

Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the
residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire
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PARTY TIME

What's the perfect recipe for having a good time? A large dollop of good friends; a never ending supply of drinks - alcoholic & non-alcoholic; a teaspoon or two of party games; a cup of disco music; 4 tbsps of scrumptious food & a sprinkling of magic! We had it all at the Village Christmas Party.

Anything that starts with free mulled wine and sausages has to be good! There was fierce competition between villagers, as to who could stick the nose on Rudolph (Ross was the winner) & who could make the most points in the snowball game (Bill was victorious, not that he's competitive!). A Christmas themed quiz got us all scratching our heads, especially the quiz setter, as she had left the answers at home!! A tense moment was had, as 2 teams had won and a tie breaker was needed. As usual, the food was fantastic and had an added bonus of Anthony & Tana making fresh crepes for us all - mmmm!

As ever, these events don't just happen, so a huge thank you must be given to the Village Hall Committee, and an equally huge thank you must go to everyone who came along. It was a great night! If you didn't make it - there's always next year!

Many thanks to Barry for the photos.



CHURCH SERVICES in JANUARY

Sunday 6th Epiphany	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead 5pm Bible Study & Prayers Chitterne	Gillian & Erika
Sunday 13th Epiphany 2/Baptism of Christ	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton 1030 Family Communion Chitterne	Gillian & Erika
Sunday 20th Epiphany 3	4pm Evensong (BCP) Tilshead 9am Morning Prayer Orcheston 1030 Holy Communion Shrewton	Gillian & Erika
Sunday 27th Epiphany 4	4pm HC (BCP) Tilshead 9am HC (BCP) Chitterne 1030 Family Communion Orcheston 4pm Family Service Shrewton	Gillian & Erika

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

ARMY ACTIVITIES

TRAINING

The range is fully operational from 7 January. The new Training Year will start on a very quiet note for the first two weeks. The final 2 weeks will see 3rd (UK) Armoured Division conducting a manoeuvre and communication exercise across the plain. One armoured Engineer squadron and 2 armoured recce squadrons with CVRT are also operating across the plain. Live firing is taking place in the centre with Light Gun, Mortars and small arms. There are a number of specialist FIND units out using their optical and radar detection equipment. The red flags will be down in the WEST and CENTRE until the 7 January.

The public should be aware that tank crossings over the A360, A345, A338, B390, and the C22 (Tilshead to Chitterne) roads will be very busy and if conditions are wet mud clearance parties will be working on the crossings. Notice is also given that the training areas in the Copehill Down and Bourne Valley (SPTA East) areas will be heavily used over this period 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.

NEW YEAR, NEW INTEREST

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PUB NEWS

Happy New Year to everyone; hope you all had a good Christmas.

January is here and things are getting back to normal after the

Christmas holidays.

Darts nights will start again on Tuesday nights, beginning on the 8th January. Quiz nights return with the first one on Friday 11th, followed by the next one on the 25th.

On Saturday 12th, the RA Hunt will be setting off from the pub at around 10.45/11.00am. If you are around, come and show some support for the Hunt Master from the village, Alex Connell.

It was nice to see The Mummers again on the 21st December. (Picture below, courtesy of Barry) They raised £116 this year for their chosen charity, so well done.

Hope to see you soon.

Kenton & Sue



It's that time of year again!

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FLOOD WARDEN'S REPORT

November saw the final Cut clearing for 2018; thanks again to those who turned out. The section from Chitterne Farm to Abdon Close bridge was cleared and burnt. The Cut is now well prepared for the winter's rain and all bridges cleared for the passage of water and debris to the water meadow in-between us and Codford.

On the subject of winter rain, of which we have received a considerable amount lately, the telemetry reports from the Environment Agency for Chitterne show a low water table in spite of the rain. The readings for the last month read: 12th Nov 79.80, 25th Nov 79.10, 3rd Dec 78.86, 15th Dec 79.26. We must never be complacent but there is a large safety margin here and I am cautiously optimistic that 2019 will be similar to 2018.

Murray Kent



OLDER PERSON'S CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES

From 01 January 2019, not all bus passes will be renewed automatically.

This is because there are approximately 20,000 passes in circulation that have not been scanned on a bus prior to renewal, indicating that the pass has not been used. In these cases, the passes will not be automatically renewed.

If your pass is not automatically renewed but you would still like to receive one to use in the future, please contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 and we can arrange for your new pass to be issued.

Wiltshire Council regrets that any charges which may occur on bus journeys are non refundable.

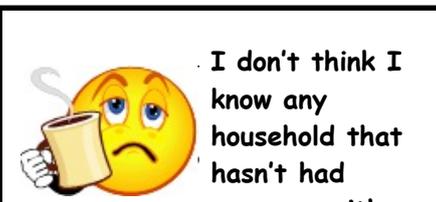
DID YOU KNOW?



A mobile NatWest bank visits Warminster every Friday from 1.30pm-2.15pm. It is parked in the Central Car Park and carries out all business of a normal branch. (Thanks to Lillian for that piece of information)

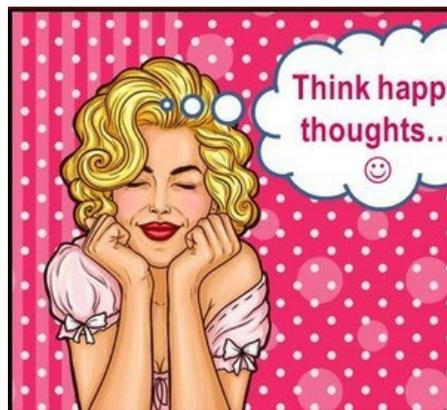
Happy New Year

Let's see what it brings!



I don't think I know any household that hasn't had someone with a cough or cold so far this winter. It seems that once you get it, it's very hard to shift. I have lived with someone, who for the past 3 weeks has been afflicted and just as soon as I think things are getting better, the next morning it seems worse! I know we have quite a few people in the village who have a vast amount of medical knowledge, so would someone please explain to me what is going on; I don't think I can take much more!!

Seriously, if you have been poorly over Christmas, or have had to be in hospital, let's hope you are soon feeling much better. I know there are a few people waiting to go to hospital, so we hope everything is successful and you're soon back home.



Think happy thoughts... ☺



★ Make Your Happiness ★ a priority in 2019

New Year Resolutions

- ✓ Live a little ★
- ✓ Laugh a lot ☺
- ✓ Do some good ♥
- ✓ Don't worry, be happy!



Are you interested in finding out more about how to transform your emotional health and create a worry-free mindset? If so, please join us on:

Tuesday 8th January 2019
7.30pm Chitterne Village Hall

Guest Speaker:
Josie Louise Brocksom
(Registered Hypnotherapist & Coach)

Non-Members Welcome [1st visit FREE, £4 Guest fee thereafter]

SPACE AVAILABLE TO 'RENT'!

Seriously though, I am always on the look out for the odd snippets of interesting information which I can use when there is not much village news; photos of events, or, e.g. the first signs of spring; achievements of your family that you want the world to know about, well the village at least!

Whilst I am the editor, and very happy to continue with the role, I do need your help. I can only put in what I either attend, or am given. You and I are the reporters for this newsletter, not just me.

Not everyone can get out and get involved but yet they want to know what is happening; they want to see what is out there. Not everyone has access to a computer and can't receive the 'Petenet' emails, and so they, to an extent, rely on Chit Chat to give him the information. So next time you are out and about, take a photo, or write a few words about it and send it to me. You never know, you may have just made someone's day! Thank you

JANUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LIBRARY VAN

Friday 4th

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. There is a lift for those of us who may find stairs a bit of a problem and a hearing loop.

GREEN BIN

Tuesday 8th &
Monday 21st



BLACK BOX & BLUE BIN DATES

Friday 11th & Thursday 24th

QUIZ NIGHTS

Friday 11th
& 25th

King's Head

8.00pm for 8.30pm start

A good fun evening



HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

Saturday 5th
Thursday 17th
Thursday 31st

ACROSS THE PLAIN WI

Village Hall

Tuesday 8th (see inside)

7.30pm

Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the December issue by **Friday 25th January** 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. You will need Adobe Reader.

January events are thin on the ground, so that has left space for an article that I was sent ages ago but never had room for.

Food for thought!



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.



DARTS

King's Head

Tuesday 8th, 15th,
22nd & 29th

8pm for 8.30pm start

AGE (kindly sent in by Lillian; thank you)



A new born baby; what will life hold for this infant? It may well have a happy, healthy, fulfilling life, be endowed with many talents or it may be dogged with all sorts of trials and tribulations. That's life!

We all go through the variety of experiences that we may choose or have thrust upon us, but with our school days behind us, we may opt to go to university, and studies apart, experience the wild sowing of oats, our first love, our first challenges about making choices. Alternatively, the decision may be to go straight into employment to learn about the business world, dealing with competing colleagues, customers, or clients and managing life in the big world.

Whatever path we take, most of us will experience falling in love, maybe marrying and having children with all the responsibilities that brings, and be blessed with good health, a supportive circle of family and friends, see our children grow up and continue the spiral of life.

However, we may through choice or circumstance, plough a lone furrow.

The passage of time brings changes; if there are children, they eventually move away, the family house is too big. The stressful business of moving is achieved, retirement begins.

Expanding on existing hobbies, discovering new ones, life is full, but suddenly the tenor changes, ill health may intervene, having to deal with a sick loved one or one's own health problems, coping with bereavement, and all the hundred and one things running and managing all the variety of challenges, problems, and crises that one has always done. That's life!

Suddenly the realities of ageing come up and hit you. Not the fact that there is a slowing down or that one may find that name just won't come to mind and there's a nagging ache in the knees, no, it is the attitude of others.

You have come all this way living life to the full, coping with all sorts of problems and challenges, but suddenly you acquire a label "pensioner" and you all get lumped together like a different species from the rest of humankind.

Attitudes change, there is that line between helping someone with an obvious disability or assuming they are incapable, that their intellect is impaired, they are not up with current trends or world affairs because of age.

So many assumptions are made about age, but let's not forget, having got this far, this tatty T-shirt has been worn, washed and ironed several times over, and the wearer doesn't wish to be treated any differently,

