND SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Helen Hayman is running the memories weekend again this year, please put the dates in your diaries. Do you have any items that Helen could display or anecdotes to impart. Also help would be much appreciated on the Friday to help set up. The church are running the refreshments on the Saturday and village hall on the Sunday, if you would like to help with refreshments please let Carol (851113) know for Saturday or Angie (45101) for the Sunday, and Helen (758334/07806480246 /[haymanhelen@gmail.com](mailto:haymanhelen@gmail.com)) for any other help or memorabilia. It is hoped the photos Julian took will also be on display

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### **TRIP COMMUNITY TRANSPORT 01404 46529 Office/Shop at 29-31 New Street Honiton**

Trip provides hospital/surgery cars, mobility items and accessories, weekly shopping trips to/ from various areas, befriending and much more. Information and help from qualified staff.

**Trip Passenger Club outings for February bookings to 01404 46529**

**Sundays – fortnightly Pub lunch & Country Drive £9.**

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dunelm £8.**

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Tiverton £9.**

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Greendale Farm Shop with café £8.**

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Sherborne £10.**

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> The Range, Exeter £8.**

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### **GITTISHAM QUIZ NIGHT – 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

On this rare extra day, once every four years, we are pleased to announce the next quiz. 7.00 for 7.30 at the Village Hall. Teams up to 6. Supper Bangers and Mash with a vegan option, no bar so please bring own drinks. Book your team through Hamish on 01404 850793. The cost will be £6.50 per person but with reduced rates for kids at school. The quizmaster will be Hamish - all ages and IQ levels very welcome.

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### **CAREFUL CHOICES**

East Devon District Council has initiated a consultation exercise called 'Careful Choices', which is available from [www.eastdevon.gov.uk/community-engagement/careful-choices](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/community-engagement/careful-choices). Some of our services are 'statutory' services, i.e. those which we have to provide by law, e.g. refuse collection, and some are 'discretionary', the services which we all like to see, e.g. parks and gardens, and public toilets. The Council is asking residents to identify which of the discretionary service they value most. For more information contact Jamie Buckley on 01395 517569. The consultation closes on 9 March 2020.

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### **Pop-up restaurant, 7.30pm Saturday 7th March 2020**

Chef Pierre Graeber returns to his roots with an all-French menu for his next pop-up restaurant in Gittisham Village Hall on Saturday 7th March. For starters, Pierre will be offering pork and duck 'rillettes', a speciality of his home ground of south-west France. The meat-free option will feature spicy aubergines and red peppers. This is followed by one of Pierre's signature dishes, beef cooked slowly in cocoa, while vegans and vegetarians can sample a mushroom and salsify ragout. To finish, choose from either a melt in the mouth fondant au chocolat with raspberry coulis or home-made lemon verbena and rosemary ice cream.

£25pp, £10 for children under 12 years old. Book by emailing [pierregraeber@yahoo.fr](mailto:pierregraeber@yahoo.fr) or 'phone 07545 214940.

## PARISH COUNCIL – FEBRUARY REPORT

Six councillors met for the February meeting. PC Linda Ebdon and two members of the public were also present.

**DCC / EDDC Report.** Phil Twiss said that following DCC cabinet approval, the Park and Change Science Park scheme will be completed by February next year. The £2.2m scheme will provide 300 parking spaces, secure bike lockers, shared hire bikes, shared hire cars and electric charging points. Susie Bond said EDDC is looking ahead at ways of bridging a £2.7m funding gap over the next four years, following cuts in central government funding. The Council has initiated a public consultation exercise called 'Careful Choices', which is available from [www.eastdevon.gov.uk/community-engagement/careful-choices](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/community-engagement/careful-choices).

**Crime.** 2 crimes, December 2019

- Vehicle crime, Devonshire Road; investigation complete, no suspect identified;
- Public order, Laburnum Close; unable to prosecute suspect.

PC Linda Ebdon explained that in the light of the recent murder in the parish, she wanted to reassure residents that such incidents are rare and people can contact the police at any time if they have concerns by dialling 101 for general enquiries / information and 999 in an emergency.

**Finance.** Members agreed the finances.

**Hayne Farm.** Andy Wilkins said he was pleased to report that the issues he had brought to DCC's attention as regards the road layout and signage would be rectified. He added that the replacement temporary safety barrier on Hayne Lane was not fit for purpose, as it keeps falling into the ditch.

**Bench, Gittisham Vale.** Peter Orchard said a number of residents had been consulted regarding the preferred site for the bench, and it was agreed to install it at the most favoured location. The clerk agreed to ask EDDC if it would be possible to install a permanent path with an all-weather walking surface from the existing footpath at the bottom of Laburnum Close to the bus turning circle at the bottom of Old Elm Road.

**Climate change measures.** Members agreed they would like to encourage residents to help mitigate the effects of climate change by signing up to a green energy provider. Carol Hall said she would investigate the possibility of double glazing for listed buildings, as this is being used in one property in the village.

**Village hall.** Councillors discussed the bids to carry out the village hall redecoration work and decided on the preferred contractor. The project will include repairs to internal and external plaster, new large windows at the front, painting internally and externally, roof timber treatment and insulation and repairs to drains and covers at the front. Members thanked Carol Hall for her work in taking this project forward.

**Play area.** Peter Orchard presented the research he had undertaken into upgrading the pétanque court; members heard that the total cost would be in the region of £2,500. The clerk agreed to investigate with EDDC whether S106 funds can be used to build the pétanque court from scratch.

**Lengthsman.** It was agreed to approach the lengthsman about the problem with water pouring down the road from Catshayes, as well as the level of salt in the bins around the parish.

**Next meeting.** This will be on 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the parish room.

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## HONITON HOSPISCARE SUPPORT GROUP

Invite you to '**SOUP, SWEET, AND SONG**' (a recipe for chasing away the winter blues). With maestro Trevor Bolshaw, Jan Sutcliffe, Mo Cuthbert and Brian Rees. On Friday 21 February at St. Paul's Church, Honiton. Lunch at 12 noon followed by concert at 1pm. Tickets £7 from Mary Bolshaw on 01404 43196. There will be a raffle.

## **Church Wardens Report Carol McCann**

Lent is just round the corner (Ash Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February) which brings me to ask if you are giving anything up? Gittisham Church has traditionally collected jars of change for WaterAid and these are usually collected in at Easter time. If you would like to participate in this very worthy cause do please let me know, I do have some gift aid slips. On the 10<sup>th</sup> January Bishop Robert came to the 'Celebrate Together' service which had the theme the Wise Men, there was a procession to the Nativity scene of around 25 plus, all dressed as Kings and bearing 'gifts' this service runs every other month and has a seasonal theme, it starts at 3.00 and finishes with tea about 3.45 and is open to all but especially those with special needs and their carers. Holy Dusters - February Amanda Acland & Sarah Agg-Manning, March Peter & Ann Stansell and Phylis Broadhurst can anyone offer to join them please. We are needing more holy dusters if you could help please contact Carol 851113.

### **Forthcoming Church Services Gittisham and Mission Community 11am unless stated**

**February**  
9th Parish Eucharist

16th Lay-led Sung Matins

23rd Parish Eucharist

23rd Team Choral Evensong Gittisham 6.30  
Choir practice 5,15

### **March**

1st lay-led all age service with refreshments

8th Parish Eucharist

15th lay-led Morning Worship

22nd Parish Eucharist Mothering Sunday with Posies

29th No service in Gittisham, Parish Eucharist at St Paul's 11am with bring & share lunch

### **200 CLUB FEBRUARY RESULTS**

1st Peter Orchard

2nd Ruby Marker-Morgan

3rd Ian Warne

4th Sarah Agg-Manning

5th Carol McCann

The 200 Club has 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, the 2020/2021 subscriptions are due in March to start on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please contact Carol McCann 851113 07946409142 [charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk) for an application form, Subs can be paid by cheque or standing order I can let you have a form.

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