

VILLAGE BARBEQUE

This annual event, held on Fathers' Day, seems to get better and better each year! For once the weather was hot and sunny, unlike last year when it rained. The standard menu of chicken pieces and sausages from Bartlett's Farm, were cooked to perfection, with a variety of salads to accompany the meat. As always the fresh fruit salad with chocolate sauce and ice-cream went down a treat. How those in charge manage to get it right every time is miraculous as they never know how many are coming and yet never run out of food. Word has obviously got around as people are now coming from far and wide to attend. Thanks to the weather there were one or two strange styles of headgear on show and some quite becoming red knees to admire! An amount of £200 was raised towards Village Hall funds.

FROM GRAIN TO CREAM—Russell Hayman

Lets start with some good news. The pair of partridges that were wandering around have had some chicks dear little things, Pudding the cat thought so too when he saw them. He was removed much to his disgust to prevent any bloodshed; he's over fed, as it is; stick to the mice lad! There is also a Jenny wren nesting in the flowerpot outside the caravan. I'm on light duties and getting used to it; don't think Helen will let me get away with it for too much longer. The house has a roof, windows and a chimney though they don't make chimneys like they use to (there was, of course, a few more flues in the old one not just the one that has a bit to do with it). We have also made some hay now we are getting ready for harvest, by the middle of July the barley will be just about ready so let the dust fly (I hope).

Now lets have a moan about something it has to be the rooks and Jackdaws this time of year they are just so destructive as unfortunately many people know in the village time for some education I think. And now for the biggie we have a new payment scheme coming into play in 2015 yes it's a while away but my old favourite set aside is coming back, sorry (Ecological focus area) is the correct term; sounds pure bureaucrat. The trouble is we do not know all that has to be done to comply so we have to make decisions on what to plant for next year now and hope we get it right. They have of course had years to get this out and is left to the last minute again. I sum it up in the simple terms we'll be doing more for two thirds of the money; oh to be paid properly for our produce so we could put the preverbal two fingers up to Whitehall and Brussels; it does seem the ones responsible for making the decisions if shown a cow would have difficulty working out where the poo came out let alone the milk. Welcome to the world of all our public services I think. Crumbs that was a good rant even for me!!

Churchwarden's report—Carol McCann

Very sadly the Rev Charles and his wife Felicity are no longer able to come to Gittisham owing to the ill health of Felicity's mother, who is in hospital and they have been informed that it would be inadvisable for her to make a move from Oxfordshire to Devon. I am afraid that it is back to square one and advertising should re-commence soon. Please be mindful that there will not be a service in Gittisham on Sunday 6th July as all churches will be going to St. Paul's in Honiton at 10am for the confirmation service conducted by Bishop Nick. Services for the rest of July and first half of August at 11.00am unless stated are as follows:- 13th Parish Eucharist, 20th Lay-led Matins, 27th Lay-led Morning Worship and in the evening there will be a Team Choral Evensong service at 6.30 in Combe Raleigh church which will be preceded by a cream tea at Coryhill from 3.00pm, August 3rd Family Eucharist with refreshments – if the weather is fine this will be 'A Pet Service' with the refreshments outside. I have confirmation from Rev. Sue to go ahead, a poster will be put on the bus shelter and in the church porch.

I am still collecting items of adult clothing and sensible shoes – male and female – plus blankets, sleeping bags, towels etc for the homeless through St. Petroc's in Exeter. I have a contact who comes to Honiton fortnightly. If you could offer anything, please let me know. Thanks.

Other events within the Team...

Friday 11th July Concert at the Beehive 7.30 with the Sweet Honi-n-Soul and Sweet Harmony, singing very familiar music from the likes of Adele, Abba and many more familiar artists. Tickets through Carol McCann or the Beehive direct cost £8 adult £6 child

Friday 11th July A French evening at St. Paul's with French fare and entertainment from 6.30

19th/20th July Combe Raleigh Open Gardens with teas at Combe Hill.

Saturday 19th Buckerell Fete at Splathayes from 2.00pm

Friday 8th August Honiton Mission Community Team Bar-b-q at Jackson's Nurseries, Combe Raleigh 7.00pm

Each Friday in August from 12 noon light lunches will be served at St. Paul's before their Summer Music Concerts. Information from the Parish Office at St. Paul's 44035 (9-1 weekdays)

Jane Hulbert writes...

After the sad disappearance of "Rosie-Roo-What-Are-You-Up-To", Kadence has been allowed to keep two of 'Smokey-Jo-Strawberry's' kittens, which she has named 'Cupcake-Amanda-Treacle' and 'Spooky-Raspberry-Ripple'. It's a good job we're not doing guess the name of the kitten at the fete!

EILEEN CHADWICK

Sadly we have to report that Eileen has died in hospital. Some of you may remember her when she lived at Linhay, Town Farm Buildings with husband, Bob, who worked for the Met Office. After Bob died she left the village and moved to Scotland to be near her daughter, Roz.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Please contact one of the editorial team below if you have a happy event to report or village memory to share.

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HAYNE LANE DEVELOPMENT—UPDATE

Gittisham Parish Council's final submission opposing this development has been made on behalf of all parishioners. They co-opted the professional services of a development consultant to prepare this submission on our behalf. The final cost is, as yet, unknown; some of the money will be paid out of the Parish precept and requests for donations have been made of surrounding Parish Councils. Anyone able to make a donation, however small, please contact Fiona Clampin, Clerk, 01404 851442..

The following is a copy of the letter sent by Charlie Hopkins, Planning & Environmental Consultant to Mr Ed Freeman, Planning Department, East Devon District Council

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION REF. NO. 13/2744/MOUT – Land West of Hayne Lane, Honiton.

I am instructed by Gittisham Parish Council (GPC) to comment on the planning application referred to above and consider the Officer's Report previously produced for consideration for the Development Management Committee (DMC).

Summary of objection:

- The application is not in accordance with the Development Plan (adopted East Devon Local Plan 2006-2011), specifically Policies EN1, D1, TA1, TA3 and TA7.
- The application is contrary to, and conflicts with a number of core principles and policies set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
- There are not sufficient material considerations in favour of the development so as to outweigh the provisions of the Development Plan.
- The adverse impacts of permitting the proposed development would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits.

(A complete copy of this letter may be read on the Gittisham website.)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

July 8th Village Hall AGM in the hall at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome so please come and support the hall committee.

July 13th Concert with professional singers: Donna-Marie Hughes (Soprano) and Alison Kettlewell (Mezzo Soprano) Pianist: Joyce Clarke and Children from Feniton School 3pm - St Andrew's Church, Feniton Tickets £6.50 including Cream Tea - Under 12s free (but donation appreciated) Please pre-book if possible - tel David Lanning 01404 850699 or Ann Reed 01404 850366 Also available from Feniton Post Office and Feniton Spar Shop.

July 19th—Coffee Get-Together in front of the church, around the big tree, starting at 10.30 until 12.00. There will be a Bring & Buy stall which, this time of year, often has home grown vegetables and fruit. If the weather is wet we will meet in the church. Everyone welcome.

FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW 2nd AUGUST

Doors open 2.30pm to view the exhibits and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea. Entry forms and fees to be delivered to Pam Chown by midnight on 27th July.

CONCERTS

July 18th NIGEL OGDEN at Sidmouth Methodist Church 7.45pm Tickets £10 (under 16 free) from Paragon Books, Sidmouth or on the door.

July 19th THE ST.DAVID'S SINGERS at Sidholme, Elysian Fields, Sidmouth 7.30pm Tickets £7 available as above.

Both in aid of Organ Fund, ELF and Victoria Hospital Fund.

YEARS MIND—JULY

Lily Chown
Felix O'Reilly

HOLY DUSTERS for July

Maggie Walker
Jane Bramley and Sue Fallows

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

ALICE HAYMAN on a school trip to Plymouth came back with a gold medal for gaining 2 firsts on the rowing machine...beating the very competitive boys!!

EDMUND HAYMAN received an award for Financial Management and Planning Skills, where he demonstrated a very astute understanding of a variety of financial situations. He created a poem for his final assessment showing an awareness of the problems that 'over-borrowing' create and delivered it in a humorous yet insightful manner!!

JOHN COTTEY, new herdsman at Gittisham Farm, and his fiancé **Emily York** have moved into Landscore Cottage. Welcome to them both.

200 Club

The winners this month were:

1st Prize	Mr R Bannister
2nd Prize	Mr R Jennison
3rd Prize	Mrs D Merchant
4th Prize	Mrs S Jones
5th Prize	Mr R Pew

PARISH COUNCIL – JULY REPORT

Seven parish councillors met for the July meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC) was also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Susie Bond said she would be putting forward a motion at EDDC proposing imposing a condition on developers to begin building within two years, rather than three, in the case of large planning applications. This is while EDDC has no five-year land supply in place. She also reported that the appeal regarding the travellers' site near the Otter Inn had been dismissed, largely due to flooding concerns. They will now be removed from the site.

Crime.

- 1) Male offender invited into a house and whilst inside stole money (village)
- 2) damage caused to wooden gate on entrance to a field (Vale).

Finance.

Members noted the finances this month.

Planning applications.

School House Gittisham: internal and external alterations to include replacement window, installation of secondary glazing, replacement partition wall and installation of insulation

Members had no objections.

Residential development, inc. land west of Hayne Lane.

Members agreed that consultant Charlie Hopkins's work outlining the parish council's main objections to the officer's report was excellent. However there was much dismay and anger among councillors that EDDC's agenda and associated documentation for the planning inspection committee (PIC) meeting on 11th July did not contain any of Mr Hopkins' material, despite him complying with the deadline. (This is the meeting where EDDC councillors will review their previous decision.) Susie Bond agreed to follow this up asap, and also said she would be sending a summary of Mr Hopkins' work as well as the full letter to the PIC. Members agreed the parish council should cover the costs of Mr Hopkins' work, but should seek contributions. They felt they were acting on behalf of the parish, which had expressed its views strongly against this application. The clerk said she had received a further pledge from a parishioner. In response to Susie Bond's appeal, Honiton Town Council has said it's not able to provide any funding, despite opposing the application. She had not heard from Buckerell or Feniton.

Drains and ditches.

Sara Trumper said one of the three independent contractors contacted regarding maintaining ditches and drains was not interested. The clerk is still pursuing the other two. Details have been passed to Cllr Wright (DCC) regarding the blocked gutter opposite Willey's Wood, and the clerk agreed to send her details of a blocked drain at Westgate opposite the cottages.

Defibrillator / telephone box

Jennifer Lawrence-Jones attended part of the meeting to explain to members the advantages of installing a defibrillator in the village telephone box. She said growing numbers of communities were choosing to install this device, which statistics show can dramatically increase chances of surviving a heart attack. Defibrillators are easy to use, and although training is not necessary to work it, training would be an advantage in making the community aware of the importance of responding to incidents. Councillors discussed the implications of insurance and the risk of vandalism, as well as the costs.

Jennifer Lawrence-Jones quoted one model at £1,000 for the defibrillator, £1,000 for the case, £600 to train 24 parishioners, and maintenance of £37.50 / year. (This includes replacement pads and charging the lithium battery). Members agreed that such a device would be very useful and discussed the possibility of an annual fundraising event to help towards its cost. It was decided to arrange a public meeting in September for people to put forward suggestions for the use of the telephone box, and if this goes ahead as planned on 20th Sept people can learn more about a defibrillator.

Roadworks.

Members expressed their disappointment regarding the late notification of roadworks in the village, which began on 30th June. Russell Hayman said the timing of them had had a negative impact on his business, and the clerk said Little Treasures preschool were also unhappy about the lack of notice. It was agreed to contact Claire Wright so she could pass on the message that road closures are not convenient during the silage cutting season so longer notice would help farmers. Further road closures are planned: the road from the village past the Forge will be shut 14th–24th July; road between 2 Westgate Cottages and Sherman's Farm will be closed 8th–21st September and the road to Catshayes closed 23rd Sept–17th October.

Next meeting. This will be on 6th August at 7.30pm.