



# Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire  
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Our resident historian, Sue Robinson, sent me this ages ago but there has never been space, until now. Part 2 next month.

## CHITTERNE PIG CLUB

In 1876, the first year recorded in the Pig Club ledger, the club had 66 members paying in 6d or 9d quarterly. The following year all members paid 9d and some 1s 6d. The payments appear to be per pig, so 9d for one pig and 1s 6d for two pigs. There is nothing to explain the function of the club in either the ledger or the savings book, so what was it for?

It appears that the Pig Club was an insurance scheme, where each member of the club who owned a pig or two, paid in, to insure their pigs against sudden death or disease. At least this is what happened in other Wiltshire villages, such as Fovant, where the club was less secretive. Occasionally the Chitterne Pig Club hired the services of a butcher and paid him 1 shilling. In those days butchers could kill animals as well as cut them up.

The main event for the club was the annual Pig Club Supper, which took place in the function room at the King's Head Inn on New Year's Day. Several bills for this meal are attached on the relevant pages in the ledger under Expenditure. In January 1877 Mr Perrett of the King's Head charged £3.17s.7d all told for 61 lbs of beef, 3lbs cheese, 7 loaves, 6 gallons of ale and 61 pints of beer! There were 66 club members in January 1877, so if 61 members turned up for the supper, then that's one pound of beef for each person! Beer was 2½d per pint, ale 1 shilling a gallon, beef 10d a pound, cheese 8d a pound and loaves 7½d each!

*To be continued ....*

**Military themed**  
**★ BINGO ★ Night**  
7.30pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018  
Chitterne Village Hall

Raising funds for the Chitterne 100 Tree Appeal

Ticket Cost: TBC  
Includes Buffet Supper

EVERY ONE REMEMBERED

Chitterne 100

Tickets available from: TBC Raffle Draw

## CHURCH SERVICES in AUGUST

Sunday 5th Trinity 10	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead 5pm Bible Study & Prayers Chitterne	Jenny Brassey & Helen Carter
Sunday 12th Trinity 11	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton 1030 Family Communion Chitterne	Jenny Brassey & Helen Carter
Sunday 19th Trinity 12	6pm Evensong (BCP) Sung Tilshead 9am Morning Prayer Orcheston 1030 Holy Communion Shrewton	Jenny Brassey & Helen Carter
Sunday 26th Trinity 13	6pm HC (BCP) Tilshead 9am HC (BCP) Chitterne 1030 Family Communion Orcheston 4pm Family Service Shrewton	Jenny Brassey & Helen Carter

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

## ARMY ACTIVITIES

### TRAINING

The first week of August sees the end of EX LIONS STRIKE in the light role and the HCR squadron training. The middle two weeks of the month will consist mainly of Army Cadet Force (ACF) training. Cadets from the Volunteer ACF and the Sea Cadets HQ, will be conducting their annual camps on the Plain over this period. The last week in August is particular quiet with only 3rd Battalion Royal Welsh on the Plain.

The roads into Imber village will be open from Saturday 18 August until 0800 hours on Tuesday 28 August. The public are reminded that access is restricted to the carriageways only, with the exception of St Giles Church. It is the responsibility of the public to ensure that their vehicles (including cycles) are properly lit at night and in poor visibility, when using the Imber roads, and that the 30 mph speed limit is strictly adhered to.

Please report all concerns to the Complaints Help Desk on 01980 620819 in the first instance.

### RANGE FIRES

**Range Fires become a problem in dry weather and may endanger plantations, buildings and standing crops if there are strong winds, and can cause excessive smoke.** On Salisbury Plain the MoD put in a vast amount of fail safes to ensure surrounding communities are safe and do not endure too much nuisance as a result of the military training that is conducted throughout the year. In order to prevent and control range fires occurring the following measures are in force:

- 5 day weather forecast in order to mitigate the future effects of the prevailing weather.
- A grazing programme agreed with local farmers in order to keep the grass short during the summer months.
- Control of firing incendiary ammunitions during extreme dry conditions.
- A fire watch scheme in order to ensure fires are constantly monitored.

### IMBER RANGES

The public are excluded at all times, except when the roads are specifically opened. Planned opening dates for 2018 are as follows:

**1800hrs Fri 17 August - 0800hrs Tues 28 August**



## PUB NEWS

Going, going .... not gone!

I'm afraid you are stuck with us for a bit longer, as

**unfortunately our buyers pulled out at the very last minute.**

However, we are still open for business and have got Darts Nights up and running again and plan to start the Quiz Nights in September, so watch this space.

Just to remind you that the pub will be open at lunch time on Bank Holiday Monday 27th, so go along to the Car Boot Sale and then pop in here for a nice refreshing drink; with any luck you might even be able to sit out in the garden!

Hope to see you soon

*Kenton*



## WELCOME

*To anyone who has recently moved into the village, may I extend a huge welcome on behalf of all villagers. One of the best pieces of advice we were given when we moved here was, for the first year, to go to everything and then decide what we enjoyed, rather than take the advice of others.*

*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](mailto:jp_monte@btinternet.com)*

## DON'T FORGET - RECYCLING CHANGES



From 30 July you are able to recycle in your **BLUE-LIDDED BIN**

- Plastic pots, tubs & trays
- Drink & food cartons

In addition to the usual plastic bottles and cardboard, you can include yoghurt pots, plastic trays, margarine/butter tubs, ice cream tubs and juice, milk & soup cartons, shredded paper.

**Please rinse & squash your recycling where possible.**

**BLACK PLASTIC AND PLASTIC FILMS CANNOT BE RECYCLED**

**Take your plastic plant pots to the tip**

### BLACK BOX

You can continue to recycle the following items in your black box: paper; glass bottles & jars; tins & cans; clean foils; empty aerosols; bagged textiles & clothes.

Quizzes return to King's Head - yeah!



Yes, it was fun having the Quiz Nights at the Village Hall but it did take quite a bit of organising - thank you to everyone who played their part, including those who came to test their wits against everyone. From September, Quiz Nights return to their proper place - The King's Head. Dates to follow.

## IT IS WITH REGRET

Those of you who remember Peter and Norma Goodright, who took a very active part in our lives and who entertained us royally while they lived here, will be very sad to hear that Norma passed away last month. Her funeral was in Wells Cathedral. From the Erstwhile Chitternites grapevine.

George

## VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD

Wall adjacent to MOD land



The photograph above is of what remains of a section of the brick wall on the playing field. It is unsightly and is not maintained because the Parish Council does not have the means to maintain it. If it is left in its current state the wall will continue to deteriorate. A survey carried out some time ago suggested that there could be up to 5,000 usable bricks along the stretch of wall. These bricks have a value and the funds generated from their sale could be made available to the Parish Council for projects that could benefit the village.

There is a suggestion that the bricks could be made available to the village on the following basis:

- Available only to residents of the village
- Not for re-sale
- Buyers collect from site and make good
- Cost to be worked out but will be reasonably priced at say:
  - £0:60/ complete brick
  - £0:50 / slightly damaged complete brick
  - free / broken or 1/2 brick

Hopefully within a period of time all the bricks will be cleared allowing a more sightly boundary fence and gate to be installed between the playing field and the MOD land.

Interest in purchasing the bricks or any comments can be raised at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 10th September.

## HARVEST LUNCH

Village Hall

Sunday 9th September



Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier

**£7.50 for adults, children 10 years and under, free**

**Tickets can be purchased from:**

Sarah Gooch 850893

Virginia Pryor 850255



Above are a couple of photos from our resident David Bailey aka Barry, taken on the night the Morris Dancers came to the pub. Can you spot Lorna? It took me some time! Also 'featuring' Pam, Rachel & Aileen.

Fancy something  
fun & fruity?



PIMM'S No. 1,  
Strawberries &  
Cream, Tea &  
Scones, Nibbles  
Soft Drinks



Question 1:

**What is fruity, full of  
fizz and a very  
British tradition?**

Answer:

**Across the Plain WII**

Come and join us to celebrate the  
British summer with an evening of fun  
and lively entertainment

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

7.30pm

Chitterne Village Hall

Summer Quiz, Raffle, Refreshments

Non-Members Welcome (1<sup>st</sup> visit FREE, £4 Guest fee thereafter)

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN  
Supporting villages from across the south of Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire  
email: acrossthepainwii@gmail.com



... Across the Plain WI ...

★ Live a little ★ Laugh a lot ★ Do some good ★

## GET WELL SOON

Over the last month there have been some villagers who have had to have a spell in hospital and are now home again.



We wish you a speedy recovery and that you will very soon be up and about and getting back to what you enjoy doing.

To anyone who is just feeling a little bit 'out of sorts' or finding life hard in the heat, let's hope you too will soon be feeling a bit more like your normal self. Remember that there is always someone who can help, so just shout.

# AUGUST DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

Thursday 2nd, 16th & 30th



## Breakfast Club

Saturday 4th  
0930 - 1130  
Village Hall

Come along for a bacon butty, toast, or an egg butty and a mug of tea or coffee. Our very own Mary Berry may have made some delicious cakes, if you don't fancy breakfast! If you are new to the village, this is a great place to meet your fellow villagers.

**\*\*Please note that September's Breakfast Club date is Saturday 8th NOT 1st**

## CHITTERNE CRICKET CLUB



Sunday 5th  
Carpe Vinum XI  
2pm start

## GREEN BIN

Monday 6th & 20th



## ACROSS THE PLAIN WI

Village Hall

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> (see inside)  
7.30pm



## DARTS

King's Head  
Tuesday 7th, 14th,  
21st & 28th

8pm for 8.30pm start

## BLACK BOX & BLUE BIN DATES

Thursday 9th & 23rd



## STITCHING GROUP

Friday 3rd, 17th & 31st  
1030 in Village Hall

## LIBRARY VAN

Friday 17th

Outside the Village Hall  
from 1120 - 1140.

This is a great asset for our village and is well worth a visit. You can easily join or if you have already joined the Warminster Library, you can use your tickets here.



## IMBER BUS DAY

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August

Sandwiches, cakes, teas & coffees  
on sale in the Village Hall from  
1000am onwards

## CHITTERNE CRICKET CLUB



Sunday 26th  
Michael Horsfall XI  
2pm start

## CAR BOOT AND TABLE TOP SALE



on the  
VILLAGE SPORTS  
FIELD  
MONDAY 27th  
AUGUST

Set up from 10am

£10 per car, £5 per table top

Refreshments available

In aid of the Church Fabric Fund

For further details contact Elizabeth  
850039 or Marcelle 851048

## BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

27th August

King's Head open at lunch time

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

1. Small (5 cu ft) chest freezer. Works well but now surplus to our requirements.

2. Jerker child's work desk. Two tier large work surface with additional platforms for speakers etc. See Ikea website for pictures and description. Desk is now disassembled but we have assembly instructions.

Contact Anthony or Tana (851108) for viewing!



I have a **cat litter box with door** no longer required. A small donation to Labrador Rescue Trust will secure.

Lilian 850050

## COMING SOON ....

- Bingo Night - September
- Talk by Nick Parker - October
- Bonfire night - November
- Planting of tree & village lunch - November
- Christmas Party - December

Further details of the above will be in future Chit Chats so keep your eyes open and why not come along to some of them - you might even enjoy yourself!!

## Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the September issue by **Saturday 25th August** by hand or email to:

chitchat.39@gmail.com

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