

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

## A monthly Community Newsletter

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### ST. MICHAEL'S GETS READY FOR A NEW ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March in church at 7.00pm. This year the Ecclesiastical Electoral Roll has to be renewed (this happens every 6 years) if you are already on the current roll you will need to re-register with Christine Broom our Electoral Roll Officer ASAP her number is 01404 44641. At the APCM the annual reports of the church year will be given by the Treasurer (Ian Warne), Churchwarden (Carol McCann), and PCC Secretary (Judith Turner). The election of Churchwarden and PCC members is also included. The meeting will be chaired by our Rector Rev'd Sue Roberts starting with Wardens election (known as the Vestry Meeting) then the reports and election of the PCC. There is then a break for refreshments after which members of the general public leave and the first PCC meeting will begin. Only those on the church electoral roll may vote on any matter but everyone is invited to attend to hear the state of our lovely church (which is struggling to meet our commitments). This year we have the added expense of having our Quinquennial Inspection from the Diocesan Architect who will go over the building (with a fine tooth comb) and will report on all the items that need repairing or renewing with the priority work having to be carried out within the 1<sup>st</sup> year and so on throughout the 5 year period. This is a compulsory inspection and we have to carry out the work needed, under the supervision of the architect. At the last inspection we had to re-roof the chancel, make secure the gallery, renew some lead, renew some window stays and other incidental items so an expensive exercise!! Please pray for an easier one this year. It would be lovely to welcome you to our APCM – we will not put you on any committees just come and hear how we are doing. Our major fund raising this year is a Flower Festival over the late May bank holiday Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> inclusive from 10.00am to 5.00pm. On the Sunday there will be a Songs of Praise service probably at 6.30pm. We will be serving morning coffees, ploughman's lunches and afternoon teas each day in the Village Hall between 10.00 and 4.00. Carol McCann

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#### Dates for your diaries March

**Wednesdays throughout Lent light lunches at St. Paul's from 12.00 – 1.30 in aid of Wateraid.**

**16th Coffee get-together 10.30 – 12 noon** in the Parish Room everyone welcome to come along

**21st Gittisham Community Land Trust Special General Meeting** Village Hall 7.30 (see article)

**24th Mission Community Choral Evensong St. Paul's Honiton 6.30pm** (choir practice 5.30) with refreshments

**28th Gittisham Annual Parochial Church meeting in the church, Gittisam 7.00pm** (see above)

**31st Mothering Sunday Family Service 11.00** with refreshments and posies

#### April

**3rd Parish Council Meeting 7.30** in Parish Room.

**6th Quiz Night, Village Hall 7/7.30, Ploughman's supper. Teams up to 6 Quizmaster & bookings Hamish 850793. Raffle. No bar bring your own, £6.50/£3.50 primary age. Everyone welcome**

**19th Good Friday reflective service with hymns 10.30 followed by Coffee and Hot Cross Buns in the Parish Room**

**20th Coffee Get-together in the Parish Room 10.30 – 12 noon, everyone welcome to join us**

**21st Easter Day Eucharist 11.00am**

**28th Gittisham Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.00** in church, everyone welcome.

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#### LOGS

Ian and Liz Warne have logs of various sizes and from various trees which are surplus to their requirements.

If anyone would like to collect any, before the winter is over, then please get in touch.

A small donation to the church would be appreciated. 01404 42146.

## **NEW DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE VALE**

Gittisham PC has arranged for a second defibrillator to be commissioned in the parish, this one is located on Old Elm Road within Gittisham Vale.

Funding was obtained from the Parishes Together Fund and the Beaumont Charity together with a number of generous contributions from local residents and businesses including Bartlett's Farm Shop who also hosted a fund raising plant sale in their car park.

The defibrillator is registered with the emergency services who will provide the access code to anyone dialling 999 to report a relevant incident.

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### **COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm, the Village Hall Committee is offering an opportunity to discuss two films - a Spaghetti Western and a traditional Laurel and Hardy. Come to our film discussion club for the princely sum of £2. The popcorn is free but bring your own drinks. We look forward to seeing everyone there. For further information, please phone Rosie on 01404 850873.

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### **YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!**

The Village Hall Committee is seeking to recruit new volunteers. Help us to organise village events and keep the hall shipshape. Please enquire to Rosie (01404 850873) if you are interested.

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### **GITTISHAM FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST AND BUCKETS OF FUN!**

Another year has passed and it is time to be thinking about – and growing for – the annual Flower and Produce show. A full schedule for the 2019 event will be distributed very soon. Everyone, young and not so young, is welcome to join in the fun and camaraderie. Put the date in your diary, find your packets of seed and get sowing.

Have you still got your potato bucket for the Gittisham Flower and Produce Show? If so, now is the time to retrieve and clean them in preparation for planting in April. Collect your seed potato from 1<sup>st</sup> April from David and Sue Fallows, Parkers, Gittisham (01404-850922) - £1 per entry. For those who did not participate last year, join in the fun, a bucket and seed potato are provided for just £1. Buckets are emptied and weighed during the show on 3rd August. Entries from all ages very welcome.

If you have a bucket and will not be entering the competition, please return it to David and Sue for recycling to another entrant.

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### **GITTISHAM COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (GCLT)**

Since the GCLT's incorporation in October 2018 the board (founding members) has been engaged in preparation work including the enrolment of new members, establishing a website ([www.gittisham-clt.org.uk](http://www.gittisham-clt.org.uk)) and organising finance. The next step forward is the formal election of the board of Directors which will take place at a Special General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The meeting is open to all members of the public but only paid up members will be able to vote on the election of the new Board. The election of Board members is the only item on the formal agenda for this evening. However, if you wish to understand more about the work of the GCLT then please come along and have a chat with the team. The GCLT is a non political, not for profit organisation with the primary objective of providing a small scale affordable (rented accommodation) housing scheme to serve residents with a village/parish connection. Once the Board has been elected it will source appropriate 'start up' funding and continue with seeking to find a suitable site and to agree Heads of Terms with the landowner. The endorsement of the wider community of a recommended site will be the subject of a further Public Meeting in due course. Keeping the community advised is a key part of the process and further public meetings will be on the agenda when we shall be looking at the housing project in more detail. The funding for this type of proposal comes from the Governments Community Housing Fund and there is a significant sum held by EDDC which we can apply for. There is little or no cost to the GCLT. Thank you for the support you have given to this community initiative.

## PARISH COUNCIL – MARCH REPORT

Six councillors met for the January meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC), Phil Twiss (DCC), and two members of the public were also present.

**DCC / EDDC Report.** Phil Twiss said a legally required balance budget was passed by DCC at a very long meeting on 21st February. For 2019/20, for an average band D property, the Council Tax charge from DCC will be £1,384.29 (£1,331.19 in 2018/19). This is an increase of 3.99% or £53.10. However, in 2019/20 government funding (core funding) for DCC will reduce by £13.5 million from £115 million in 2018/19 to £101.5 million in 2019/20.

Susie Bond said the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP) is still causing concern, as there is a lack of openness and transparency in the process. A consultation on draft policies and site options will be done in June 2019. The first draft of GESP will be out for consultation in November this year, with a view to it being adopted in April 2022.

Meanwhile, EDDC is intending to take out a Public Works Loan Board (PWL) at 3% to the tune of £20,000,000 to invest in commercial property. This is intended to mitigate the impact of cuts to central Government funding which are in the pipeline, although there are serious concerns at Government level about this strategy. The strategy was approved at full Council on 27 February. Another proposed investment which is causing concern is EDDC's investment of £50,000 in a new regional bank.

**Finance.** Members agreed the finances.

### Planning applications.

- a) The Barn Goldcombe Farmhouse, Gittisham - Variation of conditions 5 and 6 of planning permission 84/P0792 to allow The Cider Barn to be occupied as an unrestricted dwelling and retain the other building as a holiday let

Members had no objections.

**Vale defibrillator.** Andy Wilkins said the Vale defibrillator was now installed and operational. Carol Hall added that the light in the village 'phone box had been fixed.

**Village hall.** Carol Hall explained that the hall committee had expressed an interest in solar panels and a covered area at the back of the hall to accommodate parties and barbecues. She agreed to investigate further funding sources with the clerk to assist in writing applications. Councillors agreed it would be important in future to consider creating space for a further meeting room, and increase the options for the hall to bring in revenue.

**Play area.** Members discussed options for new equipment in the play area, for which Carol Hall said she had received three quotes. Susie Bond advised that a formal consultation of parish children was a requirement of funding (the district council has agreed to do this), and the Chair offered to leaflet the entire parish in a few weeks' time when he delivers information about the annual flower and produce show. However since the meeting, it has emerged that there is a lack of certainty within the district council as to what funds are available from the Community Infrastructure Levy and S106.

Members heard that money raised from the Hayne Lane development can be spent on sport only, and a climbing wall would meet this criteria. Russell Hayman reminded members that sports provision should go some way to incorporate all ages of the parish. Carol Hall agreed to investigate the costs for a range of sports provision, as well as improvements to the petanque court.

**Next meeting.** This will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm in the parish room. It is the annual parish meeting, all welcome to attend.

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**St Michael's Gittisham are looking for an organist to play primarily on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and occasional fill ins. Services are at 11.00am. Can you help ring Carol 851113**

## Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

My main report is on page one. This year we are holding a Flower Festival from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May inclusive in St. Michaels Church the theme is Board Games, Games and Pastimes, Angie Hutchings is looking in charge and as this exercise is costly we are looking for sponsorship towards the flowers if you or your company could help please ring Angie on 01404 45101, we are also looking for people to help with stewarding. I am running the catering side in the village hall and would also be most grateful for help each day during the service of food. If you could help please let me know 01404 851113. Rotas will be made for both.

### Forthcoming Church Services Gittisham and Mission Community 11am unless stated

#### March

10th Parish Eucharist  
17th Lay-led Morning Worship  
24th Parish Eucharist  
31st Mothering Sunday Family Service with refreshments and posies.

#### April

7th Parish Eucharist  
14th Parish Eucharist  
19th Good Friday Lay-led Reflective Service 10.30 with coffee & hot cross buns afterwards  
21st Easter Day Eucharist  
28th Parish Eucharist

### 200 CLUB MARCH 2019 RESULTS

1st Nicky Wakley	2nd Brian Painter	3rd Cynthia Underdown
4th Mary Jarrett	5th Alice Hayman	6 monthly Michael Neve

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**200 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE IN MARCH** for inclusion from the April draw. Numbers are available and cost £12 per year. Subs can be paid by cash, cheque or standing order – if the latter is preferred I have a form for your bank. It is important to fill all the numbers as this is a vital source of income for our church, There are 12 monthly draws paying £40, £20, £15, £10 and £5 with 2 six monthly (March & September) of £48. If you would like to join our 200 Club do please let me know. Carol McCann 851113 07946409142 [charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk)

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### GITTISHAM VILLAGE PLAYGROUND

The parish council are very pleased to have some more money for our village playground. This is an amenity available to all in the parish, as well as visitors of course. We'd love to hear your thoughts on what to spend the money on. We've got plenty of swings and a seesaw, a mini spinner and a bouncy cow but what else do we want? Some children have sent in their thoughts already and it's great that we can show that the money will be spent on exactly what they want. How about adults? We have a boules court, which will be upgraded with this money, but is there anything else, like outdoor gym equipment? Please send your ideas to Carol Hall as soon as possible.

We now have 10 trees in the adjacent family fruit orchard, all planted and cared for by local families. This autumn's harvest will be quite small but it'll be so lovely to pick a few snacks will we play.

Please send your thoughts to [carol.partdrillers@gmail.com](mailto:carol.partdrillers@gmail.com)

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