

CRAFT CLUB

On Saturday 18th June, 9-12.30, the Gittisham Craft Club will have a stall in the Mackarness Hall, Honiton. We would be pleased if anyone has any craft donations for this stall. Doris Down, Lilian Hayman, Joyce Underdown, Margaret Hawkins, and Pam Chown will take them on the day. All proceeds will be in aid of Gittisham Church and local charities.

200 CLUB

A few numbers are still available so ask Carol McCann if you wish to have one. Tel: 851113.

GRAIN TO CREAM by Russell Hayman, Gittisham Farm

Our cows are at last out grazing away, running around and enjoying the sun. It's good to see them out, a bit of sun does wonders for the spirits. We have a TB test soon so the young stock will stay in until that is finished just to save a bit of work as luckily we are not short of food or bedding for them. The year is definitely a bit later as silage won't be made as early though all the crops should be in the ground by now; the maize just about to go in. It is a time of year that there is lots to do in the fields with everything growing at full rate. So fertiliser is being spread ready to feed the crop the sprayer will also be on the go to keep diseases and weeds at bay. Weeds especially are going to be difficult to control as the crops are thin; a good crop is the best herbicide you can get and also because of the autumn we had no chance to control the grass weeds especially, early on. The oil seed rape is just about to come into flower so a bit of food for the bees. Loads of dung have gone onto the fields again we have had little chance to spread until now so this spring is a story of catch up; always lots to do.

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT—BY Carol McCann

Our monthly coffee get-togethers returned on Saturday 20th April, we were very lucky with the weather and were able to sit outside, we had a very good turnout and the amount made was £55.66. This year the proceeds will go to Gittisham church.

The Annual Parochial Church meeting was held in church on Thursday 25th April, Nick Agg-Manning was re-elected as Lay Chairman, Ian Warne resigned as Church Warden but remains as Treasurer. Roger Hutchings was elected Church Warden in his place. Lilian Hayman has decided to retire after many years of devoted and worthy service as a member of the PCC. Maggie Walker has agreed to join the PCC as the Bell Ringers' representative.

The Honiton food bank are still desperate for more items especially tinned items, vegetables including potatoes, fruit, sponge and milk puddings and ready meals. Plus tea/coffee, long-life milk, cereals, porridge and biscuits.

The 200 club has once again got some spare numbers, the cost is £12 per year, if you would like to take a number, please let me know (01404 851113), the draw is done at the family service on the first Sunday each month during the refreshments.

Do you enjoy flower arranging? If so, would you be interested in helping with church flowers? Also if you could spare some time for 'holy dusting' that too would be marvellous.

We are included in the Honiton Mission Community and this year we have to re-write our Mission Action Plan which has different categories including worship, green issues, Evangelism and Spirituality, Pastoral Care, we at Gittisham have been allocated Communication and have been tasked to find in the bible passages that infer this subject, there are post-it notes in church and a part of the jigsaw which makes up the MAP if you have time to do some research please write the book, chapter and verse that you find on a post-it and stick it on the jigsaw piece. On Ascension Day 9th May there will be a service at St. Michael's in Honiton at 7.30.

There is a series of bible study evenings at St. Paul's on 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th given by some high profile speakers within the Exeter Diocese, there are details in church. On Saturday 18th we will be re-writing the MAP at Awliscombe village hall from 10am – 3pm (with bring and share lunch).

On Sunday 19th May – Pentecost – there will **not** be a service in Gittisham, all parishes will go to St. Paul's for the Eucharist at 10am presided and preached by Bishop Michael, it will be his last service in Honiton prior to retiring. There is a picnic lunch in the garden of the rectory in Rookwood Lane, Honiton has been asked to supply the salads for the picnic. If anyone would like to attend any of the above but cannot get there, please let me know.

SPONSORS NEEDED...

On August 15th I shall be attempting, and hopefully succeeding, in climbing the 3 peaks (it is over 3 days so not as bad as the 24 hour climb). Ben Nevis (Scotland), Scafell Pike (Lake District) and Snowdon (Wales). I am with a group and a guide so will be supported all the way. As this is such a challenge for me I have decided to raise funds for 'Tourettes Syndrome' which, for those who don't know, is a charity which supports all ages with coping and managing 'tics' which take the form of involuntary movements and involuntary vocalisation which can be both distressing and painful, patients may grow out of this at the age of 21 years. The reason that I have picked this charity is because I have a member of the family who suffers with this condition. So if anyone is willing to sponsor me please let me know. Thank you.

Helen Hayman

haymanhelen@googlemail.com

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Please contact one of the editorial team below if you have something that you would like to be included in the Newsletter.

Carol McCann	851113
Barbara Mullett	851255
Jan Sutcliffe	851255
Doreen Wensley	45774
Ernie Wensley	45774

NEXT PRINTING 7th June

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

A monthly Community Newsletter

Published by St Michael's Church and the Parish Council, Gittisham

May 2013

Edition 136

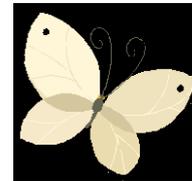
THE JOURNEY by Iris Hesselden



This is the journey and this is the road,
Helping each other and sharing the load,
Walking together and seeking the way,
Sharing the wonder and seizing the day

Making discoveries, lessons to learn,
New exploration as seasons return,
Finding a way to forget and forgive,
Counting our blessings and learning to live.

This is the journey and now is the time,
New paths to follow and mountains to climb,
Travelling onwards, enjoying each mile,
Rejoice in the moment, the journey worthwhile.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

MAY 10th—CHURCH REVIEW MEETING at 6.30pm in the church. to discuss the times of church services in the village and the type of services which will be held. Please come along and voice your views.

MAY 18th—COFFEE MORNING, St Michael's patio 10.30—12.00 with Bring & Buy stall. This will be held in the church if the weather is wet. All welcome.

MAY 27th—SOCIAL SEQUENCE DANCE in the Village Hall. Starting at 8.00pm until 11.30pm £4 entry. Music by Elaine. Raffle in aid of St Michael's Church. Contact Alan and Christine Broom on 44641.

JUNE 4th — Village Hall Committee AGM at 7.00pm. Everyone welcome.

JUNE 16th— BAR-B-Q lunch in the Village Hall garden. 12.00 for 12.30. More details to follow. Everyone welcome.

Winners in May

1st Prize Mrs B Abbott
2nd Prize Mrs L Hayman
3rd Prize Mr C Wensley
4th Prize Mrs V McL-Clark
5th Prize Mr R Marker

CHURCH ORGANIST

Sadly, after several years playing the organ for our church services David Bartlett has decided that he has to retire. He has been a most reliable member of the organists' rota and his wonderful playing will be greatly missed by the congregation. Happy retirement David and Thank You.

WE NOW HAVE A VACANCY...ANY OFFERS?

GITTISHAM FLOWER SHOW

This will be held on Saturday 3rd August in the Village Hall. Would someone like to organise the teas for this event? The Club will pay all expenses for food and drink. You will need about 4 helpers. Please contact Pam Chown 851185 or Sarah Abbott 850103 if you are willing to take this on.

YEAR'S MIND

May

Pam Blackmore
Reginald Rowland Chown
Amy Nicholas
Cedric Summers

HOLY DUSTERS—May

Helen Hayman,
Helen Fuller
Jan Sutcliffe and
Barbara Mullett

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

ROSALIE FEARN, who lived at Town Farm Buildings, has died after a brave battle with cancer. Her funeral is on Monday 13th May, 12 noon, at Honiton Methodist Church. Rosalie will be sadly missed by so many.

SARAH ABBOTT is nursing a broken wrist following a fall at home. She is taking things easy (can you imagine that!) and being cosseted by Leonard (hopefully). We wish her well and hope for a speedy recovery.

ANN PEW was knocked down by a car in Ilminster...she suffered severe bruising, broke her left wrist and has had 12 stitches in her ankle. We send her our very best wishes.

VAL EDMONDS has also suffered a fall, breaking a bone in her hand, while in Newlyn. We send her best wishes and hope she gets the plaster off soon.

ELIZABETH ACLAND is now in Singapore where she is working in Interior Design...well done Elizabeth. We send her our love and wish her much success.

GAVIN AND SIAN THORN, with their children Leyla and Rowen, have moved unto The Wheel House at Town Farm Buildings. We welcome them to the village and hope they will be very happy here.

PARISH COUNCIL—MAY REPORT

Five parish councillors met for the May meeting.

DCC Report.

The clerk agreed to write to Roger Giles on his retirement, thanking him for his long service to parishioners and the council.

Crime. There were three reported crimes since the last meeting:

1. Theft – Two lawn mowers stolen from an open barn
2. Non-dwelling burglary – Forced entry to commercial premises and quantity of cash stolen
3. Theft – Badge on the front of a motor vehicle stolen.

Finance. Members approved the annual accounts and governance statement for 2012/13 and noted the finances this month.

Planning applications.

[Russell Hayman left the meeting.]

Members had no objections to the following:

Land At Gittisham Farm EX14 3AX Replacement farmhouse including new access to highway (amended plans)

[Russell Hayman returned to the meeting.]

Limited residential development.

Councillors will meet Justin Lascelles (representing the Combe Estate) this month to understand more about the estate’s plans for small-scale development. Members agreed that there needed to be an understanding of the capacity of the infrastructure to support further development, before any development sites are proposed.

Play area.

Members heard that the two sets of rubble had been removed. Nick Agg-Manning is providing some bricks to finish the wall, and Rufus Lyle will be doing this work, the cost of materials to be reimbursed by the parish council. Members discussed the annual safety inspection report, and agreed to attend several items which could present a risk.

Late entry correspondence.

The clerk is to write to Balfour Beatty asking for the confusing village signage at the Iron Bridge to be amended and the left turn adopted.

Next meeting. This will be on 11th June at 7.30pm.

BEES ARE BUZZING!

By Roy Abbott

On the odd occasion the sun does shine it is great to see some of the girls out foraging, they are having a very tough time this year as, when some early spring flowers were out, the weather was so cold and wet they were unable to leave the hive. The good thing we saw was that we have bees in all our hives so the colonies have survived the winter; we just have to feed them at the moment to keep them going...more bees starve in March than at any other time. Winter bees roughly have a 6 month life span as they don’t have to forage like summer bees they just have to survive and prepare for the next generation. As the queens have not been able to lay very much, due to there being very little feed coming in, the proportion of brood to bees is now rather unbalanced as the old girls are dying off as they reach the ends of their lives and they are not being replaced fast enough. So the few workers left are kept very busy; like every one else they need Spring to arrive with some warmth to bring on the flowers so they can build themselves up for the summer.

AXMINSTER - EXETER Via Honiton, Ottery St.Mary & Cranbrook

Via West Hill & Rockbeare 4A, Via West Hill 4B

Monday—Saturday (Except Bank Holidays)

**** COMMENCING 28th MAY 2013 ****

AXMINSTER— EXETER	4B	4A	4A	4B
Honiton Job Centre	07.59	08.53	12.57	17.00
Gittisham Bus Shelter	08.10	09.08	13.08	17.11
Exeter Bus Station	09.20	10.17	14.17	18.18
EXETER—AXMINSTER	4A	4A	4	4A
Exeter Bus Station	07.30	09.40	15.10	17.40
Gittisham Bus Shelter	08.31	10.40	16.10	18.46
Honiton Job Centre	08.49	10.58		19.04
Honiton Lace Walk			16.20	