

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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19th SEPTEMBER—2.00pm

DUCK RACE

CREAM TEAS

GAMES

STREET ENTERTAINMENT



**THE BOTTLE TOP
BOOIE BAND
EVENING PARTY**
From 7pm



STALLS

STORY TELLER

GAMES

CREAM TEAS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 10th—Gittisham PCC meeting at Sanders 7.00 for 7.30

September 17th Coffee Get-together outside the church 10.30—12.00. Bring and buy stall. Everyone welcome.

September 19th Fete Duck race tickets £1.00 each) from Carol McCann 851113, evening party tickets from Judith Turner 851061 (£5.00 children free).

September 27th Concert at Sidholme 3.30pm. 'SEA PICTURES' Elgar and more

Free entry, bucket collection for Sidmouth Hospiscare and Music Room improvements

October 8th Concert at Sidholme 7.45pm 'SCOTS WHA HAE'. Singers, Instrumentalists, Dancers. Wear some tartan!

Free entry, bucket collection for Devon Freewheelers and Music Room improvements

BIG DEVON BAKE OFF

Coffee Morning and Cake Making Competition—Saturday 12th September in the Village Hall 10.00-12.00. Please bake your favourite cake and enter the competition, adult and children's classes, or just come along for coffee and cake to support this great charity. All funds going to King's House Day Hospice, Honiton. For further information contact Sandra on 07737078184.

VILLAGE FETE -

Plans are moving on apace but we need to know if there are any volunteers out there to help with running stalls/baking cakes/digging out tombola items/bric-a-brac... Please get in touch with any of the following—Helen Hayman, Helen Fuller, Clare Chapman, Jayne Bramley, Sue Fallows. Thank you, and help us make the fete a huge success.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

FRANK CHAPMAN died peacefully in his sleep at Wonford Hospital on 22nd August. Our love and condolences to Paul, Kevin and family.

BRENDA ABBOTT is now home again following a lengthy stay in hospital. We are pleased to know she is back in the village and send her our love.

REG CHOWN has been transferred to Honiton Hospital after spending over a week at Wonform. We send him much love and hope to see him back home very soon.

DAPHNE HALL AND JAKE FULLER started at Kings School this week. We hope they will be very happy at senior school—how the years fly by!

TOM FULLER has moved into Wellington senior school...we wish him every success.

LETTICE VYNER-BROOKS has started at Sidbury Primary School following the family's move. We hope she will settle in quickly.

NICK AND SARAH AGGMANNING will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve. They invite everyone to join them in the Village Hall.

200 CLUB

1st Prize	Ms M Hall
2nd Prize	Mr M Gray
3rd Prize	Mr A Broom
4th Prize	Mr A Babbage
5th Prize	Mr E Wensley
6 Monthly	Mrs D Hollis

HOLY DUSTERS (Sept)

Phyllis Broadhurst
Ann & Peter Stansell

YEAR'S MIND

Audrey Babbage
Winnie Britton
Joan Rowe
Cath Ward

Letter to the Editor -

Is it already 25 years since moving into Riverside Cottage (1st September) !!

Is it true as you get older the time appears to go a lot quicker or perhaps we fill our lives with more and take on more ?

I know that we had Bimmi our dog, then a few chickens, a few ducks, a few geese, Jake our horse who is now 29 followed with Flossie our other horse who sadly passed on several years ago, then more dogs, Sheba, Sam, Harriet and Zac (all rescue dogs) who filled our lives with much happiness !

We now have just the 3 beagles which are keeping us on our toes and also "old Sam" the collie and I must mention the bee's !

We have many friends in the village dare I say old as well as new ?

The village has changed a lot in that time, second homes, holiday lets, a post office/shop that has stood empty for almost 8 years taking a bit of the atmosphere and closeness out .

I fear there is no hope for any young people born or now living in the village of ever being able to live here as prices are too high to afford even with the so called " affordable housing " not forgetting what used to be homes in the village are now extensions of businesses.

Having said all that we love living in such a lovely village .

Ken Hopkins

GRAIN TO CREAM—by Russell Hayman, Gittisham Farm

September the month of the hedge cutter. New rules now mean hedges cannot be cut before the 1st of September. This leaves us little time to do the job whilst ground conditions allow. Given we have 40 miles of hedge which will require 6 runs with the hedge cutter to cover it all that's, 240 miles at a slow walking pace quite a few hours that earn nothing but have to be done still got to finish harvest which started well but August has been a disaster harvest wise; please stop raining, watching the wheat spoil in front of our eyes. We have cut some of the hedges as I spoke to the powers that be nicely and they gave me a derogation to cut the fields going into grass very nice of them its like been back at school (putting up your hand please can I go the loo!).

July was the month for visitors for us. Firstly the daughter of one of Helens friends from Kent spent a week with us for some work experience, she is hoping to become a vet and was in need of all the experience possible as it is very competitive to get a place so every little helps. So she was doing everything possible or observing from Castration to pregnancy diagnosis don't think we put her off. No sooner had she gone we had two sisters from the Wisconsin USA. They are on a 6-month tour taking in Canada, Austria, and UK Ireland. Staying on farms mostly and working for their keep coming from a dairy farm in the U. S. A. I am not sure who is learning more its good fun though they are nearly as crackers as me. They are coming back for a week in September before going to Ireland so will be here for the fete can put them to work again.

We have also been updating the calf rearing here a little, main changes are a new stoned area for the hutches new feeders and a pasteuriser for the colostrum we have quite a few to calf soon so will see if its all works. The idea of the pasteuriser is to remove as many of the undesirable bacteria as possible and still retaining the antibodies to transmit immunity. By having a store of good quality colostrum readily at hand the calf can have a really good feed in the first hours of it life when the antibodies pass through the gut wall most readily. Before thawing frozen colostrum was a problem and feeding milk from a different dam was not the best as it could spread some diseases. This we hope will address both these issues and we can be sure of the calf getting a good feed rather than leaving it to chance. Getting the start of their lives just right makes such a difference.

A few people have asked me have I been on the milk protests well no I haven't. I'm not sure causing havoc is the best way to put the message across. We would never be allowed to do it properly like the French!! The milk trolley challenge was good. Its just a pity the supermarkets that have paid and are paying a fair price did not get the good press deserved (M & S, Sainsbury's, Tesco, and Waitrose) There is something really wrong with the way as a society we value food or don't. Crumbs seem to be in a bad mood this month here's to sunshine.

BEES—an update by Roy Abbott

Our girls have been very busy throughout July and have gathered quite an excess of honey, which can only be removed when the bees have sealed it with a coating of wax, as this ensures the moisture content is correct, otherwise it will ferment.

First we have to remove the sealed honey from the hive, then we have to spin the frames to extract the honey which is a very sticky job, and it is then left to ripen for a couple of days, in other words let all the air bubbles come to the surface, then we have to bottle and label it so it is ready for sale. The frames from which the honey has been extracted are given back to the bees and they remove every scrap of honey that we have left on them, leaving dry, clean wax ready for the next season. Unlike a lot of bee keepers, we do not remove all the honey, we leave our girls with a lot for themselves as stores to get them through the winter. We now have to just monitor them to ensure they have enough food to get them through until the Spring. All our colonies are very strong at the moment and we hope they stay that way.

We have honey for sale at £5. 50p per lb. jar

Gittisham Parish Council Report

PARISH COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER REPORT

Four councillors met for the September meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC) was also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Susie Bond explained that EDDC has written to the planning inspector, proving its five-year land supply figures. The district council is waiting to hear whether the figures will be accepted. Members noted that the Gleeson application at Heathfield had been turned down.

Crime. Two crimes:

- 1) 4th August, elderly female received telephone call for payment of goods; payment made but enquiries revealed fraudulent call
- 2) 7th August, old A30, at local agricultural show, male offender assaulted unknown male.

Finance. Members noted the finances.

Planning applications.

- a) 2 Drillers Cottages, Gittisham: Reconstruction and repair of rear garden wall
- b) 1 Riverside Cottages, Gittisham: Replacement of clay tiles to outbuilding
- c) Unit 7 Alliance Court Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton: Construction of a covered area on the eastern elevation of unit 7

Members had no objections to the above.

d) Combe House Hotel Gittisham EX14 3AD Alterations and extensions to hotel and stables to provide additional hotel bedrooms, kitchen and staff facilities. Creation of car parking areas, conversion of pavillion to bar and store room to treatment rooms. Construction of polytunnel and associated works

e) 15/1772/LBC - Combe House Hotel Gittisham Honiton EX14 3AD Alterations and extension to hotel and stables to provide additional hotel bedrooms, kitchen and staff facilities; conversion of pavilion to bar and store room to treatment rooms.

Susie Bond said EDDC planning officers would be meeting English Heritage for an on-site visit early September. Members resolved to raise concerns with EDDC on the following grounds:

- the historic setting of the original building and its architectural merit must be taken into account, and ensure that these are not compromised by any works proposed by these applications
- the integrity of the historic building must be maintained
- existing features should be preserved
- an expansion of this scale will create additional traffic movements on small roads which are not fit for this volume of vehicles
- a colony of rare bats on site should be protected
- past proposals to alter the pavilion have been refused; any decision should be consistent with these.

Limited residential development in Gittisham village.

David Fallows said he had received a number of responses to the survey published in last month's gazette, asking if people would support small-scale housing in Gittisham village. The clerk agreed to write a press release to capture responses more widely.

Road closures.

Dowell Street in Honiton (night time, 6th-10th September), Hind Street in Ottery (night time, 7th-11th September) and the road from just past Winsor Cottage to outside Parkers West for repairs to stop a tap leak (12th-14th October).

Next meeting. This will be on 7th October at 7.30pm.

Churchwarden's report.—Carol McCann

I must again apologise that the family service in September will not be a pet one, Polly (nee Agg-Manning) and Neal Whitfield's daughter Clementine is having her Baptism, refreshments will be served as usual. Services for the next few weeks, all at 11.00 unless stated otherwise September 13th Parish Eucharist, 20th Morning Worship – lay-led, 27th Parish Eucharist. 4th October Family Harvest Festival, 11th, Parish Eucharist, 18th Sung Matins – lay-led, and 25th Parish Eucharist. Our monthly coffee get-togethers are going well, the pen-ultimate is on Saturday September 19th and the ultimate on the 17th October hopefully with a bring and buy table.

Our Harvest Festival weekend starts with the supper on Saturday 3rd in the Village Hall at 6.45 for 7.15 and the Family Eucharist with refreshments on the Sunday. Tickets (in advance) for the supper will be on sale from Carol McCann £3.50 (no concessions) for a two course meal, please advise if you are vegetarian, or have any specific dietary requirements. Vegetables would be gratefully received, please contact either Jayne Bramley or Sue Fallows. Please bring own drinks, there will be a raffle. On Sunday gifts of non-perishable goods will be most welcome and will go to the Honiton foodbank. The cash collection (not weekly envelopes) will be going to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute this year.

The 2016 church diaries are now available and are on the middle bench in church, the cost is £1 with the money being put in the wall safe by the door please.

The Jurassic Classic cycle ride for Prostate Cancer held on 16th August had a feed station in our village hall, I would like to thank all those who helped provide refreshments to the cyclists and supporters and also all who baked lovely cakes. Thank you also for your donations on the day, I have sent a cheque for £100 to the charity. It is their intention to hold the event in 2016.

Obituary

It is with sadness to announce the death of Peter Saunders, the last son of Richard, who was also in a nursing home, he died of a heart attack on the 22nd August. We send our condolences to Jackie his partner along with Tabby, Abby and Miranda their daughters and to our own dear Richard. Richard has now outlived all four of his children.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Jan Sutcliffe and "The Old Bull and Bush Company of Artistes" will present

Music Hall and Memories

on Saturday 14th November in Gittisham Village Hall in aid of King's House Day Hospice, Honiton.

Further details next month.

Development in Gittisham Village

If you have not sent back your opinion on whether there should be a small amount of development in the village, please let David Fallows know as soon as possible—the Parish Council needs to know. Please reply to David Fallows 01404 850922 or email at dfdfallows@googlemail.com

**MAKE FETE DAY A BUMPER
COLOURFUL SUCCESS BY
DECORATING YOUR HOUSE AND
GARDEN WITH BUNTING.**

Dear Editor

How I agree with "Grumpy Old Woman" (letter page two of July's Gittisham Gazette). The name Combe House Hotel gives it, with its service and staff, the impression of being a high class hotel, which of course it is. Combe House is well known throughout Devon and further afield, although in some places it may need a little upgrading here and there.

To call it "The Pig at Combe" conjures up a picture of an old spit and sawdust village pub.

Call me a grumpy old man if you like but I think that the new owners should have been made to keep the original name as part of the sale.

Yours sincerely,

Len Whitehouse,

Grumpy Old Man.

27 Cypress Close, The Vale.

FILMING IN THE VILLAGE

**WE HAVE A DATE
10th SEPTEMBER**

**IN THE AFTERNOON
SO GET OUT THE
MAKE-UP ...THIS**



**COULD
BE YOUR
CHANCE
OF AN
OSCAR!**

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

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