

# Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the  
residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire  
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## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The winter months have been quite productive in Chitterne, with Parish Councillors quietly getting on with stuff to help improve all our lives. Back in January, the Cut clearance was very successful and aided by a number of villagers, we managed to clear the watercourse and dispose of the debris from the work done on the adjacent footpath in November. There was a spirit of fierce competition between those delegated to make bonfires to incinerate the branches and brush cut back to widen the footpath; fortunately, it was a Saturday and no washing was hanging out to dry! The Cut came up at the end of January, and encountered no obstructions to its flow. Indeed, Flood Warden Murray Kent would have preferred a stronger, larger volume of water to shift some of the accumulated silt that we have still been unable to persuade Wiltshire Council to remove.



Emma Webb has recommended purchase of a new see-saw for the play area, and has sourced material to deter pigeons from perching on the crossbar of the swings and fouling the seats. We hope to obtain match funding from the Area Board to help with the £3,000 plus purchase price of the new equipment and to have it installed before Spring is out. Also on the sports field, Charles Horsfall and a team of helpers have carried out some much needed tree maintenance and removal around the cricket shed, to open the area up more and allow the tractor to be kept adjacent to the shed, under an awning. More work is required to trees around the perimeter of the field, so Charles will be seeking volunteers for a couple of two hour sessions on Saturdays towards the end of March and beginning of April.

Soon, it will be time for the 'Chitterne Guerilla Mowers' to start mowing the verge alongside the Cut again. Unfortunately, it has suffered serious damage during the winter months, with vehicles chopping up the verge in a number of areas. While much of this damage is entirely accidental (if careless!) we do ask people to avoid damage to the verge, which is part of the flood defences of the village. Please would those of you who have to park there please bear this in mind and spare a thought for those who freely give their time to keep it looking neat and tidy.



Finally, consultations have now started on the planning for the works to the A303 with regard to Stonehenge traffic access. Chitterne is ably represented by Virginia Neal and Peter Emmerson and they will be seeking to discourage use of the B390 by even more large coaches through alternative routing in and out of the monument.

## CHURCH SERVICES in MARCH

Sunday 4th Lent 3	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead <b>5pm Bible Study &amp; Prayers Chitterne</b>	Nicola & Gillian - no flowers
Sunday 11th Mothering Sunday	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton <b>1030 Family Communion Chitterne</b> 6pm Evensong (BCP) Tilshead	Nicola & Gillian - no flowers
Sunday 18th Lent 5	9am Morning Prayer Orcheston 1030 Holy Communion Shrewton 6pm HC (BCP) Tilshead	Nicola & Gillian - no flowers
Sunday 25th Palm Sunday	<b>9am HC (BCP) Chitterne</b> 1030 Palm Sunday Orcheston 4pm Family Service Shrewton	Nicola & Gillian - no flowers
Sunday 1st April Easter Day	6am Dawn Service Orcheston 9.30am Easter Communion Shrewton 9.30am Easter Communion Tilshead <b>11am Easter Communion Chitterne</b> 11am Easter Communion Orcheston	Virginia P, Veronica & Carol

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. Exercise Wessex Storm continues until 9 March. 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 are on the plain but with a reduced number of vehicles. 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 Monday to Friday. Convoys will be dispatched at regular intervals and disruption to civilian traffic at A and C tank crossings on the A345, CC and DD tank crossings on the A338, GG tank crossing on the A3076, and BB and A2 tank crossings on the A342, 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.

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

## IMBER RANGES

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

	Open	Closed
EASTER	1800hrs Thur 29 Mar	0800hrs Tue 03 Apr

## BYELAW GOVERNANCE – Antisocial Behaviour

Parish members are encouraged to report all illegal activity on Salisbury Plain to the Wiltshire Police. If serious crime is experienced then 999 should be dialled, and for all other reports including: illegal off-roading, illegal motor biking, drone use, poaching, hare coursing, petty theft, camping on MoD land, kite flying please call 101 and list the call as 'antisocial behaviour' and a Byelaw violation. Once reported please inform Range control on the Plainwatch number: 01980 674700 or email PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk



## News from the King's Head

February seems to have come and gone very quickly and with some very chilly mornings and nights. People have still been braving the colder evenings to pop in for a drink and take part in the Quiz Nights and Darts Evenings.

Darts are still on a Tuesday evening. Anyone can play, so just pop in and join in. We start playing around 8.30 on a Tuesday.

The next Quiz is on the 2nd and after that it is the 16th & 30th (Good Friday).

Don't forget, we will be open Good Friday lunchtime, as well as Easter Monday lunchtime

Hope to see you soon.

*Kenton & Sue*



## A Very Short History of England's Cathedrals

Saturday 17 March  
6pm

Edington Priory Church

We are delighted that Nicholas Orme, Professor of History at Exeter University, will be coming to Edington Priory Church on Saturday 17 March to take us on a quick journey through time from very early on in the history of our great cathedrals to the present day, giving us insights into the building, art and history of these magnificent buildings.

There will be an opportunity to chat to Nicholas and buy his books after the talk.

Join us for what promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

**Tickets will cost £5**

**Apply to Susie Hancock**

[secretary@edingtonfriends.org.uk](mailto:secretary@edingtonfriends.org.uk)

01225 754626

## CHITTERNE CRICKET CLUB



Despite the continuing winter chill work has started to prepare the Chitterne wicket for the coming season. We play typical village cricket with people of all ages and a wide standard of ability, and provide the best cricket tea in the county. We are always looking for new members, young and old, to join us either regularly or on the occasional Sunday afternoon. Please come and play or support us and pass the word to anyone you know locally who would enjoy some cricket. Phone or email the Chairman, John Smedley (01985 850567; [xjbsmed@btinternet.com](mailto:xjbsmed@btinternet.com)) or the Captain, Charles Horsfall (01985 850990; [cdhorsfall817@btinternet.com](mailto:cdhorsfall817@btinternet.com)).

The fixture list so far for this year is:

Sunday 20 May	Avon Valley
Saturday 2 June	Bill Twiston-Davis's XI
Sunday 17 June	Erlestoke
Sunday 29 July	Oxymorons
Sunday 26 August	Michael Horsfall's XI
Sunday 9 September	President's Match

## JUST FOR FUN

My Northern Ireland friend Gerry says, what do you get if you cross the Atlantic with the Titanic?

Halfway!!!!

*Sorry, it made me laugh!*

## WARMINSTER MALTINGS part 3

(With thanks to Robin Appel and Chris Garratt at Warminster Maltings)

**In September last year the story of Warminster Maltings reached the post war period when the Maltings became a wholly owned subsidiary of Arthur Guinness and Co. Edwin Beavan's daughter, Miss Alice Beavan, was appointed as director of the new company.** Two further Maltings were added to the company's portfolio at Diss and Great Yarmouth in Norfolk. These additional Maltings were both administered from the East Street offices in Warminster. For the next fifty years Pound Street prospered with a well resourced and stable production thanks to the growing expansion worldwide of Guinness stout. In 1968 the Market Place Maltings closed when the operator retired. The building is still easily identifiable in Chinns Walk to this day. In 1970 Alice Beavan died and not long after the Montpelier Maltings closed being very run down and requiring a large investment to keep it running. This left Pound Street, the freehold of which had fortunately remained in the Beavan family, as the sole Malt production facility in Warminster. It appears that Guinness was not interested in the property as they had plans to build a modern Maltings just off the A 36 near Codford. The site was adjacent to their Barley Research Farm. In order to lock in to the planning permission that had been granted, a road access was built directly off the A36 which is still visible today. That is as far as that project progressed.

Move forward to the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1976 and the headline in the Warminster Journal read "Guinness pull the plug: Maltings to close". The inevitable had happened and the ten employees were to receive their redundancy notices. But one of those ten had different ideas. Chris Garratt had started his first employment at Pound Street in 1976, fell in love with the work and took the business on determined to keep it alive. Initially he managed to negotiate a supply contract with Guinness. This bought him time to represent the business to local brewers and wean him off the dependence of the Guinness contract. Unfortunately the private backing he had secured proved insufficient and he needed someone with commitment to support him and enable him to continue producing Malt.

So now we advance into the 21<sup>st</sup> century when Robin Appel, an established Barley and seed merchant in Hampshire, purchased the entire business "lock, stock and barrel" in 2001. He had identified a synergy between the Pound Street Maltings, Maris Otter malting barley (the King variety) and the advent of micro-breweries that were emerging everywhere. The size of the Maltings was well suited to supplying smaller parcels of Malt to these Micro-breweries and being one of only 6 floor Maltings left in the country proved to be a successful move for Robin Appel. Pound Street Maltings now thrives; it is listed grade two and is a wonderful working and profitable "museum" of pre industrial revolution process that has hardly changed. It still faces challenges and sends malt on a regular basis to Europe and as far afield as the USA. It has also managed to enter the Whisky industry, supplying Malt to Scottish distilleries. Warminster should be very proud of this gem.

*Murray Kent*

## REALITIES OF WAR - THE FALKLANDS

A talk given by Mark Aston

The Woolstore Theatre Codford

FRIDAY 23rd MARCH

In aid of The Soldiers Charity - The Army Benevolent Fund

Joined the Army as a Boy Soldier in 1964 serving in 1st Bn Glosters from 1966. Served 4 x 4-month roulement tours and a resident battalion tour in Derry and the Lower Falls in Belfast. Passed SAS Selection in 1978. Served further tours in Northern Ireland. Took part in Op Corporate (whole South Atlantic Operation) in 1982.

Chief Instructor at the International Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrol School and Infantry Recce Division at School of Infantry. Discharged in 2003. Civil Servant with Infantry Trials and Development Unit until 2013

**Tickets available from Codford P O 01985 850345 or Romy Wyeth 01985 850325**

Woolstore members pre-book from Karen Johnstone 01985 850258



## PLANT SALE

The annual Plant Sale will be held at Pitts House on Saturday 26th May from 10.30am to 12 noon.

This year the proceeds will be split between St Thomas a Becket School in Tilshead and the village church. More details to follow next month but I hope that anyone with green fingers will soon be thinking about getting into the garden (weather permitting) so please bear us in mind!

Many thanks  
Emma Walters  
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## PLOUGHMAN'S & PUD



**Saturday 28th April**

**1230**

**Village Hall**

**Tickets £7.50**

**Raffle (of course!)**

This year The Labrador Rescue Trust celebrates 30 years this year and to mark the occasion in our Labrador in Need Week at the end of April, the above is taking place.

*Lilian Hopton*



## 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 that was happening and then after that, decide what we really enjoyed and do it again the following year. If you just go on what someone recommends you may miss out on something that is fantastic.

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)

# MARCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

Thursday 1st, 15th & 29th

## GREEN BIN DATES

Monday 5th & 19th



## STITCHING GROUP



We meet in the Village Hall on **Friday 16th & 30th 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. This is another way of meeting other villagers.

## DARTS

King's Head

Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

8pm for 8.30pm start



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NOT TOO CHIC**

**GIVING FURNITURE A  
NEW LIFE**

**ON SALE AT THE KING'S  
HEAD**

Pop in during  
opening times for a  
look



## IAN CUTLER



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SEASONED  
HARD WOOD LOGS FOR  
SALE**

**01985 850408  
07753466869  
6 Abdon Close**

## LIBRARY VAN

The next date is **Friday 2nd**. 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.

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



## WOOLSTORE CODFORD

Wednesday 7th



## MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS (12A)

Kenneth Branagh directs and stars in this new version of Agatha Christie's novel, in which the Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot finds himself stranded on a snowbound train in company with thirteen strangers and a corpse. There cannot be a person in the world who does not know the outcome, so the fun will be watching a cast of top-notch performers including **Judi Dench, Derek Jacobi, Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer** and many more go through their paces.

Tickets - £6 - on sale at the Post Office counter in Budgens, Codford.

Doors open 7pm with the film commencing at 7.30pm

## EMMA COLE



**ACUPUNCTURE &  
other Chinese  
therapies**

**01985 850928**

## QUIZ NIGHTS

King's Head Pub  
Friday 2nd, 16th  
& 30th 8.00pm  
for 8.30pm start



Winning team receives a £20 voucher to spend on drinks Don't worry if you haven't got a team, as there is always a 'waifs & strays' who will be more than happy to join you.

## GET WELL SOON



To anyone in the village who is not feeling very well or has recently come out of hospital, we hope that you are soon feeling much better and able to enjoy life again.

There are some people waiting to hear 'what happens next', so let's hope the outcome is a positive one.

## BLACK BOX & BLUE BIN DATES

Thursday 8th & 22nd

## CHURCH SPRING CLEAN



Saturday 24th

1000

Retrieve the rubber gloves; dig out the duster; pick up the Pledge & come along to help give the Church a good spring clean in readiness for Easter.

## Breakfast Club



Saturday 3rd  
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 fellow villagers.

## Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the April issue by **Friday 23rd March** by hand or email to: [chitchat.39@gmail.com](mailto:chitchat.39@gmail.com)  
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