

## **THE UDDER SIDE OF THE HEDGE— Carla Cheffey**

Another month gone by... maize seed is all in now, plenty of muck spread on the fields, silage all in, and next week we have the task of tb testing the cows again. At least the weather seems to be in our favour at the minute. Our kitchen now has a continuous rotation of chicks until they're about 2 weeks old and get moved out to the shed. Plenty for sale if anyone wants any – chickens, chicks or hatching eggs!!! We acquired a 'cuckoo araucana' hen, who lays blue eggs and has laid every day since we've had her – the eggs are supposed to be a bit richer than normal eggs, they're certainly very novel. 'Rosie-Roo-What-Are-You-Up-To' Kadence's cat (hence her name choice) aptly had her kittens in a box Kadence placed in the kitchen for her, so we now have 4 beautiful tabby kittens who will soon be under our feet, along with puddles! Oh, and there's the baby rabbits and the baby budgies.... I think we should start doing cream teas and open to the public!

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## **BEES IN JUNE—by Roy Abbott**

At long last we have had a few decent days and the bees were extremely busy , . . going about their tasks of gathering nectar and pollen to feed the expanding amount of larvae that are hatching at the moment. May should have been one of the busiest months but, as it was such poor weather, the colonies aren't as strong as they ought to be at this time of the year. All our colonies are headed by last years queens so their age is right for maximum laying power , they should be laying around 1500 eggs per day this month, this is to prepare the colonies for the maximum flow of nectar and pollen in July, as the season has been so late we are hoping that we won't get the gap in flowers on plants and trees as very often happens in June so they can have a good chance of building strong healthy bees. This year we are doing a trial with The Bee Vet, St. David's Hill vets by using predator mites to control varroa mites , these mites are native to the uk so are used to our environment naturally accuring in leaf litter, they hunt and feed on the adult varroa so control the numbers in the colony giving the bees a chance to develop a natural resistance to them , hopefully this will eventually let the bees take care of themselves , even though in the past we have only used natural organic treatments as we do not use any chemicals in the hives at all , lets face it would you like someone filling your house with chemical fumes? they certainly are quite content to open the packet of mites and release them into their hives themselves. so now we just hope the same as every one else for some sun and warmth.

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**APOLOGIES**—Regarding the new bus schedule published last month, we omitted the 4a service which leave the village at 14.40 and incorrectly printed the route 4 bus as leaving at 16.10...it leaves at 16.06!

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## **Churchwarden's report – by Carol McCann**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May Roger Hutchings and I were sworn in as churchwardens for the next twelve months, at the annual Archdeacon's Visitation which this year was held at Awliscombe church with at least 6 other Deaneries' taking part. Angie Hutchings came with us and was able to represent our sides people.

The recent Christian Aid envelopes from Gittisham amounted to just under £210.00; thanks to all who handed in or asked me to collect their envelopes. The total collected in Honiton was £2,736.03. Coming soon on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month we will be changing from a Eucharist service to a lay-led Morning Worship, if you would like to participate by doing the intercession prayers or by leading this service on occasions please let me know. As we are now in what is known as 'proper time' it would be good if you would like to choose up to five hymns to be included at a Sunday service from July, please take them all from either the Hymns Old and New or the Ancient and Modern hymnal for matins services, please let me know fairly soon if you would like to choose for July, however you can choose for August, September and October too.

The Food Bank is still desperate for more items...in Honiton more and more people are in need of help due to the new benefits systems, the recipients have to be monitored by the various agencies providing the food vouchers and cannot just turn up for food.

On Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> July is the Gittisham Fete, the church are running the day time and the village hall will run the evening. A fete meeting is being set up soon to discuss the logistics, stalls, teas, activities etc. a poster will be lodged in the church porch, on the bus shelter and the village hall notice board giving the date of the meeting, I hope lots of you can come along and if you have any ideas they would be most appreciated along with offers to help run stalls etc. There will be a duck race as usual and tickets will be on sale soon, if you could sell any please let me know. Thanks.

## **Letter to the Editor...**

May has been a good month for my family. First of all Russell, Helen, Edmund and Alice have at last received the news from EDDC granting permission for a new Gittisham Farmhouse, on a new site. They have been incredibly stoic for almost 2 years and many, many times I have prayed I could wave a magic wand. I must say, also, they have had absolutely marvellous support from our lovely village.

Secondly, I won on the 200 Club! Thirdly, and not by any means least, Gittisham Parochial Church Council presented me with a beautiful "David Austin" rose for past duties on the PCC. I thank them most sincerely.

Lilian Hayman

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## **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 wish to voice a concern.

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# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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### GITTISHAM LOSE OUT ON NEW BUS TIMETABLE!

Those of you who rely upon public transport will be only too well aware of the changes to the bus services which affect our village. Complaints have been directed through the Parish Council and we have written to John Richardson-Dawes, Principal Transport Co-ordinating Officer. He replies as follows—"It would be possible to provide a bus from Honiton at 1125 *instead of* the 1257. This would meet the request for a late-morning run back from Honiton but would mean that what would have been an early afternoon bus into Exeter (i.e. the 1257 from Honiton) would become a late morning bus. Unless there are any complaints about doing this (i.e. don't want to upset further), this could go ahead at the next timetable change in September. Hope this helps." We will keep you informed of further progress.

Meanwhile, the Fare Car F5 scheme will now be extended to include Gittisham. This would offer 4 bookable arrivals in Honiton each day and five departures. For more information and to book a place ring 01404 46529 or log onto [www.devon.gov.uk/fare-car-f5.pdf](http://www.devon.gov.uk/fare-car-f5.pdf)

### VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

We have also invited Richard Marker to issue a statement regarding the planned meeting with the Parish Council last month. He has taken up the invitation—"The Combe Estate has been in discussions with Gittisham Parish Council regarding the possibility of developing a small number of low cost and open market housing within the village. The estate felt that it were of utmost importance to engage with the Parish Council at a very early stage in order that they could give input in terms of design, scale and location if the principle of the scheme was acceptable. We were pleased that the scheme received the support of the Parish Council and will now be moving forward with the next stage."

***We would like to thank both John Richardson-Dawes and Richard Marker for their contribution towards achieving a more transparent society.***

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**June 10th—Whist Drive** in the Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm. Info from Carol McCann 851113.

**June 15th—COFFEE MORNING**, St Michael's patio or in the church if wet! 10.30—12.00 with Bring & Buy stall. Come along and spend a relaxing hour with friends and neighbours.

**June 16th—Village BarBQ** lunch 12.30pm. Adults £6.50 children £4. Bring your own drinks. As this happens to be Fathers' Day, why not give Dad a treat! This is always a lovely lunch...no need to book.

**June 23rd—Team Evensong** in the church at 6.30pm. Choir practise at 5.30pm. Kevin Lane will be the organist and choir-master. Refreshments will be served following the service.

### 200 Club

The winners this month were:

1st Prize	Mr J Rowe
2nd Prize	Misses D & C Hall
3rd Prize	Mrs E Phillips
4th Prize	Mr R Bright
5th Prize	Mrs C Rew

**The Gittisham Craft Club** has donated £75 to the church and £75 to the MND Charity from the sale of their work. These ladies have been beavering away every week producing lovely hand knitted and crocheted items. Well done to them all.

**The Social Sequence Dance** held last month raised £114 for the church. This event was organised by Alan and Christine Broom. Our thanks to them for a most enjoyable and successful evening.

### JUNIOR SALSA CLASSES

Do you enjoy dance? Jason of Salsa Amor has started classes for juniors on Thursday evenings from 6.15 for just over an hour, currently there are 9 children taking part and there is room for more. The cost is £3 for Juniors, it is not advisable to wear trainers. If you are interested in trying this form of dance just go along to the village hall between 6 and 6.15 to register. Adult beginners classes start at 7.30 and cost £4 with Improvers from 8.30 costing £4.50. You can view Jason's website to get an idea at [www.salsaamor.co.uk](http://www.salsaamor.co.uk).

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**RONNIE PEW** has suffered an allergic reaction to 'something'... we don't think it was Ann! He was taken from the golf club to Wonford Hospital where they kept him in over the weekend. He is now back home recovering with Ann's nursing. We wish him a speedy recovery.

**June 22nd—"Proms to Pop" with Karen Noble** outdoor Concert at Honiton Golf Club 7.30pm in aid of Cystic Fibrosis. £7.50 adults, children under 16 free. Bring your own picnic...a beer, wine and soft drinks bar available. Tickets from Barbara Mullett 851255.

### HOLY DUSTERS—June

Pam Chown  
Carol McCann  
Sarah Goodman  
Carol Hall

### YEARS MIND—JUNE

Stanley Ward  
Jack Abbott  
Doris Karlen  
Laura Horn  
Gladys Wensley