

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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FLOWER FESTIVAL

The theme this year was "Nursery Rhymes" which lead to a glorious selection of imaginative displays created by 22 willing arrangers. With help from the internet and "Origins of Nursery Rhymes 'Pop Goes the Weasel' publication, Carol McCann compiled a really interesting programme for visitors. Running from Friday 22nd to Monday 25th May the show was competing with many alternative attractions around East Devon, not least the County Show, also Cadhay Open Day. Nonetheless, the attendance was constant, with a steady stream of people each day, enjoying not only the floral displays but refreshments in the village hall. A very enjoyable Ploughman's lunch, coffees and teas were on offer from 10.00—5.00. Well done to everyone, but particularly to Carol who organised the whole event.

Carol has written the following—

I would like to say a huge thank you to all who helped over the Flower Festival, arrangers, stewards, refreshment servers and organists. We had lots of visitors and very good comments. We have made just on £1500.00 for church funds so another thank you to all who supported us.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

June 19th "Happy Birthday Hetty" - a 'Community Play' at 8.00pm in the village hall. Posters in church porch, bus shelter & village Hall for booking details.

June 21st (Father's Day) Lunch Bar-b-q at the village hall from 12.30 £6.75 and £4.25 children up to primary school age. No bar so bring own alcohol. Vegetarians can be catered for but please let us know. Ring either Sue Fallows 850922 or myself 851113 for details.

July 4th the 'Spirit to Spirit' choir with Andy Hague are performing at the Dalwood Music Festival in the afternoon in Dalwood Church.

July 11th Sweet Honi & Soul choir concert at the Beehive at 7.30pm. To book tickets contact the Beehive direct on 01404 384050 or see their website site.beehivehoniton.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL AGM

This is to be held on **7th July at 7pm** in the hall.

Please come and make your ideas heard. What events do you want put on? We need new committee members, or names of people willing to help out with events on an occasional basis, so come along. Cake and tea/coffee provided.

HOLY DUSTERS—June

Pam Chown
Carol McCann
Sarah Sproule
Carol Hall

YEARS MIND

June

Stanley Ward
Jack Abbott
Doris Karlen
Laura Horn
Gladys Wensley

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

DOUGLAS AND JEAN BRUCE-MERRIE celebrated their Diamond Wedding (60 years) on Saturday 6th June, congratulations to them and many thanks for the concert on the green by the Sheldon Singers and Honiton Town Band, which followed a service in church and preceded a lovely lunch in the village hall. We wish them both many more anniversaries to come. Congratulations!

TERRY KITCHEN has bought the cottage next to Charlie and is busy working hard on some renovations before moving in. We hope to see him living there very soon and wish him many happy years in the village.

VERA PRIDMORE, who lived in the village for many years at Parkers, died aged 89. Her daughter, Lindsay, said that she spent her last two weeks in a Nursing Home in Budleigh Salterton. Our condolences to her family.

200 CLUB

1st Prize Mr & Mrs B Evans
2nd Prize Mrs J Underdown
3rd Prize Mr K Broadhurst
4th Prize Mrs K Paravicini
5th Prize Mrs T Boswell

BEES ARE BUZZING— by Roy Abbott

It was very nice to be asked to write another piece about our bees this season

We did our first check of the year at the beginning of April which was later than last year due to the weather which dictates most manoeuvres with the bees.

We were very pleased with how they had got through the winter, we just had one colony which was not very strong, quite odd really as it was the largest colony going into the winter with masses of bees, plenty of stores (honey) and a young queen, contrary to what we are all told the large group did not thrive but a small group which I thought might not get through did great and were bursting with young bees on our first inspection, and have gone on to be our best colony so far this year,

All are now coming along at a good rate with a lot of brood (young bees) being produced, which are needed for collecting pollen, nectar, feeding larvae ,caring for the queen and pollinating crops. We have also been lucky with our girls so far that don't seem to be planning on swarming...lets keep our fingers crossed that they don't!

We were asked to collect a swarm from a local nursery but just as we were preparing to go a call came to say that they had moved on. But the following day I was asked to collect a swarm from the opposite side of the road on an apple tree, They were in a good position not too high and in a tight group, we quickly got them into a box and left them for any flying bees to go in also , it was good that the queen must have gone in right away as they all took up residence quickly and now have settled done in their new home .

I will give you an update on their progress next time.

We now need lovely summer weather, lots of flowers and with good luck a great season.

FIRE SAFE

I have recently been made Honiton Fire Stations community fire safety rep, it's my role to make people aware that they could be eligible for a free fire safety home visit, and due to the amount of thatch properties in Gittisham, most residents would be eligible for this.

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT NEEDED! 11th JULY

David Fallows, Chairman of the Parish Council has written the following...



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This is an opportunity to join in a playground working party, communal picnic and BBQ and a boules competition. Some work needs to be done in a general tidying and care-taking fashion and some sand needs to be spread on the boules court, but we have also acquired some logs to provide another play activity (a log walk) and we may be in a position to start constructing a climbing frame and slide.

Bring something for a picnic lunch and we'll have a BBQ from 6pm too. Order some good weather for the day and we can all have some fun.

Editor's comment -

Anyone who has involved themselves in these activities in past years will know just how much fun they have been. If you have not been able to come before, don't let that stand in your way...you will be very welcome. This is one of those occasions when the community spirit really does come to the fore and everyone just mucks in and works together.



PARISH COUNCIL – JUNE REPORT

Seven parish councillors met for the June meeting. Sara Randall Johnson (DCC) was also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Susie Bond sent a report explaining that the East Devon Alliance Independents called an extraordinary full council meeting on 3rd June with a motion to pause the Knowle relocation project so that a full assessment could be undertaken. After a lengthy debate the motion was lost, so the relocation will now go ahead with a move to the new offices in Honiton and refurbished offices in Exmouth scheduled for 2017. Sara Randall Johnson said the Honiton town bus service which looked to be under threat would be retained, but if anybody had any further comments to make regarding proposed changes to other bus services across the county they should contact her. She added that DCC's highways department had prepared a solution for the Turk's Head junction in Honiton. Roadworks will start in September 2015 to install a roundabout, as well as a pedestrian crossing on the Hayne Lane side to slow traffic down. Councillors took the opportunity to ask if improvements could be made to the situation on Devonshire Road, where parked cars are now making traffic movement difficult. Members agreed that the T-junction by Homepage was often congested as well. Sara Trumper said the road would need to be widened, and with the construction of 300 houses the traffic problem would get worse. There were fears that Old Elm Road would be reopened.

Crime. No reported crimes this month.

Finance. Members noted the finances this month.

Planning applications.

- a) Proposed solar farm at Crowpits.

Members had no objections to the revised plans to reduce the size of the solar park to 4.8MW, but agreed to remind EDDC of its location in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and ask if the parish could benefit in any way once the park is up and running.

- b) Land east of Hayne Lane Gittisham - residential development of up to 141 homes (including 25 per cent affordable housing), new vehicular access from Sidmouth Road and Honeysuckle Drive and pedestrian, cycle and emergency access points, structural landscaping, allotments and open space

Members agreed to object on the same lines as before, although the number of houses proposed is slightly smaller and there is additional landscaping in the new proposal. The proposed development sits within the AONB, and national planning policy says there must be an exceptional need to build in such areas which the parish council said had not been demonstrated.

Draft East Devon Local Plan.

David Valentine said he had drafted a response which was approved by the parish council. The response questions the way EDDC has arrived at conclusions over housing numbers and employment land allocation figures. David Valentine explained that forecasts showed that 69 per cent of East Devon's population wouldn't be economically active in a few years' time, and the age profile would increase over the next 20 years. David Valentine said he had increased the focus in the PC's response on employment land allocation, and the plan contains various contradictions within it regarding employment land. Members resolved to object to the 15ha allocation as before, and David Fallows thanked Cllr Valentine for his work in preparing the response.

Play area.

Now that the logs to make stepping stones have been delivered to the play area, members fixed a date of 11th July for an all-day event to install them. There will also be a general tidy of the area, along with a barbecue and other activities.

Next meeting. This will be on 1st July at 7.30pm.

GALA SUPPER & CONCERT FOR HOSPISCARE

On June 20th Jan Sutcliffe and her company "Nostalgia Incorporated" will perform during this evening to raise money for the Day Hospice in Honiton. With bubbly and canapés in St Paul's church to start, followed by the concert and then a four course candlelight supper, in the Mackarness Hall, this will be a very special evening. To buy your tickets, £20.00, ring Mary Bolshaw on 43196.

FROM GRAIN TO CREAM—Russell Hayman, Gittisham Farm

I was listening to radio two yesterday (four things that most annoy farmers) didn't realise we moaned!! I was going to ring up and say writing an article for the parish rag!! Might have got lynched for that one. No the usual things leaving gates open, dogs worrying livestock, lack of understanding of how food is produced and country file. I must say the last one doesn't bother me don't watch it really get the weather online now.

Our fist cut of silageing is now done; by the end of the month more or less the second cut should be done. The maize is sown and growing not liking the cool weather we are having but I'm sure it will find its legs soon. As you may well be aware there is more maize been grown under plastic now (the plastic is biodegradable) I haven't put any in like that yet the difference is certainly visible it gets off to a good start and I'm sure that will translate to higher yields but it does have a cost it is just a question of assessing the risk to gain just because we stick it in the ground it doesn't mean it will grow. All the arable crops are looking well too, harvest is not that far away now.

Last week we checked our passports and went to the Royal Cornwall show a really good day I have to say (and it pains me been a pure bred Devonian) the Cornwall show is miles ahead Devon County. There is one fly in the ointment though and that's the queue to get in; the price of success and been in Cornwall.

Churchwarden's report – by Carol McCann

Services for the next few weeks, all at 11.00 unless stated otherwise, 14th, Parish Eucharist, 21st Lay-led Matins. 28th NO MORNING SERVICE, - instead we have CHORAL EVENSONG AT 6.30 I do hope we can have a good Gittisham congregation, the team choir are very good and well worth hearing. Sunday 5th July is the Family Eucharist with refreshments, 12th Parish Eucharist, and in the evening there is an Ecumenical service hosted by the Community Church at the Beehive at 6.30. 19th Morning Worship and 26th Parish Eucharist, plus Choral Evensong at St. Paul's at 6.30. Our monthly coffee get-togethers are going well, the next is on Saturday June 20th and each 3rd Saturday thereafter finishing with the 17th October hopefully with a bring and buy table each time.

As we are going into 'Proper Time' or 'Trinity' if you would like to choose some hymns over the next three months, please let me know as soon as you can as I am putting the lists for our organists, together so please be hasty if you want yours included from the month of July.

Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields, Sidmouth EX10 8UN

Tuesday 9th June 7.45pm

A Panoply of Pianists

Younger and older pianists play favourite pieces on the Bechstein Grand, including Octavia & Theodore Madden. Free entry, bucket collection for Organ Restoration Fund.

Friday 26th June, 7.45pm

The St. David's Singers

IN THE MOOD Melodic Songs and flute music In aid of Force Cancer Charity & Sidholme Organ Restoration Fund

Tickets £ 5 (u.18 free) from Paragon Bookshop or on the door

Sidmouth Methodist Church, High Street, EX10-8BL

Saturday 20th June 7 pm.

The 30 Piece Exeter Recorder Orchestra A SUMMER CONCERT Including Robin Ward, International Harpist

Tickets £ 8 (£4 u.18) from Paragon Books or on the door.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis

The next production by combined members of Honiton Pantomime Society and The Honiton Players (Youth Group). Set in the fictional land of Narnia where it is forever winter but never Christmas, the story tells of the adventures of 4 wartime evacuee children who stumble into this strange land. Full of talking animals including a very large lion, and a witch with the power to turn her enemies into stone so is ideal for children and grand children. The production will take place at the Beehive Honiton on the following dates:-

Friday 31st July Evening

Saturday 1st August Matinee and Evening

Sunday 2nd August Matinee

Tickets on sale at the Beehive or on line on their web site.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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