

GITTISHAM GAZETTE

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FUNDING ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH IN GITTISHAM

The church in Gittisham, your Parish church, is facing a crisis. Currently only 17 members of the Parish regularly attend and fund the running of the church. On this basis it is not viable and without your help it will not be possible to maintain the structure and churchyard.

Closure of the church would mean that baptisms, marriages, funeral and burial services would no longer be conducted within the Parish. It would also cease to act as focal point for worship at Easter and Christmas. The historical and spiritual heritage of generations would be lost.

The churchyard costs on average over £1,000 a year to maintain. Yes, the church does receive fees for funerals and burials but there is no annual fee to keep the churchyard in a good condition for people visiting and tending graves. Every five years an architect's inspection has to be undertaken on the church building and the schedule of maintenance work arising needs to be completed.

St Michael's Church now participates in the Diocesan Parish Giving Scheme, a modern form of crowd funding, to maintain this valuable Parish centrepiece. There is no cost for this scheme by the Diocese. Monthly donations are taken by Direct Debit on the first of the month and then paid directly into St Michael's bank account, gift aid is applied for, provided the donor is a taxpayer, and that is also paid into our church bank account every month. By voluntary agreement the amount of the donation is increased by inflation each year, thus avoiding the trap of static giving whereby over time the spending power of money donated is dramatically reduced. Please consider giving a monthly donation, however small, to help run and maintain our beautiful church which serves the whole community. To make a donation please contact the church treasurer, Ian Warne, by email at ian.warne@tiscali.co.uk or by text or telephone call on 07762 919935 for more details and an application form. Thank you.

Dates for your diaries **September**

- 7th Celebrate Together service for disadvantaged and carers 3.00 St. Paul's + tea**
- 14th Gittisham's Big Bash & Boules finals (see separate articles)**
- 17th Superfast Broadband provider Voneus Q & A session re planned roll-out in village hall 6.00 – 7.00pm everyone welcome**
- 19th Film discussion night, details from om Carol Hall 850793/07854492347**
- 21st Coffee get-together 10.30 – 12.00 Parish Room**
- 22nd Team Evensong at Combe Raleigh (harvest theme) 6.30 Choir practice 5.30)**
- 29th Play reading evening with Sarah Agg-Manning (Under Milkwood) in the village Hall 7.00 everyone very welcome details from Sarah 851177 – hopefully one of many**

October

- 5th Harvest Supper 7.00pm Village Hall, no bar, bring own drinks, raffle**
- 6th Non Eucharistic Harvest Festival Service 11.00 with refreshments**
- 10th Gittisham Community Land Trust Open 'Drop-in' Meeting Village Hall 3.00 – 7.00 (see article on page 2)**
- 19th Coffee Get-together 10.30 - 12.00 in the Parish Room**

Children and young people.

Wishing our children and young people a very happy return to school, especially those starting school for the first time, those changing schools, and those starting 6th form.

Congratulations to Ed Fuller and Robert Rowe for getting the results they were hoping for in their GCSE's, both staying on for 6th form. Edmund Hayman starts his Agricultural university Harper Adams, and Ellie Chapman goes up to Queen Mary's College, London University this month. Georgia Bramley is taking a gap year. Congratulations to Alice Hayman for passing her driving test.

GITTISHAM VILLAGE BASH – SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

In September, Gittisham will be celebrating our amazing village with a party. The Gittisham Bash will include the ever popular Duck Race which will start at 3pm (tickets available from the committee below), followed by the final round of Bill's Boules and there will be Maggie's Historic Ramble and a talk about 'Kitchen Gardens at The Pig' to look forward to. The raffle will offer a selection of prizes. The evening celebration, (adults £10, primary school children £5) commences at 6pm in the hall with food, bar and music. Live music, starring our outstanding local talent will commence at 7pm. Tickets are on sale from Angie (01404 45101), Carol (01404 850793), Rosie (01404 850873), Terry (01404 850443), Pierre (01404 851442) Bill (01404 851428) and Judith (01404 851061).

Put the date in your diary, bring your friends and join in the fun. Please contact Angie (01404 45101) if you can help on the day or evening.

Obituary

I would like to notify the village that my mother-in-law, **Marie Creber**, passed away peacefully on 7th August at the age of 93. Marie had very fond memories of Gittisham having spent four years living at Curlditch House in the 1990's. She made several friends in the church community and kept in touch for many years, particularly her friend Hazel and Richard the Vicar. If anyone remembers Marie, you may send your acknowledgement to: Jane Fielding (daughter) 3, The Gardens, Wells, Somerset. BA5 2SF. Tel 01749 939340.

The Warne's have moved!

Ian & Liz Warne have moved from Coign Cottage their new address is:

11 Primley Gardens, Sidmouth, EX10 9LE

Their land line telephone number has changed to 01395 488932 but their mobile contact remains 07762 919935 They will be returning fairly regularly to attend village events and Ian is remaining the PCC Treasurer for the near future. They have thoroughly enjoyed their 15 years at Coign Cottage where Liz's parents once lived. Ian & Liz were married in the village in 1971.

Gittisham Community Land Trust (GCLT)

The GCLT is running a "drop in" event for anyone interested in the provision of affordable housing in the village. The event will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th October between 3 – 7pm. Representatives from GCLT, Wessex CLT Project, EDDC Housing Options Department and the Rural Housing Enabler will be available to answer questions and advising how to register with the Devon Home Choice scheme. If you are in need of affordable housing, have a local connection to Gittisham by residence, employment, upbringing or with a family connection then call in during this event and have a chat. Refreshments will be available.

David Valentine

PARISH COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER REPORT

Five councillors met for the September meeting. Phil Twiss (DCC), Gavin Palmer (Voneus) and four members of the public were also present.

DCC / EDDC Report.

Phil Twiss said that RD&E NHS Trust had experienced little difference at the hospital between winter pressures and demand at any other time of year. June had been a highly challenging month. Parking remains a major issue at the RD&E with new dedicated Park & Ride being made available to staff at Digby, and a further one for patients and visitors at Sowton. A review of the RD&E requirements of what space is needed in the future is currently taking place and due to be completed towards the end of the year. Phil Twiss said the new 'Mycare' and EPIC IT platform are due to go live in July 2020, which he felt can only improve working efficiencies for everyone's benefit. In her report, Susie Bond said EDDC was in the period of service plans and budget setting, and this is the first year in which there is no funding coming from central government, so there are significant challenges. A great deal of work is being done by officers to address the climate change emergency and how the council can reduce its carbon footprint. The aim is to become carbon neutral by 2040 and it has linked up with DCC to deliver Devon's Carbon Plan.

Finance. Members agreed the finances.

Crimes. June – August 2019, 6 crimes (shoplifting x 1, criminal damage x 2, violence without injury x 3).

Planning applications.

a) 1 Riverside Cottages - Demolition of shed to rear and construction of single storey extensions, reinstatement of 1st floor side-facing window re-rendering and alterations to interior layout; alterations to front garden including construction of new wall to allow for off-road parking

Councillors raised concerns that the development did not appear to meet the criteria of preserving and enhancing the qualities of the listed building, the setting or the conservation area. Councillors also felt the parking proposed will change the character of the area and impact on the setting of the two listed cottages at the approach to the village and conservation area.

Superfast broadband.

Gavin Palmer from Voneus explained that the company is in the process of confirming the location for a small piece of equipment on one property in the village, which will allow those who sign up to one of the company's packages to receive superfast broadband. Members agreed to hold a public Q&A on 17th September in the village hall where Voneus representatives will be available to answer questions.

New councillors.

Members welcomed two new councillors to the Vale, Rhiannon King and Peter Orchard. All agreed it was good to see the Vale back up to its full complement.

Vale kerbside. Andy Wilkins said he would speak to the lengthsman to see what could be done to cut back on the overgrown hedges along the pavement.

Play area.

Members welcomed the news that the tower and slide had been installed (with financial support from the National Lottery Community Fund), and was being well used. The clerk said the next piece of equipment was due to be installed on 20th September. Carol Hall agreed to speak to those whose homes border the play area to discuss the location of this, as concerns had been raised by a resident over the siting of the tower and its possible impact on surrounding properties.

Next meeting. This will be on 2nd October at 7.30pm in the parish room.

Church Wardens Report Carol McCann

Our first Sunday service in September was a pet one we had a chicken who didn't appreciate being held so left early, 2 cats in baskets, 5 dogs on leads, 2 calves also on leads and 2 Arabian mares, everyone well behaved, all were blessed by Julia. Molly played the keyboard and we served refreshments in the parish room, any money collected is going to the PDSA charity. The October 1st Sunday will be All Age non Eucharistic with harvest theme with Julia do contact her on 07763111367/gshaminister@gmail.com if you would like to help. We would appreciate donations of non perishable goods for the Honiton Food Bank, if you could offer some items and need them collecting please let Carol know. Now that the first Sunday service music is organised by Julia, Christine Rew has very kindly agreed to transfer to playing on the 4th Sunday, obviously subject to arranging transport from Sidmouth. The concert by the Parnham Voices on the 31st August was lovely and much appreciated by all who attended, our hare of the Gittisham collection amounted to £36.00. Holy dusters for September Phylis Broadhurst, Peter & Ann Stansell and October Amanda Acland & Sarah Agg-Manning (needing at least another person to help please)

Forthcoming Church Services Gittisham and Mission Community 11am unless stated

September

8th Parish Eucharist
15th Lay-led Morning Worship
22nd Parish Eucharist
29th Parish Eucharist

October

6th Lay-led non-Eucharistic service
Harvest theme with refreshments
13th Parish Eucharist
20th Lay-led Sung Matins
27th Parish Eucharist

200 CLUB SEPTEMBER 2019 RESULTS

1st Diane Janes 2nd Aurora Wakley-Beddows 3rd Fiona Clampin
4th Margaret Ballantyne 5th Vicky McLachlan Clark
6 Monthly Katharine Paravicini

The 200 Club has numbers available and cost £12 per year this is a vital source of income for our church, There are 12 monthly draws paying £40, £20, £15, £10 and £5 with 2 six monthly (March & September) of £48. If you would like to join our 200 Club (as there are 6 months to March the fee would be £6.00 per number for the rest of this year) do please let me know as there are several numbers available and this revenue is vital to the church.. Carol McCann 851113 07946409142 charli.mcc@mypostoffice.co.uk

Christmas boxes for the Food Bank. I am hoping to start collecting items for family Christmas boxes including any of the following - toiletries, goodies, such as Christmas pudding, stuffing, sweets, knitted hats, gloves or scarves, toys, games etc. The boxes shouldn't be wrapped but if you wish to include a sheet of giftwrap the food bank will cover after matching the box to a family. If you can contribute items I can make up boxes if you would like to help with this, please let me know 851113/07946409142 and I will collect from you or bring them to Gittisham Church or my home 3, School Cottages, Gittisham. Last years were very much appreciated. Many thanks Carol

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Voneus the superfast broadband proposed provider will hold a Q & A session in the village hall on 17th September regarding the roll-out in the village and surrounding area from 6.00 – 7.00pm. Everyone most welcome to come along and explore the possibilities. Organised by the Parish Council

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