

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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It's Back to School Time

Firstly many congratulations to Edmund Hayman for his excellent GCSE results, and to Georgia Bramley for taking a GCSE early getting a very good grade. Tom Vincent achieved good results with his AS levels. Edward Fuller has had a very busy rowing season having won a plethora of gold and silver medals. We wish all children changing schools, returning to school and having new teachers or starting proper school for the first time, a very happy term.

Dates for your diary

10th September Coffee Morning for the Hospiscare Kings Day Centre run by the Chown Family from 10.00am in the Village Hall. There is a 'Bake a cake' competition, everyone welcome to enter. Details from Pam Chown 01404850085.

17th Coffee Get-together 10.30 – 12 noon – outside if fine, there will not be a sales table

GITTISHAM FETE- SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER,

2 pm start, if anyone would like a stall or can help or donate any items such as groceries, bottles, tins, plants, books, bric-a-brac or other items of good use please contact Helen Hayman- 07806480246 (Gittisham Farm), nearer the time any produce or cakes would be greatly appreciated. Also please look out your bunting as the village looked amazing last year, let's keep up that tradition! When everything is being set up, why not come up to the Rookery for our coffee get-together between 10.30 and 12 noon. Various stalls, Duck Race, Tombola, Bric-a-brac, Bubblemania, Majorettes, Cream Teas, Raffle, Bar all day, and more. In the evening music by Nick Chapman, Food Van and fun. Profits to be split between Village Hall, Church and Playground.

20th Starting in St. Paul's a Pilgrim Course on The Creed 2.00pm weekly in the side chapel Please book your place through the Parish Office 01404 44035.

27th Coffee Morning for Hospice Care at the Pig at Combe hosted by Judi Spiers 10.00 – 11.30, see separate advert on page 4.

October 1st Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, 6.45 for 7.15, tickets £3.50 for all, from Carol McCann. There is no bar so bring own drinks please, there will be a raffle.

2nd Harvest Family service 11.00. Donations of non-perishable goods please for the Honiton Food Bank, they will take some fresh produce but this has to be delivered to them on their opening days only (Tuesday & Friday). The cash collection (not the weekly envelopes) will again go to a local farming charity.

8th Quiz Night 7.00 for 7.30 at the village hall. Teams up to 6. Supper Bangers and Mash, no bar please bring own drinks. Book your team through Carol McCann 851113 or Sue Fallows 850922 £6.50 per person.

18th The Mission Community Team Skittles at Feniton Bowls Club 7.00 for 7.30 with supper and raffle cost is hopefully the same as last year £6.50 per person. There is a bar. A sign-up sheet is in the middle of the church if you can help Gittisham get the cup back please let Carol know

TABLE-TOP SALE AT CORNERSTONES Prior to moving, Jan (Sutcliffe) is holding a table top sale at her home. **(Cornerstones, Gittisham)**. There will be antiques and collectables, small items of furniture, quality glass and china, lovely hard back books, pictures, and other miscellaneous items. **Open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 24 September ALL SORTS TO CHOOSE FROM. EVERYONE WELCOME**

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT CAROL McCANN

At our recent PCC meeting Helen Hayman was elected as our Lay Chairman, following the sad death of Nick Agg-Manning. It was decided not to appoint a second Churchwarden this year but several members have taken on tasks to help me for which I am very grateful. It would be lovely to have a few more people who could help to keep our lovely church looking spic and span, do please let me know if you could help with either cleaning or flower arranging. Thank you. We are planning to have a churchyard tidy-up and prune the date to be arranged by Helen Hayman 07806480246 please contact her if you would like to lend a hand.

Forthcoming Church Services 11am

11th Sept Parish Eucharist

18th to be arranged details from Carol 851113

25th Parish Eucharist

2nd Oct. Harvest Family Eucharist with refreshments (more details see diary dates)

9th Parish Eucharist

16th Lay-led Morning Worship (changed from Matins)

23rd Parish Eucharist

200 Club Results September

6 month	Mr Bob Gilling	1 st	Mrs Carol Hall
2 nd	Miss Ruby Marker-Morgan	3 rd	Mrs Nicky Wakley
4 th	Mr R. Kallmeier	5 th	Mr & Mrs David Thomas

Roy's Bees

This season has been a difficult one for all bees. The late frosts and the cold spells that followed, mixed with dull rainy days meant that bees were unable to get out and forage for nectar and pollen, this gave rise to the situation of little food in the hives with a lot of bees that had nothing to do but eat all their stores. We were fortunate that our girls managed to support themselves whereas a lot of bee keepers had to feed their bees to help them through late spring and the shortage of summer (so much for all hot summers forecast) consequently no surplus of honey was produced in early summer. The weather was kinder during late July and August and there has been a good nectar flow so the girls have been very busy and harvested a crop of surplus honey albeit a much smaller crop than previous seasons.

It is now getting to the end of the beekeeping year, we have to monitor the amount of food stored in the hives to make sure there is plenty to keep them going, plus it is now time to treat them for Varroa this is a mite which all honey bees suffer from and they have to be controlled to keep the girls healthy , we use an all natural organic product which gives the best help to the bees without chemicals which none of us would like being put into our homes so we don't put it on theirs . We now have some honey available for sale, and I must say it has a great flavour,

PATCH It was a sad day for Judy Turner this week, her faithful friend of nearly 15 years, Patch had to be put to sleep following a seizure. They were quite a feature ambling round the village. Patch not only had heat trouble but also arthritis and had developed lumps in various places. So sorry Judy we hope you get over your loss,



THE PIG-AT COMBE COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF HOSPICE CARE

Tuesday 27th September 2016 10:00am – 11:30am

In support of our chosen charity "Hospice Care", we would like to invite you to join us at the Folly at THE PIG-at Combe between 10:00am and 11:00am on Tuesday 27th September, for some delicious home-made Combe cake and coffee.

This will be an opportunity to meet and chat to our host, Judy Spiers, one of the Westcountry's best known Radio presenters, who is touring East Devon to raise awareness for this very worthwhile charity.

Tickets are priced at £5.00 per person with all funds going towards our local charity who rely heavily on donations from the public, so we do hope you will come along and join us on the day.

In addition to hosting this morning, we will match all proceeds.

Please RSVP by Friday 23rd September 2016 with payment to Fe Francis on 01404 541770 or email events@thepigatcombe.com *Tickets are limited so will be on a first come first purchase basis.

THE KINGS SCHOOL REPORT HELEN HAYMAN

Looking back , the end of term saw the years 11 & 13 celebration prom at Woodbury park, with all sorts of interesting transport and an array of beautiful/ handsome students all being photographed by extremely proud parents!

There were many head teachers commendations celebrating all students efforts in many subjects and a fun afternoon was held to raise funds for India, Devon link up and F& J trust.

Many students undertook exams , so during summer had to nervously wait for GCSE results or As & A2 results , as you will no doubt have read in the newspapers some amazing grades were achieved, which means many students will go to 6th form or Exeter college or universities.

September will bring new students and a busy term ahead.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Brenda Abbott has now moved to Koppers at Kilmington following a long spell in hospital, first at Exeter then a longer period at Honiton . she was cared for excellently at both hospitals and I feel one hears to often of poor service by the NHS but I have seen none of this her care has been top rate. Brenda has lived all her life in Gittisham so this has been a huge undertaking for her we hope she will happy at Koppers and if anyone would care to visit her one can pop in at any time. A warm Gittisham welcome to **John, Stella and Sarah** who have now settled into 1 Drillers, and to **Steve and Rosy** who now live in the Bakery Cottage. We hope you will be very happy in the village and look forward to getting to know you all.

Jake Fuller has been diagnosed with type 1 Diabetes we hope you are managing to cope with your new health situation and wish you all the best.

It is with sadness I announce the death on Friday 9th of **Jean Bartlett** age 95 who died at home with her husband of 70 years, David and daughters Angela and Susan by her bedside. Funeral will be at Awliscombe date to be be arranged. May you rest in peace Jean.

Editorial team.

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PARISH COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER REPORT

Four councillors met for the September meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC), Sara Randall Johnson (DCC) and three members of the public were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Sara Randall Johnson said from next year the county would not be funded for school transport post-16 years; the money will go direct to schools to administer. She also reminded councillors of a consultation which is open for comment until 29th September about three options for upgrading the A30. Susie Bond agreed to find out whether the pavement was likely to be extended on Devonshire Way where the industrial units are being built on the corner, as this was thought to be a requirement of the planning application.

Crime.

- 1) 2nd Aug – theft; money stolen from an unattended bag on commercial premises
- 2) 12th-19th Aug – fly-tipping; garden waste dumped in a field

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Planning applications.

- a) Masts at Putts Corner Honiton - installation of 1 x 300mm diameter radio link dish
Members had no objections to the above.

Limited residential development in Gittisham village.

David Valentine said a meeting had been scheduled with EDDC and Devon Communities Together for 26th Sept to discuss next steps as regards the results of the housing need surveys.

Play area.

The clerk agreed to secure some signs to deter people from letting dogs foul the play area.

Buses.

If issues continue with buses not stopping as they should in Gittisham village, people are encouraged to report exact dates and times to the parish clerk to pass on to Stagecoach or DCC.

Honiton Neighbourhood Plan.

Richard Pratt said there would be a meeting on 22nd Sept in Honiton to gather further public opinion with a view to revising the design of the questionnaire.

Next meeting. This will be on 5th October at 7.30pm

Cllr. Richard Pratt Gittisham Parish Councillor for Gittisham Vale.

In the Vale, thanks are due to Len Abbott, the Parish lengthsman, for clearing weeds from the kerb-line and pavement on Old Elm Rd immediately west of the boundary stream. Unfortunately there is only a limited budget, from Parish council funds, for such work and priority has to be given to keeping ditches and drains clear. Treatment of roadside weeds is no longer undertaken by the Highways team, so if you like to see the pavement/kerb-line outside your home clear of weeds, you may wish to consider keeping it clear yourself. If you do decide to do this, please take care with passing traffic.

Around the Vale estate, Devon County Council Highways department will be cutting the grass verges again before the end of September (those that impact roadside visibility). Issues with overgrown weeds and trees along the footpath by the railway line have been raised and may well be attended to at the same time. Hedges, shrubs or trees within property boundaries that are causing an obstruction on an adjacent footpath, should be maintained by the property owner - thank you!