

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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Gittisham Fete: - Sue Fallows

The sun shone (how does Helen organise the weather?), bunting was everywhere and the crowds were out and about. The fete was on, and a good time was had by all. Bubblemania in the playground was a huge attraction for those with lots of energy, and delicious cream teas provided a welcome break for all. Attractions ranged from the regular cake and book stalls to "name the ram" (Simon, for those who didn't win). A magician provided the children with balloon hats and bracelets, and the ducks raced again. In the evening Nick Chapman organised the music and there were interludes from Georgia and Emily Bramley, Ellie Chapman and Alice Hayman whose lovely voices rang out and people were dancing

Altogether the day raised £1218 which will be divided up between the church, the village hall and the playground fund.

A big thank you to all who worked so hard to make the day a success.

Dates for your diary

October

8th Quiz Night 7.00 for 7.30 at the village hall. Teams up to 6. Supper Bangers and Mash, no bar please bring own drinks. Book your team through Carol McCann 851113 or Sue Fallows 850922 £6.50 per person.

9th Farewell service to bid adieu to Rev. Ann as it is her last official service with the Honiton Mission Community. 6.30 in St. Paul's.

15th Coffee Get-together 10.30 – 12 noon everyone welcome, indoors if inclement. It has been decided to carry on our coffee get-togethers throughout the winter, they will take place in the Parish Room. (Please also see copy below the farm news)

18th The Mission Community Team Skittles at Feniton Bowls Club 7.00 for 7.30 with supper and raffle cost is the same as last year £6.50 per person. There is a bar. A sign-up sheet is in the middle of the church if you can help Gittisham get the cup back, everyone welcome to join the team please let Carol know if you can boost the team.

November

13th Remembrance Sunday (see Churchwarden's report for details)

19th Coffee get-together 10.30 – 12 noon in the Parish Room

22nd Gittisham P.C.C. meeting in the Parish Room 7.00 for 7.30

27th Mission Community Joint Service for Advent Sunday 6.30 in St. Paul's

The Chown family would like to thank everyone for their support at the Hospiscare Coffee Morning that we held on 10th September. We raised just over £500 for the Kings House day centre. The Bake a Cake competition was won by Sue Fallows with a coconut cake, 2nd prize was Sarah Abbott with a Lemon drizzle and 3rd prize Lydia George with a Ginger Loaf.
Pam Chown.

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT CAROL McCANN

I would like to thank all who decorated the church for Harvest Festival and those who donated gifts for the Honiton Food Bank. The cash collection of £144.71 has gone to RABI. It was lovely to see the youngsters in church and it would be good if our family services could have more children and families involved. Another huge thank you to Sue Fallows and Jayne Morgan who masterminded the Harvest Supper approximately 80 diners had a splendid supper, and thanks too, go to those who served the meal and gave prizes for the raffle the amount raised was £267.81 It would be lovely to have a few more people who could help to keep our lovely church looking spic and span, do please let me know if you could help with either cleaning or flower arranging. Thank you.

Forthcoming Church Services 11am unless stated

9th Oct	Parish Eucharist	6th Nov.	Family Eucharist with refreshments
16th	Lay-led Matins	13th	Remembrance Sunday Eucharist start at
23rd	Parish Eucharist		Lych-gate War Memorial at 10.50
30th	Parish Eucharist	20th	Parish Eucharist

200 Club Results October

1st	Mrs Amanda Acland	4th	Mr Tony Rew
2nd	Ms Rebecca Bartlett	5th	Ms Paula Madden
3rd	Mr David Fallows		

FENITON SCHOOL REPORT - CAROL HALL, PTA CHAIRMAN

Feniton school started the autumn term with glorious summer weather, which always helps with those first early morning wake ups. It's been a busy half term already with the sponsored Commando Challenge seeing 240 children race around a course which included a crocodile infested river, a deep ravine and tunnels and all the time being attacked by enemies. The children loved it and so far have raised over £1000 with the final total looking like being well over £2000. This week saw the children dressed to represent various countries as part of the European Day of Languages. They really do enjoy these special days and we all appreciate the effort the school goes to when organising events to enrich the children's learning. One of the reasons why Feniton is an "outstanding" school! A couple of dates for your diary are the school Christmas Fayre on 26th November 2pm and the school Carol Service which is at Gittisham church this year 6 December, 2pm.

Residents in Gittisham parish are being urged to check their broadband speed.

You can do this by visiting www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk Then report it to Claire Wright (claire@claire-wright.org) one of our Devon county councillors, and it could potentially help in getting the parish connected to faster broadband services.

People in the News

The Engagement is announced between **Angela Marker** and **Adriano Claudino da Silva** from Brazil. Congratulations, we wish you both every happiness.

Mary Jarrett had a fall and is currently in Wonford hospital but is hoping to be transferred to Ottery when a bed is available, we wish her a speedy recovery.

Editorial team.

Editor Carol McCann 01404 851113 charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk Doreen & Ernie Wensley 01404 45774, Jan Sutcliffe 01404 851255. November edition will hopefully go to print on 7th, any articles should be with Carol by 1st please, preferably by email. If you would like to join the editorial team please let Carol know, many thanks

GRAIN TO CREAM - RUSSELL HAYMAN

It has been a while since I last wrote, not much has changed. The summer has been good to us, well we had one this year, and harvest was finished in record time yields were average for the wheat but poor for the winter barley (cold spring) just the maize to harvest now so the rain can hold off for a few more weeks. We are now drilling next year's crops so all going according to plan, the wheels are bound to come off now I've put that in print!

On the animal front they too like a summer and on the whole are looking well. The cows are now in the I don't want to mode. Don't want to be in, don't want to be out or milked or fed but in reality they want all of this but can't make up their minds so I leave it to Helen to make up their minds she has such a nice way with words as many of you know she's a good organiser!!

We are still having problems with TB in total this year we have had 10 Killed with nothing found that's a quarter of my replacements accounted for its hard to make genetic progress when such a high proportion are taken and there is no way of planning for the numbers that will go.

We also had a farm walk in July. The buying group I am a member of have an annual walk at different members farms. Over the years it has got gradually bigger we had approximately 150 people. A tour on tractors and trailers to have a nose around, then a dam good feast. A really good excuse to tidy up the farm rather than just for an inspection. A great social event for everyone and now we won't have to do it for a few years mind you if it keeps growing crumbs, who knows how big it will be by then, that will be for my successor if there is one.

GITTISHAM CHURCHYARD AUTUMN TIDY-UP

Hi all, with Autumn started, time is ticking too quickly, so on Saturday 15 th October, following the coffee get-together morning , I will start tidying the new section of churchyard as well as checking up on the old part. All tools needed and extra helpers if you know of any , hope you can all help!

Thanks Helen Hayman, Lay-Chair Gittisham PCC 07806480246

HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW SUCCESS FOR COMBE FARM ARABIANS

Michael Harris and his team at Combe Farm are thrilled with news that one of the Stud's three stallions, Shaka, has been named Show Horse Sire of the Year at the 2016 Horse of the Year Show. The achievement has been brought about notably through the recent showing successes of lanthe, a Shaka daughter herself bred at Combe Farm from a long line of prolific winners. This national accolade caps another hugely successful year for Combe Farm, following the award by the Arab Horse Society of Performance Horse of the Year to Winter Amadeus - who has taken the endurance world by storm.

Your Help would be appreciated.

E. D. D. C. is looking for people to deliver forms for the annual house to house canvass. This is to ensure that people are included on the electoral register. Being registered allows people to not only vote in elections, but also has a positive effect on their credit rating.

The district council will pay £8 per hour and 45p per mile. Any forms that you return that allow EDDC to amend the register, they will pay you an extra 50p. You will be required to call at the relevant address and ask the occupant(s) to fill in their form. If there is no response to your call, you will leave a calling card stating an allocated time that you will return. If when you make your second visit there is still no reply, you will post the form through the letter box.

If you are interested, please email Louise Hodges, EDDC's electoral services assistant on LHodges@eastdevon.gov.uk. The timescale will be from 24 October – 31 March 2017.

PARISH COUNCIL – OCTOBER REPORT

Six councillors met for the October meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC) and Sara Randall Johnson (DCC) were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Sara Randall Johnson drew councillors' attention to a public consultation on changes to inpatient facilities in East Devon hospitals. This includes proposals to move inpatient facilities at Honiton to Tiverton. Susie Bond said that a decision on the proposal for a wedding and conference venue at Combe Higher Barn was due to be made in two weeks' time. She added that the Local Government Boundary Commission was looking at changing the number of councillors across the district. Members noted that there is a consultation underway on the layout of council-run gypsy and traveller pitches planned in East Devon.

Crime. None.

Finance. Members agreed the finances, and noted that the annual audit of the parish council's finances had been signed off.

Planning applications.

a) Land at Combe Estate, Gittisham - Creation of forestry tracks
Members had no objections to the above.

Limited residential development in Gittisham village.

David Valentine said the meeting with EDDC and Devon Communities Together on 26th Sept had gone well. He said he was encouraged to move forward to the next stage, and had been in contact with the Wessex Community Land Trust who would guide the steering group through the process. A site appraisal is required with EDDC. The clerk agreed to put the final report from the results of the housing need survey on the Gittisham website.

Play area.

David Fallows said that Hamish Hall had drawn up a proposal for the first phase of developing the wild area with a tower and slide, with costs from Blamphayne. Members agreed that the current funds allocated to the play area, combined with recent donations, should largely cover this work. The clerk agreed to contact the person who carries out the annual play area safety inspection for comment.

Broadband.

Members heard that Buckerell now has a fibre-enabled green box, which will allow them to receive fast broadband. Claire Wright (DCC) is finding out if Gittisham could receive the same in phase 1 of Connecting Devon & Somerset.

Lengthsman.

Concerns were raised over the state of the road and ditches between Goldcombe and the village. The clerk will find out if Parsonage Lane is due to be resurfaced. Russell Hayman added that ditches around Tommy Wax also need work.

Citizens Advice energy workshop.

Members noted the offer by the CAB to hold an energy advice session in the village hall, which would allow residents to find out more about getting the best energy deal for their home. Anyone interested should mention this to a parish councillor or the clerk so they can gauge the level of interest.

Next meeting. This will be on 2nd November at 7.30pm.