

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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THE SUN SHONE ON FETE DAY!

What a brilliant idea to move the date to September, we often get better weather then and so it proved to be. The community came together to decorate the buildings, man the stalls, serve endless cream teas; even the ducks managed to 'waddle' their way down the stream to the cheers of spectators. The evening entertainment was rounded off with an unscheduled surprise when the catering van went up in smoke! Thankfully, no one was hurt. All in all, a very successful event.

Sue Fallows writes—A huge thank you to all who worked so hard to make the fete a success (and all those who came and spent their hard-earned cash!)

The final total raised was £1448.41 which will be divided between the Church, the Village Hall (it will help pay for the new lighting) and the Playground (which is planned to have a climbing frame and possibly a zip wire as soon as they can be afforded). Thank you all again.

HARVEST SUPPER

The village hall was packed once again for this annual thanksgiving celebration and thanks to Sue Fallows and her team a splendid evening was enjoyed by everyone who attended. They produced a delicious two course meal and coffee with chocolates for £3.50 a head, with several choices and served up piping hot to the hungry hoard! Alan and Christine Broom organised the raffle, with a selection of generously donated prizes. Our Master of Ceremonies, Nick Agg-Manning, kept us all in order throughout the evening. Our thanks to everyone involved in organising the evening. It was a great success and much appreciated.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October 11th—Churches Together Ecumenical service at the Catholic Church 6.30pm with refreshments.

October 13th Team Skittles at Feniton Bowls Club 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Hope we do well this year.

October 17th Coffee Get-together outside the church, 10.30—12.00. If it is too cold or wet the coffee etc. will be inside. Also a Bring & Buy stall. This is the final meeting for this year.

October 17th Red Dirt Skinners British Blues Duo Band, Villages in Action. 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Refreshments and nibbles. Tickets £8/£6 ring 851428 or 850922.

October 18th Civic Service at St Paul's 3.00pm to commemorate the Queen's reign

October 25th Team Even-song at Combe Raleigh 6.30pm. Choir practise 5.30pm.

DATES (cont'd)

November 1st All Souls Service at St. Paul's 6.30 when those who have lost loved ones can have their names read out in memory, it is a lovely service and anyone can attend. If you would like any one included please let Carol know so she can make arrangements with Honiton. **November 8th The Spirit II Spirit Choir** (Tom Ballantyne and I sing with this choir) are taking part in a special service at St Andrews Colyton at 6.30pm.

THANKYOU!

On behalf of The Chown family please can I say a huge Thank You to everyone who supported the Big Devon Bake Off on 12th September, we raised £300.00 for the King's House Hospice Honiton. It was great to see so many Cakes, and to find out the secret talents of the men in the village!

Sandra Cligg

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

PIERRE, FIONA, ROSE AND SOLENN have returned to the village and are now living at Garlands. We welcome them back and wish them much happiness.

MAGGIE WALKER has a new granddaughter, Dora Winifred, a sister for May-Rose Mollie gave birth on Sunday 4th October. We send congratulations to the proud parents.

REG CHOWN is returning home following several weeks in hospital, initially Wonford and then Honiton. We send him our love and hope to see him out and about very soon.

CLAIRE AND DEAN MUDGE and their three children have moved into The Wheel House at Town Farm Buildings. We hope they will be very happy in their new home.

SIAN AND FRANCIS have moved into Gorse Cottage. We hope they will also be very happy living in the village.

GEOFF FREESTONE who died on 8th September aged 100. Geoff used to worship in the village until moving to Exmouth. We send our condolences to Vera Mayhew, his partner, and daughter Ann and family.

200 CLUB

The winners this month were:

1st Prize	Mrs L Hayman
2nd Prize	Mrs P Broadhurst
3rd Prize	Mrs J Sutcliffe
4th Prize	Mr D Valentine
5th Prize	Mrs S James

HOLY DUSTERS (October)

Doreen and Ernie Wensley
Tom and Margaret Ballantyne

“When Holmes met Watson”

The next production by the Honiton Players will be a whodunit, musical, comedy titled “When Holmes met Watson”. Written by John Gregory (who also wrote Viagra Falls), the story takes place in the ballroom of a large country house and involves murder, music and a loose connection to the board game “Cluedo”



The show will be performed at the Honiton Beehive on the 28th November at 7:30pm and the 29th November at 4pm.

There will also be a performance at Feniton Village Hall on Saturday 21st November at 7:30pm. Tickets for both Beehive shows are £8 for adults and £6 for children. Tickets for the Beehive are now available from the box office or on line. Tickets for Feniton will be via the village shop. No price yet as a Ploughman’s Supper may be included.

This could be the last show put on by the Honiton Players as plans are underway to join together with the Honiton Pantomime Society to form a new “Super Drama Group” for the local community.

CHURCHWARDENS’ REPORT—Carol McCann

Our Harvest Festival over the weekend of 3rd/4th October was a great success and I would like to thank all those who cooked and served the delicious supper and all those who decorated the church and provided items for Honiton’s food bank the cash collection will go to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

Services for the next few weeks, all at 11.00 unless stated otherwise 11th, Parish Eucharist, 18th Sung Matins – lay-led, 25th Parish Eucharist, 1st November Family Eucharist with refreshments, 8th Remembrance Sunday – Service starts outside Lych-gate at 10.50 for placing of wreaths, the 2 minute silence and prayers etc and will then move into church for the Eucharist service. 15th lay-led Morning Worship 22nd and 29th Eucharist.

Our monthly coffee get-togethers come to an end on Saturday 17th October hopefully with a bring and buy table.

28 friends including 2 grand daughters and a great grand son had a lovely lunch to celebrate Richards 98th birthday at the Otter Inn on the 10th September.

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.

THANK YOU’S

From Richard Saunders:

“I would like to thank everyone who attended the lunch for my birthday and who contributed to both my lunch and the transport – what a wonderful day!! I would also like to thank all who sent cards and gave presents. It was lovely to see so many of you and I do hope you will come and visit me at Hembury Fort soon”

From Carol McCann

I would like to thank everyone who helped me following my falling in the pothole in the village. For those who transported me places and for allowing me to use your walk-in showers, as I couldn’t use mine as couldn’t get into my bath. I am now more mobile and back to driving. Gittisham Folk are so supportive in many ways and just knowing help is at hand is most comforting. A huge thank you to all.

PARISH COUNCIL – OCTOBER REPORT

Six councillors met for the October meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC) and Claire Wright (DCC) were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Claire Wright explained that DCC's health and wellbeing scrutiny committee had met on 14th September to examine the decision by the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to close some community hospital beds, including at Ottery. It was agreed at that meeting to launch an investigation into the decision, but the committee has not met yet. Claire Wright added that three troubleshooters have been appointed to work with the CCG to come up with proposals to reduce the group's financial deficit. Cllr Bond said the inspector, Anthony Thickett, was due to report back next week regarding EDDC's Local Plan, and in particular how it has responded to Natural England's concerns. All being well, EDDC says it is on target to publish the Local Plan in January 2016.

Crime. No crimes reported since the last meeting.

Finance. Members noted the finances.

Planning applications.

Combe House Hotel Gittisham EX14 3AD Erection of new sign at entrance to Combe House with illumination.

Members had no objections to the above, but asked that the sign be illuminated between the hours of dusk and midnight / closing time only. (David Fallows declared an interest.)

Limited residential development in Gittisham village.

David Fallows said he had received more responses to the survey published in August's gazette, asking if people would support small-scale housing in Gittisham village. He said this seemed to show the parish council had a mandate to take this to the next stage, as long as an energetic group of people could be found to take eventual responsibility for the next steps and potentially form a community land trust. Members agreed this was essential to the success of any potential development, and encouraged people to come forward. Any group should include some representation from the parish council but is separate from it. Janice Alexander, the rural housing enabling specialist from Devon Communities Together, came to the meeting to explain the process of carrying out a housing needs survey. This would be delivered to all parishioners, including those in the Vale. As Gittisham is considered an 'unsustainable' village she explained, no planning permission would be granted without a demonstrable need. Janice said that the affordable housing landscape was in flux at the moment, due to recent Government announcements. As a result, housing associations are re-modelling their business plans. However, the picture should become clearer fairly soon. Janice agreed to speak to EDDC's Housing Enabling Officer to see if he would agree to put Gittisham into next year's programme. Otherwise, the cost would be approximately £2,500; councils elsewhere have successfully applied for Lottery funding to support housing needs surveys.

Play area.

The clerk said she would enquire how much a ping pong table would cost from the company that had been in touch with Maggie Walker.

Fly-tipping.

Any instances of fly-tipping should be reported to the police.

Next meeting. This will be on 4th November at 7.30pm.

THE SEED SHOP
Muriel Stuart

Here in a quiet and dusty room
they lie,
Faded as crumbled stone or
shifting sand,
Forlorn as ashes, shrivelled,
scentless, dry -
Meadows and gardens running
through my hand.

In this brown husk a dale of
hawthorn dreams;
A cedar in this narrow cell is
thrust
That will drink deeply of a
century's streams;
These lilies shall make summer
on my dust.

Here in their safe and simple
house of death,
Sealed in their shells, a million
roses leap,
Here I can blow a garden with my
breath,
And in my hand a forest lies
asleep.

THE UDDER SIDE OF THE HEDGE—
Jane 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.



The Old Bull and Bush Company of Artistes

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presents

Music Hall and Memories

On Saturday 14th November

at 7.30pm in Gittisham Village Hall

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

Prizes for best dressed Edwardian or Victorian lady and gentleman in the audience.

All proceeds from the evening are to support the provision of

Day Care at Kings House Day Hospice , Honiton

For tickets contact Mary Bolshaw on 01404 43196

Thought for the day -

“It is good to be just plain happy; it's a little better to know that you're happy; but to understand that you're happy and to know why and how...and still be happy, be happy in the being and the knowing, well that is beyond happiness, that is bliss.”

Henry Miller, (1891-1980) American writer.

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

Please contact one of the editorial team below if you have a happy event to report, or wish to voice a concern, or have an interesting tip or village memory to share.

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