

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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### Village Playground

The Parish Council would like to add some more equipment to our village play area and needs the children to express their preferences. Since the out of date equipment was removed from the playground 10 years ago, the Parish Council and families have been raising money to install new equipment. We now have a birds nest swing, junior and senior swings, a seesaw, a mini spinner, a springy cow as well as a boules court, barbecue and seating. Children have been consulted at every stage and families have played an active part in this ongoing project. We now have funds from the Big Lottery and from nearby developers to install the next stage and we need children living in the parish age 14 and under to say what they'd like to play on next. Please pick 3 of these activities that you find most fun: bouncing, sliding, swinging, spinning, balancing, climbing, creative. Then email [carol.partdrillers@gmail.com](mailto:carol.partdrillers@gmail.com)

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### Dates for your diaries July

- 14<sup>th</sup> Cats protection Garden Party 12.00 – 3.00, Middle Woodbeer Farm, Plymtree, EX152LN details 01404 45241 [www.honiton.cats.org.uk](http://www.honiton.cats.org.uk)**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Coffee get-together 10.30 – 12.00 in Parish room or outside if good weather, everyone welcome to come and meet new friends, Buckerell Fete at Splathayes, 2.00 stalls, games, teas and draw with evening Bar-b-q Cotleigh Fete at the Village Hall 2.00 stalls and teas**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Churchwardens meeting St. Paul's 9.30**
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mission Community Team evensong at Awliscombe 6.30 (choir practice 5.30)**

### August

- 1<sup>st</sup> Honiton Show Mission Community Rest and Refresh Marquee open all day, come along for coffee/tea and homemade biscuits, baby changing and breast feeding facilities and children's play area.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gittisham Flower & Produce show viewing from 2.30 (see separate article)**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Coffee get-together 10.30 – 12.00 Parish room or outside, everyone welcome**
- 31<sup>st</sup> Concert by the Parnham Voices from Beaminster 4.30 in Gittisham Church with refreshments after. Free entry, donations on retiring.**

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### Maureen McGregor .

Maureen passed away in her sleep at the Seaton Nursing Home on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. A private Family Graveside committal service was held in Gittisham's churchyard on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July conducted by the Methodist Minister from Sidmouth. A Thanksgiving Service at Sidmouth Methodist Church on Tuesday 9th July, 2.30 pm, donations to: 'All we can', Methodist Relief and Development Fund- c/o Layzell's Funeral Services, Dowell Street, Honiton, or at the service. Followed at 4 pm by Tea and Treats at Sidholme Hotel with a 6 pm 'Maureen's Mirth & Merriment', musical concert.

Thankyou from all of us for the many, cards, messages, flowers, cakes along with so much support. Our mother, wife, grandma certainly kept us amused, cared for and loved right up until her peaceful passing in the home. Even the amazing staff recalled her being their only resident arriving from hospital with a crown on her head! Entertaining them with her great sense of humour!

Helen Hayman & John McGregor

## **Gittisham Flower and Produce Show – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

Entry forms must be lodged with appropriate fees to Len and Sarah Abbott, 4 Church Mead, Gittisham EX14 3AH by Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Items being entered must be taken to the village hall between 9.00 and 10.45, judging begins at 11.00. Viewing from 2.30 with teas and raffle, prize giving usually around 4.00pm. The show is open to all parishioners of Gittisham Village, Gittisham Vale, Hayne Lane Estate and former parishioners who still have close links with the village. If you are new to the parish and would like to have an entry form please ring Sue Fallows on 01404 850922.

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## **Recycling**

Gittisham Parish Council is pleased to support the East Devon Juvenile Diabetes support group's Terracycle scheme. The following items can be placed in the box in the village bus shelter: crisp packets, bread bags, beauty product caps, Pringles tubes, toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes. A full list is available on their website or from [carol.partdrillers@gmail.com](mailto:carol.partdrillers@gmail.com)  
A very easy way to do your bit for the planet and to support a local charity

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## **People in the news**

### **Michael Harris and The Arabian Horse World**

On July 26<sup>th</sup> at The National Arabian Horse Show held at Malvern, Michael has been invited to Judge the prestigious class of Supreme Champion of the whole show. This is a great honour and privilege which he was delighted to accept. The National Show is highly respected and is the largest Arabian Horse Show in Europe at which he himself has shown and won with Combe Farm Horses on many occasions including The British National Champion and other top awards Michael's experience as a Judge has taken him all over the World including several visits to Australia and the Middle East. He has bred horses for over 50 years and once owned the only World Champion in this country a Stallion named Rumak. He enjoys showing the horses and discussing their beauty and personalities and should anyone like to come and visit Combe Farm he would be delighted to show them around.

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### **A future for the Elm by Michael Harris**

It is a long time since we saw a fully grown Elm tree, yet quietly in our village is growing a strong young Elm larger in circumference than any I have seen since the mass destruction of Elms which happened back in the 1960's and 70's.

The Elm is a lowland tree very sensitive to altitude as I cannot recall there ever being an Elm here at Combe Farm or on higher ground. From the Village to the Otter Valley the landscape revealed an abundance of these beautiful trees. Very distinctive in their shape and form the Elm compared in its importance almost to the mighty Oak. They were destroyed by a beetle which found its way under the bark and killed the whole population of trees both in the UK and Europe. The only form to survive were the small bush like Elm hedgerows of which our banks and hedges are still rich in growth. I understand that unlike other trees, their means of propagation is by root, thus securing their future.

For those of you who are unaware of this very special tree, she or he stands opposite the bus shelter in the hedgerow. I pay homage to this wonderful tree every time I pass and hope that this will be the beginning of a new era of beautiful Elms.

The Village Green was home to a grove of six or eight magnificent trees which were host to a Rookery when I was a child. The Blue Spruce now standing in their place is slightly stunted as a result of its early years under these resplendent trees which are now long gone.

Three cheers and a big prayer for the future of the Elm. I hope this tree is the first of many!

## **PARISH COUNCIL – JUNE & JULY REPORT**

Five councillors met for both the June & July meetings. Susie Bond (EDDC), Phil Twiss (DCC) and two members of the public were also present.

**DCC / EDDC Report.** Phil Twiss said that DCC had requested a longer waiting time for the King's School bus from the traffic commissioner, to allow Gittisham pupils enough time to catch it in the afternoon. He added that a DCC officer would be accompanying him on a site visit to look at the overall provision of bus stops including the end of Devonshire Road, where it meets Hayne Lane, outside the Garden Centre and the longer term position regarding the new residential development west of Hayne Lane. Susie Bond said that since the election in East Devon in May, the Independent group of 20 councillors has formed a minority administration, with Cllr Ben Ingham as Leader and herself as deputy.

**Finance.** Members agreed the finances and approved the annual governance statement and accounts.

**Crimes.** May, 5 incidences (public safety x 1, transport x 4).

### **Planning applications.**

- a) The Bakery - Conversion of former bakery to holiday let, including internal and external alterations (amended plans)
- b) Beech Walk – Extension to estate office building
- c) 1 Riverside Cottages - Demolition of shed to rear and construction of single storey extensions, reinstatement of 1st floor side-facing window re-rendering and alterations to interior layout

Councillors had no objections to a) & b). Regarding c) concerns were raised that the development did not appear to meet the criteria of preserving and enhancing the qualities of the listed building, the setting or the Conservation Area. Councillors also had concerns over parking; there is none on site or on the street, and additional access issues will be presented during the proposed building work.

### **The Codfather.**

Members discussed the application for renewal of the trading licence. Gittisham PC did not object to the application, but has passed comments to EDDC.

### **Casual vacancy.**

Members heard the first of two parish councillor vacancies in Gittisham Vale was due to be filled.

### **Lengthsman.**

Andy Wilkins said the lengthsman had inspected the bus shelter in the Vale and is in the process of getting quotations for replacement roof tiles. The clerk agreed to pass to Combe Estate some concerns over the spread of the lower branches of the tree in the rookery.

### **Hayne Lane development.**

The clerk said Baker Estates has agreed to purchase a noticeboard to display parish council items and other advertising. Andy Wilkins said DCC would be carrying out a safety audit of the traffic scheme on the development.

### **Play area.**

Carol Hall said that the Big Lottery Fund had awarded the parish council £10,000 which combined with other funding and council reserves would enable it to buy a tower unit with vertical climbing wall and slide. Members approved this purchase, and welcomed the addition of the two new picnic tables made from recycled plastic, as well as the seat in the rookery. A seat around the rookery tree will be ordered. Members heard around £150 of the AONB grant has been spent on plants to line the hedge between the wild area and the adjoining field.

**Next meeting.** This will be on 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30p

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**Grazing land required in Gittisham (or nearby) for two well behaved horses. Please contact Emma on 07544 575779 if you can help.**

## **Church Wardens Report Carol McCann**

The Mission Community's Mission Action Plan is now available and covers the next three years, copies are now available in church giving details of the Mission Communities aims and objectives. We are still needing more Holy Dusters to keep our lovely building spic and span, there are several gaps needing filled. Usually done in teams of 3 or 4 and done on a monthly basis some teams do two turns others one. If you could spare some time please let Carol know 01404 851113 and she will let you know where the gaps are. Also if you would like to join our flower rota please contact Angie Hutchings on 01404 45101 **Holy dusters for July are Sue Fallows, Jayne Morgan and Jayne Bramley. August, Ian and Liz Warne and Angie Hutchings.** As you will notice from the service details below we are having to have a said service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays as we do not have an organist, we do hope this might change sometime. Another change coming up is from September our first Sunday all age service will be non-Eucharistic for a three month trial.

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

<b>July</b>		<b>August</b>	
<b>7th</b>	<b>All age Eucharist service with refreshments</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>All age Eucharist service with refreshments</b>
<b>14th</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Lay-led Morning Worship</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>Lay-led Sung Matins</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>Said Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>Said Parish Eucharist</b>

### **200 CLUB JULY 2019 RESULTS**

<b>1st</b>	<b>Sandra Moss</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Judith Turner</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Jane Hulbert</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Valerie Clifford</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>Sarah Agg-Manning</b>		

The 200 Club has several 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 we are 4 months in to the year the fee would be £8.00 per number for the rest of this year) do please let me know. Carol McCann 851113 07946409142 charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk

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### **ILLEGAL OFF-ROADING**

**WARNING.** Use of a motor vehicle on anywhere other than a byway or designated track is illegal. Anybody wishing to report such activity should call Devon and Cornwall Police 101. The woodland at Westgate Hill and Bellevue has footpaths and bridleways, which are not Byways Open To All Traffic and use of motor vehicles is against the law. Gittisham Parish Council and Combe Estate are aware of the problem.

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**COMBE GARDEN CENTRE** The new restaurant is now open during the same opening hours as the garden centre serving breakfasts, lunches coffees and teas.

**Opening times - Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm Sunday 10am – 4pm 01404 515600**

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