

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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HARVEST SUPPER SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER

Our Harvest supper is in the village hall Harvest Supper will be on Saturday October 6th at 7pm in the Village Hall. Price £3.50 per person irrespective of age, reservations are necessary for catering purposes, please book your place with Carol 851113. No bar so bring own drinks. There will be a raffle.

Anyone who, books and would like to help with cooking/washing up/setting up please contact either Jayne Bramley (850084) or Sue Fallows (850922), or by email. We would like to share the jobs out so that everyone can enjoy the evening. Donations of vegetables would be gratefully received but please contact Sue or Jayne to see what veges are being used, thanks. Our Harvest charity for the church offertory on Sunday 7th at 11.00 is The Farming Community Network who support farming families in very many ways. It is a charity we have supported in the past. As we no longer hold vegetable auctions we ask for donations of items to decorate the church or for children to bring with them will be for the Honiton Food Bank, items such as tea/coffee/squash/bottled water, tins of vegetables, meats or fish, puddings, jellies, biscuits, sugar, long life milk, pastas. They also need baby food, dried milk and nappies.

Dates for your diaries

- 8th Plant Sale at the Bartletts Farm Shop Hayne Farm 10.00 – 2.00 in aid of the Gittisham Vale and Heathfield defibrillator. Please see article on page 4
- 16th Coffee get-together 10.30 – 12 noon in Parish room. Everyone welcome
- 25th Gittisham Flicks, village hall 7.00pm, £2.00 ring Carol Hall 850793 / 07854492347 for details, popcorn provided.
- 29th Pop up Restaurant with Pierre Graeber, see details on page 2
- October
- 2nd Gittisham PCC meeting in Parish Room 7.15/30
- 3rd Parish Council Meeting in Parish Room
- 6th Harvest Supper (see leader article)
- 7th Harvest Festival
- 16th Mission Community Team Skittles 7.00 Feniton Bowls Club details in each Parish Church. If you would like to join the Gittisham Church team please let Carol know 851113.

Calling all dog owners Dog poo has been found in the churchyard, please if you must take your dog into the churchyard when visiting your loved ones, please keep it on a lead and please clear up any poo and put it in the bin. Many thanks Carol McCann

BUCKETS GALORE!

The committee were delighted to receive 24 entries for the Potatoes in a Bucket competition at the Flower and Produce Show. The content of the winning bucket was grown by Angie Hutchings, weighing in at 1.91 kg. One potato alone weighed 1kg! Second place was won by Len Abbott (1.65 kg) and third by Sarah Abbott (1.58 kg). The competition is fun for all the family and we look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday 3rd August 2019.

Riverside Bees

This year started off really badly for the bees, following a long, wet winter, which never seemed to come to a end, the damp is a major killer of bees through the time they are clustered for the winter, they need the odd dry sunny day to get outside to use the toilet as they never mess up their hive unless unwell and that spells disaster for the colony.

We were very lucky in that all our girls came through fit and well, only to be hit by late freezing rain and a very cold snap , we fed the girls to keep them going as they were unable to forage not that there was anything to forage for them any how!!

It paid off well, giving them a boost to get started on building up numbers to produce a good strong work force , this enabled them to multiply quickly (3 weeks from egg to adult worker bee) so when the fantastic summer arrived the colonies were at full power to gather as much as possible which they did producing a amazing amount of honey, which we have now removed and have some available for sale.

The girls concentrated on gathering nectar and pollen for their brood rearing and honey storing so they had NO thoughts off swarming all season, excellent, not a single attempt at queen rearing, what a lovely easy summer, the girls like myself love the heat and sun, we just need more of it, especially as we seem to have arrived at autumn very early.

I'm writing this on a very cold wet Sunday, let's hope we get a good Indian summer to help the bees build up enough to get them through another winter.

We always leave them with plenty of honey as they made it, so they should have it for themselves so much better for them than being fed, (that is a necessity at times)

The Himalayan balsam is such a bonus for them at this time of year. So, we will let you know of the girls progress.

Roy and Ken

People in the news

Maureen McGregor is recovering in Sidmouth Community Hospital after a fall, please feel free to visit her if passing that way, she would love any visitors!

Edmund Hayman Congratulations on brilliant A level results securing his place at the Harper Adams Agricultural University!

Alice Hayman Congratulations too on passing her GCSE's and then after a brilliant interview and test on riding one of their horses Alice has secured a place at Bicton college!

Georgia and Emily Bramley congratulations on fantastic GCSE results, both attaining between them 13 - 9 & 8 grades and 7 - 7 & 6 , both will be staying on for 6th form at Kings School to start their A levels.

Clara Hall good luck Clara as you start secondary school at Kings, the only village child to transfer from primary, we hope have a happy time.

Pierre's Pop-up Restaurant

Following on from the success of his West African pop-up restaurant in the village, professional chef Pierre Graeber from Zero Waste Cookery will be running another on the evening of Saturday 29th September.

Let Pierre take you on a journey through cocoa and chocolate flavours ranging from savoury to sweet: from salad dressing (yes, really!) to Mexican "mole" and crackers, from sorbet to cake. At times spicy, at times sweet, experience the intriguing and surprising ways to discover the use of cocoa and chocolate in cooking.

When booking, please don't forget to give Pierre any special requirements and information about any allergies so he is aware of this in advance and can prepare accordingly.

Book online at zerowastecookery.com or email Pierre at pgadmin@zerowastecookery.com or telephone 01404 851442 / 07545 214940. Early booking is advised, as spaces are limited in the village hall. 7.30pm start. Adults £20pp, children under 12 £10pp. Bring your own drinks.

PARISH COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER REPORT

Seven councillors met for the September meeting. Susie Bond (EDDC), Graham Hutton (Baker Estates) and one member of the public were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Susie Bond said that EDDC had thrown out a proposed consultation document on the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP), the joint plan with Exeter City Council, East Devon District Council, Mid-Devon District Council, Teignmouth District Council and Devon County Council. The document is now being rewritten. The new National Planning Policy Framework was published in July; in terms of how this might affect Gittisham, Susie Bond said the subdivision of rural properties is now permissible.

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Planning applications.

a) Rapshayes Farm - Conversion of barn to holiday accommodation
b) Meriden House Nags Head Road - Subdivision of existing dwelling to create two dwellings

Councillors had no objections to a) and b) in principle, providing they meet with the approval of EDDC's conservation officer. However, there was some disappointment at the addition of another holiday cottage to the village.

c) Blamphayne Sawmill - Variation of Condition 6 (use condition) of planning permission 17/2560/VAR (variation of original permission for construction of workshops, stores and office/shop) to allow the entire building to be used for B2 or B8 uses

Councillors agreed they did not object to the original application to site a new unit at Blamphayne Sawmills, trusting that the purpose of the new unit was to be used for the expansion of the existing business (as stated at the time). The Parish Council is disappointed to note that the new unit is already being lined up for use by other businesses and that the new unit may create a mini business park in a rural location, when there are vacant units on the Heathpark estate. The Council also has concerns over whether the insurance and Health & Safety issues mentioned in application 15/1172/MFUL have been or will be fully mitigated.

Hayne Lane development.

Graham Hutton of Baker Estates said construction of the affordable homes was well underway. He reported that 25-30 homes would be occupied before the end of the year. As regards confusion over traffic signage, Mr Hutton said this was being investigated. He added that he had been in contact with DCC to find out if the speed limit, at least on part of Hayne Lane, could be reduced. Graham Hutton proposed devising a welcome pack for new residents, to include a note from the parish council and a copy of the Gittisham Gazette. This was welcomed by councillors. Andy Wilkins said he would contact Phil Twiss to enquire whether a new bus stop next to the gate at the end of Old Elm Road could be installed.

Play area.

Councillors thanked DCC for its generous donation of £2,000 towards the play area equipment, through its Investing in Devon programme. Carol Hall agreed to speak to Len Abbott about the bolts on the bird's nest swing, and trimming the hedge, as well as making contact with Safe and Sound Playgrounds about the small roundabout. This item no longer rotates as it should. Carol Hall said she would also investigate a new slide, ideally before the weather gets too cold. The council also recorded its thanks to the village fete committee, for its contribution to the play area.

Next meeting. This will be on 3rd October at 7.30pm in the parish room.

Does anyone know a trumpeter/bugler who might be able to play for our Remembrance Day Memorial service at the Lychgate on Sunday 11th November at 10.50am please ring Carol 851113

Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

Throughout September the entire Honiton Mission Community (and throughout the Diocese) are looking into giving, both financially and of our skills and talents, the first four weeks will have themed services and sermons. Each member of the congregation will be given leaflets describing the project entitled 'Giving in Grace' along with a weekly prayer sheet. It was a sad day when we waved off Frances and Charles Holme to pastures new in Kilmington we hope they will be very happy and look forward to seeing them from time to time in the village. Over the late May Bank Holiday (24,25,26 &27) we will be holding a Flower Festival with the theme Games and Board Games. If you would like to take part, please give Angie Hutchings a call 01404 45101. Is there anyone who can play the organ, sometimes I have a problem when our regular organists cant play, if you can help please let me (Carol 851113) know. You can always have a practice, just let me know when you want the organ opening.

Forthcoming Church Services Gittisham and Mission Community 11am unless stated

September

9th Parish Eucharist
16th Lay-led Morning Worship
23rd Parish Eucharist
23rd M.C. Choral Evensong at Awliscombe
6.30 (choir practice 5.30)
30th Parish Eucharist

October

7th Harvest Festival (bring gifts for the food bank please)
Family Service with refreshment
14th Parish Eucharist
21st Lay-led Sung Matins
28th Parish Eucharist

200 CLUB RESULTS SEPTEMBER 2018

1st	Karen Loveland	2nd	Maggie Walker	3rd	Ian Warne
4th	Terry Boswell	5th	Nelly Marker	6 month	Phyllis Broadhurst

There are still several numbers available if you would like to participate. The monthly prizes are £40, £20, £15, £10, £5 and 2 x 6 monthly of £48 and the cost is £12 per year ring Carol on 851113.

Calling all Gardeners!

Plant Sale! Saturday 8th September 2018, 1000 to 1400 at Bartlett's Farm Shop, Hayne Lane. All proceeds towards the Gittisham Vale & Heathfield defibrillator. Refreshments and produce available from the Farm Shop as usual. Plant donations gratefully received, please arrange to leave with David Fallows at Parker's East, Richard Pratt at 1 Champion Way or Andy Wilkins at 1 Honeysuckle Drive in the week leading up to the sale. Contact Richard Pratt 01404 46551 or Andy Wilkins 01404 371084 for further details.

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