

All Saints Holiday Club a Winner with Parish Children



Some of the young people from the All Saints Holiday Club get 'close up and personal' with an inmate of Piggy Wigs Farm.

Who ate 14 cakes, 150 flapjacks, eight dozen shortbread biscuits and 90 ice-creams in three days? If you had come to the village hall at the beginning of August you would have found the answer.

Three days of sport, cooking and drama and a visit to Carron McCann's Piggy Wigs farm proved a winning combination and forty children from our four parishes had a wonderful time.

The first day was led by Alix Booth who showed us how to make puppets with material kindly given by Suzanna Hawtrej. The children then entertained their parents and friends with a lively performance of 'Moses and the Parting of the Red Sea' in All Saint's Church.

The success of the All Saints Holiday Club 2005 was entirely thanks to a splendid group of helpers who gave their time and talent so willingly. A special vote of thanks goes to the Rev Sue Armitage for her support and encouragement beforehand as well as during the three days of fun and games.

The organisers would also like to thank the village hall committee for their generous contribution, and the Parish Council for the use of the Playing field.

CHITTERNE VILLAGE FÊTE and DOG SHOW (IN VILLAGE HALL IF WET) SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

All the fun of a village fête

Dog Show even bigger this year - not to be missed, great to enter; fun to watch - next stop Crufts! Prize for best photographed dog at show, closing date of entry, 4th October 2005, winners details in November Chitterne Newsletter

- Bottle, cake, bric-a-brac, book, jewellery, card stalls and lots more
- Many side shows: magic show, bouncy castle, childrens' Olympic Games (open to children of all ages)
- Young Cooni Pigs, see, touch and guess weight (don't forget the camera)
- Teas and Ice-creams
- Grand Raffle and Super Teddy Bears raffle

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY
AND HAVE A FUN
AFTERNOON

St Giles Imber Annual Church Services



Due to refurbishment of St Giles' Church, those who may wish to attend the scheduled services on the 10th of September 2005 should contact the Churchwarden of St Mary's, St Katherine's and All Saints Edington to confirm that the services will be held.

SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 4th September	08.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 11th September	10.00 am	Group Service at Tilshead
Sunday 18th September	11.30 am	Family Service; Harvest Festival*†
Sunday 25th September	08.45 am	Holy Communion (CW)

* Service to be taken by the Rev Simon Wilkinson, Rural Dean

† Organist, Deborah Carpenter

Harvest Festival and Lunch 2005

The Harvest Lunch will take place in the village hall immediately after Harvest Festival on Sunday September 18th. The Harvest Festival service commences at 11.30 am

Tickets @ £5.00 per adult, £1 children under 12, available from Virginia Pryor (850255), Davina Toole (850502) and Sarah Gooch (850893). There will be a licensed bar.

UP ON THE PLAIN - ARMY ACTIVITIES, SEPTEMBER

September will be a particularly busy training month on the Plain. Commencing on August 22nd with the largest-ever TESEX, comprising an Armoured Infantry Battle Group and a formation Recce Regiment. Battle Groups will work up to a final phase against an armoured battle group over the period 1st to 9th of September. Another relatively large armoured exercise will take place from the 12th to 15th of September and for the rest of the month there will be a multi-national coalition trial running on the West and Centre. However, none of these exercises should cause any disruption to the surrounding parishes.



Silhouetted against the late evening sky, an Apache helicopter exercises over Chitterne.

Live firing

Normal live firing takes place from 0830 - 170hrs daily, but may continue throughout the night - normally on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Noise may be greater in certain areas depending upon the atmospheric conditions at the time. Dates and locations are subject to change:

- Artillery firing from Salisbury Plain (West): *Nil*
- Late firing days on Salisbury Plain (West): *Nil*
- Heat firing days on Salisbury Plain (West): *Nil*
- Artillery live firing days from areas 7 & 8: *Nil*
- Artillery firing from Salisbury Plain (East): *Nil*
- Late firing from Salisbury Plain (East): *Nil*
- Late firing days Larkhill/Westdown Ranges: 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29
- Non-firing days on Larkhill/Westdown danger area: 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18
- Non-firing days, Bulford Ranges: 3, 4, 17, 18, 24, 25
- Non-firing days, Warminster Ranges: 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18

Note

Due to unforeseen changes there is always a possibility that there could be firing on days other than those listed. This is particularly so now that operational training is being

conducted to meet many and varied exigencies. The public should be careful to check that Red Flags are not flying before they enter the range. It is the time of year when we change late night firing times. From March through to October, the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night firing days will revert back to 2330hrs.

AIR ACTIVITIES

Dates and times which follow were accurate at the time of printing, but may be altered due to aircraft seviceability or weather conditions.



Fighter ground attack low over Upper Barn.

Helicopter night flying

Night flying will normally take place Mondays to Thursdays inclusive over parts of the training area, dependent upon weather and the availability of range space. In some cases the aircraft will show no lights but will operate under strict area control.

Aircraft trials

Aircraft may conduct trials over Larkhill Range on each Wednesday and Friday from 1200 to 1700hrs which could involve circuits to the East crossing the Avon Valley.

Parachuting

Parachute dropping is scheduled to take place on Everleigh and Fox Covert DZs during normal working hours on most weekdays. Outside working hours and at weekends the dates and approximate times are:

- Fox Covert DZ (C130)
Sep 13, 1800 - 1900hrs
- Everleigh DZ (C130)
Sep 09, 1630 - 0100hrs
Sep 12, 2030 - 0030hrs
Sep 14, 2130 - 0030hrs
Sep 16, 2300 - 0200hrs
Sep 19, 2130 - 0200hrs
Sep 20, 1630 - 0230hrs
Sep 21, 1630 - 0200hrs
Sep 22, 1630 - 0200hrs
Sep 23, 1630 - 0030hrs
Sep 24, 1630 - 0030hrs
Sep 26, 1630 - 0030hrs

Striplandings

- Upavon *Nil*

UP ON THE PLAIN, NATURE NOTES, SEPTEMBER

Writing about September in early August seems to be bringing summer to a premature end, but perhaps there will be plenty of fine weather to come. If September is warm and sunny, it can be very good for butterflies, those which over-winter as adults such as Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock and Brimstone and many others such as Meadow Brown, Adonis Blue and Chalk-hill Blue. It has been a very good year for Marsh Fritillary and hopefully there should be plenty of caterpillars about - look for them spinning their conspicuous webs on Devils-bit Scabious before going into hibernation.



In scrubby areas, look out for Brown Hairstreaks - this species lays eggs on the young twigs of Blackthorn usually at the base of a spine and a careful search of bushes may well be rewarded by finding one of these.

This can be an interesting time for birds as many migrants are on the move. Swallows and House Martins may still have young although some will already be leaving. Stone Curlew will be gathering into roosts, sometimes over 20 birds together and many small migrants such as Yellow Wagtails, Winchats and a variety of warblers will be around, feeding on the autumnal insects or fruit to store energy for their long journey south. It has been rather dry so far, but if there is some rain, there should be a good lot of fungi by the end of the month. It is surprising how many flowers are still out on the chalk grassland, even late in September as long as there has been no frost.

NATURE NOTES COMPETITION - NAME THE PICTURE

We shall be running a regular competition based on the flowers and fauna of the Plain, especially for the children (although big people can take part as well). Depending upon the availability of pictures, (*Helping hand please, I can't take them all myself! Ed.*) we invite you to identify the flowers or creatures pictured, results to be published in the next issue of Chit-Chat. So come on you budding naturalists, what are the two butterflies sharing the nectar from what species of wildflower in the picture. A clue, it was taken in late July.

PLAIN HISTORY: IMBER VILLAGE YESTERDAY AND TODAY

During August, the Warminster to Imber and Heytesbury to Imber roads were opened to public traffic, and the Annual Church Service at Imber takes place in September. A number of Chitterne residents have strong family links to Imber, having been born there or christened and married in St Giles Church. We thought it would be appropriate to contrast the Imber Village of yesterday and today, to stir a few memories:



Left top, a view of St Giles Church, Imber as it is today, and, left bottom, the church and cottages in Imber at the end of the 19th century, before the Great War and the Second World War, which was to see Imber lost forever to human habitation.



Above picture from The Plain, Chris Corden, Published by Halsgrove.

Striplandings (cont)

- Deptford Down (C130) Nil
- Imber DZ, Sep 12, 0630 - 0830hrs

Fighter ground attack

- Sep 05, 1800 - 2000hrs SPTA(W)
- Sep 06, 0530 - 0730hrs SPTA(W)
- Sep 07, 0830 - 0930hrs SPTA(W)
- Sep 08, 2100 - 2300hrs SPTA(W)
- Sep 09, 0530 - 0730hrs SPTA(C&E)
- Sep 12, 1000 - 1400hrs SPTA(W)
- Sep 13, 1000 - 1100hrs SPTA(C&E)
- Sep 15, 0930 - 1030hrs SPTA(W)
- Sep 23, 1100 - 1300hrs SPTA(W,C&E)
- Sep 26, 1100 - 1430hrs SPTA(W,C&E)
- Sep 27, 0915 - 1530hrs SPTA(W,C&E)
- Sep 29, 0915 - 1530hrs SPTA(W,C&E)

Complaints

Specific complaints about army training may be telephoned through to 01980 620819 at any time.

Coming Attractions

An exhibition of drawings and paintings by the late Virginia, Marchioness of Bath has been organised by her family in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief in the Athenaeum, Warminster, from Friday 23rd to Monday 26th of September.

Lady Bath had a very distinguished artistic life, both before her marriage to the late Henry, Sixth Marquess of Bath, and after. She studied at the Slade School of Art in London and later in Paris.

She was a practising and often experimental artist throughout her long and productive life and during the last seven years of her life she was President of Macmillan Cancer Relief's local Fundraising Committee. The forthcoming exhibition will not charge an entry fee but donations of whatever size will benefit the charity for which she had so much concern.

New Editor Brings 'Facelift' To Newsletter



Barry Ricketts runs his small medical and scientific publishing business from Stable Cottage in Townsend, and takes over editorship of the newsletter with this issue.

COFFEE MORNING & GET-TOGETHER

There will be chance to catch up with old friends and acquaintances and make new ones, at a get-together in the village hall at 10.30am, Wednesday 14th September.

Come and have a cup of tea or coffee, free of charge and see the outcome of Jeanne George's brain teaser competition in the August Chitterne Newsletter - the answers will be revealed and a draw will take place to decide the winner during the morning.

It will also be an opportunity to thank Jeanne in person for the time and hard work she has put in over the last 21 years as editor.

Chit-Chat next issue

The October issue of Chit-Chat will go to press during the week commencing Monday 26th September. All contributions by hand, floppy disc, or email to barry.ricketts@btinternet.com, tel: 850884 or 'over the stable door' at 24 Townsend (Stable Cottage).

As the new editor of your regular parish newsletter, I hope you will forgive me a few introductory changes to its presentation. I am aware of the long and unbroken tradition of this publication, and although I am unlikely to equal Jeanne's outstanding 21 years, I hope to provide a serviceable 'parish pump' for Chitterne's news and views.

My business is publishing, photography and design, so our little newsletter can benefit from some of the technology (not always a blessing!) that I use on a daily basis. This means that I am able to accept your contributions on email at barry.ricketts@btinternet.com; or on floppy disc. I am, however, very happy with the typed or handwritten contributions from those of you who have resisted the siren call of Dixons, and remain computer-free.

The most obvious change I have introduced is the use of pictures, so please include photos, if you have them, with your articles - prints or digital files, and if anyone is unsure about how to do the fiddly computer bits on email, just give me a call on 850884.

Chit-Chat is *your* newsletter. Your contributions, ideas and comments are its lifeblood, so please keep them coming. I plan to make up the paper during the first couple of days of the last week of the month, so copy is welcome up to Monday of the fourth week; ideas and suggestions are welcome at any time.

Chitterne Parish Council

The next meeting of the Chitterne Parish Council will take place in the village hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday September 6th. Any new agenda items to John Brown, Clerk to the Parish Council, tel: 850129

CHURCH CLEANING and FLOWER ROTA

Aug 28th/Sep 4th	Mrs L Lucas (850058)	28th in St Mary's Chapel
Sep 11th/Sep 18th	Mrs V Pryor (850255)	Clean & Flowers/ 18th Harvest Festival

Thank You

We would like to say thank you for all the cards, letters, expressions of sympathy and flowers we received recently following the death of our daughter Mandy.

We are overwhelmed by the number of tributes from people whose lives she touched and we are truly grateful for the support they give us at this sad time.

Special thanks to Jeanne UW and Gillian N for their invaluable help with Nora while Sue was in London.

Dave and Sue Robinson and family

Jeanne George would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all the kind ladies who, over the years, have taken me to Bishopstrow to have the newsletters printed at Agroservice - all free of charge. Thanks a lot for this invaluable help to the village.

Also another big thanks to Sue Robinson for her delivery of the newsletters and *Arrowheads* and, of course, thanks to you all for your contributions over the last 21 years.

Sincerely,

Jeanne G.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

On Friday 30th September from 10.00am to 12.00am in the village hall a coffee morning will be held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. Similar events will be taking place throughout the country.

Volunteers to help on the day, donate cakes or unwanted gifts for sale are still urgently needed, so if the urge to bake or pour coffee is strong within you, get in touch with Anne Marie Matti on 850131, who will be very grateful for all contributions to this extremely worthy cause.