

Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the
residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire
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CRICKET FIXTURES LIST

Sunday 20th May
Avon Valley CC

Saturday 2nd June
Bill Twiston-Davies XI

Sunday 17th June
Erlestoke XI

Sunday 29th July
Oxymorons XI

Sunday 5th August
Carpe Vinum XI

Sunday 26th August
Michael Horsfall XI

Sunday 9th September
President's XI v Chairman's XI

Editor's Ramblings

Not so much 'ramblings' as something important to note. Due to a variety of reasons, there will be no Chit Chat in July, so next month's edition will cover events that will be happening in the village both for June and July. Anybody wishing to submit anything for either month, please let me have it by Wednesday 23rd May at the latest.

At long last spring has arrived and as I am typing this I am watching a jackdaw struggle with a twig that is way too big for him but he is not giving up and is determined to take it to his nest, and yes, he's done it! Moral to this tale - never give up!

GOING, GOING

As most of you know, Kenton has been trying to sell the pub for the last year. It now appears that it is actually going to happen, although at this point in time, contracts have not been exchanged but with everyone's fingers, toes, eyes or whatever crossed, we hope that very soon we will have new landlords and Kenton & Sue can start the next chapter of their lives. So, without further ado, here are Kenton's last words to us, as owner of the pub.

We would like to thank you all so much for our leaving present; we just need to decide what to fill it with! Saturday night was great fun, so thank you to everyone who came in and made it a great last night. Ben & Tim, the musical duo, did a brilliant job, playing all night without a break.

Many thanks again to everyone.

Hope to see you around the village.

Kenton & Sue



CHURCH SERVICES in MAY

Sunday 6th Easter 6/Rogation	9am HC (CW) Orcheston	Sally O & Kato
	1030 Family Pet Service Tilshead	
Sunday 13th Easter 7	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton	Sally O & Kato
	1030 Family Communion Chitterne	
	6pm Evensong (BCP) Tilshead	
Sunday 20th Pentecost	9am Morning Prayer Orcheston	Sally O & Kato
	1030 HC Maddington	
	6pm HC (BCP) Tilshead	
Sunday 27th Trinity	9am HC (BCP) Chitterne	Sally O & Kato
	1030 Family Communion Orcheston	
	4pm Family Service (CW) Shrewton	

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

ARMY ACTIVITIES TRAINING

The first week in May is the final week of EXERCISE JOINT WARRIOR for 2 Parachute Regiment and an armoured Dutch Battle Group, culminating with a visitors day, Wednesday 2nd May. The remainder of the month sees 6 armoured companies/squadrons 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 Light Gun and AS90 will be firing. Air activity will be busy. There are a number of air trials taking place on all the DZ throughout the month. May is busy, so consequently all tank crossing sites on both the A360 and the A345 will be busy.

Please report all concerns to the Complaints Help Desk on 01980 620819 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 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**



ROYAL WEDDING

Saturday 19th
May

Village Hall

1130 (wedding ceremony 1200, so don't be late!)

Tickets £5 (incl. free glass of bubbly)

Restricted to 50

The Village Hall Committee are organising an event to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding. This will be shown on a big screen and food will be provided & a donation bar will be available.

Tickets available from Lindsay Lucas - 850058

NEWS FROM ST THOMAS À BECKET SCHOOL, TILSHEAD

The summer term is well under way and the children are really excited by their new topic of castles. Chough class thoroughly enjoyed their archery day and we are delighted to be offering an archery after school club in the final term. This term we have introduced a minecraft club which is proving very popular.

The children always enjoy being able to play on the grass instead of playground. We are looking to develop our facilities over the next few months to increase the opportunities for outside activities for the children, we will keep you informed of the developments as they happen.

For the Year 6 children May does bring the annual assessment tests. I know the children and their teachers have been working really hard to prepare them in order that they can do their best and show off their ability. We wish them all the best of luck. We know they will be relieved when they are over and we are celebrating with a day of circus skills at the end of the week.

The annual Chitterne Plant Sale is at the end of this month and we really appreciate their generosity in sharing the profit with us. We will keep you informed with the development of our wildlife garden along the side of school. We plan to put the plant sale money towards this project including purchasing insect friendly plants, a small pond to attract wildlife and also bug houses.

We are delighted to let you know that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful and during May and June, customers in the Amesbury and Durrington Tesco's stores will be able to vote for our project, alongside two other projects, to develop the outside area of our early year's class every time they shop. This is fabulous news as, whilst Miss Noyes plans stimulating activities for the children and makes the most of the resources available to her, the area is beginning to look tired and would benefit from being updated. Voting will take place until Saturday 30th June and we will hear by the end of July the amount of funding we will receive but even if we are in third place we will receive some, which is amazing. Our budget over the years has become tighter and tighter and only covers the essentials; in the current financial climate we rely more and more on extra money from funding and grants such as this to pay for the 'extras' that we want for our children. A big thank you to Mrs Langston who spent time putting our bid together for this. We will let you know how much we receive and how we spend it.

It's all about money this month! We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help! Easyfundraiser is a great website where you can help us raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. How it works is that every time you shop, as long as you go through Easyfundraiser's website via a link that will be added to your toolbar then we receive a small donation to say 'thank you'. It's completely free and makes no difference to the price you pay. Please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sttabptfa/> and search for St Thomas a Becket Primary School PTFA - Nr Salisbury, when you are asked to search for the cause. Please ask friends and family to join too to help us raise even more.

Please don't forget we welcome visitors to our school - if you think your child would enjoy learning with us here please make an appointment to come and visit us, have a look around and chat to the Headteacher. There is lots of information on our website www.st-thomas-a-becket.wilts.sch.uk and our phone number is 01980 620435.

ROGATION SUNDAY, 6th MAY
WALK, PICNIC + BEATING THE BOUNDS

On Sunday 6th May you are welcome to join us, the four churches of Chitterne, Orcheston, Shrewton and Tilshead – Salisbury Plain Benefice – for our annual Rogation Sunday walk and picnic on the Plain

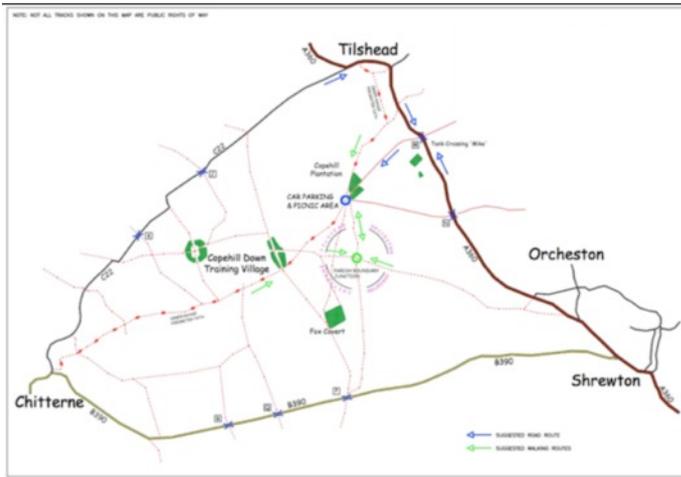
Walking: We'll be leaving at...

- 10.45 from Chitterne Village Hall
- 11.00 from Orcheston Village Hall
- 11.00 from Shrewton St Mary's
- 11.10 from Tilshead Village Hall (or when Pets' Service finishes)

aiming to arrive by 12 noon at the cross tracks at GR SU 031454, south of Copehill Plantation where our four village boundaries meet.

Driving: Via Tank Crossing M (off the A360, near the CCF Camp, south of Tilshead). Park at Copehill Plantation and walk down to the cross tracks for the meeting at 12 noon

Picnic: Please bring your own picnic. Cake and hot and cold drinks will be provided at Copehill Plantation



- 9 am Morning Prayer at St Mary's church, Orcheston
 10.30 Pet Service at the church of St Thomas a Becket, Tilshead
 10.45/11.10 Walk from 4 villages to the cross tracks (or to Copehill Plantation car parking)
 12 noon Meet at the cross tracks (see map above)
 12.30 pm Picnic and hot and cold drinks at Copehill Plantation
 1.30 Beating the Bounds of Orcheston (voluntary!)

For further information, or to ask for a lift to Copehill Plantation, please contact the Rector, the Revd Canon Eleanor Rance, on 01980 620580 – reveleanorrance@gmail.com or any of the Churchwardens.



PLANT SALE

The annual Plant Sale will be held at Pitts House on Saturday 26th May

from 10.30 - 12.00. This is in aid of St Thomas a Becket CE (Aided) Primary School PTFA, Tilshead (Registered Charity No: 1177757) and the village church.

Please come and join us for free coffee, tea and biscuits and the opportunity to stock up on plants and 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, so please let me know if you are able to help and I can come and collect them the day before.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day. Hopefully, the sun will be shining for the May bank holiday weekend!

Emma Walters
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MALTINGS VISIT

Just to let you know that there are still spaces available for the evening visit to the Warminster Maltings on Wednesday 30th May, leaving the

Village Hall at 6.30pm. Before the guided tour we will be given a buffet supper and supply of Warminster Gold Ale. There is a charge of £17.50 per head plus the cost of a mini bus from the Village Hall. Please contact Murray by email - mistermuzzamurray@gmail.com.

It is a fascinating visit just to see this wonderful piece of Victorian industrial history, let alone the skill involved in producing some of the best malt in the world.



Village Hall AGM
Thursday 10th May
6pm in Village Hall

CPR/Defib Refresher Training

Thursday 10th May

7pm

Village Hall

Free wine & nibbles (healthy!)

Presentation of cheque to BHF



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

GET WELL SOON

To anyone in the village who is either in hospital or has just come home, we hope that you will be up and about soon. To anyone who is just feeling a bit 'out of sorts', let's hope you too will soon be feeling a bit more like your normal self.



MAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



WOOLSTORE CODFORD

Wednesday 2nd

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

HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

Thursday 10th & 24th

Village Hall AGM

Thursday 10th May
6pm in Village Hall

CPR/Defib Refresher Training

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STITCHING GROUP

We meet in the Village Hall on **Friday 11th & 25th at 10.30**. 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.



PC MEETING

Monday 14th
7pm
Village hall

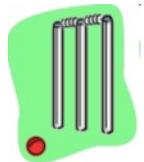
ROYAL WEDDING

Saturday 19th
1130 am
Village Hall
See inside for further details

CHITTERNE CRICKET CLUB

Sunday 20th

Avon Valley CC
2pm start



BLACK BOX & BLUE BIN DATES

Thursday 3rd, 17th & 31st

LIBRARY VAN

The next date is **Friday 25th**. The van parks outside the Village Hall from 1120 - 1140.

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



Breakfast Club

Saturday 5th
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.



POP UP QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 11th

7.00pm for 7.30pm start
VILLAGE HALL

Food will be served at a small charge

In order to keep the 'little grey cells' working whilst the pub is closed, a quiz has been organised. There will be the usual donation bar with beer & soft drinks but if you want anything 'more exotic', BYO.



PLANT SALE

Saturday 26th
1030 - 1200
Pitts Cottage



See inside for further details

ROGATION SUNDAY

Walk, picnic + Beating the Bounds

Sunday 6th

1045 from Village Hall

For further details see inside

GREEN BIN DATES

Monday 14th & 28th

When checking the dates on the Wiltshire website, May's dates were not provided, so this is an assumption, based on the last April date. If this changes, an email will be sent out.



Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the June/July issue by **Wednesday 23rd 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.