



Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire
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Hello. Fancy a quick one?

It's been a little while since we last spoke about plans to save the King's Head from closure, so here's a quick update on progress so far. As you can see, we've been a bit busy

- ✓ Chitterne Community Pub Group (CCPG) formed
- ✓ Experienced Advisor from Plunkett Foundation assigned to support and guide the CCPG
- ✓ Awarded a Plunkett Foundation bursary grant
- ✓ Independent Valuation and Building Survey of King's Head completed with positive results
- ✓ CCPG offer accepted on King's Head
- ✓ Application for a Public Works Loan in progress
- ✓ Village Share Option model under review

We will shortly announce the date for another open meeting when you can find out more about our plans and next steps. Everyone will be welcome, so please join us for another round in the village hall. Your support is important and very much appreciated.

Meeting date to be confirmed shortly.
Watch this space

Peter Emmerson, Chair, CCPG



Editor's Ramblings

Well, that's January over and done with; where did it go? It's been months since I have had space to write my ramblings and I've only managed to find a little space this month. Thank heavens, I hear you say. I always find January a tricky month but on a particularly miserable day, both weather wise and emotionally, I received something from a lovely couple in the village that really lifted my spirits and put a huge smile on my face. It wasn't anything of great monetary value but it was just showing me that someone out there was thinking of me and caring. Thank you.

2020 VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

The Village Hall Committee has planned the events for the year and decided to let you know now, so you can put them in your diaries. Where possible these dates will not change but things happen which may force a change, so please check each month to ensure you have the correct date. Thank you

- * Call My Bluff Wine Tasting - Friday 13th March
- * VE Day Celebrations - Friday 8th May
- * Chitterne Olympics - Saturday 25th July
- * Produce Show & Hoe Down - Saturday 5th Sept
- * Bonfire Night - Sunday 8th November
- * Christmas Party - Saturday 12th December

There will also be the usual Breakfast & Lunch Clubs, so keep reading Chit Chat to find out the dates.

As the Produce Show was such a success last year we are holding it again, so, as now is the time when you are planning your vegetable plot, we thought it was a good idea to indicate what the categories for vegetables are.

VEGETABLES

- Potatoes
- Root vegetables
- Garlic
- Marrow or squash
- Tomatoes
- Onions
- Bunch of 4 herbs
- Any salad greens
- Any other vegetable
- Collection of 4 vegetables
- Pot grown vegetable

* Please note that the judges will be looking for taste as well as the look of the vegetables.

CHURCH SERVICES in FEBRUARY

Sunday 2nd Candlemas	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead 5pm Bible Study & Prayers Chitterne	Beccy & Marcelle
Sunday 9th 3 before Lent	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton 1030 HC Chitterne	Beccy & Marcelle
Sunday 16th 2 before Lent	4pm Evensong (BCP) Tilshead 9am Morning Prayer Orcheston 1030 Holy Communion Shrewton 4pm HC (BCP) Tilshead	Beccy & Marcelle
Sunday 23rd next before Lent	9am HC (BCP) Chitterne 1030 Family Communion Orcheston 4pm Family Service Shrewton	Beccy & Marcelle

ASH DIEBACK

Chitterne Parish Council were invited to a meeting on 17.01.2020 by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) about the impact of Ash dieback and how DIO are approaching the issue on Salisbury Plain.

Ash dieback, caused by a fungus (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) is now widespread in this area. Affected Ash trees will suffer rapid decline, weaken and die from it.

Approximately 15,000 Ash trees on the Salisbury Plain Training Area are affected and must be felled as they pose a health and safety issue, especially when they are located by roads and areas of public/troop access. Trees are being inspected and felling is being kept to a minimum to reduce risk to an acceptable level. Felling licences have been approved by the forestry commission. Careful consideration will be given to habitats and locations. Restocking with native broadleaf trees such as Oak, Hazel and Hornbeam will take place following removal of the affected Ash.

A map of locations where trees are being felled can be accessed at www.gov.uk/dio

Priority work will take place until the March nesting season in Ashdown Copse, Tidworth and along the A345 (during night closure of the road). During September 2020 work focus on Heytesbury, Warminster and other roadside trees.

Information and updates to be available on Gov.uk website, SPTA newsletter

Parish Councils will be contacted to pass on messages.

Contact phone number for issues to do with felling: 08000223334

Email: nsc@landmarc.mod.uk

The Parish Council will be monitoring the condition of Ash trees adjacent and within the sports field.

Landowners in the area are advised to monitor Ash trees for signs of dieback and take advice where necessary, especially where decaying Ash trees might pose a risk to the public, for example at roadsides.

<https://www.forestryresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/pest-and-disease-resources/ash-dieback-hymenoscyphus-fraxineus/>

RUBBISH? WHAT RUBBISH?

Below are lists of items that we usually throw away but certain charities will collect them to raise money. Sarah Horne (5 St Mary's Close) has made it her mission to keep as much out of landfill as possible. She is the drop off point for it all and whilst it would be helpful to have things separated, if you don't have time, she would much rather receive them all jumbled up than they go to land fill. Her girls can make their own recycling sorting centre!!

Wiltshire Air Ambulance accept the following:

- Tasimo and L'or packaging
- Baby food pouches
- Crisp packets, any brand, individual bags, sharing bags including the outer multi bag packaging
- Savoury food packets - any brand nuts, pretzels, popcorn
- Pringle tubes - only Pringle brand
- Pet food packaging
- Confectionary - any brand individual chocolate bars, multi pack outer packaging, large bars, Hero and Celebration wrappers, plastic sweet wrappers, eg Haribos (just not Quality Street!)
- Biscuit packaging - sweet or savoury

Other items

- Ink Jet Cartridges - Pilates Anna has signed up to collect ink jet cartridges for Wiltshire Air Ambulance so I can pass these on to her and the charity then receive £1 for every cartridge.
- Stamps - any postage stamps. Tilshead school is also collecting these for Wiltshire Air Ambulance
- Bottle Tops - any plastic bottle top whether it be a milk bottle, water bottle, shampoo bottle etc, etc. A friend of a friend is collecting these for a charity, still waiting to hear which one!
- Pens, Felt Tips, Biro's etc - any pens including biro's, felt tips, highlighters etc. These are being collected by Sutton Veny School.
- Plastic Beauty Packaging - I popped into the store in Bath and the lady wasn't the most helpful but from what I believe, they accept any plastic beauty packaging from shampoo bottles to face cream pots, mascaras to eye shadows including black plastic.
- I am also happy to collect any batteries and light bulbs.
- Contact lenses - these are no longer collected through Recycle for Wiltshire Air Ambulance but Mark Jones Opticians in Fisherton Street in Salisbury are collecting them independently with all the money going to the charity. They take the any brand of contact lenses, the lenses themselves - daily, weekly or monthly and the blister pack including the foil. <https://markjoneseyecare.com/>

Thank you so much for your support and happy collecting, I can't wait to be inundated with your rubbish!!

Don't forget that Pete & Jan (Hawthorn Cottage, Back Lane) collect oral care - any brand toothpaste tubes and cardboard packaging, toothbrushes and their packaging including electric heads, tee pee sticks.

St Thomas a Becket School PTFA
8th February
Pamper Evening
Shrewton Rec
Doors open 7pm
£5 entry to include glass of bubbles
Bar & raffle

CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that I inform you of the death of Theresa Laffin, née Babey, formerly of Chitterne. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.



FLOOD NEWS

The Cut has coped extremely well thus far with the flow being very strong and clearing a large amount of the debris off the bed. The autumn Cut Clearance is a large contributor to this and

now we are approaching February we can feel relatively confident that all is under control. However the forecast for the first week of February is wet so we must maintain our vigilance! As I have taken over the Chair of the Parish Council I am relinquishing my role as Flood Warden and handing back the keys of the "flood gates" to Barry Ricketts, as from the 1st of February. That is not to say I am putting my waders in the attic and will be available like all the other volunteer flood wardens when and if the need arises.

For those of you who wish to keep informed of flood and groundwater related issues please see the links and detail from the Environment Agency below.

From the link below, data from nearby boreholes and river gauges can be seen, though the time and date of the reading should be noted.

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/river-and-sea-levels>

The Environment Agency currently offers a groundwater flood warning service for the Chitterne Valley. To sign up to receive the groundwater flood warnings click on the following link:

<https://www.fws.environmentagency.gov.uk/app/olr/register> or phone their Flood Line service on 0345 988 1188.

Murray Kent

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



A little bird has told me, well not such a little bird, that one of our villagers is going to be celebrating his 90th birthday this month! On behalf of us all I would like to say a huge **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Ken Nicholas**. He was a dairyman for Fred Babey from Chitterne Farm.

THE KING'S HEAD



The new opening hours for the pub are as follows:

Evening openings from 6pm - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

& Saturday

Lunchtime openings from 1200 noon - Saturday & Sunday

*Please note that the pub is closed Sunday evenings & that it is a cash only bar.



CHERRY ORCHARD SURGERY CODFORD

NEW FRIENDSHIP AND FITNESS GROUP FOR OVER 65 YEARS

Age UK are planning to set up a new group in our area.

Fitness and Friendship clubs run across the county providing an opportunity for the older adult over 65years, to spend around 2 hours doing informal and formal activity, seated or standing, that is designed to help maintain independence and promote balance.

After enjoying a cup of tea and delicious biscuits, the exercise is followed by an indoor game, such as skittles, quoits or indoor curling (no ice required!). The afternoon concludes with a session of gentle tai chi and a guided relaxation.

The clubs provide an opportunity to spend time with others who may be facing similar life challenges.

Last, but absolutely not least, there will be a lot of laughter.

Please talk to reception or call 01985 850298 if you are interested.

JULIA'S HOUSE NEEDS YOU!



Do you like to keep busy? Do you have a few hours to spare? Julia's House, the Dorset and Wiltshire Children's Hospice charity is seeking volunteers to help out at its friendly shop located in Maryport Street, Devizes.

The shop relies on volunteers throughout the week, and has a particular need at present for some extra help on Monday mornings and Wednesday and Friday afternoons to serve customers on the till and keep them informed about the charity's work.

Volunteering has lots of benefits from building confidence to reducing stress and is a great way to make friends and have fun.

Liz Thompson, Volunteer Co-ordinator for Julia's House, said, "You don't have to have experience to be a volunteer at Julia's House as we provide all the training you will require. You just need to be friendly, reliable and have the confidence to talk to our customers and make them feel welcome. It's a great feeling to be supporting your local community and will make all the difference to the children and families we care for. We would love to hear from anyone who'd like to get involved at our Devizes shop."

Anyone interested in volunteering in Devizes should contact Liz Thompson on 01202 644220 or pop into the shop for more information.

EDINGTON ARTS

The 2020 season kicks off with the superbly talented young brothers Jun and Yuuki Bouterey-Ishido, playing piano and cello, on Saturday 21st March, at 2.30pm.

There will be a chance to chat to them afterwards over a cup of tea and home made cakes. Tickets are £20/15/10, from Chrissy on 01380 831256 or sue@edingtonarts.org. Edington Angels have a 10% discount, and young people aged 18 and under come free.

FEBRUARY DATES



Breakfast Club

Saturday 1st
0930 - 1100
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.

*Please note change in timings

11th ANNUAL POTATO DAY

In association with Pennard Plants

Everything you will need for the coming Gardening Year

Saturday 1st
10am to 1pm

Codford Village Hall

Entrance £1.50, which includes your first cup of tea/coffee & a slice of cake

GREEN BIN

Monday 3rd & 17th



ACROSS THE PLAIN WI

Village Hall
Tuesday 4th
7.30pm

WOOLSTORE CODFORD

Wednesday 5th
DOWNTON ABBEY (PG)

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 6th & 20th



QUIZ NIGHT
King's Head Pub
Friday 7th
8.00pm for 8.30pm
start

HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

Thursday 13th & 27th

LUNCH CLUB



Wednesday 19th
Lunch is served at 1230
Village Hall

£5 for a hot meal but please let Barry 850884 know if you will be coming by Friday 14th, so that we can cook enough food!! There is even the opportunity to buy a glass of wine to have with your meal, should you wish!

Menu (with an Italian feel)
Lasagne
&
Tiramisu

STITCHING GROUP

Friday 28th
1030
Village Hall



LIBRARY VAN

Friday 28th
Outside the Village Hall
from 1120 - 1140



Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the February issue by Friday 21st January.



IAN CUTLER

KINDLING &
SEASONED LOGS
FOR SALE

01985 850408
07753466869

claires
ironing
services

Contact: Claire

Mobile: 07933142511

Email: claire.eastmead@btinternet.com

HARDWOOD SPLIT LOGS FOR SALE



M3 builders' bags £65
or £35 for half bag

Emma 07411107916
or

eeabel@hotmail.com (The Grange)



This is the season of coughs & sneezes or 'man flu' and before you all rant and rave about that, it was a man who told me that, and it wasn't my husband!! Whether it's flu or a cold or anything else nasty, we wish you a speedy recovery.

CAN YOU HELP?



Hello, I'm new to the village and am wondering if any one has a sewing machine they no longer need. I don't need anything fancy, age doesn't matter as long as it's working.

Contact: Sheila Marshall

Email: boobearone2@gmail.com

Tel: 01985 850412