

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

## A monthly Community Newsletter

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### **TO VOTE IN OR OUT - THAT IS THE QUESTION BY 2 VILLAGERS**

Why I shall vote REMAIN. First of all, this is the most important vote that I shall ever make. If we decide to LEAVE, then that will be an irreversible decision and the future for Britain, its place in the World and its economy will be irrevocably changed. ...Ah, I hear you say, we will control our borders.....Well, that depends on whether we want to continue to trade with the EU. When the Swiss voted to remain outside the EU, it took ten years to establish full trade agreements – including fully open borders. Now they have voted to restrict immigration, but they will lose their trade agreements unless they keep the borders open. If we don't want to trade with the EU, what impact will that have on, for example, Honda's factory in Swindon (built here for easy access to the large EU market), London's financial sector, etc? The knock-on effect in jobs and lost taxes could be horrendous. Also what will our borders be? We may well lose Scotland in another referendum. Northern Ireland cannot afford difficult borders with the South. (And what about Gibraltar?) Well, what about sovereignty? Parliament is still sovereign (it can vote to leave the EU), but the practicalities of sovereignty are compromised by the existence of multi-national corporations. Many of our major assets are owned by foreign companies, over which we have little control. Can a smaller Britain successfully negotiate with Amazon, Apple, Google, News International, etc?

The EU has or is negotiating free-trade deals with America, China and India, from which a post-Brexit Britain would be excluded. The EU has 53 such deals. Britain would have to try to replicate them, a huge challenge given its lack of trade negotiators and the length of time even simple trade talks take. There are many other arguments, but I know what I feel. We need all the friends we can find in these troubled times. There are threats that transcend our borders eg climate change. We need to keep the friends we've got, not push them away. Being in the EU provides massive opportunities for business, research and development, culture, travel and work for those who feel adventurous. Our science, our cultural environment and our Health Service have benefitted enormously from EU membership. Let's look outwards not inwards. So I shall vote REMAIN and remain proud to be English, British and European.

On the 23rd of June we all face a decision on whether we LEAVE the EU or stay in. We all have our own opinions and there have already been some heated arguments, not only nationally but locally and amongst friends. I, and I stress this is my personal view, would like to see the UK leave the European Union as I believe we can do better by standing on our own two feet and making Britain 'Great' again. We pay the EU system £13bn per annum and yes I know we get £4.5bn back in spending and support, so that leaves a large deficit of £8.5bn. I am sure as an independent UK we could carry on supporting areas that currently get support from the EU with this money and help business and industry to be ever more competitive in the trading world. 50% of our exports go to the EU, that is not going to suddenly stop overnight, nor is the importation of EU goods to the UK. Yes there will be much work for government to do, for once, and it may take a while but to be free from many of the restrictive regulations that stifle manufacturing and most businesses will be a blessing.

We can control our borders again, making them safe and have a fair system of entry into the UK taking those that we need to help us build our Greater Britain. That is not being racist or inhumane, it is being sensible, it prevents all those that believe our streets are paved with gold and everything is free, from entering our country. Shocked and you don't think there are people like this, there are many countries that believe this. If you are of benefit to us then please come in

Do you believe in democracy? Our United Kingdom was built on democratic values with a few internal wars and disagreement along the way. We have a system where we vote for our governments and the local bodies that look after our counties and Parishes and when we think they are doing a bad job we vote them out. The European Union is headed by 5 Presidents or is that 7 or 8? No one seems to know let alone know who they are, what they do and who put them in this great position of power in the first place. The EU has digressed from a free trade agreement into an un-bureaucratic monolithic state and although we may vote in or out, ultimately it will take an Act of Parliament to decide if we leave or not which will mean that our elected Members of Parliament will have the final say. Why are we bothering?

## THE UDDER SIDE OF THE HEDGE - CARLA CHEFFEY

In a very British manner I shall open by saying what fantastic weather we have been having, although could well change before going to press! The maize, only sown a few weeks ago is already well out of the ground and the silage, harvested and sheeted. A few nice showers now with this warmth would be perfect growing weather.

Really, I should have got mum to write the article this month, as she obviously has more time on her hands since she and dad have gone to Ireland on holiday for a week; although somehow, their week seems to have nine days in it! Having said that, it's their first 'Summer' holiday for 35 years and I've already had a text from mum simply saying "There's a lot of cows in Ireland!!!" There were also a lot of cows in the woods at the back of our fields at Crowpits leading onto East Hill recently, and on more than one occasion. We've never actually had young-stock getting through electric fences so much. There are 64 there in total, and at one point we could only find 16. The others were later found having crossed the road and gone through several fields up to the farm next to the Hare and Hounds. We managed to pen them in up there and bring them back in several trailer loads.

Once again we have some beautiful kittens causing havoc in our kitchen, grey ones seem to be fashionable at the minute, and I even had to meet a lady at Dunkeswell airfield who had flown over from Jersey just to buy two. They really are gorgeous though, and it's nice to know they go to good homes – I often get emailed photos from people who have bought kittens from us and it is really so lovely to see them being loved so much.

### CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT.

CAROL McCANN

Congratulations to Judy Turner who was Confirmed by the Bishop of Exeter at the Cathedral on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, welcome into the family of the Church.

Our adverts to find a new vicar start again this month please pray for a successful outcome this time. The refurbishment of the Parish Room will commence on 20<sup>th</sup> June, we hope there won't any disruption to traffic using the lane. The toilet will still be available.

Gittisham Sunday services for June/July – at 11am unless stated otherwise.

**12th** Parish Eucharist

**19th** Lay-led sung Matins

**26th** Parish Eucharist

**26th** Team Evensong -Combe Raleigh Church 6.60 (choir practice 5.30)

#### JULY

**3rd** Family Eucharist with Refreshments

**10th** Parish Eucharist

**17th** Lay-led Morning Worship

**24th** **No Morning Service**

**Team Evensong 6.30** (choir 5.30) with refreshments

**31st** Parish Eucharist

At the June Family Service we had the Christening of baby Ruby May Trelawny Marker Morgan. The church was full and there were lots of young children in attendance. We look forward to seeing both Ava and Ruby back in the church for a family service in the future.

The 2017 Church Pocket Diaries are now available priced at £1 and are located on the central bench in church. If you would like to purchase one but cannot get to the church please ring Carol on 851113.

I am still looking for a few more people who would be prepared to help with church cleaning as several members have had to give up.

#### 200 Club Results - June

1st Mr M. Beddows

2nd Mrs B. Madden

3rd Mr K. Horn

4th Mr D. Fallows

5th Mr G. Carstairs

If you haven't paid your subscription yet please let me have your cheque asap.

## GITTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL - REPORT FOR JUNE/JULY NEXT MONTH

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY DELIVERED WITH THE JUNE GAZETTE WITHOUT DELAY!!**

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### **LETTER FROM COMBE ESTATE**

I am writing to the Gittisham Gazette and would be grateful if this could be included in the next edition.

#### **Dog Mess - Combe Drive**

It has been noted recently that there seems to be an accumulation of dog mess on or very near to the drive up to Combe House. This became particularly noticeable when the grass was mown recently and it is concerning that there is a risk of contamination of the silage and grass through excessive dog mess.

We are not aware of the precise number of people who walk their dogs up the drive, but even if there were only 2 dogs walked up there twice a day and each time they emptied themselves, this would leave 14 unpleasant presents per week. Obviously if the number of dogs walked is larger then it is easy to see how the problem can escalate.

We therefore would kindly request that anybody who exercises their dogs up the drive is kind enough to pick up the mess and take it home with them.

Kind regards

Justin Lascelles MRICS FAAV  
Estate Manager

### **DIARY DATES**

**June 11th 10.00-3.00 12th 12.00-4.00 A Weekend of Gittisham Memories** in the Village Hall .photos, cuttings memorabilia etc. Refreshments both days for further info get in touch with Helen Hayman on 01404 758334 or 07806480246.

**11th 90 Glorious Years**, a celebration for the Queen's birthday, with bubbly, canapes and 2 course dinner 6.30 in the Mackarness Hall followed by an evening of music from 9 decades by Nostalgia Incorporated (Jan Sutcliffe's company of artistes)

**18th Coffee get-together** 10.30 - 12 noon on the green (inside if wet) hopefully with a sales table.

**19th Sunday Lunch Bar-b-q** Village Hall garden (indoors if wet) 12.30-2.30 £6.50 / £4.00 children Please advise if vegetarian. No bar, bring own alcohol, ring Sue Fallows 850922 or Carol McCann 851113.

**23rd EU Referendum** polling station at Village Hall open from 7.00am - 10.00pm

**5th July Village Hall AGM 8.00pm** at the village Hall. Everyone welcome

### **Regular events in the Village Hall**

Mondays **Pilates** with Nikki Pettitt 7.00-8.00, information from Nikki on 07971 821175 (not bank holidays)

Tuesdays **Salsa DX** with Toni Conibeer 7.00 - 8.00 information from Toni on 07808 900740

Wednesdays **Gittisham Folkdance Club** (not 1st Wednesday in month) 7.30 - 10.30 information from Gill Spence 01404 813129

### **MIDWEEK HERALD**

As from the 22nd June the village Midweek Heralds will be placed in the bus shelter in a box, as Pam is no longer able to deliver them. Please collect your own, however if you have a neighbour who cannot get their own copy, please arrange to do so for them. Thank you. Pam Chown. (If there are any problems please ring her on 850085)

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**Congratulations to Edward Fuller**, who with his rowing partner Phoebe Muir won a Gold Medal recently during an event at Dornay Lake (where the Olympic rowing took place) On The 4<sup>th</sup> June Ed had a very busy day rowing in 3 x 1000 mtr races as a single, in a double and a coxed quad, he and his rowing squads won one gold and two silver medals. Ed rows in the J 14 age group and still has a full programme of rowing competitions this summer.

**Wishing Reg Chown** a very happy 80th birthday on the 23rd June we hope you have a lovely day.

## School Report

### The Kings School by Helen Hayman

King's Space programme events saw the LIVE contact with Tim Peake and a handful of students (Robert Rowe) asked questions specially selected, snippets of this are on most media sites! This was followed by a special event at the Planetarium, a space science cafe event which covered, ' how big is the universe?' , ' aliens & the weather' & ' worms in space'.

The Go4set team visited ' Antech', & are working on a project to design an eco hotel, moving on to present their ideas @ the Big Bang event this month.

Vivid Theatre Company performed ' Takeaway' at the Theatre Royal , Plymouth, the Kings School provided the biggest company in the National Connections Festival, Plymouth.

Ten Tors was a success with 30 students walking either 35, 45, or 55 miles.

The year 7's celebrated Shakespeare, performing in class and the Year 11's have just celebrated their achievements in all subjects, followed by a leavers celebration day, with a prom to follow in July, ( the fancy dress outfits were certainly eye catching), the smart suits made parents proud & looking forward to their new adventures, some leaving for college , others staying on for 6 th form then university, so good luck to:

Edmund Hayman, Dylan Cody ( who lived at Combe Farm) & Hamish Mclachlan- Clark( who was at Rapshayes).

## WANTED

Wanted to rent, barn for lambing 20 ewes in Dec - Jan, Approx 30 x 30 feet with water supply and preferably electricity. Please contact Sian or Francis Wigram at Gorse Cottage, Gittisham 01404 850668 / 07973521143.

### FREE 2 TWO SEATER SOFAS

Parker Knoll with matching dark olive green and slight fleck upholstery, must be collected ring Carol 851113.

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"Helen & Michael Williams & family of 4 Town Farm Buildings would like to congratulate their eldest daughter Rachel in her new career as a beauty therapist on board the cruise ships, I'm sure the rest of the village will join us in saying "Bon Voyage" and happy travels round the world Rachel!" Rachel will be leaving the village at the end of May for training in Middlesex then will fly out to America to join her cruise ship, we will send her a copy of the newsletter to see!

Also

We would love to move our 2 ponies into the village!! and are looking for a piece of land that the ponies could live on all year round, we are happy to do required maintenance to the land and will consider any options that anyone could offer , both ponies are barefoot (so don't wear shoes) and are very good on grass, please either visit us at home or call Helen on 371481.

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The Gazette is currently being edited by Carol McCann if you would like to take on this task and join our editorial committee please let me know. We aim to go to print during the second week in the month depending on Parish Council and 200 club.

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Copy date for June will be Tuesday 7th. If