

# Chit Chat

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

It has been quite some time since I last 'rambled on' but there was some space this month, so I thought I would 'ramble'!

What have busses, cakes, blisters and wasps got in common? Give up? They were all present on Saturday in the Village Hall. It was the Imber Bus Day and we were supplying food and drink for the bus enthusiasts. The little band of 'merry men and women', aka Village Hall Committee plus a few extras, worked solidly from 9.30 until 5.30. I am sure you have all heard people talking about waiting for one bus and then three turn up, well that is exactly what was happening. There was no let up: sandwiches were being made, cake stands replenished, milk jugs refilled, tables cleared, dirty dishes washed, toilets cleaned, cream teas put together, frantic rush to Budgens for extra supplies, wasps killed (I bet you wondered where they fitted in!).

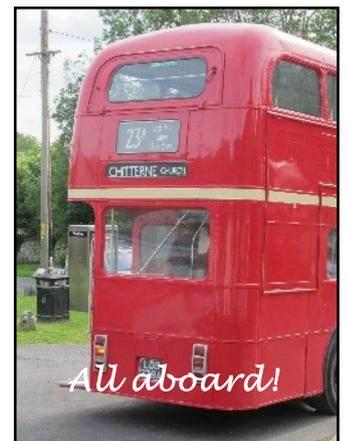
It was a fabulous day and we raised lots of money, which will be put to good use in maintaining the hall.

The 'little band' would like to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful cake makers. THANK YOU!

And the blister? Well that appeared on my little toe half way through & I spent the rest of the day in my bare feet!



## Imber Bus Day



## CHURCH SERVICES in SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3rd Trinity 12	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead 5pm Bible Study & Prayers Chitterne	Virginia Pryor
Sunday 10th Trinity 13	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton 1030 Harvest Chitterne 6pm Evening Prayer (CW) Tilshead	Elizabeth & Veronica
Sunday 17th Trinity 14	9am Morning Prayer (CW) Orcheston 1030 Harvest Shrewton 6pm HC (BCP) Tilshead	Elizabeth & Veronica
Sunday 24th Trinity 15	9am HC (BCP) Chitterne 1030 Harvest Orcheston 4pm Family Service (CW) Shrewton	Gillian & Gill
Sunday 1st October Trinity 16	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead 5pm Bible Study & Prayers Chitterne	Gillian & Gill

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

## ARMY ACTIVITIES

### TRAINING

After a quiet August, training will resume at moderate levels throughout the month of September.

Armoured manoeuvre training will take place across all areas throughout the month with at least five local sub-units on the Plain each day. **Activity will peak in the week 21 - 25 September when the Land Warfare Centre Armoured and Armoured Infantry courses deploy on Exercise COMBAT TEAM.** 11 Signal Brigade will be running a major communications exercise for the majority of the month and Headquarters 3rd (UK) Division will conduct a command post exercise in the latter half of the month.

### 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 620819** in the first instance.

### GOVERNANCE

Members of the public are reminded when on land subject to the Salisbury Plain Military Lands Byelaws 1981 (S.I.1981/1982) under Byelaw 5, it is an offence to fail to comply with the provisions of Byelaw 3. Under section 3(1(d)) no person may "engage in or carry on any trade or business of any kind whatsoever..." To do so may result in a Warning Off, whereby you will be asked to leave the Training Area or a fine being issued. **In simple terms - this means, for example, Commercial Dog Walkers are not permitted to conduct their commercial activities on Military lands without prior permission, (meaning a commercial licence issued by the MoD). This does not affect your right to use public rights of way, but you are reminded that you are expected to have your dog(s) under effective control, as advised by the Countryside Code and must not interfere with military training.**

### RANGE FIRES

Range Fires become a problem in dry weather and may endanger plantations, buildings and standing crops if there are strong winds, and can cause excessive smoke. On Salisbury Plain the MoD put in a vast amount of fail safes to ensure surrounding communities are safe and do not endure too much nuisance as a result of the military training that is conducted throughout the year. In order to prevent and control range fires occurring the following measures are in force:

- 5 day weather forecast in order to mitigate the future effects of the prevailing weather.
- A grazing programme agreed with local farmers in order to keep the grass short during the summer months.
- Control of firing incendiary ammunitions during extreme dry conditions.
- A fire watch scheme in order to ensure fires are constantly monitored.

Salisbury Plain Training Area Headquarters strives to meet the military needs for realistic training whilst at the same time endeavouring to take into full account public concerns. We will continue to do so.

### ACCESS

Access to SPTA is regulated by Salisbury Plain Military Lands, Bulford, Larkhill and Imber Range Byelaws. **Always comply with local signs and flags. Rights of way in Range Danger Areas are closed when red flags are flying.**

## News from the King's Head



With August come and gone, along with a mix of weather, the Quiz Nights and Darts Nights are still being well

supported.

The pub has not been sold yet but there has been even more interest in it.

Dart Nights are on Tuesday evenings - 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September. Quiz Nights are on 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Hope to see you soon.

*Kenton*

## CONGRATULATIONS



To any of our younger villagers who received their GCSE or A Level results, hopefully the news was good and that

**you are now able to carry on with the next stage of your education, should you wish.**

To any of you off to university of college, or going travelling, what an adventure!

For those of you who are starting a new school, good luck; you will soon make friends and find out where everything is. Remember, everyone is new and feeling just as worried as you.



Some of the 'little band'



## FARMING FACTS by Murray Kent

### WARMINSTER MALTINGS part 2

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



Last month I gave a broad insight as to the reasons the Maltings might have been established in Warminster, best soil type for the barley produced locally being top of the list. I also mentioned the Bevan family and will now go into a little more detail of the people involved.

The Pound Street site was remodelled in 1879 and much of the work carried out used materials and machinery salvaged from other malt houses in the town that were in decline and being shut down. This work was instigated by William Morgan whose family had been brewers and maltsters in the town since 1822. William Morgan handed over the business to his son, William Frank Morgan, who continued to run the business until shortly before his death in 1907. "William Frank Morgan, Licensed Maltster" can still be seen etched above the west door to this day. Prior to his death, Morgan transferred the business to his much younger brother-in-law, Edwin Sloper Beaven, who had joined him in 1878 following a brief period working on the family farm in Heytesbury. He was very interested in barley breeding and started a liaison with the Guinness Research Laboratory in Dublin. In 1905, he bred the very first genetically true variety of barley in the world, named Plumage Archer. It was an enormous breakthrough, significantly raising both farm yields and malt quality, so much so that Plumage Archer dominated barley production right across the British Isles for the next 40 years. It is upon this bedrock that today's malting industry has been built. This work led to malt production contracts with Guinness and eventually all production was exclusive to the Guinness breweries in Dublin and their new Park Royal brewery in London.

Dr Bell, at the Plant Breeding Institute in Cambridge, carried on where Beaven left off, and 20 years later introduced Maris Otter to farmers, maltsters and brewers in 1965. The sustained demand for this variety now outperforms that of any other variety before or since. Its outstanding brewing qualities, including the most compelling flavour profile, make it the most reliable malt. In the last 13 years the Champion Beer of Britain award has been won by a beer brewed from Maris Otter malt 10 times. This pioneering breeding work puts Warminster firmly on the map internationally in terms of the history of plant breeding and arable farming.

Traditional floor maltings faced many problems in the 20th century with the advent of new technology but worst of all was the fire risk. Coal fired kilns and hot dry malt in part timbered buildings saw many malt house burnt to the ground on a regular basis. On the 5th November 1924 a fire at Pound Street was contained and Beaven was able to rebuild the maltings.

Edwin Beaven died in 1941 leaving a business with offices in East Street and maltings at Pound Street and Market Place in Warminster and the Montpelier Maltings in Bristol. His trustees continued with the business until 1947 when a new company was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Arthur Guinness and Co. Next month will take us up to the 21st century and what the future holds for Warminster Maltings.



*Andy, Lorna & Boyd enjoying a nice cup of tea, after having run from Heytesbury to Imber! I didn't have the heart to tell them that most people took the bus!*

The Harvest Lunch is on  
Sunday 10th September  
in the Village Hall at 12 noon



Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier

£7.50 for adults, children 10 years and under free

Tickets can be purchased from:

Elizabeth Johns 850039  
([eeejohns@mail.com](mailto:eeejohns@mail.com))

Gillian Nolan 850391  
([nolan545@btinternet.com](mailto:nolan545@btinternet.com))

## CHEESE & WINE SUPPER



In aid of

The Labrador  
Rescue Trust &  
Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 to include welcome drink on arrival

Tickets from Lilian Hopton -  
850050

## FEATHERS

Jo has had a little poetry book printed and it is on sale at the pub, Budgens or from herself. It costs £5 and all proceeds go to Louie's Smiles.



## MALTINGS VISIT

Due to various commitments and dates not marrying up, the visit is postponed until Spring 2018.

As soon as I have a date I will let you all know through Chit Chat. Something to look forward to in the dark winter months.

Murray

# SEPTEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## STITCHING GROUP



We meet in the Village Hall on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<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.

## QUIZ NIGHTS

King's Head Pub

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

8.00pm for 8.30pm start

Winning team receives a £20 voucher to spend on drinks

## Breakfast Club



**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**0930 - 1130**  
Village Hall

Come along for a bacon butty or an egg butty, or even both, accompanied by a mug of tea or coffee. If 'Mary Berry' and her team have had time, there are usually some other yummy goodies. This is a great place to meet other villagers.

## VILLAGE PICNIC



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**12 noon**  
Sports Field

Bring a picnic & have a bit of fun before the children go back to school.

## GREEN BIN DATES

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**



## DARTS

King's Head

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September  
8pm for 8.30pm start



## WOOLSTORE CODFORD



**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**VICEROY'S HOUSE (12A)**

Viceroy's House in Delhi was the home of the British rulers of India. For 6 months in 1947, Lord Mountbatten assumed the post of the last Viceroy, charged with handing India back to its people. As the political elite converged on the House to wrangle over the birth of independent India, conflict erupted. A decision was taken to divide the country and create a new Muslim homeland: Pakistan. The film examines these events through the prism of a marriage - that of Dickie and Edwina Mountbatten - and a romance - that between a young Hindu servant, and his intended Muslim bride, Aalia.

Doors open 7pm film commencing at 7.30pm

Tickets £6 from Budgens

## BLACK BOX & BLUE BIN DATES

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

## HARVEST LUNCH

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Village Hall  
12 noon



## CHITTERNE CC

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>*

*President's Match*

*2pm start on the Sports Field*

*Last game of the season, so why not pack a picnic and come and support us.*



## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Village Hall**

## HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

## LIBRARY VAN

The next date is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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!



## WELCOME

If you are new to 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 whether we wanted to do them again. If you want to be on the village email system contact Pete at [jp\\_monte@btinternet.com](mailto:jp_monte@btinternet.com)



## GET WELL SOON

To anyone who is unwell or just not feeling their normal happy self, we hope you soon recover and are back enjoying life again.

Some families are going through a pretty rough patch at the moment and our thoughts go out to you. Hopefully it won't be long before things become a little bit better.

## Chit Chat next issue

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