



# Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the  
residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire  
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## PUDDING CLUB

Mmmm! This was the only word I could utter when I made my way through all the delicious puddings on offer at the Pudding Club event on Saturday. What does £2.50 buy you these days? Precious little but I had two excellent soups, (pea & garlic, Mediterranean vegetable) fresh rolls, and as many puddings as I could eat! It was a lovely morning and I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in organising it. I know some of you were disappointed in the number of entries but do you know what, that didn't stop us all from enjoying ourselves. My tummy was quite glad there weren't loads of puddings, as I must confess, I had a taste of every single one of them! To me, the judges (Pam, Jo & Nick) had a very difficult job on deciding who should win but choose they did and there were some very proud people in the hall. As an ex-villager, I just wanted to express my thanks.



Oliver - boy winner



Imogen & Isla - girl winners



Elizabeth - 'free from' & overall winner

Soo was the ladies winner &  
Mike L was the men's.

*Photos by our resident  
David Bailey, aka Barry*

### CHURCH SERVICES in APRIL

Sunday 7th Passion Sunday	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead <b>5pm Bible Study &amp; Prayers Chitterne</b>	Sally & Kato
Sunday 14th Palm Sunday	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton <b>1030 Palm Sunday Service Chitterne</b>	Sally & Kato
Thursday 18th Maundy Thursday	6pm Evensong Tilshead 7pm Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altars Orcheston	
Friday 19th Good Friday	12 noon Good Friday Service Tilshead	
Sunday 21st Easter	6am Dawn Service Orcheston 0930 Easter Communion Shrewton 0930 Easter Communion Tilshead <b>1100 Easter Communion Chitterne</b>	Sally & Kato
Sunday 28th Easter 2	1100 Easter Communion Orcheston <b>9am HC (BCP) Chitterne</b> 1030 Holy Communion Orcheston 4pm Family Service & Tea Shrewton	Sally & Kato

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

## ARMY ACTIVITIES

### TRAINING

After a busy March, activity on the Plain will be significantly reduced in April. There are 2 Battalion Groups with wheeled vehicles and a squadron of CVRT deployed across the plain at varying times in the first three weeks. In dry weather conditions, dust clouds may produce a hazard at the crossings. Notice is given that the training areas in the Copehill Down and Bourne Valley (SPTA East) areas will be heavily used and that recreational use of the Salisbury Plain military lands is to be restricted to public rights of way only, as per the byelaws.

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

## PUB NEWS



April is here, so has spring sprung? Looking around the pub garden and around the village, many plants seem to think so, so perhaps it has!

The lighter evenings are certainly a welcome return and it's nice to see people calling in for a drink.

Darts nights are still going well, as are the Quiz nights. Darts is every Tuesday and the next Quizzes are on Friday 5th & 19th.

The pub will be open at normal times over the Easter period plus lunchtime on Good Friday and also on Easter Monday lunchtime. We will be holding an Easter Draw for an Easter Egg, with all the proceeds going to Louie's S.M.I.L.E.S. The draw will take place during the lunchtime session on Easter Monday. Please pop in and buy a ticket - £1 - to support our local charity.

Hope to see you soon.

*Kenton & Sue*



## Acupuncture. What's the point?

OK. Let's get straight to the point.

Acupuncture is an ancient system of healing used to treat a wide range of illnesses. It's all about balancing your mind and body and improving your overall well being. You get the point...

If we've pricked your interest, please come and join us to find out more on:

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

7.30pm Chitterne Village Hall

**Guest Speaker: Emma Cole**

*Acupuncture Practitioner*

*Member of the British Acupuncture Council*

*Non-Members Welcome [1<sup>st</sup> visit FREE, £4 Guest fee thereafter]*

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Hearing Aid Clinic

Cherry Orchard Surgery Codford

### NEW DAY AND TIME

From April the hearing aid clinic will be held on the **second Thursday of the month from**

2.15 pm to 4 pm

April clinic will be 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Please contact Gill Drayson for details

01722 580014

07570 670 643

[gillian.drayson@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:gillian.drayson@hearingloss.org.uk)

## PLANT SALE



The annual Plant Sale will be held at Pitts House on Saturday 18th May from 10.30 - 12.00 and this year

**we will be serving bacon butties as well as coffee, tea and biscuits!**

We are once again supporting St Thomas à Becket CE (Aided) Primary School and raising money for the PTFA (Parent Teacher Friends Association) who regularly raise funds to help with special projects for the school. This year our donation will be going towards the "early years outdoor area". As usual the money raised will be divided equally between them and All Saints & St Mary's Church.

At last spring seems to be upon us so I hope that some of you will be in the garden getting seeds underway, if you have not done so already. We will also have our usual raffle and fantastic cake stall. Once again thanks so much for all your help and support.

*Emma Walters 850416*

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



If you send an article for Chit Chat, please be aware that I do not go into those emails until the

day that I am working on the newsletter, so you will not receive an acknowledgement until then.

Many thanks

## A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### FLOWER FESTIVAL 2019



The Flower Festival will be held on the last weekend of June, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th. Tea, coffee

and light lunches will be served in the Village Hall on both days. Everyone, please do consider opening your gardens and making a scarecrow. Gardens can be neat, natural or just wild, it doesn't matter.

*Beccy Parker*

## 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 and then decide what we enjoyed, rather than take the advice of others; you might just miss a treat!

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)



## FARMING NEWS by Murray Kent

Last April it was "Back to Basics this month" in this column. What amazing foresight with the use of the "B", as this April sees a continuation of the "B" theme in agriculture. I will try to Be Brief. Let us start with the livestock sector.

This Beautiful spring weather heralds the Beginning of the spring grass flush when all our Bovine friends produce Best quality milk that apart from the liquid market is turned into Best quality British Butter. The Border Leicester cross sheep are now Busy giving Birth to this year's lamb crop who cavort and Bounce around the fields. The outdoor pig herds are Breathing in fresh country air rather than Being housed in Beastly cramped conditions and we will Be able to enjoy the Bacon, and Black pudding on the BBQ and other Bountiful cuts of meat at our Sunday lunch tables. All this produce from a British source where no prophylactic antiBiotics have Been administered to the stock, But after the 29th, or is it the 12th April or the 22nd May, will this still Be the case with the threat of imports from countries like Brazil and the USA who are Bargaining hard for the UK to drop the high standards of food production we are Better accustomed to?

In the arable sector, spring Barley is Being planted. British malting Barley produces some of the Best malt available and is enjoyed By many as a major component of Best Bitter Beer. The milling wheat crop that is now coming out of its winter hibernation is the source of flour for the Brilliant range of Bread available at our wonderful artisan Bakers. Winter Beans are now starting their spring growth spurt and soon their Beautiful white flowers will be providing nectar for all the Bees and Butterflies on whom we all rely to pollinate our plants.

I have been Brief. Is this Because my head is Befuddled with all the B\*\*\*\*\* that is going on of which I am now getting very Bored? Let's get the "great" Back in Britain and British agriculture where our standards are some of the Best in the world. And I haven't even mentioned the really Bad "B" word!



## VILLAGE HALL AGM

Thursday 9th May  
7.30pm

Wine & cheese

Please note change of date



## CHURCH NEWS

We would like to change the look of the west end of the Church (i.e. the entrance

end). We would like to remove the curtains, install cupboards and generally open the areas up. It will introduce so much more light and we would make a sitting area for, perhaps, coffee mornings, etc. This all takes time, but from the end of March if anyone would like to see what we are doing or ask any questions, please contact either, Gillian Nolan - 850391, Elizabeth Johns 850039 or Marcelle Stobie - 851048

## TALKING HEADS NO 2

### A CHAT WITH ALEX CONNELL



Many of you will know what a fine figure Alex cuts in his Harrier green as he leads the RA Hunt on one of their meets in the village astride the lovely Lenny. So I was very pleased when he appeared in the full kit for our chat.

Having grown up in Wimbledon, Alex studied physics at Durham University and then joined the Scientific Civil Service with whom he specialised in RAF reconnaissance systems. He has lived in Townsend since 1989, having secured a job at Boscombe Down in 1979. He was particularly involved in night vision testing on flight trials and laser safety on laser guided

weapons. He was a flight test observer for around 25 years and, as such, flew on just about every type of RAF aircraft.

As part of his job he was detached for weeks at a time as the UK delegate to the OCSE (Organisation for Cooperation and Security in Europe); this involved much travel to Eastern Europe and, in particular, to its headquarters in the Hofburg Palace in Vienna. However he never made it to any of the "Stans" as these trips were always snaffled by the Foreign Office.

Alex has enjoyed riding from a young age and has hunted for about 20 years and, as he retired last year, he is now able to devote more time to this. He was made joint Master of the RA Hunt two years ago along with 3 others, a position which he will step down from next year, when he becomes the RA hunt secretary. In addition, he is still the Larkhill Point to Point secretary, an appointment he has filled for the last 10 years. Outside of this he tells me he is interested in Elizabethan history and muses about the manner of Christopher Marlowe's death.

As he goes to leave, he pulls out a pocket watch embossed with the hammer and sickle, which he acquired on one of his many work-related visits to the Eastern bloc and asks me if I want to know the time in Eastern Europe. Well not really, but it's a nice memento of his varied and interesting working life.

JUST RELEASED!



## Chit Fest

Celebrating 20 Years of the Village Hall

Live Music, Bar, Food and Kids Entertainment  
Saturday 6th July 2019

Gates Open: 2pm  
Bar Closes: 10.30pm

Tickets on sale NOW, from Aileen Fenlon, Lorna and Andy Cameron, Mark Webb and Pete Sawyer

Ticket Prices: Adults: £10.00, Children: £5.00  
Family Ticket (2 Adults, 2 Children): £25.00



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# APRIL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## GREEN BIN

Monday 1st, 15th & 29th



## ACROSS THE PLAIN WI

Village Hall  
Tuesday 2nd (see inside)  
7.30pm



## DARTS

King's Head  
Tuesday 2nd, 9th,  
16th, 23rd & 30th  
8pm for 8.30pm start

## WOOLSTORE CODFORD

Wednesday 3rd  
THE WIFE (15)

Tickets - £6 - on sale at the  
Post Office counter in Budgens, Codford  
Doors open 7pm with the film commencing  
at 7.30pm

## BLACK BOX & BLUE BIN DATES

Thursday 4th & 18th

## QUIZ NIGHTS

Friday 5th  
& 19th

King's Head

8.00pm for 8.30pm start

A good fun evening

## Breakfast Club



Saturday 6th  
0930 - 1130

Village Hall

Come along for a bacon butty, toast,  
or an egg butty and a mug of tea or  
coffee. This is a great way to meet  
your fellow villagers.

Our very own Mary Berry, aka Erica,  
may have had time to bake her  
delicious cinnamon swirls but get  
there early if you want one, as they  
are very popular!

Cakes will be on sale, so don't forget  
to bring along some extra money.

## HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

Thursday 11th & 25th

## STITCHING GROUP

Friday 26th  
1030 in Village Hall



## LIBRARY VAN

Friday 26th

Outside the Village Hall  
from 1120 - 1140.

This is a great asset for our  
village and is well worth a  
visit. There are books for everyone,  
including children. There is a lift for  
those of us who have problems with  
the high step and a hearing loop.



## ATHENAEUM WARMINSTER Wednesday 10th

Swimming With  
Men (12A)

7.30pm

Tickets £5.50 on sale at the Box  
Office Athenaeum Theatre,  
Warminster

**\*I would suggest you buy your  
tickets in advance, to ensure you  
have a seat.**

## ATHENAEUM LIMELIGHT PLAYERS PRESENT

## GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM

18-20 April 7.30pm

Tickets £10

## CHITTERNE ROAD RACE CYCLE EVENT

28.04.19

Women's event in the morning

Men's event in the afternoon



There are a few  
of our villagers  
who are having a  
bit of a rough

**time at the moment, so to  
them, we wish you well and hope  
things begin to improve quite  
soon.** Spring is here and the days  
are getting longer, so perhaps that  
will make you feel a little better.

## Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the May issue  
by **Saturday 20th April** by hand or  
email to: [chitchat.39@gmail.com](mailto:chitchat.39@gmail.com)  
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village website: [www.chitterne.com](http://www.chitterne.com)  
click on the Village Life link on the  
home page, then click on Newsletters  
and the monthly issue you want. You  
will need Adobe Reader.



## In aid of Labrador in Need Week

Bring and Buy/ Coffee Morning  
Village Hall

Saturday 27th at 10.30 am

An opportunity to get rid of those  
unwanted presents, clothes etc.

All items to be priced please.

Delicious Home-made  
**Cakes, Bakes & Produce Sale**  
Saturday 6th April 2019  
09.30 - 11.30am  
Chitterne Breakfast Club  
Chitterne Village Hall

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