

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

## A monthly Community Newsletter

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### ALL AGE SERVICES

Our monthly lay-led All Age services on the first Sunday each month usually have a theme, September was an outdoor pet service, October harvest had a climate change/ecological theme, November was memories, December will be Advent and January will be Christingle. This service always at 11am encourages all ages to take part and has refreshments afterwards, there are facilities for the younger children to colour pre-prepared pictures or read from the library of children's books. In the better weather there may be opportunity to hold the first Sunday service out of doors at different venues these will be discussed at a PCC meeting.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY November

- 9th Celebrate Together Service and tea St. Paul's 3.00pm for people with learning or physical disabilities and their carers.
- 10th Remembrance Sunday Service gather by the Lych-gate from 10.50 start 10.55
- 16th Coffee Get-together in the Parish Room 10.30 – 12 noon everyone welcome
- 23rd Pierre's Pop up Restaurant (see article on page 3)

### December

- 5th – 8th St Paul's Honiton Christmas Tree Celebration, Thurs 9.30-4.00, Fri 9.30-6.30, Sat 9.30-6.30 Sun 12.00- 3.00 followed by Carol Service
- 10th Feniton School Carol Service, Gittisham Church 2.00pm
- 14th Quiz Night Gittisham Village Hall, Quizmaster Nick Chapman, Teams up to 6 book place/details with Angie 45101 or Hamish 850793, further details next month
- 15th Carol Service with refreshments 6.00pm Gittisham Church
- 19th Cinema discussion evening Gittisham Village Hall, info from Carol Hall 850793 (see article on page 2)
- 20th Carols on the green 6.00 with mulled wine or fruit punch & bangers in buns,
- 21st Coffee get-together 10.30-12.00 in Parish room.
- 22nd Crib Service 4.00pm Gittisham Church (no morning service)
- 24th Midnight Mass 11.30pm Gittisham Church (no morning service)
- 25th Christmas Day Eucharist 11.00am Gittisham Church

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### EXERCISE CLASSES IN GITTISHAM'S VILLAGE HALL

**Yoga classes** on Monday mornings in the village hall 9.30-10.30 with Rose Buchanan £6 per session contact her [roseflowyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:roseflowyyoga@gmail.com) to book your place.

**Pilates classes** on Monday evenings 6.30 – 7.30 ring/text Nicola Pettitt 07971821175 for details or book your place.

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### INVITATION

Fiona, Chris 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 9<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!

## **TRIP PASSENGER CLUB 01404 46529 OUTINGS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

**17th Nov. Christmas Fair at Poltimore House:** Enjoy the festive atmosphere at Poltimore with a range of lovely gifts to buy for family & friends. Light festive refreshments

**14th Dec. Bridport Christmas Tree Festival:** This wonderful exhibition of over 60 decorated and illuminated Christmas trees takes place annually.

**18th Dec. TRIP Christmas Lunch at: The Belmont Hotel Sidmouth**

Two Courses followed by Coffee & Clotted Cream Fudge. Price, including fare £28.00 Collect a menu from the office or phone in to have one sent to you.

Menu choices and payment to be with us no later than 28th November 01404 46529

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### **GRAIN TO CREAM - RUSSELL HAYMAN**

Since I last wrote there have been a few things happening. Harvest was good even though the weather was a little touch and go. Planting of next years crops is all done to a fashion not ideal by any stretch of the imagination; a wet October does cause a lot of problems. On one day we had 10 tractors with various machines on, and a forager too. We did get a lot done but we needed to; rained the next day and with approximately one and a half million pounds worth of machinery in action one likes to see some results. All for a pint of milk!

We have had a few vet students here over the summer for experience which has been fun and also a German AG student (Greta) for 10 weeks. All keeps us on our toes. Edmund has now started his degree in agriculture at Harper Adams university. Greta's course is much the same as Edmund's both degrees. His is a year longer. Both have to do some time in the industry Greta 20 weeks Edmund a year so that accounts for some of the time difference, the rest I believe is down to finding themselves. Greta was amazed at the amount of weight that is put into the 'off piste' activities. According to her it's all work and no play for them. I do find that hard to believe but even Edmund admits that he has to get down and do a bit now after settling in.

We have a new puppy Pluto named by Alice, as it's hers. A Black Lab all teeth and tail but cute.

Also Helen is venturing into truffle hunting she has now got two machines for sniffing them out Gin and Tonic. Don't think its a starter really most prob no truffles to start with and Gin and Tonic, Kune Kune pigs not really machines will eat them anyway they do everything else. Food is their first love as for any pig then a good scratch will get a most satisfying grunt from them just like her Husband!

**Dear**

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### **Cinema Aficionados,**

We'd like to canvass village views on which films should feature at our monthly cinema discussion evenings. We have created a doodle poll (follow link below) with ten suggested films: please vote for your three favourite films and the five winners will be discussed over the winter months.

<https://doodle.com/poll/hqdpqgvzw542it34>

One of the winning films will be chosen for our December 19<sup>th</sup> evening, where festive dress will be encouraged.

Thank you, The Village Hall Committee

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### **Combe Garden Centre - Manager James Trevett 01404 515600**

The Christmas shop is well stocked with decorations, and ancillary products, plenty of Christmas trees of all sizes, lights etc., cards, books and much more. Perennial shrubs, many 3 for £10, winter flowering plants, spring bulbs, all types of seeds. Kiln dried logs to take away or have delivered, bird feeders and food. Father Christmas will arrive in his train on December 1st James has new items coming in to the centre regularly and he and his team would be pleased to welcome you. There is plenty of parking. Also the Kitchen Restaurant is open for morning coffees, lunches and teas during the centres opening hours.

**Opening times - Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm Sunday 10am - 4pm**

## PARISH COUNCIL – NOVEMBER REPORT

Five councillors met for the November meeting. Four members of the public were also present.

**DCC / EDDC Report.** In his report, Phil Twiss explained that a public consultation is due to run until 10<sup>th</sup> December, ahead of undertaking a fresh procurement to find contractors to provide superfast broadband for those areas of Devon and Somerset without access to it.

He said that having had some time to read through the supporting documents, it appears that yet again Gittisham is being overlooked as a result of companies submitting their proposals during the Open Market Review, who are not prepared to cover the area. He said therefore that Voneus was the only viable option at present for village residents. David Valentine said it was important to ask Phil Twiss to pursue the case for a full fibre connection in the future, rather than just wifi. Susie Bond said EDDC is carrying out a review of its car park charges, which have remained the same since 2010. A report to Cabinet recommending EDDC goes out to public consultation with a proposal to increase charges by 20% (from £1/hour to £1.20/hour) in its most popular car parks has resulted in the decision being called in and the entire car parking strategy now being reviewed.

**Finance.** Members agreed the finances.

**Casual vacancy, Gittisham Vale.** Members heard that Andy Wilkins had decided to step down as parish councillor for the Vale. Any person interested in coming forward or finding out more about becoming a parish councillor should contact [clerk@gittisham.eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@gittisham.eastdevon.gov.uk)

**Lengthsman.** David Valentine said that leaf fall would start to clog up drains etc, so members agreed to keep an eye on anything that would require the lengthsman's intervention.

**Play area.** Members heard that there are now permanent 'no entry' signs and a padlock on the entrance to the upper part of the play area, to deter users from entering and exiting directly onto the road. Carol Hall reported that a site visit had taken place to consider the various options for reducing the visual impact of the slide / tower. It was agreed to plant a cherry tree and install some instant hedging close to the equipment. The tree is expected to grow to between three and four metres. A proposal to paint the flags green was accepted, with a review of measures taken to be carried out in six months' time.

**Park bench.** Members heard that once ownership of the land at the bottom of Old Elm Road is clarified, a bench will be requested.

**Energy use.** The clerk said Devon Communities Together was offering to hold a public event to advise residents on the best energy-saving measures and how to heat your home effectively. She agreed to get in touch to express an interest in a visit.

**Noticeboard.** The clerk said she had asked an Axminster-based company to quote for a parish council noticeboard for the Hayne Farm site.

**Next meeting.** This will be on 4<sup>th</sup> December in the parish room.

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## POP UP RESTAURANT

Reserve your place now for Pierre Graeber's pop-up restaurant in Gittisham village hall, Saturday 23rd November 2019 at 7.30pm. For one night only, Pierre will be cooking a Middle Eastern-themed dinner. Beginning with hot and cold mezze, there will be plenty of choice for vegans, vegetarians and meat-eaters alike. Main course will be based on a traditional recipe, followed by a selection of desserts including fresh baklava and a delicious rosewater and cardamom ice cream.

£25pp, £10 for children under 12 years old. Book by emailing [zwc@zerowastecookery.com](mailto:zwc@zerowastecookery.com) or 'phone 07545 214940.

## Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

We had our Quinquennial Inspection we haven't had the report yet but although nothing too (I hope) major, the main problems were damp issues and a problem with the Gallery ceiling but there may be more, We took part in the annual inter-church skittles match at the Feniton Bowls Club it was a lovely evening, unfortunately we didn't win, Awliscombe retained the cup. The harvest items for the food bank were collected and I received a lovely letter thanking us for our generosity, (there is always a blue box by the font in church if you have spare items). Julia our Lay Minister along with children organised our All Age service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November with a title 'Memories'. Several people recalled their memories and everyone wrote a tag in memory of someone and hung it on a branch, tealight candles were also lit. Holy dusters for November Sue Fallows, Jayne Morgan and Jayne Bramley and December Carol McCann, Judith Turner, Annette. We are needing more holy dusters if you could help please contact Carol 851113.

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

### November

- 10th Parish Eucharist for Remembrance  
start at Lych-gate 10.50  
17th Lay-led Morning Worship  
24th Parish Eucharist

### December

- 1st Lay-led All Age for Advent  
with refreshments  
1st Advent Service at St. Paul's 6.30  
8th Parish Eucharist  
15th No morning service – Carol  
Service 6.00pm with refreshments  
22nd No morning service, Crib Service  
4.00pm  
24th Midnight Mass with carols 11.30pm  
25th Christmas Day Eucharist 11.00am  
29th No service in the villages 10.00am  
Joint Mission Community Eucharist  
with Bring and share lunch

## 200 CLUB NOVEMBER RESULTS

- 1st Michael Neve  
2nd Vicky McLachlan-Clark  
3rd Kevin Broadhurst  
4th Betty Madden  
5th Sarah Agg-Nanning

The 200 Club has numbers available and cost £12 per year 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 (as there are 4 months to March the fee would be £4.00 per number for the rest of this year) do please let me know as there are several numbers available and this revenue is vital to the church finances.. Carol McCann 851113 07946409142  
charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk

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**Christmas boxes for the Food Bank.** I have started collecting items for family Christmas boxes including any of the following - toiletries, goodies, such as Christmas pudding, mince pies, stuffing, sweets, biscuits, knitted hats, gloves or scarves, toys, games, items for colouring etc. Food items should have use by dates beyond the new year. If you can supply a shoe box it should be wrapped with the lid wrapped separately so the food bank can open and see what's inside, if you haven't a shoe box you could maybe include a couple of sheets of giftwrap. The food bank will match the box to a family. If you can contribute items, I can make up boxes if you would like to help with this, please let me know 851113/07946409142 and I will collect from you or bring them to Gittisham Church or my home 3, School Cottages, Gittisham. Last years were very much appreciated. The boxes will be taken to the food bank by the 12th December. Many thanks Carol

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