

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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A Bounteous Harvest

A huge thank you to Sue Fallows, Jayne Morgan and Jayne Bramley for giving us a lovely harvest supper on the 5th over 70 enjoyed chicken casserole with roast potatoes, carrots and peas, followed by apple crumble with custard or ice cream. Thanks also to those who donated the vegetables and apples. Plus the waiters and the volunteers for washing up. There were lots of raffle prizes all donated. The Harvest Festival Songs of Praise Service on the Sunday evening, organised by Julia was much appreciated and the children gave us an 'action on climate change' which they wrote themselves and gave us much to think about. We had Trevor Bolshaw playing the organ and wine plus nibbles were served at the end. Another huge thanks to all who decorated the church which looks stunning and well worth a visit while the flowers are still nice and for all the donated goods for the Honiton Food Bank. Our collection this year will go to our sister Diocese of Thika in Kenya whose harvest has failed again and a project to help them to feed their families and to train them to use conservation farming techniques such as using washing-up water to grow the vegetables. The Bishop of Exeter has asked the diocese to aim for £13,000.00 to be raised to help fund this project and to expand the number of trainers. Donations are being sent to the Honiton Parish Office (44035) and then sent collectively to the Diocese.

Dates for your diaries October

- 10th** Gittisham Community Land Trust Open 'Drop-in' Meeting Village Hall 3.00 – 7.00
(see article on page 2)
- 15th** Team Skittles at Feniton Bowls Club 7.00/7.30
- 19th** Coffee Get-together 10.30 - 12.00 in the Parish Room
- 20th** The Heritage Singers present Evensong at St. Paul's 6.30pm
- 23rd** Cards for Good Causes opens in St Paul's crypt until 17th Dec, helpers urgently needed please email Honiton co-ordinator Sharon Dunne sharonpony@btinternet.com or phone regional manager Frances Guy 01392 439599 if you could help keep this good cause running
- 30th** Wardens meeting St. Paul's 9.30

November

- 3rd** All Souls Service St. Paul's 6.30 when our lost loved ones are remembered and named during the service, if you would like a loved one remembered contact the Parish Office 01404 44035
- 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 starts by the Lych-gate at 10.50
- 16th** Coffee Get-together in the Parish Room 10.30 – 12 noon everyone welcome

Yoga Classes in Gittisham

Yoga classes have started on Monday mornings in the village hall 9.30-10.30 with Rose Buchanan £6 per session contact her roseflowyyoga@gmail.com to book your place.

Sherman;s and Hayne News Jack Bartlett

Autumn already ! Not sure where that came from, Lauren and I got married in July, and what amazing weather we had, the day over in Bickleigh passed far too quickly, rather warm once suited and booted !

We spent a few nights in Tenerife which was very relaxing... rather selfish of us to fly all the way to Tenerife for some sun and contribute to the atmosphere with all that carbon ! But I have since been told that it's the cow and sheep poo which is most destroying to the atmosphere ! I'll leave that there...

The mix of sun and rain has provided the grass with a much needed lift, fields have a much preferred colour about them now. We have managed to keep cutting and make a good amount of forage, with more animals this year we need a good reserve but I think we're there... if all goes well.

A couple of problems in the maternity ward with two breach calves within a week make you question what's changed but a thought it's just the law of averages. Lots of calves to feed means there's always something to do with steam cleaning pens and moving bunches around. A few older heifers have kept us on our toes leaning over old fences and hedges that they shouldn't be. Thank you to good neighbours for being understanding, a good days fencing and we've sorted that problem for five minutes !

In an aim to reduce plastic, Bartlett's farm shop are now selling milk in glass bottles. Pasteurised whole milk from the local Sutton Lucy dairy can be bottled up by yourselves in the shop. Then simply wash your empties and bring them back to refill ! Pop out to see the girls to have a look

AFFORDABLE RENTED HOUSING "DROP IN" EVENT 10th OCTOBER

Interested in the proposed affordable housing project within the village? Then come along to the drop in event taking place in the Village Hall between 3.00pm and 7.00pm on Thursday 10th October and representatives will advise about the scheme and how the registration process works. If you cannot attend but would like to register your interest then please contact Janice Alexander at Devon Communities together (01392 248919).

David Valentine Gittisham CLT

Volunteering with us at Marie Curie

We're looking for friendly and reliable volunteers to visit people with a terminal diagnosis, their families and carers, to offer practical and emotional support. As a Helper volunteer you will take on a number of simple yet crucial tasks that will make a huge difference, this could be in a family's home, a care home or out in the community. You will provide one-to-one companionship and support, offer a listening ear, and spend time engaging in everyday conversation, activities or hobbies with the person you are supporting. We will provide you with extensive training so you can take on the role confidently.

To apply Southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk **or call** **0800 3047 400**

GITTISHAM'S BIG BASH

on the 14th September was a great success, the cookery demonstration by the Pig's head chef with additional interesting information from the head gardener. Maggie Walker and Paul Wakely took us on a 'hilarious historical walk around the village. The duck race was won by Nicky Wakely and Pierre Graeber beat David Valentine in the boules competition. Tea and cakes was served in the village hall. There was a delicious bar-b-q in the evening with a dance to our local village band and singers and some lovely raffle prizes had been donated. Thanks to all the organisers and helpers.

PARISH COUNCIL – OCTOBER REPORT

Six councillors met for the October meeting. Six members of the public were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report. In his report, Phil Twiss said that recorded numbers of potholes this year are down from last year and are below the monthly average since 2016. As the nights begin to draw in final preparations are being made for winter, with delivery of 8,500 tonnes of salt due in the next few weeks to ensure by early October the salt barns are fully stocked at 23,500 tonnes. The gritters and snow blowers are all serviced and ready for action, but it's hoped they won't be called upon for use. In her report, Susie Bond said EDDC has just granted the first licence in the district for an electric taxi. The council is also starting a project to install electric car charging points in its major car parks.

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Superfast broadband. Carol Hall encouraged councillors and residents to indicate their interest in superfast broadband via the Voneus website, which does not require any financial commitment at that stage. There is a one-off installation cost of £149 (inc. VAT), but if residents have download speeds of 2MB or under, it is possible to have this cost covered by Building Digital UK. She added that Voneus had also discussed a free wifi site in a community building within the parish. The company is intending to visit the village again within the next two weeks, and they will be carrying out site surveys.

Hayne Farm development. Members heard that just over 50 homes are now occupied on the site, and by the end of this calendar year Baker Estates expects this to rise to approximately 90 in total. The first affordable homes were handed over in April 2019, with another in September which includes the first apartment block. The development as a whole is likely to be complete in 2023/24, subject to the volatile state of politics and its effect on the economy.

Lengthsman. Russell Hayman said the lengthsman had installed a drain at Sewer Field corner, with Combe Estate providing the manpower for digging. Members agreed to form a working party next year to clear the river of Himalayan Balsam before it seeds.

Play area. It was agreed to purchase some mesh as a temporary measure to add to the existing gate, as well as some permanent 'no entry' signs and a padlock. This was to minimise the risk of children entering and exiting by the upper gate directly onto the road. Members said they were happy with the location of the two new items of play equipment; they discussed at length proposals from some residents to reduce the visual impact of the slide / tower. It was agreed to arrange a site meeting to consider the proposals and other possibilities in situ, before making a decision as to the most appropriate way forward. David Valentine's suggestion that some signs could be installed asking users to keep noise levels down out of respect to residents was welcomed.

Footpath. Members heard the Ramblers had won their appeal for a footpath linking Hayne Lane to Parsonage Lane at Goldcombe Farm.

Trees. Russell Hayman said the estate had cleared away the debris from the fallen tree by the village hall. Since the meeting, EDDC's tree specialist has inspected the other lime next to it, but says it does not need to be felled at this stage.

Meet the parish council event. It was agreed to try for a January date in the Hayne Farm sales centre for new residents.

Next meeting. This will be in November, date tbc in the parish room.

POP-UP RESTAURANT: Professional chef Pierre Graeber is running another food evening in Gittisham village hall, on Saturday, November 23rd. The theme on this occasion will be the Middle East and North Africa. Details to follow in next month's gazette.

Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

October we have our Quinquennial Inspection (every 5 years all Anglican churches have an inspection from a Diocesan Architect) we will be given a schedule of works that must be carried out in order of priority. We are looking forward to the annual inter-church skittles match on the 15th October. Harvest was a great success – see the leader on page one. Thank you for the food bank items given over harvest, there is always a blue box by the font in church if you have spare items. Holy dusters for October Amanda Acland & Sarah Agg-Manning (needing at least another person to help please) and November Sue Fallows, Jayne Morgan and Jayne Bramley we are needing more holy dusters if you could help please contact Carol 851113.

Forthcoming Church Services Gittisham and Mission Community 11am unless stated

October

13th Parish Eucharist
20th Lay-led Sung Matins
27th Parish Eucharist

November

3rd Lay-led All Age non-Eucharistic service with refreshments
3rd All Souls Service at St. Paul's 6.30
10th Parish Eucharist for Remembrance start at Lych-gate 10.50
17th Lay-led Morning Worship
24th Parish Eucharist

200 CLUB OCTOBER 2019 RESULTS

1st Maureen Doidge 2nd Richard Marker 3rd Katherine Wakley-Beddows
4th Helen Fuller 5th Carla Cheffey

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 5 months to March the fee would be £5.00 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.. Carol McCann 851113 07946409142 charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk

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, stuffing, sweets, knitted hats, gloves or scarves, toys, games etc. The boxes shouldn't be wrapped but if you wish to include a sheet of giftwrap or wrap the box and lid separately 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. Many thanks Carol

TRIP PASSENGER CLUB 01404 46529 2 OUTINGS FOR OCTOBER

17th **Dawlish** is a seaside Regency resort town in Teignbridge on the south coast of Devon. Jane Austen spent a long holiday at Dawlish in 1802, later complaining about its "particularly pitiful and wretched library". She mentioned the town several times in her 1811 novel *Sense and Sensibility*. Character cottages, impressive villas, narrow streets, bustling shops, famous Black Swans and welcoming tea rooms are just a taste of what Dawlish has to offer

31st **Bampton Fair & Street Market:** Celebrating the granting of the Royal Charter in 1258, Bampton Fair is a fun packed day, attracting local producers of foods and livestock, crafts and traditional skills from Exmoor and its surrounding villages. The streets, church, pubs and venues of Bampton are filled to overflowing with around 100 stalls, entertainments including craft and music workshops, demonstrations and concerts, and a funfair

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