

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Members of Gittisham's Parochial Church Council and Parish Council wish all our readers a very happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous 2020. The editor (Carol McCann) would be very pleased to have any news from you, of events, special anniversaries memorable trips etc. Sometimes it is hard to find enough to make an edition. The monthly church publication Christian Review has now ceased and been replaced by a much smaller Around the Parishes (just for the Honiton Mission Community). It gives services and times for St. Paul's, Awliscombe, Buckerell, Combe Raleigh, Cotleigh and Gittisham churches, plus news and events from each parish and a reflection from Rev'd Sue Roberts. Each parish church warden receives the publication by e-mail and forwards to anyone who would like to receive the news, several hard copies are printed for those without e-mail. If you would be interested in having Around the Parishes news please let me, Carol know 851113 (detail on last page) and I will add you to my list of recipients. I will need to have your request in writing – e-mail or hard copy – for data protection purposes.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### January

**16th Film 'discussion' night Captain Corelli's Mandolin 7.00 pm village hall £2.00 (see below)**

**25th Burns Supper 7/7.30 Village Hall, see article below**

**26th Play Reading in the village hall 7.00pm This month's play 'The Importance of being Ernest' £2.00 towards hall hire & refreshments. Details from Sarah Agg-Manning 851177**

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### THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT 7PM, CAPTAIN CORELLI'S MANDOLIN

Thank you to everyone who completed the Gittisham Film Doodle Poll.

The winning film was Captain Corelli's Mandolin (15) and in second place was The Sting. These will be the films for January and February respectively. There were five films in joint third so we will put them to a 'hands up' vote after February's film.

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### GET OUT THOSE DANCING SHOES!

The village hall committee are organising a Burns Night on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January in the village hall, 7 for 7.30pm. Price £8 adults, £4 primary school children, to include a 2 course meal. Please bring your own drinks.

Bring your family and friends and join in the fun. All ages welcome. You can turn up on the night but if possible, please phone Angie (01404 45101) to say you are coming – it helps to know how many to cater for. Please let me know in advance (by 18<sup>th</sup> January) if you would like vegetarian haggis.

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

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**Dear Gazette Reader,** Our Raffles need you. At our last village hall meeting we received a polite comment over the declining quality of our raffle prizes at events. After the small and dedicated band of the raffle prize sub committee were consoled - we agreed it was time to ask you - **yes you** - for that higher quality, but possibly unwanted Christmas present - that we could then raffle to raise money for your lovely village hall. Imagine the pleasure a decent box of chocolates or unwanted case of champagne would bring to a lucky person at one of our next events. So if you have something we could use at forthcoming events please pass to Hamish 850793, Rosie 850873 or Nick 43931. Many thanks!

## **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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### **GRAIN TO CREAM - RUSSELL HAYMAN**

Snow came early to Gittisham Farm. I believe the snowman could well have had more photos taken than the Kardashians! (Lot more fun for sure).

Sheep have arrived to eat off excess grass growth for the winter. More than usual as we hoped to make some more silage at the end of the year but the continued rainfall put that idea to rest.

We have had another TB test nothing found but we are still under restriction got to get another clear test before that happens. Just before the test we had the calving from hell not a good job. One for the vet out the sunroof (C section). Not an oversize calf but everything was in the wrong place somehow calf mal-presented and rumen on top of the uterus. It was a long job with no happy ending we lost both cow and calf it was the worst I have known and hopefully never repeated. I hate losing the girls but that was a little traumatic. I nearly looked like a miserable as Corbin at the opening of parliament! Luckily most of the time it goes to plan with one born on Christmas day. I always enjoy having a fresh calf one of the perks of the job and sometimes it goes wrong it's not a forgone conclusion, that makes it that bit more special, if it was easy men would do it!

Even though given the weather the tractors are not doing much, one decided to have a major breakdown. A complete engine rebuild and its back together with a bill to match, it did come back nice and clean.

Hopefully in the new year we will be able to get on with some field work gates and fences to do then before you know it spring will be here, and can work off that Christmas dinner. the snowdrops are already appearing.

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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 January**

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

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Tavistock & drive over the moor £12.**

**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Fleet Air Arm Museum or Haynes Motor Museum £10 (entrance fee applies).**

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Clarks Village £12.**

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Dorchester £10.**

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### **RECENT DEPARTURES**

**Miriam Wedlake, a regular member of Gittisham church (until sight problems took over) died at Hembury Fort on the 9th October**

**Gordon Gray, born and lived at Part Drillers Gittisham until moving to Honiton in the 90's died on the 18<sup>th</sup> November**

**Kate Bevan (51) who lived and worked at Combe Farm for many years died suddenly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Kate had not long self-published a book, she was building a herd of cattle at the farm and will be sadly missed by all at Combe Farm, family and friends**

## PARISH COUNCIL – JANUARY REPORT

Three councillors met for the January meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC), Phil Twiss (DCC), Dan Langworthy-Smith & Edward Shuttleworth (Jurassic Fibre) and two members of the public were also present.

### DCC / EDDC Report.

Phil Twiss was pleased to report that repairs to part of Hayne Lane would be happening before the end of January. He said he thought it was unlikely that a pavement or signage would be installed along the link road to the garden centre, given the relatively low volume of traffic. Phil Twiss explained that he was waiting for an update regarding a bus stop on Devonshire Road. He said the issue of telephone scams is being highlighted at this time of year, with tax returns for many due by 31st January. DCC staff have been picking up reports of scam calls where people impersonating HMRC employees usually state that a sum of money is owed and request personal and bank details. He warned people not to give any details of this type out to people over the telephone and if in any doubt, terminate the call and contact HMRC yourself. Susie Bond said she'd attended an EDDC workshop on climate change where it was reported that a number of parish councils had asked for advice on what they could do to address the issue.

**Crime.** 1) Anti-social behaviour, on or near Parsonage Lane.

**Finance.** Members agreed the budget for 2020/21 and the parish precept was frozen for a further year at £8,160 to help parishioners.

**Superfast broadband.** Dan Langworthy-Smith from Jurassic Fibre outlined the company's plans to deliver a superfast fibre service to Gittisham by the closing quarter of 2020. With no pre-existing infrastructure, the fibre-optic cables would be installed underground in a 'micro-trench' measuring 10mm. Mr Langworthy-Smith encouraged residents to register their interest on the Jurassic Fibre website <https://jurassic-fibre.com/customer-registration> as there needs to be sufficient support to make it viable. However, he added that once registered, there was no obligation to take the service once it was up and running. The company offers broadband packages of between £35 and £100 / month depending on download speed (minimum 50mbps).

**Meet the parish council.** The clerk said she was in contact with the head of sales from Baker Estates to arrange an event one evening towards the end of February for residents of the Hayne Farm development to meet parish councillors. More information to follow in February's gazette.

**Climate change measures.** Councillors welcomed the news that there is now a village carshare WhatsApp group.

**Funding.** Members discussed using some of the available S106 funding for a ping pong table and / or an updated boules pitch. When the quotes come through from contractors for repairs to the village hall, the clerk said she would contact EDDC to confirm that CIL funding could be used for this work.

**Casual vacancies, Gittisham Vale.** Members heard that the period advertised for parishioners to request an election for two new parish councillors for the Vale had expired, and therefore the council could proceed to co-opt people. Any person interested in coming forward or finding out more about becoming a parish councillor should contact [clerk@gittisham.eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@gittisham.eastdevon.gov.uk)

**Play area.** The clerk said Western Power would be clearing away the debris in the substation and repairing the broken fence.

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

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## POP-UP FRENCH RESTAURANT

Pierre Graeber's next pop-up restaurant in the village hall will be on Saturday 7th March. More details to follow in the next issue.

## Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

We have received the details of work from our recent Quinquennial inspection, whilst there is nothing drastically major there is much repair work to be carried out over the next five years. The Diocesan Architect has been asked for a table of approximate costings so we will be able to put the work out to tender and prioritise. Our Christmas services were well attended The Carol Service with readings was well received, The Cri service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (a new venture for Gittisham) was fun with plenty of interaction from the children, - thank you Julia. Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Eucharists had good numbers especially as several villagers weee away. On the 5<sup>th</sup> January our Christingle for Epiphany was held, during the firdt csrol We Three Kings, the children looked for the Kings and processed them to the Nativity Scene. The Christingles were made by Kadence, Maverick, Rose, Solenne, Otis and Clemmy plus parents a fine and sticky time was had, thank you all for your help. On the 10<sup>th</sup> January the Celebrate Together service at St. Paul's will have a special visitor, Bishop Robert of Exeter is attending and we hope to have a good congregation, these interactive services take place every 2 months and are for those with learning difficulties, disabled of all ages and their carers and finish with tea.

Holy Dusters -January Angie Hutchings, Jane Wilkins, Ian & Liz Warne, February Amanda Acland & Sarah Agg-Manning, 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

### January 2020

12<sup>th</sup> Parish Eucharist

19<sup>th</sup> Lay-led Morning Worship

26<sup>th</sup> Parish Eucharist

26<sup>th</sup> Team Choral Evensong Cotleigh 6.30

### February

2<sup>nd</sup> lay-led all age service for candlemass

9<sup>th</sup> parish eucharist

16<sup>th</sup> lay-led sung matins

23<sup>rd</sup> parish eucharist

23<sup>rd</sup> Team Choral Evensong Gittisham 6.30

## 200 CLUB JANUARY RESULTS

1st Dianne Janes

2nd Nellie Marker

3rd David Fallows

4th Ruth Webber

5th Karen Loveland

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 (as there are 2 months to March the fee would be £2.00 per number for the rest of this year) do please let me know as there are several numbers available and this revenue is vital to the church finances.. Carol McCann 851113 07946409142

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**Christmas boxes** Thank you so much to all who contributed filled boxes or items there was a lovely response. There were several boxes made up with a lovely assortment of items. 15 of which were taken by the Food Bank, some went to the Childrens' centre and the remainder went to the Salvation Army all of whom were very grateful, I have had letters of thanks from both the Food Bank and Salvation Army. The Food Bank have asked if we do this next year, can they have boxes by end November/beginning December.

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