

Summary Parish Council Meeting 12 Mar 2012

Wiltshire & Swindon Joint Waste Site Allocations DPD The next stage of the public consultation process will be an Examination in Public on 25th April, to which Chitterne PC have been invited. The event will take the form of a discussion lead by an independent Inspector, who has asked additional questions relating to submissions objecting to the Wiltshire & Swindon Draft Waste Site Allocations DPD put forward during the public consultation process.

Rhonda Smith gave a presentation about the campaign that was fought to oppose the Tesco 'megashed' nr Amport. She presented some useful information about how to mount and present a campaign. The plans were eventually much reduced and as a result Tesco pulled out. The main arguments against were the huge increase in traffic movements, cumulative impact of noise, light and pollution.

Main points: Work with other parishes, contact local MP, press releases from different angles, road safety coalition, public spokesperson needed, use YouTube/Twitter

Grants for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Information provided via the Warminster Area Board indicated that grants of up to £300 are available for events. *Village Hall Committee to action.*

Traffic Calming B390 Following a meeting with Sally Barnett, Area Highways Engineer, a hedge has been cut back and bollards put up to try to give some safety to pedestrians, whilst maintaining a sense that the road is narrow. A number of loose drain covers were identified.

Housing Needs Survey Survey forms will be sent out with next issue of Chit Chat. Returns are to be sent directly to Wiltshire Council who will compile the information.

Best Kept Village Competition The Village will be entered for the Small Village Section (continued overleaf...)

Chitterne's Got Talent!



Emily-Nadine Love and Poppy Coldwell - looking forward to their big moment

Two young Chitterners will be swapping our rural village for the bright lights of a London stage later this month. Emily-Nadine Love (14) and Poppy Coldwell (5) will be dancing with other girls from Salisbury's Colton Dancing Academy in a show at The Royal Albert Hall on 29th April.

This invitational event will see 25 dance schools staging a tribute to the London 2012 Olympic Games. Every routine has been assembled with an Olympic theme with such music as 'Chariots of Fire', 'Edge of Glory' from Lady Gaga and 'Go the Distance'

from Disney's Hercules.

Poppy and Emily are part of a troupe of 50 dancers, including 1 boy, from Colton Dancing Academy. Poppy is the youngest dancer from the school taking part and it's her first show in London. However, Emily is a bit of an 'old pro' - this is her fifth time dancing at The Royal Albert Hall. The girls are busy rehearsing twice a week for their featured dance routine and are also learning two songs and routines for the first and second half finales.

Chit Chat looks forward to hearing all about their triumph - break a leg, girls!

CHURCH SERVICES in APRIL

Thursday 5th April, Maundy Thursday	19.30	Maundy Thursday Service	All Saints, Chitterne
Sunday 8th April, Easter Sunday	10.00	PC	All Saints, Chitterne
Sunday 15th April, Easter 1	10.00	Matins	All Saints, Chitterne
Sunday 22nd April, Easter 2	08.45	PC	All Saints, Chitterne
Sunday 29th April, Easter 3	10.00	Team Service	Stapleford

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Sportsfield Wall A meeting took place with a wall repair company who will send a quote in due course. The contact has suggested rebuilding the wall to a certain level and then capping it with something to prevent water ingress. This is likely to be expensive. Contact needs to be made with the Conservation Officer and Wiltshire Council to decide what is suitable and whether there are any H&S issues to do with building a wall below a certain height. (An outline quote from a conservation builder suggests a rebuild to full height cost of £600 per m/sq).

Litter at entrances to village Jacqui Abbot to be contacted to arrange for it to be cleared away.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee A request was made from the Village Hall Committee for a grant of £150 towards the hire of the band. This was agreed.

Date of Next Meeting:
Monday 14th May 2012

Roman Catholic Mass Times for Easter

St George's, Boreham Road, Warminster

Maudy Thursday, 5th April

8pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper and watching until midnight

Good Friday, 6th April

9.30am - Stations of the Cross (for children)

3pm - The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, 7th April

8.30pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 8th April

8am, 9.30am, (6pm - Extraordinary Form/Latin)



CHITTERNE FLOWER FESTIVAL 2012

The Flower Festival this year will be held over the weekend of 23rd/24th June in All Saints church.

It will be 150 years this November since the Church was consecrated, so we have chosen 'The Saints' as our theme.

Any offers of help with flower arranging, catering and in the Village Hall will be most gratefully accepted and if anyone would like to open their garden please get in touch too.

Flowers, and open gardens:
Virginia Pryor 850255

Catering/Village Hall:
Marcelle Stobie 851048
Sarah Gooch 850893

ARMY ACTIVITIES, APR 2012

In the first two weeks ACF units from Surrey, Devon and Kent hold Easter camps on the Plain.

2 – 5 April The Defence Logistics School exercise **TIMBER TRUSS** has convoys of heavy wheeled trucks using tracks and roads across the whole Plain.

16 – 29 April will see large armoured exercises from the Land Warfare Centre, Warminster **RARDENS REVENGE** (17/18 Apr) and **FOXES THRUST** (23 – 26 Apr) deploy onto the training area together with a Warrior Company from 1st Bn Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and an Armoured Engineer Squadron from 22 Engineer Regiment.

Note. Vehicle movement may cause delays at tank crossings and drivers should take care when approaching crossings as mud clearance parties and mechanical sweepers will be at work.

Live Firing. Firing is closely managed to ensure that legal noise limits are not exceeded and disturbance is minimised. Although some may find the noise intrusive, it is well below legal limits.

Late Firing on Larkhill Ranges: 3rd, 4th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 24th, & 26th April

AS90 Firing from Salisbury Plain East: 3rd

AS90 Firing from Salisbury Plain West & Tilshead, Chitterne, Shrewton triangle: Nil

Complaints about Firing Noise should be made to (01980) 620819

Military Flying. Helicopters, Hercules (C130) and fast jets may be active at any time. Fox Covert & Everleigh Dropping Zones will be active for most of the period.

Complaints about low flying should be made to 0207 218 6020 or e-mail lowflying@mod.uk

ACCESS

Access to Salisbury Plain is regulated by Salisbury Plain Military Lands and Bulford, Larkhill and Imber Range Byelaws. This Newsletter is published up to 6 weeks before the event and urgent training bids may come in subsequently. Always comply with local signs and flags.

Access timings can be found on the SPTA Walks Line: (01980) 67 4763. A new format is in use ... We welcome feedback.

Larkhill Ranges. Rights of way through Larkhill Ranges are closed when red flags are flying. **No firing is planned for: 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 28 & 29 April.** Note. During range fires access may be denied (risk of unexploded ordnance "cooking off").

Imber. Difficult terrain and unexploded

military debris makes it hazardous to leave the tarmac roads. The public are excluded from Imber Ranges except when the roads are opened to reduce journey times across Imber Ranges.

It is planned to open roads through Imber as follows:

5 Apr, 1600 - 10 Apr, 0800 for Easter BH

Planned Church Opening times for St Giles, Imber over the Easter BH are:

Good Friday (6 Apr) 1200 – 1700

Easter Saturday (7 Apr) 1000 – 1700

Easter Sunday (8 Apr) 1115 – 1700

Easter Monday (9 Apr) 1000 – 1700

Other Planned Imber Village Opening Dates are:

31 May, 1600 - 6 Jun, 0800 Bank Holiday

NB: St Giles's Day (1 Sep) is during the Pre-Afghanistan exercise. Date of service to be determined

10 Nov (1000) - 10 Nov (1200) -

Remembrance Day, *Church Service only*

22 Dec (1600) - 7 Jan (0800) - Christmas & New Year

Opening Hours for Imber Church and its information centre (which also sells hot drinks and Imber honey) can be found at: www.imberchurch.org.uk.

1. Even when the roads are open the village remains out of bounds to the public.
2. These dates may change if operational training needs dictate.

Provisional Dates for Future Major Exercises.

During the following exercises access may be restricted on Larkhill Ranges and in the Chitterne – Shrewton – Tilshead Triangle north of the B390.

21 May - 24 May	Ex LION STRIKE
7 Jun - 21 Jun	Ex WESSEX THUNDER (New Date)
13 Aug - 16 Sep	Ex PASHTUN DAWN
12 Nov - 26 Nov	Ex WESSEX THUNDER (New Date)

What You Can Do to Reduce Crime.

Please report suspicious activity to **PLAINWATCH - 01980 674700**. The more information received the better e.g. time, place, vehicle registration, description of individuals and vehicles. If a crime is taking place call 999 and do not challenge the offenders.

Chitterne's Facebook Page

For the Internet savvy Chitterne has its very own Facebook page.

Why not join in and boost the numbers?

Notices and photos are posted up by members and it could be a forum to discuss all sorts of Chitterne matters.

First Altar Rail Kneeler is Completed by Chitterne Stitchers

As announced in last month's Chit Chat, the Stitchers have completed the first long Altar Rail Kneeler (see photo) and are well on the way to completing the other.



The project is part of the celebrations to mark the 150th Anniversary of our Parish Church, All Saints. A large number of individual kneelers have also been stitched and will help to transform our church. Well done to all involved!

News from St Thomas a Becket C of E (Aided) School, Tilshead

Sport

Well done to Jake Wright from Chitterne who represented the school, and played very well, in a recent tag-rugby tournament at Devizes Rugby Club as well as a Football Festival at Dauntsey's school. Thanks to Pete Wright (his dad) for being team manager for the latter of these.

New Build

We are delighted to say that we have been successful in our bid for money from the Diocese to rebuild Kestrel class. This will allow us to create a bigger and improved learning space for our older children. The old building will be demolished at the beginning of the summer holidays and construction work on the new build will start immediately afterwards.

Small Schools' Music Festival

Years 4, 5 and 6 recently had a fantastic day at City Hall practising with five other Primary Schools for the Small Schools Festival. They spent all day singing and I can't believe the amount of music, words and actions they managed to learn! Well done to everyone.

CHITTERNE'S GRAND NATIONAL LUNCH 2012

**Chitterne Village Hall,
Saturday 14th April
1.30pm**

An excellent lunch and all the fun of the world's greatest steeplechase LIVE on screen!

Organised by the Chitterne Branch of the SW Wilts Conservative Association

Reservations from

Virginia Pryor, Chitterne House, Nr Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 0LG 850255.

Housing Needs Survey

This month you will have had a large, A4 envelope delivered with your copy of Chit Chat. It is the Housing Needs Survey pack, as described in last month's Chit Chat.

Its purpose is to assess whether there is a need for more affordable housing in Chitterne.

Please complete the survey as accurately as possible and return by Freepost envelope (also included in the pack) to Wiltshire Council.

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY 20TH APRIL

Pitts House Annual Charity Plant Sale

**Saturday 19th May
Pitts House, Chitterne**

**In aid of Chitterne All Saints Church and Jack's Place
(part of Naomi House Hospice)**

**A wide selection of home-grown plants available
Plus an excellent cake stall and raffle**

For more details contact:

**Emma Walters, Pitts House
850416**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting & The Meeting of Parishioners

Thursday 19th April in the Village Hall, 7pm

The Parochial Church Council invites everyone to come and have a drink at 6.30pm before the meeting.

It is your opportunity to raise any concerns or questions you may have. ALL WELCOME.

Virginia Pryor, PCC Secretary

Change to Editor's Email Address

Please note that the Hotmail address is no longer being used. Either send to Kato's personal email address (if you have it) or to the 'btinternet' address shown on the front cover of Chit Chat. Thank you.

Flower Arranging Demo & Workshop in Chitterne



Tuesday 1 May, 10am - 1pm

For further details contact Gillian Nolan on nolan545@btinternet.com or 850391

THE KINGS HEAD

News from Chitterne's Pub:

The King's Head

Thank you to everyone for all your cards and for your continued support.

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to Barry for organising the 'Cook for Thea Party' (not a wake). Everyone was so kind to cook something. Thea would have been very proud.

I could not believe the number of people who came to the funeral and to the pub afterwards. I'd also like to say a very big 'Thank You' to Evie for a beautiful tribute to Thea; they became good friends very quickly.

Thea must have made quite an impression on Chitterne, even in such a short time.

The pub is open in the evenings for drinks, but no food for a while – except snacks on Darts and Quiz nights.

Thanks to everyone once again,

Kenton

The Kings Head
850770

For Your Diaries...

Weekly

(venue: Village Hall unless stated otherwise)

Mondays, 9.30-10.30am Yoga Essence

Tuesdays, Church, 6.30-7.30pm, Bellingring Practice

Wednesdays, 7.15-8.15pm Yoga Essence

Thursdays, during termtime, 10-11.30am, Sticky Fingers Parent & Toddler Group

Fridays, 9.30-10.30am, Pilates

Most Fridays, 10.30am - 3.30pm, Stitching

Other Upcoming events...

Saturday 19th May - Pitt House Annual Charity Plant Sale

Saturday 2nd June Breakfast Club Launches!

Sunday 3rd June Diamond Jubilee Party in the Park

Saturday 8th September Village Fete & Barn Dance

Excavations for Water Pipe Yield Bombs....and More!

As most Chitterners are aware, the excavations taking place close to the village on the Plain have yielded some interesting finds. So far, these have mostly been 'UXO' (Unexploded Ordnance – or old bombs) however, there has been at least one slightly less explosive unearthing: treasure possibly originally belonging to the Knights Templar.

The Order of the Knights Templar was formed in 1095 to serve as a force to protect pilgrims to the Holy Land. Originally the Order was small as the austere lifestyle was off-putting. In the early 12th Century it became popular with noblemen and began to attract valuable gifts of land and property. The Order became a great medieval military force despite losing more battles than it won, although it did influence events in the Holy Land.

No photographs have yet been released of the find, but it is described as a gold altar cross, embellished with precious stones. It may have been dropped, or buried deliberately by medieval travellers en route to Temple Rockley, near Marlborough, which

is known to have been the site of a Knights Templar chapel and farm.



A Jewelled Altar Cross

Templar Historian, Dr Avril Phole-Agine, told Chit Chat 'We are very excited about this valuable and interesting find. To allow further investigations, we are in talks about re-routing the pipe closer

to Chitterne, possibly taking a route through domestic gardens.' Due to the potential high value of the find and the possibility of further similar finds, Dr Phole-Agine also asked villagers to be vigilant and report anyone they see using metal detectors or digging near the excavations.

For Sale

Large 'walk-in' Chicken House
Well constructed, in good condition and big enough for approximately 20 birds:
£150.

Contact Ellie Timoney at Bow Cottage (next to Village Hall) or via Plain Ales on 841481



Launching....The Breakfast Club

Saturday mornings in Chitterne will take on a social and tasty turn during the summer months. This is because on **Jubilee Saturday - 2nd June** - The Village Hall Committee is launching 'The Breakfast Club'.

Bacon butties (and other breakfast treats) will be available to buy, along with 'free' unlimited tea and coffee. Good company, village gossip and laughs will also be completely free.

It's a fun, social way to support your village hall and raise funds for Chitterne's Jubilee celebrations and fete.

The bacon will be frying from 8.30am to about 10.30am on Saturdays 2nd, 9th, 30th June and 7th, 21st July.

Stick those dates on your calendar today!

Also remember in **Chitterne's Summer of Fun....**

Chitterne's Jubilee Party in the Park
Sunday 3rd June
- bring a picnic and put on your dancing shoes

Chitterne Village Fete and Barn Dance
Saturday 8th September

Thea. I cannot say that name without smiling. Although I only met her a short eight months ago, she has had a huge impact on my life. I never would have thought that in a kitchen with limited space, a claustrophobic sink and stainless steel walls I could make a friend for life. But I did.

I remember the first time I ever worked for Thea. She was very sweet, friendly but incredibly ironic. So, after getting used to the fact that when she said, 'Get out of my sight you stupid child' she wasn't actually mad at me, I found her the easiest person to both talk with and listen to, and realised much of my humour resonated her own. We soon found we had a lot of things in common: our shared love of Fawltly Towers and Dirty Dancing; both of us having the hand-eye coordination of blind bats, resulting in always being picked last for school sports teams; our humour at the many customers' strange ways; and the total joy we got out of teasing, frightening and simply humiliating my father.

People from Chitterne will remember her as the vegetarian-hating, dog-loving publican with an amazingly sarcastic sense of humour. She really understood people. I am sure we all agree that, with the help of her soul mate Kenton, together they have transformed the King's Head and given us our pub back. Thea once said to me in the kitchen, when discussing the pub, 'We can only open the door.' I replied, 'But a door moves in both directions.' Unsurprisingly she mocked me for my 'smart arse' comment, but I think everyone knows the point I was trying to make. I know it was Thea and Kenton's ambition to successfully raise The King's Head and, in just a few months, I think the dream has already come true.

Thea, I can honestly say that you were one of the most genuine, raw, hilarious and simply amazing people I have ever met and, what's more, you have made me so happy. And, in life, that is all you can ever ask of someone.

So I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and from the bottom of all of our hearts, and ... you know the rest. I had the time of my life, and I owe it all to you.

by Evie Dean



Evie with Thea in The Kings Head

Church Cleaning and Flower Rota - Apr/May '12

Thank you to all who helped spring clean the Church on Thursday 29th March.

April 8th, Easter Sunday	Flowers by All	
April 15/22	Virginia Pryor	Clean & flowers
April 29	Davina Toole/Gillian Nolan	Clean & Flowers

Chit-Chat next issue

All contributions for the May issue by last week of April, by hand, CD, USB stick or email to: chitchat12@btinternet.com, tel: 850016 or at Well Cottage.

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