

Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the
residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire
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CHEESE & WINE SUPPER - what's it all for?

On Friday 6th October Lilian Hopton is organising a Cheese & Wine evening in the Village Hall (further details on back page) to raise funds for two very worthy causes. Both of these charities rely on public donations and perhaps this is an opportunity to support them and get a nice glass of wine and some cheese. Here are a few details about the two causes which may help you to make up your mind.

WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE

Wiltshire Air Ambulance was established in March 1990 as a joint venture between the Wiltshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust and the Wiltshire Constabulary. Sharing resources kept our costs down and the charity needed £700,000 a year to keep Wiltshire's air ambulance in the skies. In January 2015 we started operating a dedicated air ambulance which means we must raise **£3.25m a year**.

We are a registered charity and rely almost entirely on public donations to keep us flying.

We really are funded by you and flying for you.

We are going to build a new airbase for our helicopter, aircrew and charity team. We received full planning permission in January 2017 for our new airbase on land at Outmarsh Farm, Semington, near Wiltshire. The site is ideally situated in central Wiltshire, allowing our helicopter to reach all parts of the county within 11 minutes, just as we are able to do now.

We have launched an **Airbase Appeal to raise the remaining £1.25 million** to build and equip our new airbase.'

THE LABRADOR RESCUE TRUST

The Labrador Rescue Trust was originally set up towards the end of 1988 by a number of Labrador enthusiasts who care very deeply about the well-being of the breed.

The organisation was initially known as Labrador Rescue (South West) and was granted charitable status in February 1993. Although based in the South West of England, the Charity has been granted National Status by the Charity Commission as would help a Labrador in need from any part of the United Kingdom, if necessary.



The Labrador Rescue Trust would like to announce the launch of a new initiative aimed at supporting and funding the medical care required for Labradors that arrive in The Trust's care with pre-existing conditions.

Of the 343 S.A.D. Dogs currently on our lists, many of our wonderful homes already cover the costs of treatment for their dog's condition, but for those that do rely upon The Trust, we are now spending **£60,000 a year (60% of our veterinary expenditure for the last financial year)** to finance the treatment for those dogs.'

CHURCH SERVICES in OCTOBER

Sunday 1st Trinity 16	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead 5pm Bible Study & Prayers Chitterne	Gillian & Gill
Sunday 8th Trinity 17	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton 1030 HC (CW) Chitterne 6pm Harvest Tilshead	Anne Neve
Sunday 15th Trinity 18	9am Morning Prayer Orcheston 1030 HC (CW) Shrewton 6pm HC (BCP) Tilshead	Anne Neve
Sunday 22nd Trinity 19	9am HC (BCP) Chitterne 1030HC (CW) Orcheston 4pm Family Service Shrewton	Sarah & Rowena
Sunday 29th Last after Trinity	1030 Benefice Service Shrewton	

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

ARMY ACTIVITIES

TRAINING

October sees the start of a high level of training activity on Salisbury Plain.

The Land Warfare Centre, Warminster, are running courses throughout the month culminating with a very busy week during which the second largest armoured exercise **TEAM SPIRIT** comes onto the Plain, together with the Brigade Reconnaissance course final exercise **BADGERS STRESS**. They will be joined by a Squadron of CVRT from the Royal Tank Regiment, an armoured engineer squadron from 22 Engineer Regiment. 3UK Divisional headquarters is deploying in the west for Oct and Nov and is also running a number of visits throughout Oct. Two Engineer Regiments are training during the middle of the month on the west and on the east the RTR with challenger 2 and 1 Mercian with Warrior are training. 1 RHA, with AS90, are live firing throughout the month. The amount of armoured vehicles and heavy wheeled vehicles that will be using the training area during the whole of the month day and night will mean that the public are advised to restrict their recreational activities to the public rights of way and privileged tracks. If moving off them on foot, then additional care should be taken to avoid disrupting military training and placing themselves at risk. Motorists are advised that the tank crossings on all major public roads transiting the Plain will be in regular use and that mud sweepers will be operating on the roads if the weather turns wet.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Without prejudice to the provisions of byelaw 2, no person when on the Military Lands shall, except with the prior permission and in accordance with the terms of such permission: (a) enter on any part of the Military Lands which is enclosed or the entry to which is shown by a notice as being prohibited or restricted, or which is under cultivation or in private occupation; (b) enter any plantation of trees. This in simple terms means: no persons are permitted to enter fenced areas, military buildings, facilities and compounds where entry is sign posted as prohibited, cultivated lands and woods/plantations.

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.



News from the King's Head

September seems to have passed by very quickly. The nights seem to be drawing in. I hate to say it but autumn is here and winter is on its way!

The Darts Nights and Quiz Nights and Thursday Cheap Ale Night are still going on - £2.50 a pint - now that's worth a walk down to the pub!

Darts are every Tuesday and the Quiz Nights are on Friday 13th and 27th October.

Hope to see you all soon.

Kenton

DEFIBRILLATOR NEWS

According to the British Heart Foundation, bystander defibrillator usage is still very low, so they have produced a new help chart in conjunction with the Resuscitation Council to encourage usage. This is displayed at the Village Hall as well as being printed here in Chit Chat.

Defibrillator Heart Restarter

Anyone can use it
No training necessary

For an unconscious person
NOT breathing normally

Call 999 → Start CPR → Switch on defibrillator → Follow its instructions

Resuscitation Council (UK) British Heart Foundation

News from St Thomas à Becket School

The term has started well with everyone settling in as we welcome those new to the school. One of our strengths is our friendly, welcoming atmosphere and we all are proud to see how the older children look after the very young ones at playtime during the first few weeks of term to help them feel at home. This is reinforced this term with our focus on the Christian Value of Friendship when we recognise what makes a good friend and how we can become better friends ourselves.

All classes have their topics under way with exciting activities planned to inspire the children in their learning.



The children in **Robin Nursery Class** are starting the year investigating 'All About Me', including my feelings, my family, my friends and my world. Their work will include making delicious healthy snacks and taking photos while they go on walks and look for Autumnal changes.



In **Skylark Class** the topic 'Ourselves' is focusing on how special we all are. The children are looking forward to an Elmer day when they will dress up as the popular character. Science includes studying the Human Body as well as looking at how the seasons change and we are looking forward to some fantastic self-portraits in Art.

Chough and Kestrel Class are going back in time to discover how early people lived which is particularly relevant in our part of the world. They are planning cave paintings and Stonehenge models as well as going on a quest to become rock and fossil experts. This era of pre-history will come alive when we go on our whole school trip to Avebury this month to look for evidence of how early man lived.



With Harvest around the corner we are starting to plan our Harvest Festival Service in Church and we are also planning something a little different this year with an apple pie baking competition – just what we need to cheer ourselves up as the colder nights start to draw in.



EMMA COLE



ACUPUNCTURE & other Chinese therapies

01985 850928

IAN CUTLER



KINDLING & SEASONED HARD WOOD LOGS FOR SALE

01985 850408

07753466869

6 Abdon Close

Farming News by Murray Kent

It all started so well, the summer that is. However when we reached the prime harvest period it took a downward term. 'It' refers to our dear old friend the weather.

Bringing in the harvest is not just a case of rolling out the combine harvester and filling the grain store. There are many factors that need to come together before a successful harvest can be achieved and Mother Nature is the major player.



In order to store grain without deterioration the grain needs to have moisture content below 14% and if it is intended to store through to just before next years harvest, when prices could well be higher, 12.5% is required. Higher than that and the grain will heat up and eventually chit. Chitting means the start of the germination process, the development of roots and stem, which renders the grain unsuitable for milling and seed production. In patchy weather the probability of the grain attaining and remaining at 14%, diminish greatly. Waiting for fine weather is an answer but also a gamble, so if there is a large area of harvesting in front of the arable farmer he may well harvest at a higher moisture content and then dry the grain. The maximum would be around 20%; anything higher than that would damage the kernel as it would be too soft and put great strain on the actual machinery, resulting in costly and time wasting breakdowns. Once this grain is harvested it needs drying. This can be done 'on floor' where air, ambient or heated, is blown through vents in the store floor and percolates through the grain. Alternatively a static machine that blows hot air through the grain in batches and then cold air to cool it down can be used. This all adds to the costs of harvesting but they can be offset by achieving the quality of grain required and freeing the land for preparation of the next year's crop.

Conversely if there is a perfect heat wave summer, it is not uncommon to harvest early and late in the day, so the grain is not too dry, for if that is the case the weight of grain will be less and less weight means less to sell. It is not unknown for a little H₂O to be added to grain to swell the coffers!

Harvest is the culmination of a year's work and completion always bring a feeling of euphoria and relief; it's a big deal for farmer and employee alike and is usually celebrated in style with a "harvest home" supper for everyone involved.

Of course there are always losers and winners and the winners this summer have been the livestock farmers who have seen unexpected levels of grass production due to the warm rainfall. This has helped them to maintain or improve their milk production and finish their fattening stock with reduced levels of supplementary feeds.

I would like to apologise to those of you who were expecting the final chapter on the Warminster Maltings. As we had to postpone our visit until next spring I am keeping it under wraps until March in the hope of wetting appetites for a visit in April 2018.

UP & COMING EVENTS

- Church Clean - 4th Nov.
- Bonfire Night - 5th Nov.
- Sudan Lunch - 6th Dec.
- Christmas Party - 16th Dec.
- Curry Night - 27th Jan.

WELCOME

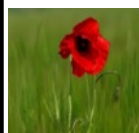


To anyone who has recently moved into the village, may I extend a huge welcome on behalf of all the villagers. One of the best bits of advice we were given was, for the first year, to go to everything and then decide what we really enjoyed and do it again the following year.

GET WELL SOON

Codford Surgery are starting flu jabs which means it is the start of the cold and flu season, so if any of you are feeling under the weather, with whatever, let's hope things sort themselves out soon.

Welcome home those of you who have had a little stay in hospital.



ELEVENTH HOUR, ELEVENTH DAY, ELEVENTH MONTH SERVICE

A short service of commemoration, about twenty minutes, is to be held on Saturday 11 November at Chitterne Church Memorial. If the weather is inclement, the service will be held inside the church. The service will start at 1050 and will include the Silence and playing of the Last Post and Reveille. There will also be a wreath laying Service inside the Church at the 3 Squadron RAF Colours. Further details can be obtained from Douglas Stobie by E.Mail: dmms@btinternet.com or telephone 01985 851048.

RDA  It's what you can do that counts

Riding for the Disabled Association VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Warminster RDA is looking for volunteers to help support the children and/or lead the ponies during their riding sessions.

These sessions are held every Tuesday during term time, and run from 12.15pm to 3.00pm. However, if you can't manage the whole period we would be grateful for any time you can find.

Helping these children to ride our lovely gentle ponies is extremely rewarding and hugely beneficial for the children. You do not need any experience just patience and a sense of fun.

For further information contact Derinne on 01985 850089 or email derinnepargiter@gmail.com

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE



The Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Service is to be held in Stockton church on Sunday 12 November. The service, which is open to all, will start at 1045 but those attending should be seated by 1035. Members of the Royal British Legion planning to take part in the march past should be at the forming up point, located at the end of the lane beyond the church.

Following the service, there will be a curry lunch (alternatives such as vegetarian or standard non-curry meals can be provided with advance notification) in Chitterne Village Hall, commencing at 1200. Tickets for the lunch, costing £14, can be purchased from the Post Office counter in Budgens store in Codford. Tickets will be available from 16 October and sales will close on 8 November. Requests for alternative meals are to be registered when purchasing tickets. Drinks will be available for purchase. Attendance is not restricted to Legion members. Attendance is restricted to a total of 60.

Any queries should be passed to Douglas Stobie by E.Mail: dmms@btinternet.com or telephone 01985 851048.

OCTOBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



WARMINSTER VINTAGE BUS RUNNING DAY

Sunday 1st

The Warminster & West Wilts Vintage Bus Running Day provides the opportunity for transport enthusiasts and the general public to re-live bus operation in West Wiltshire as it was in the 1950's, 60's & 70's, mostly using preserved buses and coaches, many of which are typical of those used in the area during that period.

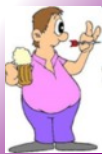
Prior to 1970, West Wiltshire was the meeting place for three major bus operators. A small number of services were also provided by independent operators such as Leathers Coaches of Maiden Bradley, J.O Withers of Chitterne and Cruse Coaches of Warminster. Our running day recreates this era by operating regular services from Warminster to surrounding towns & villages using a variety of interesting vehicles, some of which are over 50 years old. Most services start and finish near Warminster Rail Station and in addition to serving neighbouring towns, buses pass through numerous picturesque villages including Chitterne.

The Village Hall will be providing the usual teas, coffees and homemade cakes, as well as delicious homemade soups, so come along and indulge and see some of the vintage buses. We will be open from 1000.

DARTS

King's Head

Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st
8pm for 8.30pm start



WOOLSTORE CODFORD

Wednesday 4th

THEIR FINEST (12a)

A diffident young Welsh woman lands a job with a unit making short propaganda films for the Ministry of Information at the height of the Blitz. Hired to write 'the slop', as dialogue between women is dismissively termed by her jaded writer colleague, she ends up working on a morale-boosting feature film about the exploits of a couple of seafaring sisters during the Dunkirk evacuation.

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

GREEN BIN DATES

Monday 2nd, 16th & 30th



BLACK BOX & BLUE BIN DATES

Thursday 5th & 19th



CHEESE & WINE SUPPER

In aid of

The Labrador Rescue Trust & Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Friday 6th at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 to include welcome drink on arrival

Tickets from Lilian Hopton - 850050



Breakfast Club

**Saturday 7th
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.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

Thursday 12th & 26th



STITCHING GROUP

We meet in the Village Hall on **Friday 13th & 27th 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.

LIBRARY VAN

The next date is **Friday 13th**. 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!

QUIZ NIGHTS

King's Head Pub

**Friday 13th & 27th
8.00pm for 8.30pm start**



Winning team receives a £20 voucher to spend on drinks

WOOLSTORE CODFORD

**Wednesday 1st
November**



HIDDEN FIGURES (PG)

This is the incredible untold story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson - brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanized the world. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big.

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

Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the November issue by Tuesday 24th October by hand or email to: chitchat.39@gmail.com
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