

Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the
residents of
Chitterne, Wiltshire
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Editor's Ramblings

I've finished it; it's done; it looks fantastic! No, I am not talking about the latest edition of Chit Chat, I am talking about my church kneeler. It has been a labour of love! Don't get me wrong, I love it but I chose the wrong pattern! I chose the blue one; the one which looked like a spatchcock; the one which needed careful counting otherwise the pattern wasn't symmetrical; the one which had so much background. I hasten to add, that in the time it has taken me to stitch one kneeler, others have stitched two, & in some cases, even three!!! I have also, alongside others, stitched some very long altar rail kneelers. All of this work is going to be 'revealed' at the Celebration Service next Sunday - there will be a very proud group of ladies at that service.

Being involved in the project has been great on so many levels but I think the best one has been getting to know people. When I wrote my first 'Editor's Ramblings', I said I had been living here for an unbelievable 19 years. You would have thought that in that time I would have got to know people, as we are not that big a village. When I was working it was hard to get involved. I went to work in the morning, came home at night & shut the front door. Weekends were taken up with shopping, housework etc. I recognised a lot of villagers but I didn't really know them, or they me, come to think of it. Being with people & having time to talk, is so important. This project has allowed this time. We could have just sat at home, stitching, & done an equally fantastic job. However, stitching alongside others; catching up with news; sharing each other's good & bad times; encouraging each other; watching novice stitchers blossom into enthusiasts, & enjoying each other's company - this has been so special.

You don't have to be part of the project for this to happen. There are all sorts of wonderful things happening in our village. This is a busy month again, so hopefully there will be something that you feel you want to get involved in. For those of you who have just arrived in our village, come along & meet us; we promise a friendly welcome. So, if you haven't been to darts before or a pub quiz or church or gone to a Parish Council meeting or been to yoga or Pilates, what better time to do it, than now! See you there!

Housing Needs

In May 2012, Wiltshire Council completed a Housing Need Survey in Chitterne with the aim of investigating the affordable housing need for local people in Chitterne.

Of the 142 questionnaires distributed 56 replies were returned. The full report can be viewed on line at chitterne.com - you will find the link on the Parish Council page. The report has identified a minimum housing need over the next 3 years for new affordable housing development of the following:

Subsidised rented housing of:
1x two bed home for a family
1x three bed home for a family
2x four bed homes for families
1x five bed home for a family
and 1 x 2 bed wheelchair accessible bungalow

Gill Shell, leader of the Wiltshire Rural Housing Association, who may be taking forward this development, will be speaking at the Parish Council meeting on **12th November** about the needs assessment and what this could mean to Chitterne village and villagers. If you would like to come along and ask any questions or learn more about how this survey will affect future development in Chitterne, please come along at 7pm to the village hall.

The Parish Council would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend this meeting as we think it is very important that you have this opportunity to come and have your say.

Aileen



Wiltshire Good Neighbours is a new & exciting service, funded by Wiltshire Council & provided by Community First in partnership with Age UK Wiltshire & Age UK Salisbury. Wiltshire Good Neighbours is aimed at older people in rural communities across the county. The service provides a range of information about statutory, voluntary & commercial services that support them to live safe, comfortable, fulfilling & independent lives. Employed by Community First, Good Neighbour Co-ordinators are at the very heart of this new community service.

Wiltshire Good Neighbours are local people with the local knowledge and networks to connect with those most disadvantaged, vulnerable or isolated living in their community area. By visiting clients in their home & listening to what they have to say about their needs, a Wiltshire Good Neighbour can identify which organizations are best suited to deal with each individual client's needs & then refer or support the client to access that service. We will always follow up the referrals we make to ensure that our clients have received the service they needed. Wiltshire Good Neighbours work flexible hours, so they are available at a time that suits both their clients & their families. This is a free & confidential service. If you feel you or somebody you know may benefit from this service please feel free to contact us. If you are a younger person who has health concerns or a disability that proves challenging, we may also be able to help you.

Who is your GOOD NEIGHBOUR CO-ORDINATOR?

Emma Curtis - Good Neighbour Co-ordinator Warminster Community Area
Telephone: 07557 922033 or Email: warminstergnc@communityfirst.org.uk

Date

Sunday 4th November All Saints

Sunday 11th Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 18th 2 before Advent

Sunday 25th Christ the King

Sunday 2nd December Advent 1

Church Services

1000 Team Service Chitterne - Rededication of Church by Bishop Nicholas

1045 Remembrance Service - Chitterne

1000 Matins

0845 PC

0845 BCP HC

Cleaning & Flowers

Clean by all on Saturday 3rd November

Davina Toole & Gillian Nolan

Vina Smedley - Advent, no flowers

Vina Smedley - Advent, no flowers

Virginia Prior - Advent, no flowers

ARMY ACTIVITIES

The Plain will be slightly less busy in November but drivers are advised to take extra care when approaching tank crossings as mud clearance parties will be at work.

5 - 8 Nov - Land Warfare Centre Close Recce (Ex **BLACK ADDER**) will train in all areas.

12 - 26 Nov – A simulation exercise (**WESSEX THUNDER**) for 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards Battle Group with 1200 troops and 280 vehicles plus an infantry company from the Omani Army. Most troops will be in the Light Role but there will be some wheeled armoured vehicles and a company of Warrior armoured infantry vehicles. Disruption should be minimal but there will be some air activity by both day and night mainly involving attack and support helicopters.

26 – 30 Nov - Support Weapons School Fire Support Group will run exercise **FINAL STRIKE**.

Throughout November the Royal School of Artillery will be firing 155mm AS90, 105mm Light Guns and MLRS culminating in the Young Officers final live firing exercise 26 – 30 Nov.

AS90 Firing from 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

Provisional Dates for Future Major Exercises - During the following access may be restricted on Larkhill Ranges and in the Chitterne – Shrewton – Tilshead Triangle north of the B390.

11 Feb 2013 - 3 Mar 2013 Ex **PASHTUN DAWN**

Access to SPTA is regulated by Salisbury Plain Military Lands, Bulford, Larkhill and Imber Range Byelaws. This Newsletter is published up to 6 weeks before the event and changes may occur. Access timings for the next week can be found on the SPTA Walks Line: (01980) 674763.

Always comply with local signs and flags.

Public rights of way located in range danger areas are closed when red flags are flying.

Imber Ranges

The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened and access is then limited to three tarmac roads. It is planned to open roads through Imber as follows:

From	To	Remarks
10 Nov (1000)	10 Nov (1200)	Remembrance Church Service
Note. Only the road from Warminster will be open.		
21 Dec (1600)	7 Jan (0800)	Christmas and New Year

Notes.

1. Even when the roads are open the village and buildings remain out of bounds to the public.
2. Dates may change if operational training needs dictate.
3. Church opening times can be found at www.imberchurch.org.uk

Just a bit of fun!

*Car anagrams, e.g.
Roach and cod - Honda Accord*

Last month's answers

1. BLFST - BELFAST
2. DND - DUNDEE
3. STHMPTON - SOUTHAMPTON
4. BRDN - ABERDEEN
5. HNTN - HONITON
6. BN - OBAN
7. LLNDDN - LLANDUDNO
8. MNHD - MINEHEAD

1. Main sin cars
2. Modern food
3. Sex or action
4. I put on fat
5. Lax valour cash
6. An untidy cache
7. Large neat menu
8. Too loyal actor

How did you do? Easy wasn't it!

**BREAKFAST CLUB - SATURDAY 3rd
NOVEMBER 9.30 - 11.30am
Bacon butties, tea or coffee & a chat with
your mates - bliss!**

News from the Kings Head

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who had a hand in my surprise birthday party, after my holiday – it was certainly a surprise. There is just one thing that I have to say, and that is, "Don't trust certain people in Chitterne! Do not believe what they say, especially if they are called Barry, Pam or Murray!" (only joking)

Another thank you goes to Andy Cameron for suggesting the Hallowe'en Party involving the Village Hall and the pub. It was a great night; good food cooked by the locals and some dodgy fancy dress!

The food side is going well and locals and visitors are still (hopefully) enjoying the menu.

We had a very good darts night on October 16th against The Hunters Moon, from Warminster. They seemed to enjoy their visit and a return skittle match will take place soon at their pub. A big thank you goes to Sandy and Nick for getting their team together. By the way, the girls won their first match against the boys! Well done Aileen and Joyce.

Keep an eye on the windows in the pub for other events.

Hope to see you all soon.

Kenton

News from St Thomas à Becket Church of England School, Tilshead

Congratulations to Lauren Bueno De Mesquita and Rachel Wright, who are both in our reception year and both live in Chitterne. They came to the front of the church during our Harvest Festival celebration and held up lovely drawings they had done and told the audience which were their favourite foods. No mean feat when you have only been in school for a few weeks!

We took the opportunity at our Harvest Festival to tell parents and friends about our new link with a community in Burundi, Africa. We are delighted to be sponsoring a child, a 9 year old girl, Belyse Dusabe. The children have written some lovely letters to her and talk about our link with enthusiasm and kindness. Each class will take it in turns to raise money to send to Burundi.

Alison Trickey (Head Teacher)

Remember that on the 7th November, **The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** is being shown at Codford School. (after this one, the films will go back to being shown at the Woolstore) Film starts at 7.30pm & tickets can be bought at the garage.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR KENTON

On Monday, 8th October an undercover mission took place in Chitterne. The occasion was the 50th birthday of our esteemed publican Kenton. He arrived at the Village Hall, ostensibly to deliver a letter, only to find it decorated to the hilt; tables laden with food and drink, and music ringing out. HE LOOKED HAPPY!



We all had a great evening. Special thanks must go to all those who contributed in any way. The food maestros came up trumps as usual; there was beer by our village brewer, loads of wine, music by our no longer resident DJ, wonderful crêpes and coffee etc. by our crêperie van, and to cap it all, a magnificent birthday cake by our patisserie chef! Everyone who helped enjoyed every minute of it. What a village Chitterne is!

Pam Kent

Garden Clippings

A series of topical notes about garden machinery and its use
This month - the last cut is the longest?



For some time now people have been saying to me, "Last cut next week then no more mowing 'til April." Unfortunately life is never that easy, just a few nice sunny days and the grass keeps growing. On the bright side, using a mower set on a high setting is easier than a rake for picking up leaves, or leave the grass box off and mulch them on a less formal lawn.

So how do you put your mower away for the winter if you never know when you might want to use it again - next week, next month, next year? Manufacturer's advice varies, but I think keeping the fuel tank full is the best bet. Very little air space in the tank reduces the condensation that can form. A fuel stabiliser additive is also useful to keep the petrol fresh for when it is needed again. Check and top up the oil as well.

If you want to clean the underside or sharpen the blade, be careful how you tip the mower. Unless your manual says otherwise, tip the mower back onto its handlebars, and use a heavy weight or handy helper to hold the bars down. If you turn it on its side, oil will probably run into the air filter or exhaust and cause starting and smoking problems. Always disconnect the plug lead before moving the blade.

Try to keep off the grass when there is a frost, and remember those bright sunny winter days are often followed by a frost, so not necessarily the best time for a quick tidy up with the mower. Cut on a high setting if you need to tidy the tufty bits, and try to allow a day for the grass to recover after mowing before the next frost (not easy in Chitterne).

Next month will probably be chainsaw tips, although the best advice is -
If you need advice, don't use a chainsaw!

For further advice, oil, spark plugs, blades.... phone Roger Watkins on 850564, or collar me at the Kings Head.

As a lot of you know, on every other Friday, a group of ladies meet in the Village Hall to stitch. What some of you may not know is that lunch is provided by some of the ladies, for a small donation. This usually consists of soup, bread & cheese. We keep saying that we should gather all the soup recipes & produce a book. Needless to say we haven't done that, so as the next best thing, & as the weather is definitely turning more autumnal, I am going to try & include a 'Soup of the Month'. Christine & Michael very kindly 'volunteered' to be the first contributor but didn't realise that they were talking to a complete novice when telling me how to make it - they had the patience of a saint!!

Autumn Vegetable Soup

- Soak a cupful of red lentils for at least an hour. Pearl barley could be added as well.
- Meanwhile, chop up as many of the following vegetables as you wish - potatoes, leeks, onions, carrots, parsnips, swede & celery. (Christine said they just used which ever vegetables were in the house)
- Pour stock (chicken, beef or vegetable) over the vegetables to cover them. (I am told the secret to any good soup is the stock & Michael always uses stock he has made from the carcass of a chicken)
- Herbs or bouquet garni can be added, as preferred & season to taste.
- Cook slowly in a low oven (I had never come across this before but on asking, several of the other ladies said that's what they do) or on the hob or in a slow cooker for a few hours until the vegetables are soft.
- Adjust seasoning to taste.
- Garnish as desired & enjoy!



**LOUIE'S S.M.I.L.E.S
CHARITY SALE**

Thursday 8th November
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Bric-a-Brac
Nearly New Clothes
Cake Stall
Handmade Craft
Phoenix Cards
Neal's Yard
Tea's & Coffee's
Jamie at Home
Ooh Shiny Stuff Jewellery
Avon
Louie's Smiles Bracelets

Everyone welcome!
All profits go to Louie's S.M.I.L.E.S

This event will take place in the Village Hall. Donations of cakes, and anything else, would be greatly appreciated.

Sharing Memories In Louie's Everlasting Smile is a charity we have set up in memory of Louie to provide children's wards with toys to spread his smile.

When Louie had treatments or tests he received a prize, which made him smile. These prizes were toys or books that the play specialists bought out of their funds for the ward. Not all children's wards are that lucky and some more than others. We are raising money so we can donate stock piles of pressies to lots of wards in local areas, because we've seen what a difference it can make to a child's stay in hospital; it always made Louie happy.

We have already delivered toys and gifts to G4 and Piam Brown wards at Southampton General Hospital and Sarum Ward at Salisbury District Hospital, and hope we can make many more trips with your help.

Thank you for your support :) xxx
Jo

Happy 40th Birthday Jo!

WARNING

This is just to let you know that there will be no Chit Chat published in January. All of us involved in the production of this newsletter are going to take a break. If there is anything happening in January that you want to tell people about, it needs to go in next month's issue.

Editor

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND CHITTERNE

Christmas Market

At Wylde Valley School, Codford
Saturday 1st December
11 am - 2 pm

Homemade Soup & Crusty Bread Lunches

Stalls of Christmas Crafts,
Bespoke Jewellery, Food, Beauty Products,
Decorations, Cards, Kitchen Ware and Much,
Much More.
Homemade Cake Stall
Raffle

Entrance Free
All proceeds to Wylde Valley School
Association. Reg Charity No 299608

OakRidge Herd Rare Breed Pigs Smallholders Produce Market

Rare breed pork, Dorset
lamb and Boer goat on sale
on **Saturday, November
17th at the Village Hall, from 12.00 to
4.00pm.** Speciality will be the Juniper
cured bacon and gammons for Christmas.
Advance orders always welcome.



Next sale will be **Saturday 15th Dec.**

At the Village Fete, Hugo guessed the
weight of Gloria, our Gloucester Old Spot,
at 160 kilos and she weighs 161 kilos not
190kgs. (sorry, I put in the wrong weight last month.
Editor) Hugo's mum and dad guessed at
60kgs and 70kgs respectively.

Unsafe Junction Discussion

The question of the unsafe junction with the
A36 at Upton Lovell will be on the Agenda of
the **Warminster Area Board on 8 November**
(meeting in Warminster Civic Centre, at 7 pm),
and that it may prove to be a major item. The
Highways Agency has been invited to attend.
Cllr Lucas will be attending and any other
villagers who feel they would like to
contribute to the discussion will be very
welcome.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE Sunday 11th Nov.



The Royal British Legion Service of
Remembrance is to be held in St Mary's
Church, Chitterne. Those attending are
requested to be seated by 1040 hours at
the latest. Members of the British Legion,
who wish to march behind the Standard,
are to be at the Forming Up Point (FUP)
by 1030 hours.

Members and families and friends of
British Legion members are invited to
attend the Curry Lunch (including a
vegetarian or non-curry option) to be held
in the village hall, commencing at 1200
hours. Wine and beer will be on sale.
Tickets for the lunch, at £11 a head, may
be purchased from Codford Post Office
where please specify vegetarian and non-
curry option requirements.

Can you please through Chit Chat, say a huge
thank you to everyone involved in creating
such a wonderful Harvest Lunch. Food, drink
and company were excellent.

Appreciative villagers

Sue Maclaurin Master Saddler, having recently
moved into the village, is now available to
repair and refurbish all kinds of leather work,
from side-saddles to shooting equipment.

Bespoke saddles and bridlework undertaken,
including saddle fitting - although I am not
a qualified saddle fitter, relying instead on
experience.

My workshop can be found at Chestnut
Cottage, 61 Shrewton Rd; Chitterne.
Tel. number 01985 850740

Mobile (I will pick up your messages whilst
out of the village!) 07947 425148
e-mail: suemac@uwclub.net

'A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS'
12TH DECEMBER 2012
EDINGTON PRIORY CHURCH
In support of the Friends of Erlestoke Prison
Charity (details next month)



Home office console desk £90
2 dog export travel boxes
£85/35
2 seater sofa £50
Pine bookcase £30

Pine fire place surround £30
Exercise row machine £25
Mixed ski equipment - skis, boots, snow
boots etc £various

Contact Richard Jammes 851822

Babies high chair - very good
condition £25
Contact Mrs Nicholas 850864



"Unconquered in a Conquered Land"

A Talk by John Jammes in aid of the
Army Benevolent Fund & Chitterne
Cricket Club

Friday 2nd November at 6.30pm in the
Village Hall

Tickets £10 from Helen Carter 850925

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GOODS SALE

Ginger Piggery, Boyton
Weds. 14th Nov. - Sat. 17th Nov.
10.00am - 4.00pm

REMEMBER - SUNDAY 4th NOVEMBER - SUPER SUNDAY

Celebration Service 10.00am

Bonfire & Fireworks 6.00pm

Guy Fawkes Pub Quiz 8.00pm

This year the month of November offers us opportunities to have a festive air, full of joy & celebration, but also to use the annual time of reflection & remembrance that we may offer our prayers & thoughts of deep respect & gratitude for both those who have been dear to us in our lives & now live in the nearer presence of God, & those who have made our lives of freedom and safety possible.

On November 4th, All Saints' Sunday, there will be a Team Eucharist at Chitterne presided over by the Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam. In this special service, attended by members of all our twelve parishes, Bishop Nicholas will re-dedicate the Church of All Saints & St Mary, Chitterne, dedicate many kneelers (made of 3.7m stitches!) & license the Revd David Walters as Associate Priest in our Benefice.

On November 11th, Remembrance Sunday, there will be many Acts and Services of Remembrance in our Benefice in which the names of those who sacrificed their lives in the First & Second World Wars, and in conflicts since 1945 will be spoken and remembered. On this day of deep emotion, gratitude & pride, our many communities will be able to reflect on what it means to give up our lives in the service of others. Such a message is close to the teaching that Jesus gave us, as we become members of the Kingdom of his heavenly Father. The men & women whom we will remember gave up their lives literally, as they died in service of their country. We are challenged to emulate them, not by dying, but by living lives of sacrifice for others in this world.

Hugh Bonsey

Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the December issue by
Friday 23rd November, by hand, CD or email
to:

chitchat.39@gmail.com, tel: 850058 or in
the porch at Chapel Cottage.

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website: www.chitterne.com, click on the
Village Life link on the home page, then
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