

# Chit Chat



Parish Newsletter for the  
residents of  
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## Editor's Ramblings

Where has the year gone? I can't believe I am working on the August issue of Chit Chat! Before I start on each issue I look back at what was in the previous year. This time last year, Barry had inserted a briefing about the Flood Warden Scheme and now, I see, we have received a grant to purchase equipment to use should we be flooded again. Well done Barry and team; we can make a difference!

School holidays have started so I suppose quite a few of you will be packing your bucket and spade and heading off somewhere exotic. Perhaps you are reading this after returning home and are putting your feet up before tackling the piles of washing and ironing. That is the downside of going away but hopefully you have had, or are going to have, a great time and the hassle of getting away has become but a distant memory! Now that we are retired it is great to be able to stay here and read about the traffic jams on the motorways or the queues in the airports and feel quite smug about the whole thing!

I can remember when I was a child, the journeys we made by car, to Malahide in Southern Ireland. There were the four children squeezed into the back seat, sitting on top of bedding and towels - we rented a house and you had to take everything with you. The boot was full of luggage and food. I even have a recollection of a roof rack but that might have been when we travelled across to Scotland. One year, we arrived at the Irish border and the customs man came out and took one look at the car and dad and said that if we managed to smuggle anything in that lot, we were welcome to it! (People used to smuggle butter but I'm not sure if it was from North to South or the other way around!) I hope your holidays have been as interesting as that!

## CALLING ALL CHILDREN

### FUN IN THE SUN



Friday 31st July, 7th, 14th & 21st  
August

12.00 - 1.30pm on the Sports Field

**\*Free summer holiday sports  
coaching for children aged 5 - 11**

**\*High quality multi-sports coaching  
from Bath Rugby & Wiltshire  
Cricket**



**\*Meet new friends, have fun and stay active**

Fun in the Sun is a fun activity programme, delivered by Wiltshire Council's Sports Development team. Sports change on a week by week basis but will include tag rugby, cricket, football, dodgeball, tennis, rounders, athletics and team activities.

Children must bring a completed consent form which can be collected at their first session or downloaded from the website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/sportsdevelopment](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/sportsdevelopment). Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please bring a hat and a water bottle. In the event of wet weather we will endeavour to provide an indoor venue but if this is not always possible please encourage children to bring along a waterproof coat.

### **The Talking Centipede** *(I had a space, so I thought I'd fill it!)*

*A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, which came in a little white box to use for his house. He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to the pub for a drink with him. So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go down the pub with me today? We will have a good time." But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going down the pub with me?" But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time. This time he put his face up against the centipede's box and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to the pub with me?" This time, a little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my f\*\*\*\*\* shoes on!" *(thank& Sarah)**

## CHURCH SERVICES in AUGUST

Sunday 2nd Trinity 9	0845 BCP HC (St Mary's Chancel)	Lindsay Lucas
Sunday 9th Trinity 10	1000 Benefice Orcheston DW	Sally Jammes
Sunday 16th Trinity 11 (No service Chitterne)	1000 HC Shrewton/1130 Family Communion Orcheston	Sally
Sunday 23rd Trinity 12	0845 HC DW	Elizabeth Johns & Veronica Reid
Sunday 30th Trinity 13	0845 ER & 6pm Service of Peace Rollestone	Elizabeth & Veronica

## ARMY ACTIVITIES

### TRAINING

Levels of training on the Plain throughout the month will be very low with activity consisting mainly of army cadet force training. Cadets from Staffordshire and South East London ACF will be conducting their annual camps on the Plain during the month. During the last week of August subunits from the Queens Royal Lancers, 22 Engineer Regiment, The Royal Welsh Regiment and 4th Battalion REME will conduct armoured manoeuvre training across all areas.

The roads into Imber village will be open from 1800 hours on 7 August until 0800 hours on 24 August. The public are reminded that access is restricted to the carriageways only and, that with the exception of St Giles Church, there is no access to the buildings in Imber village which during this period will be being used by the military for training.

Information about low flying is available from the MOD Low Flying Advisory Service (0845 600 7580) or on line at [www.gov.uk/low-flying-in-your-area](http://www.gov.uk/low-flying-in-your-area).

Complaints/Enquiries should be made to 01980 620819

### Parish Council Meeting Minutes from Monday 13th July

**Mobile Infrastructure Project** - Following meetings with the MoD and the Parish Council, Arqiva have proposed two options to improve mobile phone signal in Chitterne, a) extend height of the existing mast by barn on the Imber Range Path & b) erect a new mast at the Old Dairy further up the hill. More information is needed as to which option would provide the best result for Chitterne.

**SSE Resilient Communities Grant** - £5,065 was awarded to Chitterne Parish Council. A list of equipment to be purchased for use in the event of a flood has been drawn up to include a generator and submersible pumps. Quotes are being obtained for the building of a lean-to onto the Village Hall in which to store the equipment.

A meeting is to be set up with the Village Hall Committee (VHC) and the Parish Council to discuss in detail the planning and insurance implications for the deployment of the grant.

Next year the VHC will debate sewerage arrangements and look into obtaining a grant to put in a flood proof sewage treatment system.

M Kent will purchase pumps from Screwfix and present an invoice to the Parish Council for repayment.

The Parish Council proposed a vote of thanks to Barry and all those involved in the successful grant application and its future management.

**Environment Agency Complaint** - M Lucas, as an individual resident, has submitted the complaint to the Ombudsman via the MP. It was suggested that other residents living on the B390 could also sign the document. Any interested people should contact either Mike Lucas or Virginia Neal.

**Traffic** - A meeting was held in June which was attended by Andrew Murrison MP to discuss traffic issues in the village both on the B390 and the C22. Following this meeting a letter has been received from the Dept. of Transport clearly stating that street lighting is not necessary for horizontal traffic calming measures.

**Horse Chestnut Tree on Village Green** - M Lucas contacted G Chappell following the loss of a large branch from the tree. He came to look at the tree and his view was that it was diseased and should be taken down - estimated cost £2,200. Planning was granted for felling by Wiltshire Council. The tree officer was contacted by V Neal and he said that the tree is diseased and for safety reasons it should either be felled or much reduced in stature to make it safe. Trees that are diseased in his experience rarely recover after pollarding. Any reduction work will cost money and the tree may have to be felled anyway within a few years. Two more quotes are to be obtained for felling and reshaping. G Chappell is to be contacted to quote for making safe. The branch is to be shifted to allow access to Bow House.

**Odours from Biodigester** - There have been several complaints about the bad smell that has been apparent in the village over the past few weeks. It is thought likely that it is coming from the lagoons when pumping takes place. Josh Stratton is to be contacted by letter.

**Village Website** - Congratulations to Andy Cameron for producing such an excellent website.

Date of next meeting 14/09/2015

## News from the Kings Head



July seems to have come and gone so quickly with some beautiful days but very muggy nights.

It has been nice to see people dropping in for a chat and a drink at weekends and on the very nice evenings.

Darts are still going well and so are the quizzes. The next quiz nights are Friday 14th and 28th August. It doesn't matter what you know, just come in and join a team, or bring your own and enjoy a relaxing evening and have a bit of fun. If you win, you get a £20 prize voucher to spend on drinks in the pub.

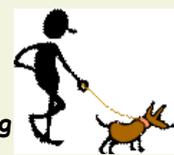
Everyone at the Kings Head would like to wish Brian a happy retirement and good luck with his new business. (It must be strange getting a proper job now!) All the best Brian; I'm sure the village will find him enough jobs to keep him from under Soo's feet!

Hope to see you all soon.

Kenton

## Poo Alley

In April 2013 a letter was published from Murray Kent requesting that, "dog owners



should take responsibility for any deposits that their pooches may leave in Back Lane." There was obviously an element of success as he has not requested the 'reminder' again.

However, the same problem has arisen for those dogs who 'walk' along the path behind the houses on Shrewton Road. Most of the home owners have an area of grass outside their back gates, which they lovingly tend and enjoy sitting on during the summer months. Apparently they, like Murray, are finding 'unwanted gifts'.

If you do use that area, please act responsibly and check that your dog has not left a deposit on the carefully mowed grass.

## SUMMER FUN

The following songs make reference to 'sun' or 'summer' in their title, what are they?

1. John Denver - SOMS - 1974
2. The Kinks - SA - 1966
3. Lovin' Spoonful - SITC - 1966
4. Arctic Monkeys - WRAGD - 2006
5. The Beatles - HCTS - 1969
6. Eddie Cochran - TSB - 1958
7. Terry Jacks - SITS - 1974
8. Bruce Springsteen - WOASD - 2002
9. Bill Withers - ANS - 1971
10. Elvis - IDCITSDS - 1959

Answers next week



## CODFORD SURGERY SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### CRUTCHES

For many years we have held a supply of crutches in the surgery. There has simply been a redistribution of crutches that patients have been provided with by various hospitals and clinics. This supply seems to have dried up recently and I was horrified to find a large number of crutches

at the Warminster recycling centre being broken up and melted down. If any of you have crutches littering the cupboards, please feel free to return them to the surgery, where we will either redistribute them to patients who need them or take a car load back to Casualty. If you have any Medequip equipment in the house, then please ring Medequip on 01249 815052 who will come and collect it.

### PRIVATE HOSPITAL PRESCRIPTIONS

Not unusually, when attending a private consultation at one of the local private hospitals, the patient is provided with a private prescription for medication. Sometimes patients have brought those private prescriptions to use at the surgery to ask us to convert a prescription to an NHS prescription. We have probably been inconsistent in our behaviour with this in the past. However, the NHS is currently having a difficult job balancing the books and the advice on areas such as this is now entirely clear, that a private prescription is exactly that and in future these prescriptions will be treated purely as private. Prescriptions such as this can be fulfilled either at the pharmacy of the private hospital or alternatively at our dispensary or any other dispensing chemist or indeed there are many online pharmacies who would also fulfil the prescription.

### AVON VALLEY

Many of you will have seen the "flyer" in the surgery waiting room. For those of you, who haven't, please find it repeated below. We have great respect for the general practice team at Avon Valley Surgery and believe that the synergy of working with them will bring greater strength to The Orchard Surgery, especially regarding management structures and IT.

From 1st July 2015, we will be working closely with Avon Valley Practice to manage primary care services in the local area. Avon Valley Practice has two surgeries in Durrington and Upavon. Both are small, offering care to 3,500 patients or less at a local level. To help small practices like us to continue to provide primary care to local people, we need the strength that comes from working collaboratively with other similar sized practices in the area. From a patient point of view you will not see any change to the level of service that you receive and you will still be able to see a doctor at your usual practice.

#### How will this affect me?

Dr John Fishwick, Dr Fiona Dawe and Dr Sarah Butcher together with our nursing team will continue to provide your primary care needs. Alongside them, our team of receptionists, dispensers and administrators will continue to support them. The day to day running of Cherry Orchard Surgery and those in Avon Valley Practice will not change and you can still expect to see familiar faces when you come for your appointment.

### MESSAGE FROM NHS ENGLAND

The NHS is carrying out work in Bath, Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire to make sure the patient details on GP lists are accurate. Letters are being sent to some patients, but not all. If you do receive a letter, please either confirm your details or submit any changes. Changes can be made by returning the form in the prepaid envelope. If the details are correct, you can confirm by freepost, by Freephone, via text message or online. It is important to respond to the letter, as GP lists do become out of date over time. If we don't have an accurate record of your name and address, then we or a hospital may not be able to contact you with important information.

We may also need to contact you:

- with test results
- to invite you for bowel, breast or cervical screening to protect against cancer, for example
- to offer vaccination against infectious diseases such as flu or measles, mumps and rubella
- to give you an appointment as part of your plan to stay healthy if you have a long-term illness.

Please respond to the letter within four weeks, so the NHS can be certain about your details. If you do not respond, the NHS will assume that you have moved away and begin the process to remove you from the practice list.

### RECEPTION

Dawn Long has left the team to concentrate on her family, home and garden (not necessarily in that order)! She has been a wonderfully kind presence in the surgery and we thank her for her work. We welcome Rachel Cox, a very experienced receptionist who joins us from Beckington Surgery.

### ANTIBIOTICS

Many of you will have been aware of the widespread concern arising from the development and spread of antibiotic resistant bacteria. This is as a direct consequence of the overuse of antibiotics in the medical, veterinary and agricultural fields. All fields of medicine are being urged to consider carefully the prescription of antibiotics and we will be striving to ensure that our use is appropriate. As a guide, the common cold lasts for 10 days, acute bronchitis 3 weeks and sinusitis 2½ weeks. In patients who have no underlying vulnerability, these conditions should be left to run their course. However, if there is an underlying condition such as emphysema, diabetes or heart disease, then we would be intervening more swiftly.

Enjoy the summer and don't forget to protect your skin!

*Dr John Fishwick*

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## BREAKFAST CLUB



**Saturday 1st August**  
**0930 - 1130**

in the Village Hall

Come along for a bacon butty and a mug of tea or coffee. There are usually some other goodies to choose from as well.

This is a great place to meet up with your fellow villagers or just sit and read the newspaper.

## DARTS



### Kings Head

**Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th August**

**8.00pm for 8.30pm start**

All abilities welcome

Another great way to meet fellow villagers

## STITCHING GROUP



The next get togethers are on Friday 7th & 21st August from 1030 in the Village Hall.

We are a friendly bunch of ladies who have a common love of stitching but we are equally happy to have a coffee and a chat. For a small cost we sit & have a soup & bread & cheese lunch.

## GREEN BIN DATES



If like me you are totally confused with having a bin collected on a Monday, (I'd only just got my head around which bin went with what on a Thursday!) I have decided to include the dates for collection of garden waste. **For August they are the 10th & 24th.**

## LIBRARY VAN

The next dates are **Friday 7th & 21st August**. The van parks outside the Village Hall from 1140 - 1200.

This is a great facility, so come and have a look. Nick the manager is there to welcome you. There are books for everyone, including children. There is a lift for those of us who may find stairs a bit of a problem and a hearing loop. You can easily join. Just bring along one form of ID with your name and current address, and it's FREE!



## CHITTERNE CRICKET CLUB



**Sunday 9th August**  
**2pm**  
**Horningsham**

**Sunday 23rd August**  
**2pm**  
**Stranded Whales**

## QUIZ NIGHT

Kings Head Pub

**Friday 14th & 28th**

**8.00pm for 8.30pm start**

**Winning team receives a £20 voucher to spend on drinks**

**Good fun evening**

Don't worry if you don't have a team as there are always plenty of people around the bar to join.

## HOPE YOU SOON FEEL BETTER



Illnesses ignore what time of year it is. Over the past few weeks there have been a number of villagers who have been feeling a little under the weather or have loved ones who are having a bit of a hard time. Some are undergoing treatment and some have been in hospital for a few days. To anyone who has just not been their normal happy self, we hope that you are soon feeling better and back enjoying life again.

## DON'T FORGET!

**CALLING ALL WAITROSE SHOPPERS**



**A request from the village hall committee**

**Our nomination is in but we have been told it will be at least 6 months before we see it as an option - so lots of time to store up lots of tokens!**

Many thanks

*Anthony*

## Wednesday Prayers at 5.30pm



Don't forget that until the end of August the prayers will be held in St Mary's Chancel.

## HANDYMAN



Tiling, small building jobs, decking, laying slabs & basic plumbing

**Brian Lee**

01985 850671

Mob:07901550279

## Jim's Gardening Services

Grass cutting

Hedge cutting

Borders

Any handy man type of work in and out of the home

**JIM FETHERSTONHAUGH**

6 The Butts

Shrewton

01980 621471 or 07775563405

## Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the September issue by Sunday 23rd August by hand, CD or email to: [chitchat.39@gmail.com](mailto:chitchat.39@gmail.com), telephone 850058 or in the porch at Chapel Cottage. To download Chit Chat from the village website: [www.chitterne.com](http://www.chitterne.com), click on the Village Life link on the home page, then click on Newsletters and the monthly issue you want. You will need Adobe Reader and downloads may take a few minutes.