

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

## A monthly Community Newsletter

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### WHAT A LOVELY FLOWER FESTIVAL

A huge thanks to all who contributed to our wonderful flower festival at, St Michael's, Gittisham, over the last bank holiday the 25 games and board games had some stunning representations of the chosen subject and so many thanks to all whose imagination and ingenuity made a very special event and to those who helped with stewarding in church. The refreshments in the hall were also well received and much supported, thanks to all who helped serve and wash up over the 4 days. Julia's Songs of Praise was very well attended and the Team Choir plus Kevin Lane's organ playing made a great enhancement along with poems written by both children and adults being read out and interspersed with the hymns and songs. A special thanks to Angie Hutchings who masterminded the flowers and to Amanda Acland for co-ordinating the refreshments. Again a huge thank you to everyone who helped us raise £2,200 for much needed church funds.

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#### Dates for your diaries June

**9th No service in Gittisham Mission Community joint service at St. Paul's Honiton for Pentecost**

**11.00 followed by Mission Community lunch**

**11th Gittisham Community Land Trust Board Meeting in the Parish room 7.00pm**

**12th Mission Community Council Meeting at St. Paul's 7.15/30**

**15th Coffee Get-together 10.30 – 12.00 at Winsor Cottage by kind permission of Ann Pew with cake stall and bring and buy stall.**

**15th Quiz Night with Daphne Hall, 7.00 with Supper, (see separate article)**

**16th Sunday Lunch Bar-b-q 12.30 at the village hall bring own drinks details from Rosie 01404 850873 (SEE SEPARATE ARTICLE)**

**23rd Mission Community Choral Evensong at Farway Church 6.30 (choir practice 5.30)**

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#### JUNE'S COFFEE GET TOGETHER SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT WINSOE COTTAGE

Mrs Ann Pew has invited us to hold our June coffee get-together at her house in Gittisham, it is hoped to have a cake stall and bring and buy stall. If you could bake cakes or provide bring and buy items can you please let Carol know 851113. Also Ann and I will need some help to do this so please if you could offer a hand do let me know. Many thanks Carol McCann

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**I would like to say thank you for the flowers from church on the anniversary of Len's death also for the kindness and love I have always received from everyone. Len's ashes, as wished went into the fire of a G.W.R. steam train so he is scattered over Didcot Steam Centre! In the autumn as a volunteers plaque was being blessed during a short service, and a minutes silence being held during a prayer, what should roar through the station but the 'Flying Scotsman', Len's favourite train, amazing coincidence. Jane Whitehouse.**

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#### JFV Car Washing Service

Johnny Valentine will come and wash your car if you can accommodate his hose, or you can come to him at Town Farm Buildings. £5 for Standard Wash £7.50 for Wash and Wax £9.50 for Wash, Polish and Wax Tel 01404 851322 Email: [johnnyvalentine.jv@gmail.com](mailto:johnnyvalentine.jv@gmail.com)

### **Quiz night with Daphne Hall Saturday June 15th 7pm with supper**

Raising money for Children's Hospice £6 adult, £4 child In the village hall table bookings 850793.

Daphne and her friend are abseiling the 220 foot high Canonteign Falls and raising money for Children's Hospice. Please come along to a fun quiz night and support them.

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### **CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Cards for Good causes are looking for a new manager/s to oversee their multi-charity Christmas card shop in St Paul's Crypt this year.

The role is from the end of October to mid December, no previous experience required, a modest remuneration is paid at the end of the season.

Anyone interested in finding out more please contact Frances Guy [frances.guy@cfgc.org.uk](mailto:frances.guy@cfgc.org.uk) for more information.

Frances Guy

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### **GRAIN TO CREAM - RUSSELL HAYMAN**

t's summer; maize is growing, some grass has been ensiled, need some more though and the cereal crops are looking well so nothing to moan about. What is a poor farmer to do! Well it's just like a swan calm up top but bedlam below the water, not at all implying that I am anywhere as elegant as a swan.

We're looking forward to having some heifers calve in now that we are truly settled with the new system. Need a few more animals, as we have been a closed herd for a few years now (no replacements purchased) and would like to keep it that way, it means we have to wait for the girls to get there. A watched pot never boils and all that, when you want something to happen it is never quick enough it can soon go wrong though as always. The bird life around here has on the whole part been good (Fox be-heading some hens not so). Ducks are waddling about pheasants strutting their stuff and partridge dive-bombing me. I have also seen a lot more of our barn owls around the nest box so I hope there will be some chicks so all in all a positive report.

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### **COME AND JOIN OUR FATHER'S DAY BBQ - SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Come and join our friendly BBQ in Gittisham Village Hall garden (in hall if wet), commencing at 12.30pm. Please bring your own drinks. £6.50 adults, £4.00 primary school children. All new residents very welcome – don't be afraid to come by yourself, we talk to everyone! Bookings welcome but especially if you require vegetarian/gluten free option. Contact Rosie 850873 for further information/bookings.

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**St. Michael's Church** are 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

## **GITTISHAM CRAFT CLUB CELEBRATES 20 YEARS**

The Gittisham Craft Club, is in it's 20th year of our weekly meetings at each other's homes. This year members have made items for the Neo Natal dept at Exeter Hospital and sent over 50 bobble hats to the Cross River Institute of Technology and Management in Nigeria to be presented to students for their accomplishments. The Gittisham Ladies Craft Group have also been issued with their own Certificate of Accomplishment from the College. Lilian has some lovely photos of the children receiving and wearing their hats, unfortunately not able to be included in the Gazette (as couldn't be scanned). The craft ladies under leadership of Lilian Hayman are now looking for a new challenge and suggested making some kneelers for the choir stalls in church. As for the millennium project, it would be lovely to have sponsors towards the kneeler kits which cost around £30.00 each. If you feel you would like to sponsor a kneeler do please get in touch with Lilian on 01404 850497, you can of course choose your own design and if you would like to sew your own that also would be acceptable. Many congratulations to these dedicated ladies keep up the sterling work the camaraderie and excellent projects undertaken.

## **EDWARD FULLER**

Edward Fuller and his rowing partner Oliver Wickham competed at The National Schools Regatta held at Eton Dorney Lake, the largest junior regatta of the year with over 5000 competitors. They won the coveted Marlow Bowl for the Junior 16 double sculls. It adds to their achievements this year of already winning at The Scullery Regatta London, Gloucester Head Race and reinforces that they were the fastest J16 double over 5K at GB trials in February, Boston Lincolnshire.

Next they trial in June for the GB v France Regatta held in July at Nottingham where they will both hopefully gain a place to represent



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

"As we enter the second part of our first year, the support we have had from everyone this past six months has been overwhelming. It is a true pleasure to see so many regular faces, and to welcome new faces too, and of course all of the lovely dogs we get to fuss. With all this sunny weather we have been having, the plants have been flying out of the door – we have in stock a large range of gorgeous perennials, shrubs and annuals to keep your garden fully in bloom all year round, and to support a wide range of wildlife. As we are all passionate horticulturists, it is very important to us to keep the garden staples as well as new and unusual varieties. Out in the plant area you will find Andrea who is passionate about herbaceous shrubs and perennials – she is also our plant buyer, and Alan who loves his vegetable and bedding plants. Head inside to find Marion, she loves bird care and is always up for a laugh, then there's Laura who's a florist and is crazy about houseplants. James is here for the comedy and his dog Scoop follows closely behind, while Myles is noted for his excessive charm. Our café is very nearly open, we hope to have it ready in the next few weeks – the end of June at the latest! We love Kimberly, the manageress; she is always bringing us cakes to try – of course it would be rude to not eat them! It's going to look fabulous in the café, we cannot wait to show you all and for you to try the yummy food.

We are looking forward to the next six months and see what the rest of year brings us. Of course once we hit September time we'll be in full swing of getting Christmas sorted, which will mark a full year open – it's crazy to look back and see how fast time has gone. Thank-you everyone for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all in the garden centre soon."



