

Chit Chat

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

Do you remember getting dressed in the morning under the bedclothes; having a drawer full of really thick jumpers that you actually wore every day; flannelette nighties and jimjams; woolly vests; hanging your clothes over the aga every night, or when you moved house and didn't have an aga, putting them in the bed when you went to get washed?

Why am I wandering down memory lane? It's official; summer is over; I am wearing socks! The heating has been turned on, just to take the chill off the house; a hot water bottle (jar) accompanies me to bed; the shorts and t-shirts have been washed and put away; salads no longer are appealing as a main meal; I need to take a torch when going to the pub AND someone has mentioned that awful word 'Christmas'!

However, in spite of all that woe and dismay, I do actually like autumn; it's just adjusting to it. I love hearing the sound of the combines chomping away in the fields and seeing the tractors chug by with a trailer full of bales; it means the Harvest Festival & lunch is this month; chestnut trees are beginning to change colour AND the cricket season is over & I actually get to see my husband on a Sunday!!

This month's Chit Chat is full of all sorts: in fact it even has an extra page - I haven't told the PC I've done this, so keep quiet about it! Even with the extra page I have had to leave out the less pressing articles. Please don't get upset if your article isn't here, it just means that it's not specific to this month. It's amazing just how much happens in such a small village. Hopefully you will find something that appeals to you, and for those of you who were unable to get to the fete, enjoy!

By the time I write next month's issue, the clocks will have gone back - what a thought - and then it really will be nearly Christmas!

HELP!!

Do you know these people?



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The Kneeler Group would like your help to identify the people pictured, who came to the Big Stitch last December in the Village Hall, so that they can be named in the book being prepared about the Kneeler Project. Please contact Sue Robinson on 850370.



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Village Fete - a taster of what's in store inside!



HARVEST LUNCH 21ST OCTOBER



The Harvest Lunch will take place in the Village Hall, straight after the Harvest Festival Service, which is at 1130am on Sunday 21st October.

Everyone is welcome. Do come along and bring your children.

Tickets for the lunch from Virginia Pryor 850255 and Sarah Gooch 850893. £5 for adults, children under 10 free

Date

Sunday 7th October Trinity 19
Sunday 14th October Trinity 20
Sunday 21st October Trinity 21
Sunday 28th October Simon & Jude
Sunday 4th November All Saints

Church Services

0845 BCP HC
1000 Group Service Shrewton
1130 Harvest Festival
0845 PC
1000 Team Service Chitterne - Rededication
of Church by Bishop Nicholas

Cleaning & Flowers

Jane Harley
Jane Harley
Lindsay Lucas
Lindsay Lucas
Clean by all on Saturday 3rd November

ARMY ACTIVITIES

October will be a relatively quiet month with a number of smaller (sub-unit) exercises taking place over most of the Plain. Air activity will be greatly reduced from the high levels experienced in August.

The Territorial Army and various cadet forces will also take to the field having been displaced by Mission Support Training for Afghanistan. HQ Royal Logistic Corps TA will run logistic convoys across much of the Plain during the first week of October but these will be on a much smaller scale than those experienced in August.

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 dates, access may be restricted on Larkhill Ranges & in the Chitterne–Shrewton–Tilshead Triangle north of the B390.

12 Nov 12	-	26 Nov 12	Ex WESEX THUNDER
11 Feb 13	-	3 Mar 13	Ex PASHTUN DAWN

NEWS FROM CODFORD SURGERY

Flu Vaccine

Patients who are eligible for flu vaccination please telephone the surgery to book your appointment. We are trying to get as many vaccines delivered as early as possible & will open the surgery on Sat. 6th October from 9.00 to 11.30 am. Those patients who gain greatest benefit & are eligible, are those over the age of 65 & those with long term lung, heart, kidney or neurological problems, diabetic or act as a Carer irrespective of their age. In previous years we have offered vaccine at the end of the season to patients who do not fall into an at risk group. The advice this year is unequivocal that patients who are not in one of the eligible categories need to obtain their flu vaccination from a Chemist.

Child Health Clinics

Thank you to Warminster Health Visitors for looking after us for the last months. We are now being looked after by Elaine Leeder & her Team from Mere. We welcome them into the Surgery. They will be holding booked clinics on the 1st & 3rd Thursday 2.00 to 4.00 each month & open clinics on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2.30 – 3.30 each month.

Email Dispensary Ordering

Please ensure that when you order medication by email you put on your name & date of birth. Some people's emails bear no relationship to their names making it difficult for us to disentangle who it was that requested the medication.

The Village Hall Committee is desperately seeking volunteers to join a Hall Cleaning Rota. Please offer some time, if you can, to help to keep the Village Hall in tiptop condition. Volunteers please contact on chitterne_hall@btinternet.com or speak to someone on the committee. Thanks.

Herbert Walling

Dr Duncan Walling has been with us for approximately 18 months. He is currently on paternity leave & will then be leaving us for pastures new on the 26th October. We are delighted to congratulate Duncan & Marie on the successful arrival of young Herbert & wish them all the very best.

Bone Marrow Donation

Some years ago a patient of ours received a bone marrow donation as part of treatment for leukaemia. On that occasion we opened the surgery one evening encouraging patients to come & give a small blood sample & join the bone marrow donation register. We have once again had a patient unfortunate enough to have leukaemia needing bone marrow transplantation. We would, therefore, like to open the surgery again one evening supported by the Anthony Nolan foundation & encourage those patients who would wish to come & donate a small sample of blood for tissue typing & to sign the forms for them to be a potential bone marrow donor. I do know that at least one of our patients was called to be a donor following our last endeavours. We will announce a date for this shortly. The Anthony Nolan Foundation tells us that the donors which they are most short of are men aged 18 – 30 and curiously this is a group which seems somewhat reticent to come forward.

Parish Steward – The Parish Council need to contact Wiltshire Council to alert them to any clearing needs that can be done by the Parish Steward. If anyone has noticed any drains that are silted up, paths that are blocked, please contact Alan Sprack. (Please note that this is a change of names from information in last month's Chit Chat. For further info. about his jobs, also look in Sept. Chit Chat Ed.)

News from the Kings' Head

Thanks again to all the local support. The food side of the pub is proving popular again, even with me doing the cooking!

I would like to thank everyone who had a part in organising the Fete. What a great afternoon and a beautiful summer's day – could not have chosen a better one; everyone should be proud. People had a great time & it carried on into the evening with people coming back to the pub – old faces & new ones enjoying the day.

I would like to say another thank you to Mike and Lindsay for their Treasure Hunt. A good show of people took part & had fun looking for things you don't always see. Thank you for choosing the pub as your start & finish point. (Pam & Murray won)

Please remember the pub will be closed for a week from the 28th September to the 6th October. I'm having a break but Vince (who a lot of people know) & his wife Nicola will be doing some work for me & staying in the pub. I will see you all when I get back.

Thanks again for your support.

Kenton

Have a well deserved rest & hurry back. Ed.

Parish Council News

Thea's Bench

A suitable location has been identified at the top end of the Sports field. Cricket Club to discuss and liaise with Parish Council.

Planning Applications/Issues

Old Chalk Pit, Back Lane – Copies of microfiched planning details have been obtained from Wiltshire Council (WC). There are two conditions on the planning permission granted for a workshop for model shipbuilding with accommodation above, in 1978 that need to be resolved with WC.

1. '...this permission shall enure (sic) for the benefit of Mr A. M Newton only.'
2. 'Having regard to the policy restrictions on residential development which would otherwise affect this site the living accommodation shall only be occupied in conjunction with the use of the workshop below by a person or persons having an interest therein.'

No one seems to know who the site belongs to or who is developing the site. A contact name is to be obtained so that correspondence can be initiated by the Parish Council.

Housing Needs Survey

Contact has been made with Wiltshire Rural Housing Association (WRHA) to discuss the findings of the survey and to clarify certain issues regarding the development of market housing alongside social housing and the purchase of land by WRHA. They say that they would only consider... 'cheap' sites – more akin to agricultural value that open market development land.'

Wiltshire Waste Allocation DPD

The Inspector has not yet submitted her report. It has been delayed as a result of the identified site at Mere being withdrawn by the landowner.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

A position has become available on the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in applying please contact Virginia on 851133.

"Unconquered in a Conquered Land"

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

Friday 2nd November at 6.30 pm
Chitterne Village Hall

John Jammes (86), the father of a Chitterne resident, will give a talk in the Village Hall about his experiences in the Maquis in Occupied France between 1939 and 1945. As a teenager, he served in the Resistance with his father, an Army officer, throughout the German occupation. His talk will recount some of his exploits and focus on the effects of occupation on his fellow countrymen. He settled in the UK after the war and raised two sons, both of whom are now retired but who enjoyed full careers in the British Army. His only grandson is also a serving officer.

The talk will start at 7.00 pm and will be preceded by a drinks reception; doors will open at 6:30pm. Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained from Helen Carter 850925

News from St Thomas à Becket C of E Primary School, Tilshead

New Pupils

A very big welcome to two children from Chitterne who have joined our school. Rachel Wright and Lauren Bueno De Mesquita have both joined our reception class. We hope they will be very happy with us. We believe one of our strengths is our friendly, welcoming atmosphere and it has been heart-warming to watch the older children look after the very young ones at playtime during the first few weeks of term. However the strength of this ethos must, of course, go hand in hand with academic achievement so I am very pleased that our Key Stage 2 statutory assessment test marks have once again shown that we are one of the strongest schools in Wiltshire when it comes to standards.

Breakfast Club (should have been a photo but gremlins again!)

At the Breakfast Club on Sept. 1st, there was lots of Chit Chat and newspaper reading, tea drinking and of course, bacon butty munching! It is a great way to catch up with everyone, as well as providing money for the much needed Village Hall fund.

Next Breakfast - Saturday 6th October - 9.30 - 11.30. See you there.

Erika

NY Marathon for BLESMA

By Emma Ayling

Hello,

To those of you who don't know me yet, I moved to Chitterne in January with my fiancé Adam and we love it here! We have since acquired a very disobedient collie, Luna, who has probably bounced at/met many of you already while out on the plain or in the pub!

I am writing to rally support for a pledge myself and some friends have made, to raise £10,000 for the British Limbless Ex-Serviceman's Association, by running the New York City Marathon on November 4th. A good friend of mine, Captain Ibrar Ali, of the 3rd Yorkshire Regiment, based in Warminster, volunteered me for this, and at the time, I thought it sounded like a fun challenge! Ibi and I, along with 3rd Yorkshire Regiment's CO Lt Col Zac Stenning, & his wife, will all be running the marathon together.

In 2007, Ibi was commanding a 3 vehicle patrol in Basra, Iraq, when they were hit by an I E D. Ibi was one of the casualties who was severely wounded, including the loss of his right arm. He was awarded the Military Cross for his actions that day and went on to his second tour in Iraq in 2008.

BLESMA is the main charity that Ibi feels he has benefitted from and has been instrumental in helping him to rehabilitate enough to continue in the Armed Forces and deploy again. It isn't covered in the UK media, but we still have soldiers being injured every day, often life changing injuries leading to amputations, so this charity needs all the help it can get so that it may continue to help our amputees get their lives back on track.

Ibi and Col Zac are currently deployed in Afghanistan until November, and so, when they have time, they train at 5am, before it becomes too hot. This, coupled with the restricted area they are safe to train on, means to cover 12 miles they need to run 42 laps around the patrol base - making for rather tedious training, all before a full day of patrolling and planning in 45 degree heat! Meanwhile Sarah and I, who are both marathon first-timers, have been trying our best to train around busy schedules. The training has not been without incident so far, with most of us carrying injuries, but we will endeavour to finish, no matter what!

Ibi has decided to carry on fundraising when he leaves the Army next year and is now shortlisted for the next Walking With The Wounded expedition which is to the South Pole, and hopes to be selected for the final team.

We plan to arrange a drinks evening in Chitterne in November in which Col Zac will talk about the effect and experiences of 3 Yorks recent deployment to the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand, Afghanistan. Ibi will also be in attendance and is always willing to talk about his experiences in Iraq and the care he has received since. We have had to plan this for after their operational tour commitments end, so it will be in late November, watch this space for more details!

If you would like to donate, please go online to the following address, or if you prefer you can pop cheques or donations through the door of Elm Farm, with your details, and I will place the donation onto the webpage on your behalf - <http://www.justgiving.com/TEAM-YORKS> This is our team fundraising page, we prefer to use JustGiving because of the gift aid which can be claimed.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Emma

Elm Farm 851800

Emma had sent me some photographs but unfortunately my computer only wanted to show you the top half of each, which led to some interesting pictures! Sorry, but perhaps once a date is set

Just a bit of fun!

What are these UK Towns & Cities?

The vowels have been left out.

1. BLFST
2. DND
3. STHHMPTN
4. BRDN
5. HNTN
6. BN
7. LLNDDN
8. MNHD

Last month's answers

1. Star system – Galaxy
2. Clothe Tom – Kit Kat
3. Wood lash – Walnut Whip
4. Slight wave – Ripple
5. 24 carat DJ – Terry's All Gold
6. Eastern pleasure – Turkish Delight

Mrs Toole was seen in Budgens scouring the shelves for the answers! I think it was number two that was causing her problems. She even got the staff involved! Well done Davina!

Dear Lindsay
 Being a non-villager I just thought I'd drop you an email of thanks for the village as a whole for a great day on Saturday. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves & the little people had a wonderful time (the swing boats proved to be the favourite). Thanks to all who helped with the day. Special thanks to Tony – what a gentleman! I offered to give him a donation for the rides but he refused. Looking forward to the produce market & treasure hunt this weekend.
 Kind regards

B. Kinsella

FOR SALE

3 seater settee and matching armchair in a creamy fabric
 single bed with mattress and wood effect headboard
 Contact Irene Carter 850425

Best Kept Village

Chitterne was 3rd in the Small Village category. Judges were generally very complimentary about the village – apart from The Cut and the state of some of the footpaths. To keep our village looking great, there is to be an 'Autumn Cut Clean Up' on Saturday 13th October at 1000 outside the Village Hall – Bacon Butties & Biscuits available to tempt!

Garden Clippings

My brother always said you picked up all sorts of information at the pub & it is absolutely true. I met Roger there & he has agreed to do a garden section most months. *Editor*



**A series of topical notes about garden machinery and its use.
 This month:- hedge trimmers & strimmers**

Following a somewhat soggy summer, there has been an incredible amount of heavy grass, hedge and weed growth that you may be wanting to cut back. A useful tip to prevent long grass and weeds tangling around your strimmer is to swing the head up and down motion rather than just side to side. This cuts it into shorter pieces, which will also mulch or compost quicker.

While dealing with tall weeds or hedges, to preserve you good looks and eyesight it is advisable to wear glasses, goggles or best of all a full face mesh visor. This gives good protection from flying nettles and brambles without steaming up.

Hedge trimmer blades will cut much better and last longer if they are treated to a little oil before and after use, any oil you have handy from old engine oil to WD40 type spray. But not cooking oil.

For further advice and accessories – phone Roger Watkins on 850564, or collar me at the Kings Head.

Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the November issue by October 24th, by hand, CD or email to: chitchat.39@gmail.com, tel: 850058 or in the porch at Chapel Cottage. To download Chit Chat 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 Reader & downloads may take a few minutes.

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THE FRIENDS OF THE ABF CODFORD ARE PROUD TO PRESENT QUESTION TIME

in aid of: **ABF The Soldiers' Charity**

Friday 19th October 2012
 at 7.30 pm in Codford Village Hall

Panellists: Cllr Jane Scott OBE (Leader Wiltshire Council)
 Mr Gary Lawrence (Editor Wiltshire Times)
 Mr Peter Dix (Retired Headmaster and Daily Telegraph Education Correspondent)
 General Sir Roger Wheeler GCB CBE (Former Chief of the General Staff)
Chairman: Brigadier David Shaw CBE (Former Director ABF)

Tickets £8 from Codford garage 850345 (Button3). Includes finger buffet afterwards.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GOODS SALE

At The Ginger Piggery, Boyton

Wed 14th Nov – Sat 17th Nov inclusive
 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Raffle in Aid of Boyton and Fisherton de la Mere Churches & Victim Support Wiltshire

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place	Contact
3rd	Wednesday	Salmon Fishing in the Yemen	7.30pm	Woolstore, Codford (This may have changed so check in garage)	
6th	Saturday	Breakfast Club	9.30 - 11.30am	Village Hall	
7th	Sunday	Pub Quiz	8.00pm	Kings Head	
21st	Sunday	Harvest Service & Lunch	11.30am	Church & Village Hall	Virginia Pryor 850255 Sarah Gooch 850893
21st	Sunday	Pub Quiz	8.00pm	Kings Head	
2nd Nov	Friday	Talk by John Jammes	6.30pm	Village Hall	Helen Carter 850925
4th	Sunday	Celebration Service	10.00am	Church	
4th	Sunday	Bonfire & Fireworks	6.00pm	Sports field	
4th	Sunday	Bonfire Night Pub Quiz	8.00pm	Kings Head	

Regular events: Yoga Essence Mon. 9.30am; Bell ringing Tues. 6.30pm at Church; Darts Tues. 8.00pm at Pub; Yoga essence Weds. 7.15pm at Village Hall; Stickey Fingers Thurs. 10.00am at Village Hall; Pilates Fri. 9.30am at Village Hall

Kneeler Group meet every other Friday at 10.30 - 3.30, in the Village Hall & Library Van at 11.40am outside V.H. (same week as green bin & household rubbish gets collected on the Thursday)