



Chit Chat



Parish Newsletter for the residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire
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PUDDING CLUB

"Thanks to everyone involved with the Pudding Club lunch; we had a great time. There were two delicious soups and loads of equally scrumptious puddings. It was also great fun and there was a good cross section of ages." V & J Reid



Imogen & Isla made delicious brownies



Jeremy made a very calorific squidgy chocolate log



Erika made a scrummy peach & apricot cobbler



Soo, the People's Choice winner made a luscious lemon flan

THE WINNERS

Toby enjoyed himself as much as everyone else!



Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event. I know Paul, Murray & Jackie had a very difficult time choosing the winners but they really enjoyed tasting and retasting everything! I think quite a few people went home feeling very full and satisfied! If you weren't able to come this year, perhaps you will think about it next year.

CHURCH SERVICES in APRIL

Sunday 2 nd Lent 5	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead 5pm Bible Study & Prayers Chitterne	Gillian Nolan (no flowers)
Sunday 9 th Palm Sunday	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton 1030 HC (CW) Chitterne 6pm Evensong (BCP) Tilshead	
Sunday 16 th Easter	9.30 Easter Service Orcheston 9.30 Easter Service Chitterne 11.00 Easter Service Tilshead 11.00 Easter Service Shrewton	
Sunday 23 rd Easter 2	9am HC (BCP) Chitterne 1030 HC (CW) Orcheston 4pm Family Service Shrewton	Sally Oliver & Kato
Sunday 30 th Easter 3	1030 Benefice Service Orcheston	Sally Oliver & Kato

Should anyone wish to contact the Rector, The Rev Eleanor Rance, please phone 01980 620580

ARMY ACTIVITIES

TRAINING

After a busy March, activity on the Plain will be significantly reduced in April. During the first week the Royal School of Artillery, with both live and dry artillery training, will be based on the Larkhill Ranges and the East. Also during the first two weeks of April you will see the deployment onto the Plain of 1 MERCIAN company with Warrior and the Royal Tank Regiment with a Challenger 2 squadron moving across SPTA from West to East. EX WESSEX STORM starts on 21 April, with a light Battlegroup positioned mainly in the West and around Copehill Down village.

SAFETY NOTICE – HORSE RIDERS

Individual horse riders are NOT permitted to ride freely anywhere on Salisbury Plain and must stay on Bridle Paths, Byways and Byways Open to All Traffic (BOAT), unless they are part of an MOD licensed event. As part of an effort to mitigate the problems caused when horses react to aircraft, the Joint Helicopter Command in conjunction with the BHS, has created a safety leaflet for horse-riders which will be disseminated around the local area. The key message is as follows:

MOD flight trials have shown that high-visibility clothing significantly increases the range at which riders can be seen in open countryside. Whilst wearing high-visibility clothing may not prevent an over-flight, it does enhance rider safety.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REDUCE CRIME ON SALISBURY PLAIN?

If any crime is taking place call 999, (or 101) and do not under any circumstances challenge the offenders.

Report suspicious activity to PLAINWATCH (01980 674700) or PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk. The more information received the better, e.g. time, place, vehicle registration, description of individuals and vehicles.

IMBER EASTER OPENING TIMES

1800hrs Thurs 13 April - 0800hrs Tues 18 April



News from the King's Head

I am still here! I am still waiting for the final paperwork to be completed and ownership is handed over. As soon as that date is known I will post it in the pub window and ask Pete to send an email out.

Until then, Darts Nights and Quiz Nights will continue as usual. Rolls will still be available at lunchtimes during the weekend and of course the bar is stocked waiting for your visit.

Hope to see you soon.

Kenton

You are invited to
'AN EVENING WITH THE GARDENERS'

Thursday 18th May
7pm

Wine & nibbles

Opportunity to ask questions but if you would like to submit one in advance, please email it to Pam -

pamelakent49@gmail.com

PLANT SALE

The annual Plant Sale will be held at Pitts House on Saturday 20th May from 1030 - 1200.

After 3 years of supporting the same charity we have decided to have a change this year. We are very pleased to be helping Cornerstone in Warminster.

Cornerstone is a local charity based on Christian values set up to help relieve poverty and distress from people in the local community. It is run entirely by volunteers (total 28) who receive no remuneration or expenses. The charity achieves much for people in the Warminster Area who have fallen on hard times, from finding accommodation for a lady who had been sleeping rough, to helping fill in forms demanded by social services. Clients can use the lap tops and telephones free of charge in a non-judgemental atmosphere. Cornerstone offers a listening ear for any problem at all and has had over one thousand visits from the general public who are seeking help.

They have very good links with social and medical services and other charities working in this field including SSAFA. Their latest initiative is "Mobile Cornerstone" providing clinics in Warminster Hospital, Heytesbury and Codford.

We are really happy to be supporting Cornerstone and as usual the money raised at the Plant Sale will be divided equally between them and All Saints & St Mary's Church. We hope that we can raise lots of money once again this year.

Now that we have officially entered Spring and the clocks have gone forward, I hope that some of you might help to grow plants and vegetables for us to sell. We will also have our usual raffle and fantastic cake stall!

Once again thanks so much for all your help and support.

Emma Walters 850416



WELCOME

Quite a few new people have moved into the village recently, so may I extend a huge welcome on behalf of us all. We have an excellent email system which keeps us up to date with day to day life in the village. If you wish to be included in this, please contact Pete (aka Hawthorn Pete) at jp_monte@btinternet.com

ANZAC SERVICE

The Codford and District Branch of The Royal British Legion ANZAC Service is to be held on Tuesday 25 April at Codford St Mary cemetery at 6.30 am. A Gunfire Breakfast will be held in Codford Village Hall at 7.30 am. Breakfast tickets costing £6, may be purchased from Budgens Store Post Office counter.

Anyone who would like to see a copy of the Order of Service and the names and details of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers being commemorated, should contact Douglas Stobie on 01985 851048 or by Email dmms@btinternet.com

TALK BY KATE ADIE

Wednesday 17th May

Starts 7.30pm (doors open 6.30pm)

St John's School Theatre on the Hill Marlborough SN8 4AX

Tickets £15, available from Sarah Gooch 850893

Kate Adie, highly respected for her many years as BBC Chief News Correspondent, will be speaking about her experiences and memorable reports from conflict zones around the world.

All proceeds to the Friends of Erlestoke Prison charity to support rehabilitation projects for HMP Erlestoke offenders and their families. For more information please visit: www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com

Farming News by Murray Kent

**You may have thought that last month was a load of old boluses!
It is going to get better this month.**

When I left agriculture the worming bolus was at the forefront of parasite control in cattle and sheep and I found it difficult to imagine further progress. How wrong was I. Along came the introduction of specific mineral and trace element boluses. Take selenium for instance. The lack of this trace element will cause problems in new born calves right through to adult cattle. So a cow who has suffered selenium deficiency will more often than not produce a very weak calf that will not survive. In adult cattle infertility is a common symptom. The selenium is supplied in the forage fed to the cows, whether it is the grass in the field or the hay and silage produced from that grass for winter feed. The situation is easily monitored with the detailed analysis of the fodder that will indicate what deficiencies are present. In the case of selenium, a mineral supplement could be added to the feed but this can be rather hit and miss, so now a selenium bolus is available that gives a slow release of the correct dose to the cow direct into her gut. These deficiency problems include copper, cobalt, iodine, iron, manganese, molybdenum, zinc and vitamins A and E. Most of these can now be administered with a slow release bolus. This is a huge step forward in the management of the dietary and welfare considerations for cattle, whether dairy or beef.

There is now a bolus on the market that acts as a well-being monitor for the animal concerned. It basically monitors body temperature. A change in body temperature can signal an impending illness, the onset of the heat cycle or the onset of calving. Take the onset of the heat cycle. A cow won't tell you when she is in oestrus and ready for the bull or AI man. Normally her fellow cows will ride her, simulating mating, and this is the sure sign that she is ready to conceive. Sometimes she may have a quiet heat and not show the physical symptoms and mating will be missed by the AI man at least and not many dairy herds run a bull with the cows these days. The herdsman will have a good idea of when oestrus is about to occur from his breeding calendar but he needs to be accurate. This new bolus will relay to an app on his phone the data required so he can then be more vigilant in observing a particular cow whose temperature rise would alert him to impending oestrus. Likewise early diagnosis of disease can be indicated through a rise in the animal's temperature so again the herdsman would be aware that the cow is developing mastitis, for instance, before it physically manifests itself and treat it appropriately.

It does not end there. Coming to the market is the "super bolus". This is a multifaceted bolus. For instance, if the herdsman has overslept, the bolus will recognise that the cow is not being milked and will alarm him via the app. Also, if the cows stray beyond a set geographical area, the app will alert him to the fact that the cows are out. Best of all, the bolus will vibrate when it is milking time, this sets off a stimulus in the cows that actually makes them walk to the milking parlour without the need for a human having to go and fetch them in. They will be milking themselves soon!!



News from the surgery

Telephone Calls

If you have requested a telephone call from a Clinician, please be aware that the incoming call number will show up as 'Withheld' or 'Unknown' number. Unfortunately, due to confidentiality laws we are unable to release the number.

We understand that this is frustrating but equally by providing a telephone consultation service, we are enabling patients to have clinical consultations over the phone, rather than having to come into the surgery for a face-to-face appointment.

Dispensing News

May we remind you that our dispensary is very busy and to please allow a clear 48 working hours before picking up your repeat prescription.

Attendance – Did Not Attend

In 2016, 1,983 appointments across The Orchard Partnership were booked and not attended. To put this in perspective, this is approximately 491 hours' worth of appointments that were booked and not cancelled or rearranged. We are working on sending out appointment text reminders. Please can we remind you that if you cannot make your appointment, we understand, but please call reception to rearrange so that we can offer your appointment to someone else.

From Dr Fiona Dawe

I am sorry to announce that I will be leaving the Partnership in June of this year. My family and I have decided to seize an irresistible opportunity to practice medicine in New Zealand whilst improving our surfing skills!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my seven years and will miss all of my lovely patients and colleagues. It has been an honour to work in the local community and I could not have found a nicer 'patch' anywhere.

Never fear, the lovely Dr Sarah Butcher with whom you all know very well, will be taking my place and we are looking for a salaried GP to replace her.

I would like to wish every one of you all the best for your future health and happiness.



SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Annual Meeting of Parishioners of the Salisbury Plain Benefice will be taking place this year in Orcheston Village Hall on 26th April, 6.30 for 7pm. This is your opportunity to hear what is going on and to bring any matters you may wish to discuss to the attention of the Parochial Church Council.

Come to Village Breakfast on **April 1st** where you can train to use the new **DEFIBRILLATOR**



10 trainees can be accommodated in each session

We aim to run 2 or 3 sessions that morning

You can sign up when you arrive

A second session is to be run on **Thursday, 6th April** at 7pm

Wine and nibbles will be served

Please email murrayandpam@tiscali.co.uk if you wish to come to the second session but won't be at the breakfast to register interest.

On both days as well as the training, provided by our very competent nurse residents, there will be shown a 20 minute DVD showing all aspects of CPR and defibrillator usage.

**PLEASE TRY TO COME,
YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE ONE DAY.**



VILLAGE CLEAN UP

The annual village clean-up is on **Saturday 13th May**, after Breakfast Club. More details next month.



HEYTESBURY DUCK RACE

**Saturday 15th April
12 noon start**

APRIL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



QUIZ NIGHTS

King's Head Pub

31st March

8pm for 8.30pm start

For any future dates, check in pub or an email will be sent round.



GREEN BIN DATES

Monday 3rd & 17th



DARTS

King's Head

Tuesday evenings

8pm for 8.30pm start



LIBRARY VAN

The next date is Friday

31st March & then 28th

April. The van parks outside the Village Hall from 1140 - 1200.

For those of you who are new to the village, this is a great facility. There are books for everyone, including children.

There is a lift for those of us who may find stairs a bit of a problem and a hearing loop.

You can easily join. Just bring along one form of ID with your name and current address, and it's FREE!



WOOLSTORE

CODFORD

Wednesday 5th April



A UNITED KINGDOM (12A)

Doors open 7pm with film commencing at 7.30pm

Tickets £6 from Budgens

BLACK BOX & BLUE BIN DATES

Thursday 6th & 20th April

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING FILM



Thursday 6th April at 7pm

Village Hall

Wine & nibbles

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN



Saturday 8th April
1000

Retrieve the rubber gloves; dig out the duster; pick up the Pledge & help give the Church a good spring clean.

Remember - many hands make light work!

HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

Thursday 13th & 27th



STITCHING GROUP

For April we will meet in the Village Hall on Friday 14th & 28th at 1030. We are a friendly bunch of ladies who have a common love of stitching but we are equally happy to have a coffee and a chat.



EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Easter Monday 17th
1100 - 1200 in Village Hall

TEA PARTY



You are invited to a Tea Party in the Village Hall on Sunday 23rd April from 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

Home made sandwiches, scones, cakes & biscuits will all be available.

Tickets £7.50 (at the door) to include a pot of tea & a selection of goodies - extras can be bought
Raffle to help raise funds for tablecloths & teapots



AUCTION OF PROMISES

Saturday 29th April

Codford Village Hall

7.00 for 7.30pm

Tickets £35

Includes

3 course dinner with welcome drink, wine & music

In aid of Wylve Valley Disabled Children's Charity

Tickets available from:

Greg & Carola Puddy 850308



Breakfast Club

Saturday 1st

0930 - 1130

Village Hall

Come along for a bacon butty, toast, an egg butty, or even an egg & bacon butty, and a mug of tea or coffee. Other goodies may be on offer if the village 'Mary Berry' has had time!

If you are new to the village, this is a great place to meet your neighbours and catch up with what is happening.

Training to use the new defibrillator will run during Breakfast Club. For further details see separate notice.

** May's BC is on the 13th **



CRICKET CLUB AGM

Saturday 1st April

1130

King's Head Pub



Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the May issue by Sunday 23rd April by hand or email to: chitchat.39@gmail.com
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.