

Chit Chat

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

As I am writing this, I have to tell you I am quite exhausted. You are lucky to get this Chit Chat, as I have run the 100m; rowed like a maniac; vaulted; balanced on a ridiculously narrow beam; 'dressed' with the best of them; dived; swum & even took part in a heptathlon. I have cried, laughed, shouted, sworn, jumped out of my seat & gasped. I have been to the London Olympics 2012, if not in body, definitely in heart & soul!! Wasn't it fantastic!!

You are probably just as exhausted as me, so grab that cup of tea, put your feet up & sit down & relax!

I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who spoke or sent me kind words about my first newsletter. I even had some 'positive criticism' which I will ponder. Don't forget, if there is something you wish to share with everyone, please send me a short piece, either by email, or put it in my porch. I have had a couple of articles for this month's edition, so many thanks. I am also trying to build up a library of articles about all sorts of things, so if there is a month when there is not a lot happening in the village, I can put in one of those articles. For example, Sue Robinson has very kindly written a piece on the history of Chit Chat. Perhaps those of you who have lived in the village for quite some time, could write a little about an aspect of what it was like growing up here. For those of us who have not lived here all our lives, we would find it very interesting. It doesn't just have to be a written article. Perhaps you have a photo that would amuse us, or cause us to think, or captures a special moment - we would love to see them.

By the time you get this I will probably have done a bit of running, swimming, played a few games of basketball & perhaps ridden a horse! Yes, you've got it, the Paralympics will have started! Enjoy!

Chitterne Super Saturday

Family Fun Dog Show

Inflatables

Swing Boats

Toy Town Roundabout

Fete Games

Village Produce Show

BBQ & Beer

Plus Much More – All Welcome

Sat 8th Sep 2 - 4pm

Contact: Chitterne_Hall@btinternet.com



CHITTERNE FUN DOG SHOW

Entries from: 1.30pm
Judging commences: 2.00pm

Entry fees: £2.00 per class or £5.00 for 3 classes
Prizes in all classes very kindly donated by J&K Burton,
Animal Feeds, Warminster

CLASSES

1. Most handsome dog
2. Prettiest bitch
3. Best veteran - 6 Years & over
4. Best junior handler - 6 - 12 Years
5. Dog/bitch in best condition
6. Dog/bitch with the waggiest tale
7. Dog & owner most alike
8. Best mis-matched couple
9. Best party trick
10. Best fancy dress
11. Dog or bitch the judge would most like to take home

ALL ENQUIRIES TO: Sally Oliver 851240 or Rowena Gooch 850893



PRODUCE SHOW

Entries to the marquee between 10.00 & 11.30am
Entry fees: 20p for each entry
ALL ENQUIRIES TO: Aileen 850216 or Barry 850884



CHURCH SERVICES in SEPTEMBER

Date	Church Services	Cleaning & Flowers
Sunday 2nd September	Trinity 13 0845 BCP HC	Chitterne Elizabeth Johns & Erika Snowdon Pike
Sunday 9th September	Trinity 14 1000 Group Service	Orcheston Elizabeth Johns & Erika Snowdon Pike
Sunday 16th September	Trinity 15 1000 Matins	Chitterne Elizabeth Johns & Erika Snowdon Pike
Sunday 23rd September	Trinity 16 0845 PC	Chitterne Anne Neve (Chancel)
Sunday 30th September	Trinity 17 11000 Team Service	Stockton Elizabeth Johns & Erika Snowdon Pike
Sunday 7th October	Trinity 18 0845 BCP HC	Chitterne Lindsay Lucas

ARMY ACTIVITIES

Roads through Imber will be open on 28th (1800) - 30th (1800)Sept, the weekend of the annual St Giles' Church service. However as a concrete platform to enable tanks to manoeuvre across the road is being built at the Joan a Gore Cross entry point, the Imber to Joan a Gore Cross road will not be open to vehicles but walkers and cyclists, with care, will be able to pass around the outside of the road works.

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

Ex **PASHTUN DAWN** ends and large convoys of vehicles will leave Salisbury Plain on the afternoon and evening of Sunday 2 September and throughout the day on Monday 3 September. Some disruption may be caused to civilian traffic at tank crossings across the Plain and on the A303, A360, A345, A338, A3026 and Chitterne/Tilshead roads.

The remainder of the month of September will see very low levels of training with a slight increase in the last week when a Land Warfare Centre Territorial Army exercise and two squadrons from the Queens Own Yeomanry in CVRTs conduct reconnaissance training across the all areas.

AS90 Firing from Tilshead, Chitterne, Shrewton triangle: 20 & 21 Sept.

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

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

Please report suspicious activity to **PLAINWATCH (01980 674700)**
If a crime is taking place call 999 & do not challenge the offenders

Parish Steward Scheme

Did you know there is a Parish Steward for this village?

Apparently so & we can ask for his services when we think there is a need. The Parish Council need our help in this, as they cannot possibly identify everything that may need to be done. Below is a list of the types of work which is routinely undertaken by them.

- Road signs – clean & visible?
- Drains – clear of debris?
- Small culverts/gullies – clear?
- Potholes?
- Treatment & removal of weeds

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Virginia Neal,(851133) if you see an area where any of the above tasks need to be done.

Speedwatch Update

from Caroline Wright, Warminster NPT (rural)

I am sorry that we have not updated you recently with information regarding speed enforcement in your area. I have checked the system for the period 01/05/2012 to date and our Roads Policing unit have conducted 12 speed enforcement sessions in Chitterne and a total of 51 fixed penalty tickets have been issued to motorists. I will try to keep you updated with figures on a more regular basis.

Chitterne Website

Andy Cameron has very kindly offered to take on the running of the village website www.chitterne.com (except the history pages, I will carry on with those). I am very grateful to Andy for taking this on. Not only that, he has also agreed to update the Chitterne Village Hall Events Calendar so please in future send any updates and event date changes to him: cameron657@btinternet.com

I've very much enjoyed running [Chitterne.com](http://www.chitterne.com) but the time has come for some new blood and younger brain cells on the job! Thank you all for your support over the years, I'm sure you will all wish Andy good luck and continue to support him likewise.

Sue

I am sure you would like me, on behalf of you all, to say a huge thank you to Sue for doing such a wonderful job in keeping the website up to date. I am very pleased you are keeping on the history pages.

Editor

FOR SALE or WANTED

As you can see there is nothing but it is here to remind you that you can use Chit Chat to sell or ask for things.

News from the Kings Head

With the kitchen open again from Friday evening to Sunday lunch times, the atmosphere is really good, especially on Friday Fish 'n' Chips nights, with lots of local support.

The darts nights are still very popular and the 'girls against the boys' is great fun (the girls do still need a little practice to win, but don't tell them I said that!)

As of September 3rd the pub will be closed on Monday evenings.

The pub will also be closed from **Friday 28th September and will reopen on Saturday 6th October** in the evening, as I have decided to have a holiday. There will be no food served that weekend.

See you all soon.

Kenton

Village Treasure Hunt Sunday 16th September

(As mentioned in last month's Chit Chat)

This is an activity for everyone - babies, toddlers, teenagers, mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, best friends & even well behaved dogs!

Come to the Kings Head between 1100 & 1130 on Sunday 16th September, where you will be given a clue sheet, which will lead you all around the village & will eventually return you to the pub.

Why do it?

- it is a great way to find parts of the village that you never knew existed
- you may win the 'iconic trophy'
- you will meet other villagers

Entry costs are as follows:

Under 10's - free
10-16 - £1
16 & above - £2

The pub will be open for Kenton's great roasts, so if you wish to have lunch, don't forget to phone him to book a table. (850770)

If it is pouring with rain, it will be postponed, but if it just a drizzle, in true British fashion, the 'treasure hunt will go on'!

Terrain is suitable for buggies. Sensible shoes may be a good idea.

For more info. phone Mike 850058

The Event - Girls v Boys Darts (Re Grudge Match)

The Venue – *The Kings Head – Thursday 26th July*

The Mission – *To bring the boys back down to earth after their previous 'lucky wins' against the girls.*

In an attempt to fight back at the boys' continued success (complete with gloating), the girls were a force to be reckoned with on the night of the re-grudge match. Heartened by the first bit of sunshine we'd all seen in long while, the darts were soon flying into the board (and wall!). Cries of 'g'darts' and 'one hundred and ei-ghty' could be heard by passers-by. Okay, so maybe not 180, but a 120 thrown by Andy and a 100 by Mike are definitely worth a mention.



After the singles it was time to relax and stop for a well-earned break and a bit of cross team socialising. Fuelled by our superb half time food, provided by the ever hospitable Kenton, it was a chance to step up a gear and battle it out in the doubles and, the all-important, team game.



Unfortunately success for the girls this time was JUST out of reach and the boys won the match with a close and respectable score of 5-3. (It wouldn't have looked good if we had won!)

The Re Re Grudge Match took place on 9th August. This saw the girls play like seasoned professionals, with the score at the end of the night being 4-4!! The points given were challenged by the girls as they had won the team game and hence should technically have been awarded more points. Obviously the boys argued this 'til they were blue in the face and the girls, being the gracious and diplomatic creatures that we all know and love, conceded to the match being marked as a draw. Rematch (not grudge match) TBA.

Nicky



Photo courtesy : Liz Emmerson

Almost two years after the first stitch the Altar Rail Kneelers are complete as far as the work of the Aladies, gents and children of Chitterne and their friends from all over the country are concerned. The kneelers have now been taken to the upholsterer for him to make them up in time for the service on November 4th when the 150th anniversary of the Church of St Mary and All Saints will be celebrated.

Apart from wonderful lunches on Fridays in the Village Hall the project to complete the kneelers has spawned a new set of needlework addicts in the Village and telephone calls saying 'Ann, I need more wool, I can't spend an evening without stitching' are commonplace. New sets of cushions are being produced as you read.

The Village Hall remains the social centre of the Village on alternate Fridays, with kneelers being completed as well as personal stitching projects being started. As ever you are welcome to come along and join us. You don't have to stitch and coffee is always available.

Ann Moody

Honoured for Service

I was given this little snippet by someone who wondered 'whether it would be of any use for Chit Chat?' This is perfect for Chit Chat, as it is about someone in our village, who is too modest to tell us about her award & we should celebrate each others achievements.

On 25th May, the Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Reverend Nicholas Holtam, awarded a St Aldhelm Cross to, amongst others, our lovely Lady Gooch, or Sarah, as she is known to us. This is an engraved silver lapel cross given to lay people who are nominated in recognition of their outstanding contributions to church life in the Diocese over a number of years. Sarah has had numerous responsibilities which she has enthusiastically & effectively undertaken within the Diocese & wider community. Congratulations Sarah!

Out with the Old, Inn with the New

Some said it should have been Elvis (the 'king' of rock & roll); others thought Henry VIII; some even said one of the Charles's; what about a George? What are we talking about? The new pub sign. Didn't you notice? Shame on you!

Now that the pub is a 'Free House' the sign needed changing, so on Tuesday 14th September, Kenton & his mate Vince put up the new pub sign.

How did Kenton decide which 'king' to put on it? 'It was going to be a George but George III was mad & I'm sure there was something funny about George I. So basically it came down to who wasn't odd & was the most handsome & George II it is!!'

Good a reason as any!



Just a bit of fun!

Identify these chocolates from the following cryptic clues:

1. Star system
2. Cloth Tom
3. Wood lash
4. Slight wave
5. 24 carat DJ
6. Eastern pleasure

Last month's answers

1. Edible fasteners - Chocolate buttons
2. Refined folk live here - Quality street
3. Wobbly children – jelly babies
4. Wise guys – smarties
5. Dairy route – milky way
6. A theme - topic

CAR BOOT SALE

SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2012 1000
On the playing field Candown Road, Tilshead

SO BRING ALL YOUR UNWANTED
GOODS/PLANTS/BOOKS, TOOLS ETC
AND TURN THEM INTO CASH

CARS £4

Hot Dogs/Burgers

Tea, Coffee, Squash

Bits 'n' Pieces

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU

Did you know that the Woolstore in Codford has a film every month? The tickets are £5 and can be bought from the Post Office and are available a month in advance. There is a bar which serves drinks before the film & in the interval. The film starts at 7.30pm & the next one is **'The Woman in Black'** 12A, starring Daniel Radcliffe, on Wednesday 5th September. On 3rd October the film is **'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen'** 12A & on 7th November it is **'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'** 12A.

FREE FILING CABINET

Free to anyone who would like it: a four-drawer grey metal cabinet with hanging files. Ring Dave on 850370 or e-mail dave@straightlines.co.uk

Red Hot Pokers

If you would like to have some Red Hot Poker plants when we split ours in September, please ring us on 850433.

Jeanne & George Unsworth White

The Dressing Room Clothes Agency



This is being run by an ex-Chitternite, Torli Downes.

The OakRidge Herd Rare Breed Pigs Smallholders Produce Market

Chitterne Village Hall
Saturday 15th September, 12pm to 4pm

You are invited to come & taste our locally farmed traditional pork. Mouth-watering Pork, Bacon, Sausages & Gammons.

Anne & Mike Roberts from Copley Wood Farm located on the edge of the New Forest will be selling their Dorset & Suffolk lamb as well as their excellent Boer Goat. A wide range of cuts will be available as well as their delicious & popular goat burgers.

Other guest producers invited include Barry Ricketts Smoked Trout.

HIGH SUMMER NEWSLETTER FROM CODFORD SURGERY

There is great excitement at the surgery as we are having electric doors installed. It will take probably a couple of months for all the niceties such as re-siting the letter box, painting the lobby etc, to take place. This has been funded to a degree by donations which have been given to the Surgery over a period of many years. Thank you very much to everybody that has contributed.

MMR Vaccination

Some parents and young people will have received a letter with regard to MMR vaccination. This is a Government initiative triggered by the fact that there have been a number of Measles outbreaks in the country. This is particularly pertinent for us as there has been an outbreak in the Shepton Mallet area. If you have received one of the letters encouraging vaccination please do act on this.

Mobile Phone Numbers

We anticipate using mobile phone numbers increasingly in the future especially for texting results. If you would like to receive test results in this way please speak to Reception giving your mobile number and also give your permission for us to contact you in this way. (*I don't think this will apply to us but I have put it in anyway.*) Editor

Can you smell the bacon frying?
Can you hear the kettle boiling?
What better way to start the day than with a cup of tea & a bacon buttie!! At the Breakfast Club on Saturday 1st Sept., donations will go towards the fete. See you on Saturday!

Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the October issue by Friday 21st Oct., 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.

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place	Contact
1st Sept	Saturday	Breakfast club - bacon butties!	9.30 - 11.30am	Village Hall	
2nd Sept	Sunday	Chitterne v President's XI	2.00pm	Sports field	Anthony Knyvett 851108
5th Sept	Wednesday	The Woman in Black	7.30pm	Woolstore, Codford	
6th Sept	Thursday	Sticky Fingers - baby & toddler group (every Thurs.)	10.00 - 11.30am	Village Hall	Joe Booth 851232 Zoe Fisher 851194
7th Sept	Friday	Kneeler group Mobile library van	10.30 - 3.30pm 11.40am	Village hall Outside village hall	Ann Moody 851103
8th Sept	Saturday	Village Fete & Dog Show	2.00 - 4.00pm	Sports field	
9th Sept	Sunday	Pub Quiz	8.00pm	Kings Head	
10th Sept	Monday	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm	Village Hall	Virginia Neal 851133
16th Sept	Sunday	Treasure Hunt	11.00	Outside Kings Head	Mike Lucas 850058
21st Sept	Friday	Kneeler group Mobile library van	10.30 - 3.30pm 11.40am	Village hall Outside village hall	
23rd Sept	Sunday	Pub Quiz	8.00pm	Kings Head	

Regular events: 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