

## BIRTHDAYS in October

17th Ilaria Lek  
19th Imogen Charnley (née Fallows)  
23rd Karissa Marker  
30th Ben Griffiths  
31st Carole Rowe

## in November

1st Doris Down  
2nd Ann Pew  
4th Harry Neve  
5th John Boswell  
10th Christine Rew  
Solenn Graeber  
11th Frank Chapman

## THE UDDER SIDE OF THE HEDGE by Jane Hulbert

I am pleased to say the kitchen floor is visible again at Shermans, boxes of young chicks are now old enough to go outside and Carla's puppy and kittens are exploring the garden. Frantic mewing made me hurry to the door, only to have a kitten rush past to the litter tray!! Four very long days were spent TB testing last week. The milking cows are quite easy to do as they go through a pen from the milking parlour, it's the young ones in the fields, I'm sure they recognise a Vet from half a mile away and then to see a catching pen. The results were better than expected with only 7 inconclusive reactors, these will have to be retested after 60 days, fingers crossed. The maize is almost ready to harvest what we have left of it, with the weather and rabbit damage there is almost 15 acres bare. There must be some very fat rabbits if anyone wants to catch them! Keith is heading to the Midlands to do some maize crop judging this week, not sure that's a good thing—he'll probably get instructions like "don't go in that gateway" or "only judge the left hand field" etc. I think it's been a bad year for most places. Apparently this time last year we had a 'heat wave', seems a long time ago now!

## PARISH COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER REPORT

Four parish councillors met for both meetings. Cllr Roger Giles (DCC) and PCSO Phil Anning were also present.

**DCC Report.** Roger Giles said that DCC leader John Hart would be asking the public what their priorities are. He will visit the Mackarness Hall on Friday 23rd November at 6.30pm. Cllr Giles said DCC was aware of the flooding problems in the parish and the effect on the roads.

**Crime.** One reported crime in September, during the Honiton show. A badge from a showground tractor was stolen, leaving extensive damage to the vehicle. PCSO Anning mentioned a free post coding service, the police will stamp your postcode on expensive garden tools.

**Finance.** Members noted finances, and the return of the annual audit.

**Home Safeguard scheme.** Members will subsidise the cost as in previous years for alarm systems for residents who had received a local authority alarm free of charge under the Home Safeguard scheme.

**Planning applications.** Members had no objections to a cover over the existing yard at Gittisham Farm, felling of a tree at Parkers East, the addition of third wire to overhead electricity line at Blamphayne Sawmill and change of type of roof material at Olive Tree Cottage.

**Limited residential development.** The parish council will write to Justin Lascelles from Savills (representing the Combe Estate) supporting the estate's proposal for limited residential development within the parish, as long as it is sympathetic, small-scale and affordable.

**Strategy 2012-15.** This document is nearing completion and members thanked David Valentine for his work.

**EDDC Local Plan.** The public consultation on the latest draft of EDDC's Local Plan has been shifted to October, lasting six weeks.

**Play area modernisation.** Members agreed the gap in the wall to link the old play area with the new piece of land should wait until the planning application for change of use is returned. David Fallows will speak to residents of properties bordering the play area. A resident had removed the bin as it was overflowing, and agreed this was the best course of action to see if the rubbish issue resolves itself.

**Parishes Together Fund.** David Fallows had received suggestions for how parish and town councils could club together and receive extra funding from DCC and EDDC on certain projects. Members agreed a pooled lengths person would be the most beneficial to the parish.

**Matters for DCC/ EDDC.** David Valentine expressed profound dissatisfaction at DCC's recent decision to grant planning permission for 50 dwellings on a greenfield site in Feniton. He explained the impact this would have on both the primary school and King's, and that DCC as the education authority for the primary school should have raised concerns about the effect on an already over-subscribed school.

**Next meeting.** This will be on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

## PLAYGROUND

**Roundabout**—you may have noticed that the roundabout has been removed. The base unit is faulty and we have all just given up with it. So instead, we are ordering a mini-roundabout and a stand-on seesaw. Both are the latest designs and look great fun. They will arrive in the next month or so. **Wild Area**—we need volunteers to create a gap in the stone wall. If interested please let Carol Hall know and we will get together one evening. Then we can start using the wild area. Please bring your bikes, build dirt ramps, anything you like. Remember to keep it safe for the little ones. Anyone who would like to plant a tree is welcome to do so. Carol can give advice on where. Perhaps some fruit trees? In the autumn there will be a Willow Sculpture Day, where we will build a willow and hazel playhouse and other sculptures. We also need a bench up there—have you got a spare one?

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## 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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# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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## HARVEST SUPPER

Nick Agg-Manning, who instigated this whole affair, writes as follows—"There is no way that I can really thank all the wonderful people of this village who worked together to produce a Harvest Supper Evening that comprised a delicious chicken main course, apple crumble and custard, and all for just £1.50 per head. Saturday night, the 6<sup>th</sup> October, was a real Village affair – by the village; for the village; in the village – 90 people attended and enjoyed true fellowship as well as having the opportunity to cheat without reservation in the Beetle Drive afterwards. I do not have the space to mention all the names – but please, you all know who you are – thank you! Somewhere over £120 will go to The Church thanks to the Raffle!" Michael Hawkins spoke for everyone when he said "Good company and good food make a wonderful evening". It could not have happened without the commitment of a great bunch of people who came together to make the evening a huge success...and several of those were not even able to attend the supper on the night! Our thanks to them all!

## HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

The church was full the following day when the traditional service was held. It was lovely to see so many children, 16 in total, and Carol McCann wishes to thank them for singing so beautifully. The church was decorated with flowers and produce which will be distributed to St Petrocs and the Honiton Food Bank. The cash collection will go to Farm Crisis Network, a charity greatly needed this year particularly with such poor crops.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**October 13th—Soup and Pudding** lunch at 21 Cypress Close, Gittisham Vale 12.00—2.00pm. Courtesy of Mr and Mrs Hawkins and the Gittisham Craft Club. Proceeds in aid of Wedding Kneelers for the church.

**October 15th—Village Hall AGM.** Everyone is welcome.

**October 16th—Inter-church Team Skittles.** Feniton Bowls club. 7.00 for 7.30pm. If anyone would like to play or merely come along please ring Carol McCann on 851113 by Sunday 8th latest. The cost is £6.50 including supper.

**October 20th—Coffee Get-together** in the church 10.30—12.00 with bring and buy table.

**October 31st—Children's Halloween Party** in the Village Hall at 4pm. Games and tea in the hall followed by 'trick or treating' around the village. Fancy dress. Contact Carol Hall 850793 for more info.

**November 4th— Team All Souls' Service** at St Paul's, Honiton 6.30pm. If anyone would like a departed loved one remembered during the service, please ring Carol 851113.

**November 11th — Remembrance Service** in the church at 11.00am.

**December 1st—Villages in Action.** Tom and John Frankand Theatre (moving, funny with twist at end), More information next month.

**December 8th—Family Musical Evening** in St Michael's church, Gittisham at 6pm. Ring Helen Hayman (850204) if you would like to take part.

### WALKING CIRCUITS

Every Tuesday at 5.00pm in the Village Hall for one hour of gentle exercise with a qualified leader. Suitable for all ages as we all do as much as we can with no pressure to do more! Cost £3.50 if 10 participants or more, £4 if less than 10.

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**LEWIS LAWRENCE-JONES,** Lilian Hayman's grandson, of Bowhay has completed the recent Jurassic Classic 100 mile cycle ride. He raised £200 for the Prostate Cancer charity. Congratulations, Lewis, and well done!

**TOM CHAPMAN** is off to Bukoda in Tanzania on 8th October for 3 months with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO). We wish him good luck in his adventure.

**TERRY BOSWELL** is unwell at the moment so we will miss her lovely decoration in the church for the Harvest Festival this year. We send our love and good wishes for a speedy recovery.

**CLIFFORD WENSLEY** has not been too well recently but he did make it to church for the Harvest Festival service. We send our love and hope he will soon be fully recovered and feeling a lot better.

### HOLY DUSTERS

(October)

Doreen and Ernie Wensley

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We need more volunteers to clean the church a couple of times a year...please let Carol McCann know if you can help.

### 200 CLUB

The winners this month were:

1st Prize	Mr P Miller
2nd Prize	Mrs R Fearne
3rd Prize	Mrs R Hunt
4th Prize	Mrs G Evans
5th Prize	Mr M Hawkins

### CHURCH BELLS

The bells have been inspected and we are told that all is well with the exception of the ropes which all need to be replaced. We have now received another donation from Brian and Genevieve Evans. Many thanks.