

Chit Chat

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

Spring must be around the corner as the Cricket Club have got their AGM advertised, Emma is asking us all to start planting things for the Plant Sale, Easter gets a mention and there is a date for the Village Clean Up. There is a definite feeling of things beginning to happen. It is time to start thinking about the garden again, although I know for some of you, you never stop thinking about it and pottering - I'm a definite warm weather gardener, so none of that sentence applies to me!

Hopefully, for Kenton's sake, by the time April's Chit Chat arrives on your doorstep, the pub will have new owners and we will all be a little bit clearer as to what can and cannot continue to happen in it. To keep up to date with what is happening, keep checking the pub windows and of course 'Pete net' will keep you informed. I am very pleased to say that both Pete and Jan return from their hols at the end of March, so 'normal service' will be resumed. I have tried my best but sometimes you have to be proud enough to admit when something is just not your thing and I can wholeheartedly say, that sending the village emails out, is not my thing, especially when BT does not allow me to send it all out at one go!! There, I have admitted my failure, or one of them at least!

IT HAPPENED IN MARCH

1883

The severe weather has made flowers so scarce, that it was impossible to decorate the church as usual on Easter Sunday. The Easter offertory was for the Diocesan Church Building Society and the Diocesan Board of Education.

1910

A meeting for the election of the Parish Council was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening. There appears to be very little interest taken at Chitterne in the election of Parish Councillors, and there was a very small attendance. The only change in the Council is that Mr W Bartlett takes the place of Mr C H Stacey.

(Let's hope this is not the case in 2017 - further details on page 3.)

1932

Members of the 'Sparks' Concert Party are to be congratulated upon the excellent entertainment they gave in the Village Hut on Friday evening last. This party is composed of members of Chitterne's Men's Club, in aid of which the effort was arranged. There was a crowded attendance, and the programme included concert items, songs, recitations, sketches, etc. Those taking part were Messrs J Beaumont, E Polden, R Poolman, L Knight, E Feltham, L Jay, W Furnell, M Burt, E George, J Sharples, R Parrott and F Light. Misses E and N Feltham and Miss Burt were responsible for the arrangements, Miss Burt being the capable accompanist.

(For those of you who have lived in the village for a while, lots of recognisable surnames and perhaps even relatives.)

1962

There is to be a new name for the Council Houses at Chitterne. Mr W L B Wallis said Chitterne Parish Council's suggested name for the new road was Abdon Close. The idea sprang from research into an old map, produced at a parish meeting, which gave the name of Abdon for the original field, part of which was now occupied by the council houses. It was a simple name to remember he felt. The Council agreed to this name, if the expected letter is received from Chitterne PC confirming it.

(As a very learned member of the village says frequently at Quiz Nights, 'Every day's a school day!')

The above was compiled by Sue Robinson, with comments by the Editor.

CHURCH SERVICES in MARCH

Sunday 5 th Lent 1	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead 5pm Bible Study & Prayers Chitterne	Nicola Horsfall
Sunday 12 th Lent 2	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton 1030 HC (CW) Chitterne 6pm Evening Prayer (BCP) Tilshead	Christine Pearson & Lilian Hopton
Sunday 19 th Lent 3	9am Morning Prayer Orcheston 1030 HC (CW) Shrewton 6pm HC (BCP) Tilshead	Christine Pearson & Lilian Hopton
Sunday 26 th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	9am HC (BCP) Chitterne 1030HC (CW) Orcheston 4pm Family Service Shrewton	Gillian Nolan

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

ARMY ACTIVITIES

TRAINING

March continues on from a very busy February. The Plain has heavy Engineer and REME units traversing from East to West. Convoys will be dispatched at regular intervals and disruption to civilian traffic at tank crossings is likely throughout both days and the nights. Drivers are advised to exercise extra caution when approaching tank crossings in the area where mud clearance parties will be working. Throughout the month there will be heavy use of all parts of the Plain as armoured, armoured reconnaissance and armoured infantry sub-units train ready for deployment for training in Canada later in the year. The Land Warfare School major armoured exercises COMBAT TEAM and TEAM SPIRIT will take place 13-17 March and 23 -26 March respectively. The gap between these exercises is being utilised by a major logistics exercise TIMBER TRUSS run by the Defence Logistics School involving large convoys of heavy trucks which will be using all training area transit routes and tank crossings. The public are advised to take extra precautions when using the byways and recreational access areas particularly during the peak periods of 13-17 March and 20-24 March.

NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The legal impulse noise level is 140dB, but MoD self-impose a 130dB limit. All ranges have been directed to ensure that no impulse noise greater than 130dB is heard outside the range boundary in populated areas or on main routes. If there is an operational imperative, STSO HQ DIO SD Trg SP may authorise an increase to 137 dB.

Gunfire noise is predicted using the Gunfire Noise Analysis Tool (GNAT) and traces from the Met Office Noise Evaluation Tool (MONET) at Larkhill Met Office. Range Operations monitors noise from both the guns and the impact area using fixed microphones linked to the Gunfire Noise Assessment Tool (GNAT) computer in Westdown Camp and staff may deploy with hand-held noise monitors.

SAFETY NOTICE – HORSE RIDERS

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

As of going to print, I am still the landlord and awaiting a date when the final paperwork can be completed and ownership is handed over. As soon as that date is known I will let the village know through the usual channels.

Until then, Darts Nights and Quiz Nights will continue as usual - see back page for further details. 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



ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN

EASTER EGGS-TRAVAGANZA

Easter Monday 17th April

1100 - 1200 in Village Hall



Scavenger Hunt & Easter Themed Hat Competition



Prizes to be won

Refreshments available for children & adults

RHS FLOWER SHOW CARDIFF

Saturday 8th April 2017



Codford Gardening Club are organising a coach to take them to visit the above Flower Show and wondered if anybody else was interested. The coach will leave Codford Village Hall at 8.45am, go straight to Cardiff and leave at 3.30pm. If you are interested or want further details, please contact Karen Johnstone - karen@thewoolstore.co.uk

HEYTESBURY

DUCK RACE 2017

EASTER SATURDAY

15th April
12 noon start

Start: Tytherington Road
Bridge – Finish: Heytesbury Mill

Yellow Ducks £1.00 each

Prizes for 1st 2nd 3rd & booby prize
Proceeds to Heytesbury Church

Buy ducks in advance or on the day from

Sarah Buttenshaw 01985 840501
or
Heytesbury Post Office



EMMA COLE



ACUPUNCTURE & other Chinese therapies

01985 850928



IAN CUTLER

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01985 850408

07753466869

6 Abdon Close

BRIAN LEE

HANDYMAN

01985 850671

07901550279

DIGGER WORK UNDERTAKEN



Farming News by Murray Kent

Worms in pasture can be troublesome. I am not referring to those long slinky ones that your friendly Robin waits for you to turn over when digging the garden, we are talking PGE here! Parasitic gastroenteritis to be precise. Worm burdens, of varying degrees, affect all livestock and the problem has increased over the years with much higher stocking densities (the number of cattle per acre) coming with the advent of improved grass varieties and artificial fertilisers. Adult cattle will build up immunity so it is the young stock that are most at risk. Put simply the cattle will eat worm larvae that are on the grass, these are then in the gut and after a while will lay eggs that the cattle then return to the pasture. Sitting in a nice warm cow pat the eggs will then develop into the next generation of larvae and so the cycle repeats itself. So what is the big deal for a few worms? Well they have a most debilitating effect on the animal which manifests itself with bad diarrhoea with the subsequent loss of weight and condition. Other types of worm can be much more serious affecting the lungs and kidneys.

So how is this problem dealt with? Before the advent of medicines the best form of control was with pasture management with the resting of pasture, rotational grazing or following cattle with sheep. In the USA there is a farmer who follows his cattle with free range chickens who take great delight in supplementing their diet with the larvae in the cow pats. You may have seen crows and rooks doing exactly the same thing here in Chitterne. As the problem increased with more intensive farming methods, a range of medicines were developed. Let's just call them drenches. These drenches had to be literally pored down the animal's throat. A time consuming, (the stock had to be gathered in), and messy business, especially when said animal coughed half way through the process! This saw the development of the drenching gun that you could hook into the animal's mouth, squeeze the trigger and send the required amount of drench straight down the animal throat. Also developed were injectible and pour on wormers. These still all required the gathering of the stock at least 2 or 3 times each season. The advent of the "cattle bolus" saw the end of this problem. Just once a year a bolus containing a suitable medication for whatever worm problem can be released from a cattle bolus "gun" directly into the cattle's reticulum rumen (one of the 4 stomach's in ruminant animals). This bolus then slowly releases the worming medicine throughout the risk period and the cattle are disturbed but once.

The link below is excellent and gives a lot more detail in layman's terms to those readers who feel the need to explore this subject further!

Next month: more on boluses.

<http://beefandlamb.ahdb.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/BRP-Controlling-worms-and-liver-fluke-in-cattle-180116.pdf>



Defibrillator update

Our village Defibrillator has just been delivered. When it has been installed and all the multitude of instructions digested and understood, the training courses will commence. So watch this space.



News from Your Village Hall

On Saturday, 18th Feb. you may have noticed that the Village Hall was a hive of activity.

The committee and some very dedicated villagers were there continuing the upgrade. The inside of the Ladies, Gents, catering cupboards and other cupboards were painted or begun!

Shelving was added in cupboards and the cooker was given a spring clean. Our upgrade will necessitate the Village Hall being out of use on 27/28 March when the floor will be sanded and re-coated.

Hopefully, the kitchen will be next for a fresh coat of paint, the back terrace and fence require attention and the lights. We ARE still working on the sewage plant upgrade but planning problems plague us. All of these jobs are dependent on our funds, so keep coming to our events, breakfasts (usually first Saturday of the month) etc. to help us to advance quickly.



PLANT SALE

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

Once again it will be in aid of the village Church and a charity (more details next month). Your help is always appreciated, so please, anyone with green fingers help grow some lovely plants for us to sell. Anything goes, so feel free to experiment with something new this year!

Many thanks in advance for all your help.

Emma Walters 850416



VILLAGE CLEAN UP



The annual village clean-up is planned to take place on **Saturday 13 May** and more details will be given nearer the date. This will also coincide with the Breakfast Club in the village hall. Please note for your diaries.

BELL RINGING - A

plea for more ringers. There are now only five of us, so we do badly need some more support.

It is not too difficult to learn & it really is most enjoyable. We practice on Monday evenings & ring for Services once a month & for Weddings & Funerals as required.

We would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to give it a try.

If interested contact Sally Oliver 851240



REMEMBER

'Pete net' is on holiday for a while so anything that needs to be emailed to the village, please send to chitterne.hall@btinternet.com

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Election of Parish Councillors for Chitterne will be taking place on

Thursday 2 May. If anyone wishes to put their name forward to become an elected councillor on the Parish Council, please speak to the Parish Clerk, Virginia Neal (851133), for details of how to apply and closing dates for applications.

If you like details as to the role of a Parish Councillor, please speak to the Chairman, Mike Lucas (850058).



MARCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



WOOLSTORE CODFORD

Wednesday 1st
March

**A STREET CAT
NAMED BOB (12A)**
Doors open 7pm with film
commencing at 7.30pm
Tickets £6 from Budgens



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. 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.

April's Breakfast Club is
Saturday 1st

EDINGTON ARTS

Edington Arts is launching its 2017 programme with their first concert by a string sextet, **The Chamber Players of St John, on Saturday March 25th at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church.**

Lovely, melodic chamber works by Richard Strauss, Borodin and Brahms will make for a really rewarding concert.

Tickets are £20/15/10 with a 10% discount for Edington Angels and 18 and under free, (add £2 on the door) by phone from Chrissy on 01380 831256 or by email from sue@edingtonarts.org.

LIBRARY VAN

The next date is **Friday 3rd March.** 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! You can use your tickets in any other Wiltshire library.



GREEN BIN DATES

Monday 6th & 20th



DARTS

King's Head

Tuesday 7th
8pm for 8.30pm start

Future dates will be posted in pub window and emailed to the village.



CRICKET CLUB AGM

Saturday 1st April
1130

King's Head Pub

(Should venue change an email will be sent out)

STITCHING GROUP



For March we will meet in the Village Hall on **Friday 3rd, 17th & 31st 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.

Parish Council Meeting

Monday 13th at 7pm

For agenda see
Village Hall notice board



Flower Festival Meeting

Calling everyone who would like to help with our Flower Festival (the more the merrier) to a meeting in the Church on **Saturday 18th March at 10.30.**



Hope you are able to make it, but if there are any problems, please phone Becca Parker on 850023 or Helen Carter on 850925.

The Flower Festival will be held on the 24/25th June.



WELCOME

To anyone who has recently moved into the village, and there have been quite a few, may I extend a huge welcome on behalf of all the villagers. One of the best bits of advice we were given was, for the first year, to go to everything and then decide what we really enjoyed and do it again the following year.

GET WELL SOON

To anyone who is feeling unwell or undergoing treatment, we hope you are soon up and about and enjoying life again.



QUIZ NIGHTS

King's Head Pub

Friday 3rd

8.00pm for 8.30pm
start

Winning team receives a £20
voucher to spend on drinks

For any future dates, either
check the pub's window or a village
email will be sent round.



Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the April issue by Sunday 26th March 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. You will need Adobe Reader.