

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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REGINALD "REG" CHOWN

Sadly we have lost another one of our Villagers. Reg passed away peacefully Saturday May 13th at Wonford Hospital, Exeter.

Reg was born June 23rd 1936 at Combe Higher Lodge where his father was the underkeeper for Combe Estate. His father became head keeper in 1942 and they moved to Keepers Cottage, Reg went to the Village school and then went on to Honiton Secondary Modern. He left school in 1951 to work for Combe Estate on building maintenance. After a few years he went to work for Victor Broom at Catshayes, but in 1957 when Victor could no longer keep Reg on he went to work for Frank Bussell at Town Farm. At this time he moved into No 3 Mitchells and it was during this year Reg married Pam. Later Reg & Pam moved into No 1 Mitchells. Reg continued to work for Frank until he gave up farming in 1966 when he then went to work for Basil Hayman and stayed there until he retired from working at Gittisham farm under Russell Hayman in 2000. After retiring Reg and Pam moved into Talbots Cottage.

Reg was Gittisham; he was involved with everything that happened in the village from the Village Fetes to the Pantomimes and everything in-between, but his real passions were his gardening and being out shooting or beating. He was a mainstay in the beat line on the Combe shoot; he knew every bit of ground and knew where to be to stop the birds sneaking out through the line. Reg was also known far and wide for his horticulture expertise. This was very evident by the amount of times he won the W.I. Flower Show Cup. There wasn't much he didn't know and was always willing to lend his knowledge to others. He was a true villager who will be sadly missed by everyone.

Dates for your Diary June

17th Coffee Get-together hopefully outdoors but if wet/cold then in the Parish room 10.30 – 12 noon everyone welcome for a cuppa and a chat

17th Quiz Night with Hamish, village hall 7pm for 7.30 with ploughman's + supper £6.50 £3.50 under 12. No bar, bring own drinks, raffle. Teams up to 6 and children's film in committee room. Book table from Hamish/Carol Hall 850793

17th Summer Puddings at St. Paul's with talk by Rev's Philip and Michelle on their recent Ugandan trip. Book your place through St. Paul's Parish Office 44035.

18th Sunday Lunch Bar-b-q for Father's Day Gittisham Village Hall from 12.30 (indoors if wet) £6.50 / £4.00 child. Bring own drinks. There will be a raffle. Details/bookings from Sue Fallows 850922

24th Spirit 11 Spirit Choir with Andy Hague – concert at St. Andrew's Church Colyton 7.30. entry free with retiring collection for the Nalwanza School. Details from Andy Hague hague151@gmail.com

25th Fete Preparation at the Hall from 10.30 bring bunting etc help to decorate village

July 1st Gittisham Fete 2.00pm Stalls, cream teas, duck race, accordion band and magic entertainment. Evening Bar-b-q at the Village Hall. Watch out for a flyer through your door To book a stall ring Judith on 851061, or information, Helen 07806480246 or Sue 850922

BEAUMONT CHARITY
“PARISHIONERS IN NEED”

In the February issue of the Gazette there was an article on the history of the Beaumont Charity. In this article we also explained how it was run in the past and the changes we had to make to it to bring in line with modern times. Since February we have only had two applicants. This is a charity for the parishioners of Gittisham Village and Vale so if you feel you are in need of our help please let one of our Trustees know. Your application would be treated with the utmost discretion.

The Trustees of the Beaumont Charity are:.

Richard Marker, Chair
Charles Holme, Secretary
Mike Dawes, Treasurer
Roy Abbott
Jayne Bramley

Contact details for applications:

charles.holme@talk21.com or telephone Roy Abbott on 01404850550

A Night at the Musicals

This was a high quality production, giving us a really enjoyable evening. For those of you unable to attend – I recommend you buy tickets for the company's production of “Annie!” which is on at the Beehive at the beginning of August. I don't think you'll be disappointed. Sue Fallows

Gittisham Memories- a yearly event in the diary now, which will be announced on the Gittisham website due to so many requests! With so many to thank for all the contributions of photos, information & books, also to Fiona for her support in capturing people's lives around our lovely village which we could also listen too! Thank you to Combe estate too for the many display boards borrowed & the large map & so much information!

All these shared snippets have given our community a real history and an ever growing display! - may need to extend the hall!

Families that grew up in the village and lived in properties that have either been split or have completely gone, travelled especially to learn more about their relatives & to ask or find out from others who certain people were in photos or what certain events were & all signed in the book so we have a record!

The Feniton history group visited with information as did the Ottery historic society and the last enquiry was with regard to Joanna Southcott!

The lunches & teas were well attended, with the donation pots collection, all in all was another success, this will all help to fund a defibrillator in our village!

Next year promises to draw more articles with so many contacts now! Helen Hayman

Thank you to Helen Hayman for the amazing display of photos and articles over the weekend 12/13th May. It was fascinating, and all who came were full of enthusiasm. Helen has now got to cope with the additional material that was promised by many who came and remembered what they have stashed away in cupboards and drawers! Well done, Helen, and exactly where are you going to store everything? Sue Fallows

James Fuller has decided to take part in Cancer Research's *Walk all over Cancer* by walking 10,000 steps a day throughout June. By the end of the month he expects to have walked around 150 miles. Anyone willing to sponsor James please log on to the link below or speak to James direct.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jamesfuller>

GRAIN TO CREAM RUSSELL HAYMAN

First cut silage is now done and should be good, a nice set up for winter. Still got some hay to make and some more cuts for silage. The maize was drilled into a good seedbed and is coming up well, just had to spray it for weeds as it is a crop that cannot put up with any competition and as the fields have had oil seed rape in them before even years ago some still comes through and just grows like billy O! which means we have to be on it straight away. The cereal crops are also looking well but can't tell until it is in the shed. There is nothing left to do to the barley now just wait for it to ripen the wheat will need one more fungicide.

Animals are now out and about enjoying the sunshine, not so many calving at the moment but we will have a little splurge in August /September so drying them off for a bit of R and R.

T B test is upon us again so they will all have to come in, not a good time of year to be doing it but "thems" the rules.

We have also gained Mr and Mrs duck around the house she is laying eggs all over the place if any will hatch we will see but I love seeing them waddle by.

Our herdsman is leaving us this month so a lot more milking for us until we find someone else. We can manage for a short while and finding the right person is going to be a bit of a challenge.

The last couple of weeks we have sadly seen both Archie and Reg pass away too great characters I have known all my life and will miss both. I have many happy memories of them especially Reg as he worked with/for us for many years it's been a while though since that chicken chaser moped he used has been buzzing around. Our thoughts are with both their families and friends.

Got to finish now as I have a commission to drive for a wedding. The same tractor Reg pulled out the ditch when I first drove it. Hopefully I will have a little more control now!!

The Kings School report - Helen Hayman

The Kings School - Year 11 , celebration day did not disappoint with such colourful, varied costumes, so much effort & thought had gone into them, this was followed by the Awards ceremony attended by parents, good luck to that year in their GCSES!

The year 12 & 13 students watched ' Othello' at the Exeter Northcott, good luck also to them with A level exams in a few weeks!

Many more head teachers commendations have been awarded & sport achievements!

Parents evenings and advice has been given on supporting your child through this period of study towards exams and PTFA had their last meeting before the school holidays in the summer, giving out funds to those subjects who requested their help in supporting students.

Don't forget if any students live in Glttisham or the Vale, please let us know or why not write an article!

Please let me know if anyone has won an award or taken part in a challenge this term.

Helen 07806480246

PLEASE SLOW DOWN

A polite request from the parents of the younger children in the village. Please could you slow down when driving through the village. With the warm weather and light evenings our children are often playing in the village. If you hit a child at 45mph they will probably die but slowing to 20mph means they will probably survive the crash. We have no pavements, the speed limit is 60mph and cars are parked all along the roadside. Particular hotspots are the Rookery, the bus stop and the bridge. Please try to set an example to non-residents and drive at 20mph through the village. Thank you.

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT Carol McCann.

A huge thank you to all who collected change for WaterAid over Lent and for supporting the coffee morning and cake stall on the 8th April also for WaterAid. The total raised along with donations was £426.67. Helen Hayman as our Lay-Chair conducted the Church Annual Meeting in the absence of Rev'd Sue who is off sick. Amanda Acland will be living overseas for a time and Judith Turner has taken over as Secretary, Ian Warne remains Treasurer with help from James Matheson (new PCC member), I remain as Churchwarden. We had 2 resignations and welcomed 3 new members to the PCC.. Thanks to all who came to hear the Church's year reports a copy of the finances is in the church porch. The Rev. Philip Butcher, Curate to the Honiton Mission Community will be taking up a post of Rector of a 5 parish Two Shires Benefice in the Bath and Wells Diocese and along with his new wife Michelle will be living in Tatworth. His licencing will be on 10th July at St. John's Tatworth at 7.00pm, there may well be a coach from Honiton ring the Parish office 44035. Gittisham's envelope collection for Christian Aid raised £273.00 many thanks to all who contributed.

Forthcoming Church Services 11am unless stated

June

11th Parish Eucharist
18th No Morning Service, Joint Eucharist service in St. Paul's for Rev. Philip's last service in Honiton at 10.00am
25th Parish Eucharist
25th Choral Evensong at St. Paul's Honiton 6.30 (choir practice 5.30)

July

2nd Family Eucharist with refreshments
9th Parish Eucharist
16th Lay-led Morning Worship
23rd Parish Eucharist
23rd Choral Evensong at Awliscombe St. Michael's 6.30 (choir practice 5.30)
30th Parish Eucharist

200 CLUB RESULTS JUNE

1st Lady Mary Ann Denham	2nd Carol Hall	3rd Carol McCann
4th Helen Hayman	5th Betty Madden	

TAWNY OWL WANTED

Sadly I am unable to continue to be a Brownie leader as my daughter leaves Brownies at the end of this term. Ottery Brownies may have to close if we don't find another leader. Could this be you? Do you have 2 hours every Tuesday and enjoy outdoor and indoor activities? Just 2 hours per week is all you need and I promise you'll enjoy every moment, as I have done for the past 29 years. As Tawny Owl I am not responsible for any of the paperwork or organising - I just turn up every week and have fun! Please contact me on 850793 if you'd like to know more. Carol Hall

Congratulations to the Bartlett Family of Hayne Farm and Bartlett's Farm & Coffee Shop

At the Devon County Show Len, Angela, Nicola and Rebecca won the CAAV John Neason, Farm Diversification Award with a lovely cup currently on display in the shop. Nichola, Rebecca, and brother Daniel also run their excellent Farm and Coffee Shop. Also congratulations to Nicola and husband Matthew on the birth of their new son, Leo James Blackmore, brother for Violet..

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