

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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### GITTISHAM GET'S A NEW LICENCED LAY READER

Gittisham is getting ready to welcome Mrs Julia Barrett who will arrive to live in St. Michael's Cottage from the 13th of this month. Julia will be licenced as Lay Reader in the Honiton Mission Community with responsibility for Gittisham, on Thursday 22nd November, she will be licenced by the Right Reverent Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton along with the Archdeacon of Exeter Christopher Fucher. The service starts at 7.30 and refreshments will be served in the village hall afterwards. Julia worked for many years within the Diocese of Exeter as a Pastoral Counsellor working with both clergy and lay people. Julia hopes to visit and meet as many villagers as is possible in the due course of time and is particularly interested in meeting our young people and finding out what 'ticks their boxes' It is hoped that the village will be well represented at Julia's Licencing. We wish you a long and happy life in Gittisham and I very much look forward to working with you Julia.

Carol McCann

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#### Dates for your diaries

##### November

- 11th Remembrance Sunday**, a short service will begin around 10.50 at the lych-gate with wreath laying and the 2 minutes silence then those who wish to will proceed into church for the Eucharist.
- 11th Remembering 11/11 at 4pm in the Village Hall** Teas, songs, poetry, music Also commemorative Tree planting at 3.45, bus shelter. Poppy collecting box for donations if you plan to attend this special tribute to WW1 please ring Carol Hall 850793  
[carol.pardrillers@gmail.com](mailto:carol.pardrillers@gmail.com)
- 17th Coffee Get-together 10.30 – 12.00 - Please note we are kindly invited to the home of Michael and Margaret Hawkins 21 Cypress Close, Gittisham Vale EX14 2YW.** If anyone would like a lift please contact Carol 851113.
- 22nd Licencing Service for Mrs Julia Barrett** as Lay Reader, 7.30 in Gittisham Church followed by refreshments in the village hall.
- 24th Quiz Night with Chilli Supper**, 7.00pm in the village hall with quizmaster Nick Chapman £7.00/£3.50 (primary school age) Teams of up to 6 No bar so bring own drinks. There will be a raffle. Book your table with Nick 07973797447 or [nick@kercombe.co.uk](mailto:nick@kercombe.co.uk) if you require vegetarian please let Nick know. This is a Village Hall fund raising event.
- 24th First Aid Training at the Heathfield** from 11.00 (see page 2)

##### December

- 2nd Advent Carol Service** at St. Paul's 6.30pm
- 7th Concert at St. Paul's**
- 8th Concert by Ottery Choral Society at Ottery Church 7.30** (Schubert's Mass in C plus a selection of Carols) £12 inc wine & Mince pies, book through Carol 851113

**Fiona and the team at THE PIG-at Combe** would like to invite you for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December in The Folly from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. As you know space is limited in The Folly so do let us know if you can come. Please RSVP to [events@thepigatcombe.com](mailto:events@thepigatcombe.com) We look forward to welcoming you and wish you a Merry Christmas

The mud returns ! The dusty dry summer will soon be forgotten as this week's forecast looks pretty horrific. 2018 will be a year to remember on the farming calendar, although forage is not going to be plentiful it's been a great year for keeping up to date with the field work... partly because there wasn't much grass to cut ! Maize was harvested in a couple of stages without making any mess in the fields or on the roads !

We managed to reseed to grass a big chunk of the farm this autumn, which should give us a good cut of young grass in the spring, got to try and plan ahead ! We also drilled 30 acres of winter wheat, this helps us rotate fields between grass and maize but also gives us options in the summer like this year to forage it instead of combining to help the fodder stocks.

There has been a very busy time in the maternity ward with about a quarter of our herd calving in just a couple months, meaning lots more calves running around the place ! Always plenty to keep us busy !

That time of the year is fast approaching! pop into the farm shop, we're now taking christmas orders for all your festive meats and produce. Christmas trees and Christmas wreaths are available early December

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**CPR Training Saturday 24th November 2018**  
**Heathfield Inn Function Room, Walnut Rd, Honiton, EX14 2UG**

Following on from the successful plant sale in aid of the Defibrillator for Gittisham Vale & Heathfield. Qualified first aid trainer Stella Adamson is offering 3 free training sessions for local people, adults and children. Come along and learn how to save lives.

Three, hour long sessions: starting 11.00; 12.15 and 1.30. Function room opens from 10.30.

To book on a session, please contact Richard Pratt on 01404 46551; email [clrrichardpratt@raip981.plus.com](mailto:clrrichardpratt@raip981.plus.com). Or come along to watch or dip in as appropriate. No fee, but donations for the defibrillator fund will be very welcome. Refreshments available from the bar.

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**Gittisham Community Land Trust**

In March earlier this year a public meeting held in the village hall was introduced to the concept of a Community Land Trust being formed to help the Parish with its long term objective of providing a small residential development of "affordable " homes to help meeting the housing needs of existing and former parishioners. There was a very positive response at that meeting and a Steering Group was formed to progress with the legal formalities of establishing a Gittisham Community Land Trust. Community Land Trusts (CLTs) are being set up across the country to help with the provision of affordable homes and services for local people. Once a financially viable Trust is established other projects for the benefit of the community can be pursued. The creation of a CLT enables government grants to be obtained for community led housing schemes.

The Gittisham CLT Limited has now been registered as a Community Benefit Society with the Financial Conduct Authority and an interim Board has been put in place. It is very important that the local community continue to be actively involved with the CLT and we need the community to share in the ownership of the Community benefit Society by becoming members. To help understand what this all means the Interim Board of the Gittisham CLT invite all those who would like to support the objectives of the CLT, to a public meeting to be held in the village hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. For further information please contact David Valentine using [davidmvalentine@btinternet.com](mailto:davidmvalentine@btinternet.com) (or just call in for a cup of coffee). We need a Logo to help promote the Gittisham CLT. To all the budding Gittisham artists this is an invitation to submit your ideas with the winning Logo artist receiving a small financial reward. All entries to be submitted to David with a closing date Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## PARISH COUNCIL – NOVEMBER REPORT

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

**DCC / EDDC Report.** Susie Bond said EDDC would be charging £2 for people wishing to park all day in its car parks between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**Finance.** Members agreed the finances.

**Crime.** 1 burglary, Gittisham Vale in September.

### Planning applications.

- a) Catshayes Farm - Change of use from C3a - Dwelling to Sui Generis: large House of Multiple Occupancy. Creation of new WC within current bathroom area, removal of ensuite to Bedroom 5 including external uPVC foul waste pipes, insertion of internal door opening to Bedroom 1, refurbishment of kitchen and bathroom area

Councillors had no objections in principle, providing it meets with the approval of EDDC's conservation officer. However, they requested further information on the purpose of the change of use.

**Traffic speeds in Gittisham village.** Andy Wilkins said DCC had now replied to his request, and would be carrying out a study of collision details and collecting speed data before the end of the financial year. The Chair thanked him for helping to arrange the new bus stop at the end of Old Elm Road, for the Honiton town service and occasional no.9.

**Hayne Lane development.** David Fallows reported there appeared to be problems with storm water drainage on the Hayne Lane exit to the site. He said in heavy rainfall water had been observed draining from the site onto the road surface, and if freezing temperatures followed this could have serious icing effects. He agreed to speak to Baker Estates about the matter.

**Footpaths.** Councillors heard that the Ramblers Association had appealed against DCC's decision not to permit a footpath between Hayne Lane and Goldcombe Farm. There was no change to the parish council's previous position.

**Play area.** Carol Hall said the spinner needed a new bearing to make it work again; members approved the purchase. She expressed delight that around eight fruit trees had now been planted in the wild area. She explained that a painted stone would record the different varieties.

**Lengthsman.** Councillors considered the work done by the lengthsman over the last 3 years, which is discussed as a regular standing item each month. The council expressed great appreciation of the efforts taken. They were particularly appreciative of the major improvement in the visual appearance of the village and parish, and also of the way that the all of the watercourses have been kept free-flowing and thus contributed to flood protection. It was noted that some watercourses have been inaccessible to the lengthsman because they run within residential boundaries. The PC took the view that if residents are unwilling for the lengthsman to clear a gully, then they should take on the responsibility for clearance, as was the historical position.

**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).** The clerk said the parish council had received some money from the district council's CIL, which should be used for the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure, or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

**Next meeting.** This will be on 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the parish room.

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### People in the news

Congratulations to **Maureen and Gerald Doidge** who were married at St Michaels church Gittisham on 26th November 1958 and will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, they also send best wishes to everyone who remembers them.

A very warm welcome to Gittisham to **the Ekins Family, Dawn and Chris and youngsters Stephanie, Kristopher, Sam, Elizabeth and William** we hope you will have a very happy life in Eveleigh's and look forward to meeting you all soon.

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**Please take part in a digital user survey** Parishioners are encouraged to record their experience of using broadband at home. We need to prove that our lack of superfast broadband is hampering our everyday lives, both residential and business. The survey takes 5 minutes (if the Internet is behaving itself!) and the link is below. More information is contained on this webpage too.

[www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/broadband-user-survey](http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/broadband-user-survey)

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### **Church Wardens Report Carol McCann**

The Team Skittles went well and were much fun, sadly we didn't win, we were 3rd behind Awliscombe and Combe Raleigh with Buckerell and Honiton following, - maybe next year!!! Our new Lay Reader Julia Barrett will be joining us, living in St. Michael's Cottage from the 13th, her Licencing service will be here in Gittisham on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30 with the new Bishop of Crediton Jackie Searle. Wine and cheese refreshments will be served in the village hall after the service. We hope for a good attendance to welcome Julia and to meet Bishop Jackie too. Our two charities chosen for the Christmas collections (cash only) are Shelterbox and CEDA (Community, Equality, Disability Action) based in Exeter.

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

**11th Remembrance Day, Short service at the lych-gate from 10.50 with wreath laying followed by Parish Eucharist**  
**18th Lay-led Morning Worship**  
**22nd Licencing Service for Julia Barrett with Bishop Jackie 7.30 followed by refreshments in village hall**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Parish Eucharist**

### **December**

**2nd Family Eucharist with refreshments**  
**2nd Advent Carol Service, St. Paul's with refreshments 6.30pm**  
**9th Parish Eucharist**  
**16th No morning service**  
**16th Carol Service with refreshments 6.30pm**  
**21st Carols on the Green with bangers and mulled wine, for donations**  
**23rd Parish Eucharist**  
**24th Midnight Mass 11.30pm**  
**25th Christmas Day Eucharist 11.00am**  
**30th No service in Gittisham, Eucharist at St. Paul's 10.00am**

### **200 CLUB NOVEMBER RESULTS**

**1st Mrs R. Connett**  
**2nd Jennifer Lawrence-Jones**  
**3rd Cynthia Underdown**  
**4th Cliff Wensley**                      **5th Christine Broom**

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**Remembrance Sunday** An afternoon of poetry, music, songs, sketches and readings from World War 1 is being held in the Village Hall at 4pm on 11/11/18. All are welcome. Entry is free and there will be refreshments. The event will be followed by a film night at 6.30pm.

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**Family Fruit Orchard** Lots of lovely fruit trees have been planted by families in the wild area of the village playground. Thank you to those who have done this and to those planning to. The area will now be mowed with paths and wild flowers will be sown. It will be a magical place for all to enjoy and harvest from.

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