



## EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

*Easter Monday was the day that some of the younger members of the village went on a Scavenger Hunt on the field, to find a variety of Easter & spring related objects, among them, painted eggs, a piece of flint, a duck, a feather, Easter Bunny droppings (tiny little chocolate eggs!), an empty snail shell & something prickly. All the children were super detectives and found everything on the list, including a couple of live snails - thank you Jo-P for dealing with the 'livestock'! As a reward they all received a medal and some Easter eggs. Juice and delicious cakes were handed out afterwards and family and friends were allowed to have a share as well. Young Toby was fascinated by the ducks and went home a very happy boy clutching his prize - the duck was much more interesting than the chocolate!*



*Delicious cakes*



*Sky receiving her  
winner's medal  
from her sister*



*Oceanna with her  
'winnings'*



*Eadie & Elsie  
collecting their  
list of things to  
find*



*Toby & his  
ducks*

### CHURCH SERVICES in MAY

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Easter 4	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Pet Service Tilshead <b>5pm Bible Study &amp; Prayers Chitterne</b>	Elizabeth Johns
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Easter 5	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton <b>1030 HC (CW) Chitterne</b> 6pm Evensong (BCP) Tilshead	Veronica Reid
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Rogation Sunday	9am Morning Prayer Orcheston 1030 HC (CW) Maddington 6pm HC (BCP) Tilshead	Virginia Neal
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Easter 7	<b>9am HC (BCP) Chitterne</b> 1030HC (CW) Orcheston 4pm Family Service Shrewton	Virginia Neal

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

## ARMY ACTIVITIES

### TRAINING

After the quiet month of April, May starts with the final two weeks of **EXERCISE WESSEX STORM**. This is a very light Brigade with few armoured vehicles. The remainder of the month sees 6 armoured Company/squadron deploying to both east and west of Salisbury plain at varying times. There are the usual courses deploying from both Warminster and Larkhill, where both Lt Gun and AS90 will be firing. May is busy so consequently all tank crossing sites on both the A360 and the A345 will be busy.

### REPORTING OF POOR MILITARY DISCIPLINE AND POTENTIAL DANGEROUS TRAINING

Please report any concerns you have of poor military discipline or potential dangerous training activity that you have observed on the training area, for example, military personnel stopping civilian vehicles on the public highway to allow a military convoy to cross at a designated tank crossing point. The military must give way to the public and should only cross the highway when it is safe to do so.

Please report all concerns to the **Complaints Help Desk on 01980 670819** in the first instance.

### 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 the 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 67 4700** or [PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk](mailto:PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk). The more information received the better, e.g. time, place, vehicle registration, description of individuals and vehicles.



## News from the King's Head

What a nice month April was. It was so nice to see people out and about enjoying a beer, cider etc, in the sunshine at the pub.

At the moment Darts Nights and Quiz Nights will be going on as normal - Tuesday for darts and alternate Fridays for the quiz but please pop in to check on dates - see back of Chit Chat for further details.

Rolls are available at weekend lunchtimes and don't forget the pub is open on the Bank Holiday lunchtimes.

Hope to see you soon.

*Kenton*

## WASPS & ALL PEST CONTROL ISSUES



I live in the Wylde Valley and offer a fixed price of £55 to treat a wasps' nest with no hidden extra charges.

Over 25 years experience fully qualified and I am also insured.

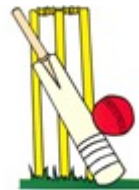
Prompt response & discreet service  
Contact Sally Tucker on **01985 213722** or **07962 157825**

## CHITTERNE CRICKET CLUB START OF SEASON SINGLE WICKET GAME

**SUNDAY 14 MAY at 2pm**

If you have any interest at all in playing the occasional game of village cricket please do come along to our start of season single wicket game on Sunday 14 May.

For those new to the village, we should explain that the club plays about eight matches a season against local village and some touring teams. Games, which are all on Sundays (starting at 2pm) are usually of 30 overs and are friendly social affairs with the club's renowned cricket teas being provided in the village hall between innings. The Club is also planning to organise some coaching for younger children over the Summer - further details to follow.



We are very keen to attract new members - male or female and particularly younger players (under 40!) and older teenagers, to help reduce the average age of the team! Don't worry about how long ago it was since you last played or what your standard of cricket is; you will quickly realise that lack of talent is not a bar to selection!

Anyone who wants to will have the chance to bat and bowl; please do come along to give it a try! Tea will be provided!

## GARDENING SERVICES



General maintenance, mowing, tree and shrub pruning.

Please call Steve on **07780 831201** or email [steve.woollard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:steve.woollard@hotmail.co.uk)

## SUZANNE HUCKS

I am able to do cleaning, cooking, ironing, washing etc. I am looking to work during school hours.

£10 per hour

My number is **01985 851248** or my email address is [suzhucks@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suzhucks@yahoo.co.uk)



## 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](http://www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com)

## EMMA COLE



**ACUPUNCTURE & other Chinese therapies**

**01985 850928**

## Farming News by Murray Kent

Well, did you spot it; were you fooled; did you really think modern technology had produced a 'super bolus' which was capable of, 'recognising that the cow had not been milked and that an alarm, via the app, would waken the herdsman', or that the bolus 'would vibrate when it is milking time, setting off a stimulus in cows that actually makes them walk to the milking parlour, without the need for a human having to go and fetch them in'? Did you realise that you were reading your copy of Chit Chat on 1st April?

Well done Aileen, who I know was very quick to email our editor to see if someone was playing an April fool! If only there was such a thing, a farmer's life would be a lot easier; perhaps some day!

*There is no other Farming News this month, as Mr Kent, or should I say Monsieur Kent is sunning it in 'la belle France' avec Madame Kent et ses amis. When I spoke to him they were having to 'suffer' temperatures of 26°; it's a hard life! I will just say that they are not just lounging beside a swimming pool and being waited on hand and foot, they are on a working holiday and I for one would not want to be painting and doing repairs in that heat but sitting here with the heating on and wearing a fleece, I would quite like a bit of it please. The Editor*



## PLANT SALE

Saturday 20th May  
10.30 - 12.00

In aid of the village church and Cornerstone.



Please come and join us for free coffee, tea and biscuits and the opportunity to stock up on plants (including vegetables) for your garden.

As usual there will be a raffle with great prizes and our usual cake and home produce stall.

I would be really grateful for donations of any cakes or homemade produce, as well as plants, to sell so please let me know if you are able to help and I can come and collect them the day before.

Fingers crossed the lovely sunshine in April has helped encourage all our seedlings and tender plants!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day.

Many thanks

Emma  
850416

## Flower Festival

24th - 25th June

### Open Gardens



It would be wonderful if as many gardens in the village (big, small, formal, au naturel) could be open to the public over the Flower Festival weekend. Don't be put off if there are a few weeds, Wiltshire village rather than Hampton Court standards apply! Please let Beccy Parker know if you are up for this on 850023 or [rc.parker@outlook.com](mailto:rc.parker@outlook.com)

## Pub open Bank Holiday Monday

1<sup>st</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at lunch time

## TEA PARTY

One thing about this village is that when someone says come and have a cup of tea and a piece of cake, they don't really mean just a piece of cake, they mean something you would get if you went to The Ritz or The Bloomsbury!

St George's Day in the Village Hall was no exception and if you didn't manage to make it you missed a real treat. The hall looked stunning. It was the little details that showed this had been prepared by people who really care and wanted you to have a great experience. You were shown to your table by the attentive waiter/waitresses and asked to select your goodies from your own personal menu card. The food was presented on old fashioned cake stands and all the food had been cut into delicate finger slices. There was a choice of brown or white bread sandwiches with egg mayo, ham & cheese. Scones with jam & cream were next, followed by chocolate brownies, lemon drizzle cake & fruit cake. This was all taken with either Earl Grey, Assam or Afternoon tea. The 'staff' had even catered for personal diets, which was much appreciated.

Naturally there was the raffle, ably run by the lovely Davina; she has a knack of persuading you to buy tickets!

As I said at the beginning, it was a lovely afternoon and on behalf of those who came, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved; these things don't just happen!



£228 was raised, so we can now buy some much needed tablecloths & teapots. The Village Hall Committee say thank you.

## 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 or just feeling life is a bit of an effort at the moment, we hope you are soon up and feeling happier about everything again.



# MAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## GREEN BIN DATES

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>



## DARTS

King's Head

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>,  
23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
8pm for 8.30pm start



## QUIZ NIGHTS

King's Head Pub  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
8.00pm for 8.30pm  
start



Winning team receives a £20  
voucher to spend on drinks

## PLANT SALE

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May

10.30 - 12.00

Pitts House



In aid of the village church and Cornerstone  
Join us for free coffee, tea and biscuits and  
the opportunity to stock up on plants  
(including vegetables) for your garden.  
Raffle plus cake & home produce stall

## WOOLSTORE

CODFORD

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

SULLY (12A)

Doors open 7pm with film  
commencing at 7.30pm  
Tickets £6 from Budgens



## Breakfast Club

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> (note date)  
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!

Once fed, please stay on and help  
with the Village Clean up.

## LIBRARY VAN

The next date is Friday  
26<sup>th</sup> May. 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.



## VILLAGE HALL AGM

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm  
Village Hall

## BLACK BOX & BLUE BIN DATES

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

## Parish Council Meeting & AGM

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

For agenda see Village Hall notice  
board



## VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May

10.30 meet at Village Hall to  
discuss plan of action

This is in preparation for the 'Best Kept  
Village' competition but also to be proud  
of our village.



Come along armed with  
secateurs, strimmers,  
wheelbarrows, brushes etc  
and get involved.

Refreshments will continue  
to be available in the hall.

## Wylie Valley Art Trail

Saturday 27 May - Sunday 4  
June

A festival of visual art and craft in  
and around the Wylie Valley.



In our village call in to  
see Derinne Pargiter's  
shaker boxes, Vicki  
Portman's jewellery and  
Kel Portman's  
photographs and prints.

Open 10.30 - 5.30 each day

2 Clock House Cottages, Shrewton  
Road, Chitterne

## HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

## STITCHING GROUP



For March we will  
meet in the Village  
Hall on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup>  
& 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CRICKET - Start of Season Single Wicket Game

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm Sports Field

You are invited to  
'AN EVENING WITH THE  
GARDENERS'

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

7pm

Village Hall

£5 to include wine & nibbles

Opportunity to ask questions but if you  
would like to submit one in advance, please  
email it to Pam - pamelakent49@gmail.com

So far we have Martyn Spratt & Nitty  
Nicholls, with the possibility of a few others.

## CHITTERNE CRICKET CLUB

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

2pm

Exeter Geriatrics



## Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the June issue by  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 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.