

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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## HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL

Our next edition will not be out before Easter so we are including our Easter greetings this month. No doubt many of our readers will be surprised when they realise that nearly a quarter of the year has gone by. Time really does fly, or is that just for those of us who are getting to the more 'mature' stages of life! The evenings are getting so much lighter, days getting longer, and we can begin to enjoy those long anticipated warmer temperatures. Sadly we have no 'Farming Column' this month as Jane Hulbert was celebrating a very special anniversary last weekend with all the family. Our Editor was very remiss in not contacting Russell to see if he could bring his report forward by a month so our apologies to those readers who jump straight to that page expecting to read their favourite bits of news. It will be back in April.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**APRIL 17th & 18th—Combe Trek.** Gittisham's very own bi-annual original pantomime. Written by Nick Agg-Manning. Gittisham Village Hall. Evenings at 7.30pm both days. Matinee on Saturday at 2.30. Tickets £6 for all performances. Saturday matinee only £3 concession for children. Tickets available from Carol McCann 0140 851255

### 200 Club Subscriptions – due by end of March

I am having difficulty this year getting 200 Club Subscriptions collected so I am writing to ask if you would transfer from payment by cash/cheque to Standing Order. If you could help by changing, can you please let me know and I will get a Bank mandate form to you. You can either ring or email me, details tel:01404 851113/07751240873 \ email [charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk).

### 200 Club

The winners this month were:

1st Prize	Mrs A Acland
2nd Prize	Mrs D Wensley
3rd Prize	Mrs K Paravicini
4th Prize	Ms S Trumper
5th Prize	Mr M Neve
6 monthly	Mr S Phillips

### EASTER SERVICES

**APRIL 3rd—Good Friday Service** at 10.30am. Lay led reflective service.

**APRIL 5th—Easter Sunday Service** at 11.00am. Family Eucharist with refreshments.

### YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS



**MARCH 28th - Flower and Produce Show meeting** to discuss the formation of a new committee to organise and run the show this year and in the future. Everyone who is interested in keeping this show going please come to the Village Hall at 2.30pm. Thank you Pam Chown  
**Editor's note**—*This show has been held in the village for the past 80 odd years and it would be very sad to see it come to an end. Pam took on the organising when the village WI group closed and she has done a sterling job keeping it going. Well done Pam.*

**YEARS MIND**  
**March**  
William Eveleigh

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**POLLY (nee Agg-Manning) AND NEAL WHITFIELD** have been celebrating the arrival of a sister for Otis. Clementine Eliza was born on 14th January. Our congratulations to the proud parents.

**CAROL McCANN** has been confined to bed for nearly two weeks with a serious chest infection. She is now on the mend and beginning to feel a lot better. We send her our love and hope she will be fully recovered soon.

**NICK AGG-MANNING** is in hospital receiving further treatment. Sarah says that he is doing very well although he has 'up and down' days. We send him our love and look forward to see him back at the Panto rehearsals very soon.

**ADA PARTRIDGE** is home again and it is lovely to see her looking so well. Ada, you were missed while you were away and it is great to see you back.

**ALAN TURNER** died on the 15th February at his home. His funeral was held on Friday 27th February. We send our condolences to Judy and all the family.

### HOLY DUSTERS for March

Phyllis and Julie Broadhurst  
Ann and Peter Stansell

## PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY – March

Five parish councillors met for the March meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC) was also present.

### DCC / EDDC Report.

Susie Bond said the report on housing numbers which would inform the Local Plan had been published. However, the figures will only be revealed to district councillors at a meeting at the end of March. She added that Mid-Devon District Council was proposing to build 3,600 houses at Cullompton and there were concerns that this is not very far from the East Devon Growth Point. Regarding EDDC's office relocation, Susie Bond explained that there has been some discussion among councillors about postponing a decision on the move until after the election. However the decision to leave the Knowle in Sidmouth has already been taken.

**Crime.** The police did not send a report this month. The clerk agreed to alert the police to the presence of revellers near the railway bridge on Dark Lane.

**Finance.** Members noted the finances this month, and resolved to open a new bank account with an initial balance of £4,000 to be set aside for depreciation of fixed assets such as play equipment, and contingency.

### Planning applications.

Land Off Of Devonshire Road Heathpark Industrial Estate Honiton Construction of single storey industrial building (unit F) for use classes B1 and B8

Hamlet House Weston Honiton EX14 3PB T1, Turkey Oak: Lift crown making pruning cuts of no more than 10cm

East Devon Carriage Driving School Putts Corner Sidbury Sidmouth EX10 0QQ (adjoining parish) Extension to operations/accommodation building to create a dwelling for a rural worker

Members had no objections but expressed concerns regarding a) which needs to be considered in relation to the original application and the consents attached to it. Councillors had concerns over noise and traffic movement, especially given how close the unit is to residential properties. They also highlighted the lack of any footpath along Hayne Lane, which had been requested by the PC in response to the original application. This is particularly important with regard to the 300+ homes approved west of Hayne Lane.

**Drains and ditches.** Some members had been contacted by residents concerned at the state of verges and roads, particularly between Gittisham Farm and Sherman's. Photos and descriptions have been passed to Claire Wright, who will follow this up with DCC Highways.

**Dog mess.** A large amount of dog mess has appeared on the road between Riverside Cottages and Catshayes. Susie Bond encouraged residents to report this to EDDC's dog warden on 01395 571517 or online.

**Play area.** The clerk said she had been told by the seesaw supplier that the item corresponds to European standards and therefore does not constitute a crushing hazard, as identified in a previous inspection by the person who carries out the annual safety audit of the play area. However the safety auditor has taken issue with this, and asked that members continue to monitor the equipment. He will visit sometime this month. David Fallows said he had visited Blamphaynes with Bill Griffiths, who is now designing plans for a structure for the play area. This includes two towers, a slide, ladder and net. Members also expressed their enthusiasm for the idea of logs sunk in the ground as stepping stones, and there was some discussion as to how to source these. Following a tendering process, the clerk said she had negotiated a price with the preferred contractor for the play area maintenance. Members appointed PLandscape, who maintained the area last year.

### Election.

David Fallows said that Mike Edmonds would be standing down due to ill health.

**Next meeting.** This will be on 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm. This is the annual parish meeting and all residents are welcome to attend.

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## The National Plant Monitoring Survey

I am writing to let you know about the National Plant Monitoring Scheme which was launched this month.

The scheme is the first of its kind and asks **for volunteers across the United Kingdom** to visit a kilometre square local to them and **record the plants** they find there in several different plots. The scheme will enable us to explore how plants in different habitats are responding to changes in the environment.

It may be that there are people within your parish / community who would like to be involved in this government backed scheme which is being delivered by a partnership comprising Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland; Centre for Ecology; Joint Nature Conservation Committee and Plantlife.

All volunteers registering for a square on [www.npms.org.uk](http://www.npms.org.uk) will receive a survey pack (survey guidance; species list; species guidebook). All volunteers will be able to access telephone and email support provided by the volunteer coordinator. Also, volunteers will be able to access free training courses. Squares have been randomly selected across the UK and it is possible to see if there is a square in your area by visiting the website above. Volunteers are asked to record up to 30 plant species in any one square or linear plot as long as it fits into 1 of the 28 NPMS habitats. Volunteers carry out the survey of their plots 2 times per year. Volunteers may be individuals or small groups

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## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT by Carol McCann

Services for the next few weeks, all at 11.00 unless stated otherwise, 8<sup>th</sup> March Parish Eucharist, 15<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday non Eucharistic lay-led Family Morning Worship with presentation of posies and hopefully with participation from the children, 22<sup>nd</sup> Parish Eucharist hopefully with guest organist from Italy, 29<sup>th</sup> Parish Eucharist for Palm Sunday. **Holy Week and Easter Services within the Mission Community at 7.30pm** first 3 evenings, Eucharistic, with hymns and short reflection, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Buckerell, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Gittisham, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, Combe Raleigh, Maundy Thursday with foot washing, St. Paul's, Good Friday at Gittisham 10.30 lay-led reflective service at 10.30am, Holy Saturday 8.00pm at St. Paul's, Easter Day Family Eucharist with refreshments 11am at Gittisham. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April Parish Eucharist.

I would appreciate help picking flowers and making the posies for Mothering Sunday on the Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> afternoon please. Team choral evensong at 6.30pm with choir practice at 5.30 next ones are 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Buckerell 26<sup>th</sup> April at Combe Raleigh none in May, 28<sup>th</sup> June at Gittisham. On Easter Day there will be a walking treasure hunt with cream tea. Is there anyone who would like to compile the treasure hunt? I can do the typing of questions if necessary, I would also greatly appreciate any help with the teas too. Thank you.

There are several venues around the Mission Community doing a Lent York Course "Songs of the New Testament" Books of the course can be ordered, but you need to let the Parish Office know as soon as possible as they have already started.. There is a leaflet in the church and porch with details. On the 11<sup>th</sup> February we interviewed three candidates for the post of House for Duty Priest, sadly due to unforeseen circumstances we were unable to appoint so we are again back to square one..

The food bank are still very much in need of Long life full fat milk, sugar, fruit juices and squashes, savoury rice and noodles, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes and other tinned vegetables, meat, fish or fruit, custard, rice puddings, sponge puddings and biscuits. There is a blue collecting box near the font in church. But if you would like me to collect any items, please phone me on 851113 St Petroc's in Exeter are still also needing adult clothing and shoes, especially hats, scarves, gloves at this time of year blankets, sleeping bags, old duvets, and towels plus toiletries, for the homeless, I usually meet a volunteer in Honiton on a fortnightly basis.

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**PS Richard Saunders**—I have seen Richard a few times lately, his email address is [rsaunders2015@gmail.com](mailto:rsaunders2015@gmail.com) he loves getting emails and will be able to send you short replies. He is in good spirits and as he is doing his exercises he is getting stronger. If you would like to visit Richard at Hembury Fort House the only times not permitted is at mealtimes. If you would like to visit but do not have transport, please let me know on 851113.

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### Honiton Players

The next production by the Players will be a Richard Harris production of his cricket play "*Outside Edge*" The show will be performed at the Honiton Community College over the period 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April.

"Roger is having trouble getting a team together for the afternoon's fixture against the British Railways Maintenance Division Yeading East but this proves to be the least of anyone's worries. Bob is having marriage trouble as he is still doing odd jobs for his ex-wife behind his current wife Ginnie's back. Dennis is also having marital trouble as his wife seems intent on moving house despite the fact they only moved recently. When he finally puts his foot down she sets fire to his new car. Kevin is trying to fight off his over affectionate wife Maggie while at the same time nurse his injured spinning finger and Alex's new girlfriend ends up shutting herself in the toilets having hysterics. Even Roger's seemingly perfect marriage to Miriam hits the skids when she discovers he was playing away from home in more ways than one on a trip to Dorking last year. Just when it seems things can't get any worse for them, it starts to rain." In 1982 the play was adapted for a one off television production starring, among others, Paul Eddington, Prunella Scales and Maureen Lipman.

Tickets will be available from the Honiton Toy shop. More details in the local press at a later date.

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### AN EXCITING DISCOVERY

Maggie and I have been very excited by the discovery of some beautiful old photos of the village that have turned up in France on ebay. Lots of them show families and children around the turn of the century. We'd love to talk to villagers who might know some of the people in the photos. I am keen to put together a digitised set of photos together with comments. So I'm looking for more photos of the village and it's residents from present day and back as far as we can go.

Yours enthusiastically,

*Carol Hall*

### DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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