

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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So Sorry this edition is late I have spent 5 days in Wonford having torn the soft tissue in my right knee and am now waiting for an appointment at the knee clinic, can't drive just now

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Taster Day

On Saturday 9th September, 21 enthusiastic people attended the CPR taster day held in Gittisham Village Hall and learned how to administer CPR and to use a defibrillator. It was an enjoyable day with a range of ages attending the event. Over £100 was raised towards the defibrillator costs, thank you for the use of the village hall. Well done to all those who attended and thank you for the donations made.

Defibrillator

Hurray! The defibrillator has now been installed in the Gittisham telephone kiosk. It will become active during the next week, once it has been registered with the Ambulance service.

The familiarisation seminar for our defibrillator will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 6pm and will last for approximately 2 hours, this will be run by the Community Heart Trust . All villagers are invited to attend to find out more about the defibrillator and how to use it. When the exact date is known, posters will be displayed around the village. You will also be given a certificate of attendance if you request it.

Any further information can be obtained from Stella Adamson: navigationeducation@hotmail.com or 07813802292.

Dates for your Diary October

17th Mission Community Team Skittles at Feniton Bowls Club 7pm for prompt 7.30 start. £7.00 including supper, There will be a raffle and the use of the Club bar..

21st Coffee Get Together 10.30 – 12.00 in the parish room everyone welcome, to come and have a cuppa and a chat.

29th Dedication Service for Combe Raleigh's new bells with Bishop Robert 3.00pm followed by tea in the village hall Rosemary Mapleston, Churchwarden needs to know numbers as soon as possible if you would like to attend please contact her on 01404 47156 or by email rdmapleston@btinternet.com

November

5th All Souls Service at St. Paul's Honiton 6.00pm light a candle in memory of a loved one, a very moving service, if you would like to have a loved one's name read out please contact the Parish Office in Honiton 01404 44035, there will be refreshments afterwards.

12th Remembrance Sunday, short service at the Lych-gate 10.50pm with wreath laying followed by Eucharist service in church.

PARISH COUNCIL – OCTOBER REPORT

Four councillors met for the October meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC), Phil Twiss (DCC) three representatives of Baker Estates and two members of the public were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Phil Twiss said DCC is making it parish councils' responsibility to replace and fund signs such as the missing "Welcome to Gittisham" at the east end of the village. Similarly, the broken barrier alongside the A30 (just past The Forge) is not considered a safety or financial priority. Phil Twiss provided a report from the Action in East Devon event he attended in September in Honiton. He's asked a new DCC committee on Adult Health to investigate commissioning community care beds in Honiton and Seaton hospitals, which have recently been removed. Susie Bond said work on building EDDC's new offices had begun in Honiton.

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Planning applications. Richard Pratt said the Meadow View Nursery application had been approved.

Casual vacancy. Sara Trumper has stood down as parish councillor, so a casual vacancy exists. Any ten electors for the electoral area may give notice by 20th October requesting that an election be held to fill such a vacancy. The notice must be in writing to EDDC's Returning Officer.

Broadband. Phil Twiss said he had written to Connecting Devon & Somerset programme managers requesting that Gittisham parish be considered as a priority for use of 'gain share' funding. He said he would await news of how funds will be spent this side of Christmas.

Hayne Lane development. Tom Biddle from Baker Estates showed members the plans for Phases 2, 3 and 4 which have been slightly amended after consultation with EDDC. Changes include some lower buildings and more landscaping. The affordable housing will now include some of the houses, and part of the apartment block will be open market housing, providing a greater mix of affordable and rented units throughout the site. Development Director Graham Hutton said work on Phase 1 had begun. Mr Hutton raised the subject of the affordable housing percentage at the site, which currently stands at 40 per cent but there is some scope to change this to 25 per cent and provide improved facilities with the additional funds. Members expressed some disappointment that affordable housing percentages were often being changed, when it was one of the most pressing issues facing the district. However, they said they would like more time to consider alternatives, if this meant that there could be better community facilities for this isolated development.

Defibrillator. Members heard that the defibrillator had been installed in the village telephone box, with the installation work provided free of charge by electrician Ben Hulbert. The equipment is now live and ready to use. A workshop to allow residents to learn how to use the defibrillator will take place in Gittisham village hall on 2nd November, 6-8pm. David Fallows thanked Stella Adamson for her work in this area, and Jennifer Lawrence-Jones who instigated the project.

Sewage. Maggie Walker agreed to ask Len Abbott if he could check periodically the silt in the tunnel of the river. South West Water has removed what was blocking the sewage network, but is going to be carrying out a thorough investigation as to why the recent sewage spill occurred.

Next meeting. This will be on 15th November at 7.30pm in the parish room, where all PC meetings will be held from now on.

Computer equipment available, tower, small flat screen monitor, keyboard if you would like to see these items or want them, let Carol McCann know 851113 and if desired a small donation to the church.

SPOTLIGHT ON STOPTOBER

Why should we support this campaign? [data from ASH <http://ash.org.uk/>]

Smoking is the primary cause of preventable illness and death in the UK, causing around 96,000 deaths every year. Smoking causes around 80% of deaths from lung cancer, around 80% of deaths from bronchitis and emphysema, and about 14% of deaths from heart disease. More than one quarter of all cancer deaths can be attributed to smoking. About a half of all life-long smokers will die prematurely. On average, cigarette smokers die 10 years younger than non-smokers. The total cost to society (in England) is approximately £12.9 billion per year: this includes costs to the NHS, to employers, and environmental costs.

HAYNE FARM HAPPENINGS - JACK BARTLETT

Where did those three months go ! We had a lovely weekend for my sister Rebecca's wedding in early July, the weather was very kind- we even managed to bale our barley straw the day after ! More specialist field operation like baling and harvesting are carried out by our contractor so thanks to him for getting it baled while we were enjoying eating the leftovers in the marquee on the Sunday afternoon.

Our barley was combined and we are now feeding the grain to the dairy cows, grass silage making has finished for the year with making a few more bales last week in between the showers. The bales of silage will be fed to young stock through the winter when they are housed. The mowers can now be washed off and packed away into the shed until next spring. I mentioned last time how the maize was looking fantastic and we were hoping for an early harvest before it became too muddy... the maize is still looking fantastic but I'm fairly sure the mud will make an appearance ! The forage harvester is booked to make a start this week. A few months back we invested in a hydraulic road sweeping brush for our telehandler, I feel I could be spending many hours using it during the maize harvest to try and keep the roads clean!

The cows are enjoying this year's silage which analysed well, they are milking well and there is positive movement in the milk price ! Although we try to calve with a steady amount calving each month through the year this doesn't always happen ! Over the next few months we have more than usual to calve as well as plenty of first time calvers (heifers) going to join the herd. The maternity ward will be busy, followed by lots of calves to be fed and watered.

The robotic milkers have been very well behaved over the last few months, if there are any problems it will give us a phone call with an automated ladies voice on the end of the phone to explain the problem. This week the good run of robot reliability was broken. Her voice is most annoying when she gives me a call at 1:30 am explaining the robot hasn't been able to milk the last few cows. Overalls and welly boots on and a midnight walk to the cow shed to simply untangle the units and wash down with water, not even out for 10 minutes! A major problem can take an hour or more to fix. The hardest bit is trying to get back to sleep for a few hours because I'm sure the brain engaged work mode by this point!!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jamie and Alice Burrige's wedding was on Saturday 7th October, the bride had a beautiful dress, the 4 bridesmaids were in navy blue with 3 flower girls and a page boy. During the signing of the Register Ellie Chapman, Georgia and Emily Bramley sang Amazing Grace and The Lord Bless You and Keep You and received much applause. The floral decoration was in keeping with harvest and after the service cider and apple juice were served on the green before the guests went on to the wedding venue.

Edward Fuller. At the annual end of season Exeter Rowing Club Dinner and Dance Edward received the cup for the most wins for the whole club (not just the juniors) many congratulations this adds to his British National Champion achievement. Do we have a prospective Olympian in our midst?

Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

Our flower arrangers excelled themselves with their choice of 'Festival' depiction for our Flower Festival for the Devon Historic Churches Trust weekend on 8th,9th &10th September festivals depicted were Glastonbury, Mardi Gras, Food and Drink, Birthdays, Summer Solstice, Guy Fawkes, Diwali, Butterflies, Last Night of the Proms, Beer Festival, Jewish Passover, Literary, Beautiful Days and Wassailing Our Harvest collection went to Farming Community Network (formerly Farm Crisis Network).and a cheque for £86.52 was sent. The Honiton Food Bank received our non-perishable items and many thanks to Helen Fuller for taking them and to Frances and Charles Holme for helping pack her car. At the Harvest Supper about 80 people had a delicious meal of chicken, celery, and shallots casserole with cider and tarragon with carrots, cabbage and roast potatoes followed by apple crumble and ice cream. huge thanks to Jayne Bramley, Sue Fallows and their team of cooks and to the gentlemen who acted as waiters. Thanks to all who donated raffle prizes I'm not sure the final total made for church funds yet.

Forthcoming Church Services 11am unless stated

October

15th Lay-led Morning Worship
22nd Parish Eucharist
22nd Team Evensong Combe Raleigh 6.30
choir practice 5.30
29th Parish Eucharist

November

5th Family Eucharist with refreshments
12th Remembrance Service at the Lych-gate
10.50 followed by Eucharist in church
19th Lay-led Matins
26th Parish Eucharist

200 CLUB RESULTS OCTOBER

1st David Fallows	2nd Jane Hulbert	
3rd Violet Quick	4th Len Whitehouse	5th Cliff Wensley

GITTISHAM FLOWER FESTIVAL - ANGIE HUTCHINGS

I would like to say a huge thank you to all who produced the wonderful flower arrangements in church for the 'Festival' themed flower festival. A great deal of thought and care was taken in the choice of flowers and accessories. Also thank you very much to the stewards for giving their time and the generous sponsors. £430 was raised, 50% of which has been sent to Devon Historic Churches.

If anyone would like to join the flower arranging team, whatever your ability, please do get in touch with me 01404 45101 – church attendance not compulsory! We just enjoy the beauty of flowers.

Autumn by Clara Hall age 10

Swaying trees, falling leaves, Autumn breeze.
Yellow, red, brown, crunching on the ground.
Wet cats, woolly hats.
Rainy skies, summer dies.
Damp misty air, wet soaking hair.
Let's hope the cold brings snow-angel wings

Loo Twinning for Africa

We are hoping to have an evening in the village hall to raise funds for loos to be built in African villages, please look out for posters. We will have a speaker to explain all about this charitable event.

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