

WELL DONE

BRADLEY HAYMAN!

I would like to say thank you to everyone that sponsored me on the Jurassic classic ride a few weeks back. I have raised just over £200 which will go towards prostate cancer U.K. The ride was 105 kilometers long, with some very tough hills including Peak hill and Salcombe hill right at the beginning. The weather was on my side for most of the ride however there were a few sudden downpours past Payhem-bury and along to Cranbrook. Despite the rain and a train! (at Feniton.) I managed to finish it in 4 hours and 22 minutes which came under the silver bracket for my age group.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped run the stop at the Village hall, the cakes were very nice and I hope it will be there next year!

Thank you to everyone once again.

Edmund Hayman

CONGRATULATIONS AND
THANKS FOR THE WRITE-UP.

GRAIN TO CREAM—by Russell Hayman, Gittisham Farm

Harvest is done, good to get it all in; well the maize is still to go. Yields have been on the low side of average generally though quality is good. It was fairly plain sailing though as always a rush. The pressure is on to get next years crops sown never a dull moment Most of the cereals ideal time to be sown is the first week of October but just wont happen so we have to space it out and compromise. Grass first then early wheat followed by barley and finish off with wheat again, all the seed has now arrived. August was the month of inspections for us VAT dairy assurance and Tesco all just when the combine wanted to roll. All was fine which I expected to be in the main, but like any thing if they wanted to look hard enough I am sure a technicality could be found. I had my bill for all my farm assurances the other day Beef and Arable, Dairy is paid thought the milk processor and Tesco don't charge me but it costs me roughly £2.50 a day just to belong to these schemes oh and a little bit more to fund the red tractor logo I would love to know if my ultimate customers value these assurances as they make no difference to the way I farm just add paperwork and cost not going to change it anytime soon so might as well get on with it. I suppose if I was to ever give up I could become an inspector.

Last time I wrote we had a Jenny Wren nesting well there were some chicks but unfortunately they died it was not pudding the cat. They fell out of the nest so that was sad it was lovely to here them cheep cheeping away outside the door.

The cows as ever are doing their thing, calves popping nice lot of heifer calves so that will give me the opportunity to put more of the cows to beef bulls got to keep Ronald McDonald happy. It is always a bit of a guess as to the amount of heifers we need for replacements as I have to think three years in advance. It is of course no bad thing to have too many they can always be accommodated its just a question of fine tuning to keep the wheels rolling nicely

Honiton Pantomime Society Open Evening

If you would like to be involved in the 2014/2015 Pantomime production of *“Sleeping Beauty”*, you are warmly invited to attend our Open Evening on Tuesday 16th September 2014 in the 6th Form Centre, Honiton Community College, starting at 7.0pm. The Society is looking for both adults and young people as performers, chorus members, dancers, backstage people, costume and prop makers and front of house helpers. Subscription rates are £10 for adults and £7:50 for young people aged 9 – 18 years. This will need to be paid during the evening. Young people will need to be over 9 years of age by the 1st September 2014. Anyone under 16 years of age should also be accompanied by a responsible adult. During the evening there will be a presentation by the Director of the forthcoming production. Members may audition for a part on Tuesday 30th September at Honiton Community College. For those unable to attend there will be a second session on Thursday 2nd October also at the Community College. Rehearsals commence on Tuesday 7th October. For those new to Panto or those who would like to brush up their skills, we plan to hold drama Workshops on Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th of September, and Thursday 2nd October at the Community College. The 2015 performance will take place during the half term week of 15th - 21st February 2015 at Honiton Community College.

Grand General Knowledge Quiz Evening

In order to raise funds for next years production of *Sleeping Beauty*, Honiton Pantomime Society will be holding a Grand General Knowledge Quiz Evening on Saturday the 20th of September. The quiz will be held at the Mackarness Hall, with a prompt 7:00pm start. Teams of up to a maximum of six players will be welcome and the cost will be £2:50 a head. No booking required just turn up and pay on the night. Bring along your own drinks, snacks and glasses for the evening. Please support your local Pantomime Society.

WALKERS WANTED

Grab your walking boots and take part in the Marie Curie Cancer Care Dartmoor Trek on Sunday 13th October. The challenge is a sponsored 13 mile circular walk beginning the picturesque village of Widecombe in the Moor. This challenging trek will take you over high moorland, through ancient woodland and around iconic tors as you explore this land of myth and legend. All money raised from this event will provide more hours of Marie Curie nursing care throughout our local community. More information—call 0845 0524184 or visit the official website www.mariecurie.org.uk/mountain and make a difference this October.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

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“The facts are always less than what really happened.”

Nadine Gordimer,  
Novelist, Nobel Prize Winner and  
Anti-Apartheid Campaigner

## Churchwarden's report. — Carol McCann

We have asked the Archdeacon's office to re-commence advertising the house for duty post so hopefully things will start to move.. Services for the next few weeks, all at 11.00 unless stated otherwise, 14<sup>th</sup> Parish Eucharist, 21<sup>st</sup> Lay-led sung Matins. There will not be a service in any of the parishes or Honiton on 28<sup>th</sup> September as our Curate Rev. Phillip is being ordained priest at St. Gregory's Seaton at 10.30, and afterwards back in Honiton there will be a lunch in the Mackarness Hall with each parish providing some part, Gittisham is providing some salads. On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Philip will preside over his first Eucharist in St. Paul's at 7.30pm which will be followed by drinks and nibbles. Our Harvest Supper is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October tickets/details will be available very soon The Family Harvest Service is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> with refreshments. 21<sup>st</sup> will be lay-led Morning Worship. Once Rev Philip has been ordained Gittisham will, in the main, go down to one lay-led service a month and it is my intention to alternate the Matins and Morning Worship services. Our monthly coffee get-together for August was very successful and raised £66.60 this months one will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 to 12 noon I hope we can have a bring and buy table. Hosts this month are the Bramley Family and our last one will be in October.

I am still collecting items of adult clothing and sensible shoes – male and female – plus blankets, sleeping bags, towels and toiletries etc. for the homeless through St. Petroc's in Exeter. I have a contact who comes to Honiton fortnightly. If you could offer anything, please let me know. I have also heard from the food bank who have written to say they are desperate for certain items – Long life milk (not skimmed), sugar, fruit juices and squashes, savoury rice and noodles, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, vegetables, fruit, custard, rice puddings, sponge puddings and biscuits. There is a blue collecting box next to the font in church. But if you would like me to collect any items, please let me know. Many thanks.

Other events within the team...

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Devon historic Churches Ride and Stride Open Churches Day, there is a poster in the porch. In the afternoon that day St. Paul's are holding a Vintage Tea Party.

A reminder that Team Skittles is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October there will be a list for names in Church very soon. This event takes place at the Feniton Bowls Club at 7.00 for 7.30.

Some Holy Dusters/Flower doers



Carol receives her bouquet!



## TOM VINCENT visits MOLDOVA

At the end of July, as part of a group representing Christian Response to Eastern Europe, Tom flew out to Moldova for a short visit—certainly not a holiday but a work experience with a difference! On the first day they started to clean the walls and ceiling of a dwelling, home to a little old lady, in the town of Belti. She was very resistant and tried to keep them out until the translator explained the purpose of their visit. The walls were black with dirt and they washed them down and filled in any holes. The next day they worked in an orchard of apricot trees where the usual pay is equivalent to £0.25 pence an hour! They had to walk for 10 minutes to fetch water. On day 3 they returned to the old lady's home and painted the walls pale yellow and fitted a new window. Tom said that the old lady was speechless and could not believe the transformation of her humble abode. During their time in Moldova they also held a party for 200/300 people in a local school. They paid for new floorboards to be laid—the school is attended by 100 children. The charity also donated £500 to keep open a Nursery which was being closed down. Tom thinks the Nursery is twinned with Star Cross. Tom said that the whole experience was absolutely fabulous. He is hoping to go back as he “wants to see if we made a difference”. Tom would like to thank everyone who supported his effort.

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

Please contact one of the editorial team if you have something would like included in our newsletter.

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## Gititsham Parish Council Report

The Parish Council has had to delay its normal September meeting to Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, so I am writing this as the Gazette goes to print the day before. I apologise for the lack of a full report, but next month we'll catch up.

The only item to report on for this edition is the result of the planning application by Welbeck Strategic Partnerships for up to 300 houses West of Hayne Lane. The application was recommended for approval at a meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Followers of this saga will know that, as a result of Parish Council submissions, the Chief Executive of East Devon referred back to committee the decision to recommend for approval taken on 25<sup>th</sup> April. On the next available meeting (11<sup>th</sup> July) the committee was faced with new adverse comments, from Natural England, the National Health Service, from the Blackdown Hills and East Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Devon County Council Education department. They also had a message from the government department saying that it would look at the decision once it had been made.

The Parish Council, with the financial support of many residents, had also submitted a detailed objection commissioned from a planning specialist. Faced with this barrage of new evidence, the committee agreed to defer a decision to a later date to allow East Devon planners to respond.

The August meeting came and went; Welbeck was not on the agenda. On 28<sup>th</sup> August, our District Councillor, Susie Bond, who has been assiduous throughout on behalf of residents, asked about the application and was told that information would be up on the web-site the next day. This was the only notice that we had as a Parish Council. When we looked at the web-site we discovered that there was no reference in the Officer's Report to our July objection. We made our feelings known, got together another submission and attended the meeting.

The officers apologised for the oversights, with no explanation, and read out a response. I spoke as Chair of the Parish Council, so did David Valentine, Richard Pratt and Maureen Phillips. We all pointed out that approval would be acting against council policy and was in conflict with elements of government policy too.

The main argument of the council was that East Devon has not planned to build enough houses and that, in their opinion, Honiton was best placed to meet some of the shortfall.

Well the committee recommended approval by 4 votes to 3; one of the four was so uncertain that the vote had to be repeated.

They are going to seek contributions to the Honiton surgery and primary school, but only if they can be justified.

I will ask the council to make representations to our MP and the Minister detailing our concerns about the lack of strategic planning, poor administration and the weakness of the council's structures. Susie has written to the minister too, he still has the power to overturn the decision to recommend, but that I believe is our last play in this unfortunate game.

I must thank Susie Bond, Claire Wright, David Valentine, Sara Trumper, Richard Pratt, Mike Edmonds and Fiona Clampin. All have given hard work, support and encouragement throughout. The support from parishioners has been tremendous. Thank you all.

David Fallows (Chair, Gittisham Parish Council)

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**Editor's Comment**— *I believe that I speak for all our readers (perhaps with one or two exceptions) when I say how much we appreciate the time and effort put in by everyone concerned with fighting this development. Personally, I find it beyond comprehension how anyone in their right mind would approve this planning application. It is at times such as this that I despair at the general lack of intelligence and blatant disregard for the general public often shown by those in authority. The behaviour of some East Devon District councillors, when considering planning matters, seems to me to be highly questionable!*

*Barbara Mullett*

# GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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### THE MASTER CHEFS!

On the 20th August, on a lovely summer's evening, the band of people who spend time dusting, polishing, hoovering and 'brassing' the church, and arranging the flowers, joined together for a scrumptious outdoor supper prepared by these two handsome chaps on the left. The event was organised by Gittisham Parochial Church Council as a 'thankyou' to those who help to keep the interior of the church looking so well cared for. If you ever take the time to read some of the comments in the Visitors' Book you will see the wonderful compliments written by people who come from around the world to appreciate our lovely church. Some are here to trace where an ancestor came from whilst others just happen to be passing and pop in. It is not unusual, these days, to find churches, such as ours, locked up to safeguard against vandalism or theft. Our dear vicar, Richard, always insisted that the church is there for the people and should be open every day. He even refused to lock away the brass candlesticks and crosses saying that "if they are taken we will replace them with wooden ones". Carol McCann, one of our churchwardens, performs the duty of locking and unlocking every day of the year; Nick Agg-Manning, Vice Chairman of the PCC presented Carol with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of all that she does for the church. Angie Hutchings re-

ceived a bottle as a thankyou for helping out with the supper...she had prepared floral decorations for the tables, bought delicious cakes for the dessert and acted as general 'gofer' for the event. We would like to add our thanks to Nick Agg-Manning and Roger Hutchings who gave us all such a lovely evening to remember. (Photos Page 4)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**September 8th— THE TALATONES Handbell Ringers Concert** in The Music Room, Sidholme Hotel, Elysian Fields at 3.00pm. Come along and take advantage of an opportunity to try it yourself! Free admission, donations welcomed for organ restoration.

**September 20th—COFFEE GET-TOGETHER** at the Rookery from 10.30—12.00.

**October 4th—HARVEST SUPPER** 6.45pm for 7.15pm. Pork and apple casserole followed by treacle tart. £3 per person (no concessions). Bring your own drinks. Tickets available in advance from Doreen Wensley 45774.

### RICHARD SAUNDERS

Most of you will probably have heard that Canon Richard had a stroke in the early hours of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August and was taken to Wonford where he spent a week. On 1<sup>st</sup> September he was transferred to the Stroke rehab unit at Exmouth Hospital and is currently in the Geoffrey Willoughby Ward. Visiting times are 3.00 – 5.00 and 6.30 – 8.00, however if you would like to make a visit could you please liaise with me. Many thanks. Richard's progress and recovery have been marvellous he is very cheerful and alert and his sense of humour has certainly not left him. I have been sending updates via email, if you would like to be included please give me a ring on 851113 and I will add you to the list.

Carol McCann

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**RODNEY WENSLEY**, son of Clifford, sadly died in hospital last month. His funeral was held in the village on 22nd August with the church bursting at the seams. We send our condolences to Clifford, Rosemary and family.

**CATHERINE WAKLEY** has announced her engagement to Michael who lives in Talaton. We send them best wishes.

**JIM TURNER** sadly died on 29th August from cancer. He was born and grew up at Westgate; Jim was another member of the village football team many years ago. We send our condolences to Ivy and all the family.

**PAUL AND NICKI WAKLEY** celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd September. Congratulations!

**TONY BENNETT** has been in poor health for some time and now has shingles in his eyes. We remember him in our prayers.

**MARY WARD** is presently in Wonford at the Acute Stroke Unit. We pray for her recovery.

**ADA PARTRIDGE**—lovely to see her home again.

### 200 Club

The winners this month were:

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| 1st Prize       | Mr R Kallmieir       |
| 2nd Prize       | Mr R Zebers          |
| 3rd Prize       | Mrs MacLaclain-Clark |
| 4th Prize       | Ms S Sproule         |
| 5th Prize       | Mr N Agg-Manning     |
| 6 monthly draw— | Mrs E Cligg          |

### HOLY DUSTERS (Sept)

Phyllis Broadhurst  
Ann & Peter Stansell

### YEAR'S MIND

Audrey Babbage  
Winnie Britton  
Joan Rowe  
Cath Ward