

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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## THE POPPY

"Why are they selling poppies, mummy, selling in town today?"

"The poppies, child, are flowers of love for the men who marched away."

"But why have they chosen a poppy, mummy, why, why not a beautiful rose?"

"Because, my child, men fought and died in the fields where the poppy grows."

"But, why are the poppies red, mummy, why are the poppies so red?"

"Red is the colour of blood, my child, the blood our soldiers shed."

"The heart of the poppy is black mummy, why does it have to be black?"

"Black, my child is the symbol of grief for the men who never came back."

"But why mummy are you crying so? Your tears are giving you pain."

"My tears are my fears, for you my child, for the world is forgetting again."

Anon

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**November 18th—A**

### PANOPLY OF PIANISTS

Younger and older pianists from East Devon and Exeter on The Bechstein Grand - solos and duets. Sidholme at 7.45pm

Free entry, retiring collection for Music Room restoration funds

**December 5th J25 CONCERTINA BAND** A rich orchestral sound - varied original and standard compositions. Leader - Claire Wren. Sidholme at 7.45pm

Free entry, retiring collection for Restoration fund

**December 21st—Carol**

**singing at Hembury Fort House** (where Richard lives) at 3.00pm. Very kindly John McGregor has offered to play the piano. I hope several of you might be able to go along and if you would like a lift please let me know.

I saw Richard twice this week, he hasn't been too well. I hope he will soon be back to his old self.

Once again Halloween saw 14 Gruesome Gittisham Ghouls roaming the streets in search of sweets and treats. And once again the residents of Gittisham were more than generous, apart from one diabolical moment when a fearsome witch terrorised them from an upstairs window. The Gruesome Ghouls (and



their parents) would like to thank you all for making the evening another brilliant success and one that the children will hold in their memories for a long time. Kind regards, Carol Hall

## New Arrivals

**ELIZABETH (nee Acland)**

**AND TIM HAY**— a son Arthur, Cuthbert, Philip.

**KARISSA AND MATT MARKER-MORGAN**— a daughter Ruby.

**FLORENCE (nee HILLAND TIM WOLSEY** - a daughter Scarlett

We wish them all many congratulations.

**Have you got your tickets yet?**

**"Music Hall and Memories"**

**14th November**

**at 7.30pm in Gittisham Village Hall**

Tickets £10; price includes a light supper and a glass of wine or cordial.

All proceeds are to support the provision of Day Care at

Honiton Day Hospice

Tickets from Mary Bolshaw

Tel: 01404 43196

## 200 Club—November

1st Prize	Mr D Fallows
2nd Prize	Mrs D Wensley
3rd Prize	Mrs E Cligg
4th Prize	Mr N Blackmore
5th Prize	Mrs E Davey

## YEAR'S MIND—NOVEMBER

Barbara Neal

Dorothy (Dot) Chapman

## HOLY DUSTERS (Nov)

Sarah Sproule

Jan Sutcliffe and Barbara Mullett

## **PARISH COUNCIL – NOVEMBER REPORT**

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

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

Susie Bond said the recycling trial in Feniton was going well, which involves a landfill collection every three weeks and more scope to collect recyclables such as cardboard. It looks likely it will be rolled out to the rest of the district at some point later next year. People will be given bins with more capacity to collect more items.

**Crime.** No crimes reported since the last meeting.

**Finance.** Members noted the finances.

### **Planning applications.**

- a) Blamphayne Sawmill Gittisham EX14 3AN - Extension to workshop

Members had no objections to the above. (Russell Hayman declared an interest.)

### **Limited residential development in Gittisham village.**

David Fallows said he was gathering together some suitable representatives for a small working group to take this project forward. The clerk read out an email from Janice Alexander from Devon Communities Together, who'd attended the October meeting. She said EDDC's housing enabling officer is happy in principle to fund the housing needs survey next year, although he does say he will keep this under review. He also agrees that we should survey the whole village but ask for postcodes to distinguish between the village centre and the outer Honiton-edge estate.

### **Play area.**

The clerk said she had a meeting fixed for January with a representative from the company that had been in touch with Maggie Walker. The rep will quote for a ping pong table and any additional equipment.

### **Broadband speed.**

Members discussed the slow speed of broadband and the clerk agreed to forward concerns to Claire Wright (DCC).

### **Roadworks.**

Members noted the lane between Gittisham Farm Cross and Tommy Wax would be closed for resurfacing between 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Next meeting.** This will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 8pm.

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## **THE UDDER SIDE OF THE HEDGE - extra! From Carla Hulbert, Shermans Farm.**

As I sit writing this article, the sun is beaming through the window. What lovely weather we are having for this time of year. We managed to harvest 32 acres of maize on Sunday – just in time before the rain. We only had about a weeks supply of last years silage left in the clamp so we needed to do it. Although it still looked a bit green, the cobs were about right and because it has been quite dry recently the silage good. It doesn't want too much moisture content otherwise it doesn't store as well and there's quite a lot of run off. We have another 180 acres to do, hopefully next week.

The cows are all milking nicely at the minute, yields are up a bit on last year thanks to some good quality grass silage. There's also still plenty of grass growing although the nutritional value will drop a bit now. For those of you that have seen them we have cattle tracks to make it easier to move the cattle to different fields without having to go down the road, or cause too much mud in the fields. We are on a Tesco contract for our milk, and they have just brought out a few more 'hoops to jump through' with regards to additional paperwork and information they require, more work for us, but worth it since we are fortunate enough to be getting a better price than those with some of the other companies.

## **FROM GRAIN TO CREAM**—by Russell Hayman, Gittisham Farm

All our crops are now safely gathered in and all the sowing for next year is done as well just have to keep it alive now. Most of the stock are still out but will be housed for the winter shortly so then into the winter routine which as I said before is put it in front of them clear up what comes out the back and we hope to collect a little from the middle. It is the time of year they are most likely to get out as well even if the grass is there in front of them; it is most probably getting a bit tired and needs a rest so not as sweet. Also the little devils don't want to be where they are or where they're going too really no pleasing them. We feed them some fodder in the fields but this can result in a bit of a mess around the feeders to try and keep them happy. We also have a few more than usual so housing could well be a little tight. There is a lorry load going on a one way ticket to Bodmin soon; more than I expected (grown really well) so that will ease things a little. Some quality meat on the shelves again!

We haven't finished all the hedge cutting yet another couple of weeks left of that at least because we have to start so late we have to concentrate on the field side of the hedge first before it gets too wet, when I was younger we started with the roads as we could not get in the fields (crops were in the way) which meant the road sides were a bit tidier for longer as was visibility but rules are rules. Once that is done fencing will be on the agenda so getting ready for next year. Also at this time I like to test the soils for ph. (Acidity) and nutrient levels so I can plan my applications for the following year this is done in rotation to keep the cost of testing down and levels do not alter that quickly. So even though winter seems like a long time it will soon be over and into Spring.

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## **Churchwarden's report—Carol McCann**

Services for the next few weeks, all at 11.00 unless stated otherwise . 15<sup>th</sup> lay-led Morning Worship 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Parish Eucharist. 6<sup>th</sup> December Family Eucharist with refreshments 13<sup>th</sup>, Parish Eucharist, 20<sup>th</sup> no service in the morning, Carol Service with mince pies and hot drinks at 6.30pm, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Carols on the Green with bar-b-q'd bangers and mulled wine from 6.00pm (please see posters in case of time changes) 24<sup>th</sup> Midnight Mass 11.30pm, - we hope to have a vicar for this service but haven't heard yet Christmas Day First Eucharist of Christmas at 11.00am 27<sup>th</sup> No service in Gittisham, all churches to go to St Paul's for 10.00am. 3<sup>rd</sup> January Family Eucharist and Christingle with refreshments. Our monthly coffee get-togethers came to an end on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October and we raised £200.84, thanks to all who attended and contributed to the events starting again in April. Team Skittles was held at Feniton Bowls Club on 13<sup>th</sup> October, Buckerell won the cup with 122, Gittisham second, 110, Honiton 102, Combe Raleigh 101 and Awliscombe 94, we had a most enjoyable evening with a scrumptious supper.

The 2016 church diaries are now available and are on the middle bench in church, the cost is £1 with the money being put in the wall safe by the door please.

I apologise that I didn't get round to everyone with the poppies, I tried but found no one home on occasions and it was rather too wet most of the time.

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

Contact one of the editorial team if you have a happy event to report or have an interesting tip or village memory.

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