

RESTORED CHRISTMAS LUNCH RAISES £500



A regular feature of village life, the Christmas lunch, did not take place in 2006, but Chitterne residents decided in 2007 to revive this popular event, with excellent results. The lunch was a 'fund-raiser' for the Sudan Feed for a Need charity and a total of £500 was raised.

Organisers Fred and Kathleen Babey wish to record Chitterne's sincere thanks to all the generous people who donated all the food, raffle prizes and, of course, those who came and made the event such a success.

"It was a delicious meal - we have some wonderful cooks in Chitterne" said Kathleen "We are also very grateful to Davina Toole who organised the *Everyone's a Winner* raffle and to villagers and their guests for buying so many raffle tickets."

The main prize of the Christmas cake was won by Council chairman Aileen Fenlon.

Picture: Chitterne folk and friends get 'stuck-in' to the buffet style lunch, all the courses having been provided by many generous donors, ensuring all proceeds went to the charity.

TILSHEAD NURSERY SCHOOL'S EXCELLENT OFSTED

St. Thomas a Becket Nursery School must be registered and inspected by Ofsted, usually every three years. Our school has just had an excellent report of which we are very proud.

A few excerpts:

- Children are cared for in a welcoming, child centred and secure environment and are ready to learn. Teaching and learning are good, the children concentrate well and enjoy having the freedom to choose their own activities and initiate their own play.
- Children are very independent, mathematical development is well fostered, they learn well about their community and local environment.
- Children have good opportunities to develop their physical skills and to play outside in the fresh air. They enjoy weekly music and movement sessions, they go for local nature walks and there is a very good range of interesting and challenging outside play resources in the Nursery's attached garden
- Children behave very well, they are very happy and settled ; they have very

good support and individual attention and their achievements are continuously acknowledged and praised.

- Organisation, leadership and management are good, the Nursery aims to provide an inclusive provision where every child matters.

Congratulations to Playleader Anne White, Deputy Playleader Kate Rogers and Play Assistant Tasmine Fowler – a great result!

Elizabeth Smith
Chairman.



Chitterne Parent and Toddler Group meets every Thursday during term time in the village hall from 10.30 - 12 noon. We have lots of toys, refreshments, arts and crafts activities for children to take home, all for just £1 per child.

Come and meet new people, make some friends and have FUN!

For more information, please call:

Nicky 850028; Jo 851232; Caroline 850272.

CHURCH SERVICES in JANUARY

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| Sunday January 6th (Epiphany) | 08.45 | Holy Communion (BCP) | All Saints, Chitterne | John Hamilton |
| Sunday January 13th (Epiphany2) | 10.30 | Group Service | All Saints, Chitterne | David Henderson |
| Sunday January 20th (Epiphany3) | 10.00 | Family Service & Baptism | All Saints, Chitterne | Sue Armitage |
| Sunday January 27th (Epiphany4) | 08.45 | PC | All Saints, Chitterne | Sue Armitage |

Yoga Essence

Yoga, TaiChi, Pilates, ChiQong, Meditation

Rejuvenate your Body - Your Mind - Your Life
All ages welcome- give it a try!

Mondays 9:30 am AND

Wednesdays 7:15 pm at Chitterne

Ring Lisa for details 01985 850405

ARMY MOVEMENTS: JANUARY 2008

After a quiet first week, January will be very busy with 16 Air Assault Brigade TESEX for 3 PARA and 2 SCOTS which runs on with the whole brigade deploying onto the Plain on 28th January for a two week pre-deployment exercise prior to their forthcoming tour of Afghanistan. In addition 40 Regiment RA will be on line firing practice camp with their AS 90 guns during the period 13th – 20th January. This is bound to cause some noise disturbance although as usual we will ensure that it does not exceed our voluntary noise unit of 130 decibels.

Artillery Live Firing From Salisbury Plain (West): 7, 9, 30, 31

Artillery Live Firing Days From Areas 6, 7 & 8: 7, 9

Artillery Firing From Salisbury Plain (East): 17, 18

Late Firing Days Larkhill/Westdown Ranges: 8, 10, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 29, 31

Parachuting:

Fox Covert Dz(C130)

08. 0845 - 2200

Fast Jet Activity (Fga)

16. 0900 - 1300 SPTA (W, C & E)

18. 0830 - 1030 SPTA (W & C)(W, C & E)

21. 0830 - 1030 SPTA

22. 1400 - 1600 SPTA (W & C)

24. 0830 - 1000 SPTA (W & C)

28. 1000 - 1600 SPTA (W, C & E)

29. 1000 - 1600 SPTA (W, C & E)

30. 1000 - 1600 SPTA (W, C & E)

31. 1000 - 1600 SPTA (W, C & E)

PLAINWATCH – SPECIAL

CONTACT NUMBER –

01980 674700

PLAINWATCH is specifically designed to rapidly identify suspicious activity on the Plain: firstly and principally to identify criminal activity but secondly to deter such activity.

We seek the support of those Parishioners who regularly use the Plain for recreational

purposes, who when doing so spot what could be termed suspicious or even criminal activity taking place. No approach or contact should be made with potential offenders. If such an opportunity occurs we would be pleased to hear from you via a special telephone number which we have set up within our 24 hour Operations Cell: 01980 674700. We would welcome your assistance in making the Plain more secure and a safe place to enjoy.

NEW SALISBURY PLAIN MAP – 2008

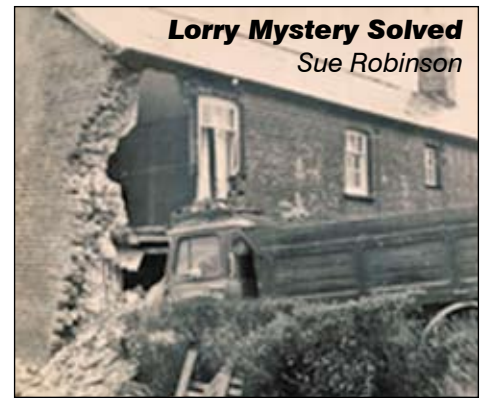
We will be issuing a new 2008 Salisbury Plain map for training on 01 January; for those of you who have a current military Salisbury Plain map, please be aware that considerable changes have been made. Old maps should be destroyed as they will be inappropriate and unsafe to use after 01 January 2008.

Poppy Appeal 2007

I have just been told that the local Poppy Appeal raised £2,725.25. Chitterne contributed £325.15 to this large sum of money. Many thanks to the door to door collectors and to villagers who made such generous contributions. Virginia Pryor.

Church Cleaning and Flower Rota

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| January 13/20 | Mrs V Pryor | 850255 | Clean and flowers |
| January 27/Feb 3 | Mrs H Carter | 850925 | Clean and flowers |



Lorry Mystery Solved
Sue Robinson

A surprise visit from Don and Cynthia Spratt has not only cleared up the confusion about the lorry accident in Bidden Lane, but has resulted in this photograph, which shows the R.A. Giddings lorry embedded in number 68. Don's parents were Arthur and Winifred Spratt who lived at the other end of the row of cottages described in the November issue. His uncle and aunt, Bill and Daisy Spratt, were the unfortunate inhabitants of number 68, or perhaps fortunate since neither of them were injured in the accident, which happened in 1964 according to a note on the back of the photograph. Don had already left Chitterne by then and was married to Cynthia and living in Warminster. Cynthia also hailed from Chitterne, from number 4 Townsend, (then known as Cotsmere, now The Red House), her family name was Frostick. Evelyn Pearce has told me that her husband Derick's family once lived in number 69 (the original cottage of the three) and Derick was born there.

Chitterne Website: I have recently added a "Leisure" page to the website after a request from John Harris, (not our John Harris), for a link to his site "Walking in Wiltshire." It's something I have been meaning to do for some time but the list of activities available in Chitterne so far is short. If anyone running a leisure activity would like it added please contact me: Sue Robinson 850370 or sue@chitterne.com You can find the new page by clicking on Village Life/Leisure.

Chit-Chat next issue

Apologies for the shortened issue - a serious lack of news, I'm afraid!

The February issue of Chit-Chat will go to press during the week commencing Monday 28th January. 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).

To download **Chit-Chat** in colour from the village website: 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 Acrobat to read them.

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