

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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### GROW POTATOES IN A BUCKET FOR THE GITTISHAM FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW 5 AUGUST 2017

If you only grow one item in the garden this year, grow potatoes in a bucket for the Gittisham Flower and Produce Show. This is a fun category for all ages - quantity not quality counts – no points are awarded as it is not part of the judged classes. A £1 entry fee will provide you with a bucket and seed potato which can be collected from David and Sue Fallows, Parkers, Gittisham (01404-850922) from 1<sup>st</sup> April. Buckets will be emptied and weighed during the show. A full schedule of classes will be distributed but meanwhile, to enable gardeners to prepare, the vegetable and flower classes are:

#### Vegetables

1. 3 White Potatoes
2. 3 Coloured Potatoes
3. 1 Cabbage (any variety)
4. 1 Lettuce (any variety)
5. 5 Spring Onions
6. 5 Onion Sets
7. 6 Shallots
8. 6 Sprays of Parsley
9. 3 Beetroot
10. 3 Carrots (any variety)
11. 6 Pods of Broad Beans
12. 6 Pods of Peas
13. Pair of cucumbers
14. 5 Tomatoes
15. 3 Courgettes under 6"
16. 6 Runner Beans
17. 2 Parsnips
18. 3 Sticks of Rhubarb
19. 4 Different culinary herbs (not parsley) in a jar
20. The longest Runner Bean

#### Flowers

21. Any flowering plant (pot not exceeding 8")
22. Vase of 5 Pansies
23. 1 Spike Gladioli
24. 3 Dahlias
25. 6 Stems Sweet Peas
26. 4 Stems different cut flowers
27. 1 Specimen Rose
28. A flower arrangement not exceeding 15"x 15"  
Title – Summer Splendour

Entries are welcome from those who reside in the Parish of Gittisham, including of course Gittisham Vale. Entries are also welcome from those who no longer live in the village but have previously done so and continue to actively support the village. If you require any further information or are willing to help with the organisation please contact Angie Hutchings 01404 45101 / [angieh13@binternet.com](mailto:angieh13@binternet.com)

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#### People in the News.

**Edward Fuller** has competed in three competitions since Christmas. The first was The Head of the Taff race in Cardiff where he won both the Junior 14 single scull and the Junior 14 double scull with his partner Ollie. He then went on to win his heat as a Junior 14 single scull at the regional south west competition allowing him to represent the SW at the interregional finals in Nottingham in April where he will compete on the water with the best 8 Year 9 boys in the country. Last week he won the year 9 boys indoor rowing championship at Plymouth University rowing 1158m in 4 mins. Next Friday we are in London at the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championship at the Olympic Park, fingers crossed!

## **PARISH COUNCIL – MARCH REPORT**

Four councillors met for the March meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC), Claire Wright (DCC), Sara Randall Johnson (DCC) and one member of the public were also present.

### **DCC / EDDC Report.**

Susie Bond said the residents at the Trafalgar Bridge site near the Otter Inn had been given a five-year temporary planning consent, following their appeal to EDDC. The district council is increasing council tax; Sara Randall Johnson said DCC and the Devon & Somerset Fire Authority would also be raising their share. Some of this increase will be spent on social care. Claire Wright reported that Devon & Cornwall police would be recruiting more officers, but largely in the area of cyber crime. Small towns and villages are likely to see cuts to the number of CPSOs. DCC is due to review the decision to remove inpatient beds at Honiton Hospital and elsewhere. This being Claire Wright's last meeting as councillor because of boundary changes, David Fallows thanked her for all her work.

**Crime.** (1) 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – burglary at secure commercial premises; power tools, cash and fuel stolen

**Finance.** Members agreed the finances.

**Planning applications.** Bakery Cottage Gittisham EX14 3AF - installation of a clay roll chimney pot and cowl on central stack chimney. Members had no objections.

**Limited residential development.** David Valentine said the steering group had met Wessex Community Land Trust and Combe Estate regarding the development of a limited number of homes in Gittisham village. The estate manager now needs to present options to the estate board.

**Public rights of way.** Members heard that a public meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February and well attended. Respondents to the survey filled in at the meeting said they used all seven footpaths in the parish. The Chair agreed to contact walking groups for their views, and the clerk said she would investigate David Valentine's suggestion of establishing a path along the westbound carriageway of the A30 between Dark Lane and the Iron Bridge.

**Support grants.** Members agreed to offer a small donation this financial year to four charities whose objectives have a direct benefit to residents: Citizens Advice Bureau, Royal British Legion Honiton, Devon Link-Up and transport provider TRIP.

**Telephone and broadband.** Owen Morgan voiced his concern about the lack of telephone and broadband currently in Gittisham village, due to contractor damage to a cable. Claire Wright said she would investigate with BT's regional manager. A meeting was due to take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March between parish council representatives, BT and Combe Estate to discuss progress on superfast broadband for Gittisham village. BT has argued that it needs to install 22 telegraph poles for this to be possible. Susie Bond said she would investigate whether this would need planning permission in an AONB and conservation area.

**Fire hazards.** The clerk agreed to write to all property owners in Gittisham village to remind them of their responsibilities as regards burning wood and sweeping chimneys.

**Next meeting.** This will be on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

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## **FAREWELL BUT NOT GOODBYE**

### **Doreen & Ernie Wensley**

Have now moved from Gittisham Vale to Sidmouth, their new address is 44 Powys House, All Saints Road, Sidmouth, EX108DE. We wish you every happiness in your new home and do hope that you will come and visit occasionally as I am sure you will have visits from your friends in both Gittisham and Gittisham Vale. I hope your unpacking is going well, see you soon. Carol

## The Udder Side of the Hedge by Jane Hulbert.

It was in March 2007 that I wrote my first article for the gazette. I did comment then that we had rain, rain and more rain, I had started building an ark!

Our annual Tb test was done last week, ending with two IR's (inconclusive reactors), we are immediately put under restriction until the 'powers that be' write telling us that the two animals must be tested again in 60 days but all the others are clear to be moved if wished. (Hopefully!!)

For a year now we have been selling all the best animals a couple of weeks after they calve. Our 500 milking herd is now down to 150, we intend to stop milking in July. It's rather sad to see them go, especially the cow families that started our herd. Each mother's name is given to the daughter for example Janie, she may have a calf by a bull named 'Penman' therefore the daughter would be 'Penman Janie' and each pedigree animal is prefixed with our pedigree name 'Janke'. The 'Janie' family started with a little red heifer calf we bought in 1989 just before we moved here.

The markets are quite good fun though, the same buyers keep coming back and it's nice to hear how well the animals are doing. I wonder if the animals know each other when they meet again. I'm getting very good with the wet sponge and brush to make them look nice, perhaps a new job for me!

Keith has begun to finish the beef calves, mostly the Holstein Friesians. The first few were sold this last week and weighed approx. 650kg which is good. We should be able to house 200 at our new farm at Fenny Bridges. I need to keep him busy, can't have him checking what I do in a day!!

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### Honiton Wine and Social Circle

We entered a team into the January Gittisham quiz and to our amazement we won! During the very enjoyable evening a couple of people came up to us to enquire what we were all about.

The wine circle has been running for over 40 years now and meets on the first Friday of each month in the Masonic Hall in Honiton. The hall is between the cattle market and Allhallows playing field. Meetings start at 7:30 pm and normally last a couple of hours. Originally set up as a club for like minded amateur wine makers, today there is less of an emphasis on making and more on enjoying and learning more about wine. However if you wish to learn how to make your own wine this is the place to go.

We also have many social activities during the year including meals out, weekends away with other wine circles and visits to vineyards etc.

If you wish any further information please contact Dave Pickerell on 01404 43894

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### Dates for your Diary March

**11th Churchyard workday**- all welcome 10am to join in please bring own tools! and pray for a fine day!

**18th Coffee Get-together** in the Parish room 10.30 – 12 noon everyone welcome for a cuppa and a chat

**23rd Gittisham PCC Meeting** in the Parish Room 7.15/7.30

**8th April Coffee Morning** with bring and buy cake stall 10.00 – 12.00 in aid of Water Aid, in the Village Hall. Please bring change any jars collected for Water Aid from what you have given up for Lent.

**13th/14th May Gittisham Memories!** - in the village hall, 10-4 pm, plenty of memorabilia, photos, newspaper articles, a full display, and still collecting so please contact Helen Hayman - 07806480246, refreshments will also be served on both days!

**Wanted:** some help with delivering Gazettes in the centre of the village, I have one person but it would be easier for two. Also is there anyone from Gittisham Vale who would like to provide the Gazette with news items?. Contact Carol McCann, Editor 01404 851113/07751240873

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## **CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT** Carol McCann.

What have you given up for Lent? We have been asked to collect change in jars over the period of Lent in aid of Water Aid, I do hope you will be able to offer change for this most worthy cause to enable people to have access to clean and safe drinking water. There will be a coffee morning in the village hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> April with bring and buy cake stall from 10.00-12.00, I would be grateful for offers to bake cakes either for the stall or to eat with coffee. On the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. The Bishop of Exeter visited Honiton and held a 'Prayer School' it was a very interesting afternoon with many discussions on all aspects of our prayer life. This was followed by tea and a service of Compline.

### **Forthcoming Church Services 11am unless stated**

#### **March**

**12th Parish Eucharist**  
**19th Lay-led Sung Matins**  
**26th Mothering Sunday Family service**  
**with refreshments and posies**

#### **April**

**2nd Parish Eucharist**  
**9th Parish Eucharist**  
**14th Lay-led Good Friday Reflective Service**  
**16th Easter Day Eucharist**  
**23rd Parish Eucharist**  
**30th Parish Eucharist**

### **200 CLUB RESULTS MARCH**

1st Kevin Broadhurst	2nd Roy Abbott	3rd Angie Hutchings
4th Violet Quick	5th Valerie Clifford	6 month Dr Charles Holme

**200 Club subscriptions are due in March, £12.00 per year, a few numbers available, can be paid by cheque/cash or annual standing order (forms from Carol 851113).**

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**THE PIG-at Combe** are looking to increase our Nights Team by recruiting two Night Porters to join the team at one of the most exciting and quickly growing hotel and restaurant groups in the UK.

As a Night Porter your sole responsibility is to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the hotel at night. You will be responsible for the satisfaction of all guests needs and will ensure the Night Report is completed. As Night Porter your duties include room service, delivering newspapers and regular security checks. Successful candidates will be those who are comfortable following directions but also working autonomously, adapting to different situations to ensure our guest's needs are catered for at all times.

Experience of working in a similar role or with a strong understanding of the requirements of Night Porter responsibilities is desired. An overview of the Night Porter role will include:

- Providing a safe and secure environment for our guests
- Assisting with all departments where required
- Admin duties, including making room and table reservations, responding to emails and sending guest correspondence
- Cleaning and stocking responsibilities
- Cash and data handling
- Fire preparation and lighting
- Land Rover Shuttle Service

You will be given full systems training and an insight into hospitality as it should be – providing a unique, informal guest experience, within a beautiful setting.

**Successful candidates can look forward to:** - A competitive salary - Free meals on duty - Free uniform - Discounted Room Nights - 28 days holiday (increasing with length of service) - Discounts at Food and Beverage outlets - Childcare Voucher Scheme - Cycle to Work Programme - A range of training and development opportunities - Fantastic career prospects as we aim to home grow our Supervisors and Managers of the future

If you are interested please contact Kelly Tyror on 01404 540400 or [kelly.tyror@thepigatcombe.com](mailto:kelly.tyror@thepigatcombe.com)