



Celebrating 20 Years of the New Village Hall



For well over a century, right across the country, village halls, village pubs and churches have served as the beating heart and social hubs of many a small village; this sentiment still rings loudly in our unique village on The Plain.

Sue Robinson's history of Chitterne records that village events have been held on the site of our current hall from as early as 1840 in the school, which had been built as a base for the Village Benefit Club as well as for learning. An alternative venue was available in The Penny Reading Room on Back Lane,

which also served as a place for marriages before the completion of our current church.

The reuse of a redundant First World War army hut, re-located to Bidden Lane, saw a rise in village entertainment, including music concerts and parties. These thriving activities moved to the newly refurbished old school building in 1970, following its closure as a school in the 1960's.

20 years ago, the Village Hall as we see it today was built by kind donations and great fund-raising efforts. Since its official opening in February 1999 it has become a place with many a story to tell. It has witnessed the arrival of new life to the Village through christening teas; it has witnessed the union of love in the Village through wedding breakfasts; and it has also witnessed sadness through wakes for departed Village friends; yet above all it has witnessed just how special our Chitterne community really is through its parties, clubs, talks and gatherings.....and these have been and remain a unique mix for this special social hub that we should all be proud to celebrate together, now and for many years to come!

To mark this important anniversary, the Village Hall Committee is hosting **Chit Fest** on Saturday 6th July (between 2pm and 10:30pm). This will be a gathering of villagers and friends for another historic Chitterne gathering including Live Music, Bar, Food and Children's Entertainment (see inside for ticket details).

Please do come and support this event so that the age-old tradition of our own Village Hall lives on at the heart of Chitterne.

CHURCH SERVICES in JUNE

Sunday 2nd After Ascension	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead 5pm Bible Study & Prayers Chitterne	Elizabeth Johns & Virginia Neal
Sunday 9th Pentecost	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton 1030 Family Communion Chitterne	Elizabeth & Virginia
Sunday 16th Trinity	6pm Evensong Tilshead 9am Morning Prayer Orcheston 1030 Holy Communion Shrewton 6pm HC (BCP) Tilshead	Elizabeth & Virginia
Sunday 23rd Trinity 1	9am HC (BCP) Chitterne 1030 Family Communion Orcheston 4pm Family Service (CW) Shrewton	Elizabeth & Virginia
Sunday 30th Trinity 2	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton 6pm Songs of Praise Chitterne	Flower Festival

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



Notice something?



Donations for **Salisbury Women's Refuge** wanted e.g. clothing for women and children, toys, books, etc.

In support of our friends at Salisbury Women's Refuge we've offered to make some attractive fabric notice boards to help personalise their rooms.
Please come and help us to help them on:

Tuesday 4th June 2019
7.30pm Chitterne Village Hall

Learn a new skill and help make a difference.
All materials provided. Fabric donations are welcome.
Non-Members are welcome to join us. A £4 Guest Fee will be applicable.

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Supporting villages from across Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire email: acrosstheplainwi@gmail.com

PUB NEWS



What a lovely May Chitterne has had; nice sunny days and so good to see people out and about.

We have had some very good Quiz Nights in May. If you haven't got a team, come in and join one of the other teams. The Darts Nights are still going strong and we had visitors from The Rose & Crown, Tilshead but we couldn't quite get them to play darts yet! Darts Nights are every Tuesday, starting at about 8.30pm. The next Quiz Nights are Friday 14th & 28th, starting at 8.30pm. There is a £20 voucher for the winners to spend on drink at the bar.

A date for your diary is Wednesday 19th. The Morris Men will be here again, starting about 8pm. Pop in and have a laugh and a dance, if you fancy it. Fun is guaranteed for all!

Hope to see you soon.

Kenton & Sue

Chitterne All Saints' & St Mary's Church

Flower Festival

"Books we have loved"

Sat 29th – Sun 30th June 2019



including Open Gardens & Scarecrow Trail
Coffee, Light Lunches & Tea available in Village Hall

Opening Times:
10.30am – 5.30pm
Songs of Praise, 6pm Sun 30th June

www.chitterne.com
www.facebook.com/Chitterne
Chitterne is on the B390 between Stonehenge & Warminster

All proceeds in aid of Chitterne All Saints' & St Mary's Church Fabric Fund

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Plant Sale this year. We all had a great morning and made the amazing sum of £843.10 which is a record! So we will give St Thomas a Becket PTFA a cheque for £421.55 which will go towards their "early years outdoor garden", and the Church fund will also receive £421.55.

We could not raise this sort of money without the wonderful work and generosity of many people, so a big thank you to everyone who grew the plants to sell, made the delicious cakes & chutneys and donated to the raffle. Also thank you to the helpers and to everyone who came and made it such a successful morning by donating so generously. A special thank you this year goes to Paul & Erika who kindly donated the bacon and then cooked it on the barbeque - their rolls were a huge success!

See you all next year I hope!

Emma

TALKING HEADS NO 3

A CHAT WITH LORNA CAMERON MSc, PGCLTHE, PGCE, BHS SM(Reg'd) QTLS, SFHEA, R.Anim.Sci

I hope you are impressed by all Lorna's post-nominals but please don't ask me to explain what they all are. The stiff gins we had together while I learnt of her career and life in Chitterne means that I simply cannot remember. She is one high achiever and fun to boot.

Lorna is proud of her Scottish heritage having been born in Western Scotland where her love of horses was kindled at a young age when helping at a local riding school. She moved South in 1988 to Gloucestershire where she worked as a yard manager and competition groom to world and Olympic level in show jumping, dressage and eventing. In addition she worked all over Europe and the UK for the US equestrian team. I was particularly envious of her having had the keys to Richmond Park in order to ride out for the well-heeled of the Inns of Court.



During a short spell in the Air Force she met the very affable Andy, who was doing an in-service degree at Shrivenham. On leaving the Army he got a job at Boscombe Down as a communications technician and Lorna was up for a change and so launched herself into academia at Sparsholt, where she is now a senior lecturer. She had achieved one of the first degrees in equine research in the UK and has presented research at the British Association of Sports and Exercise conference. She has also written and assisted on numerous scientific study papers

with her current area of research being on breast biomechanics in female riders; no sniggering chaps, this is a serious subject as a high percentage of females suffer breast pain as a result of riding. For this research Lorna has access to a state of the art horse simulator, which provides virtual data on rider performance.

Andy and Lorna moved to Chitterne in 2004, Andy having found the house, with Lorna's only stipulation having been that it should be in a village and have a real fire; when she came to view No 2 Brook Walk she was wowed by the surrounding country as she approached the village from Knook. Both she and Andy are outdoors people and love walking and spending nights in a tent halfway up a mountain, but she says her days of crampons and ice axes are over.

Anyone who frequents the pub will know Lorna for her lively and irreverent sense of humour and she is a frequent participant of the prize winning Red Hot Chitterne Peppers quiz team. And, if this were not enough, she is also a keen reader of military history and, on the academic front, is now completing her PhD on breast biomechanics in female horse riders.

Lorna, by her own admission, thrives on challenges and, having run around the Plain for the Poppy Appeal last year, plans to run 1000 miles next year to mark a "significant" birthday in spite of an ankle still full of metal as a result of a riding accident. We wish her well in this endeavour and I look forward to a gin or two with her to learn more.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Just to let you know that Anthony Knyvett has relinquished his role as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and it has been taken over by Pete Sawyers.



We would like to thank Anthony for his many years of service to the village.

NEXT MONTH'S CHIT CHAT

Please note that the July edition of Chit Chat will be combined with the August one, so please ensure that you send any articles in good time.

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

If sending any posters, pictures etc, please send them as a jpeg as the publishing programme I use doesn't like PDF files.

Many thanks

PARISH STEWARD

Just to let you know that the Parish Steward will be working in Chitterne sometime in June, so if you know of anything that he should be working on, e.g. clearing gulleys, cutting back hedging, fixing manhole covers, please contact Pete Emmerson on 850070, who is one of our Parish Councillors.



Some of our villagers are feeling unwell at the moment, whilst others are finding life a little bit difficult, so to all of them, we wish you well and hope things begin to improve quite soon. Summer is definitely on its way, with the promise of longer and warmer days.



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



Email: chitfest@gmail.com

JUNE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ACROSS THE PLAIN WI

Village Hall
Tuesday 4th (see inside)
7.30pm



CRICKET

Sunday 8th
Chitterne v Bill Twiston
Davis XI

Sunday 23rd

Chitterne v Erlestoke

Sunday 30th

Chitterne v Oxymorons (tbc)

All fixtures 2pm start

FLOWER FESTIVAL



Chitterne All Saints
& St Mary's Church

Saturday 29th &
Sunday 30th



DARTS

King's Head

Tuesday 4th, 11th,
18th & 25th

8pm for 8.30pm start

GREEN BIN

Monday 10th & 24th



CHITTERNE ROAD RACE CYCLE EVENT

02.06.19



WOOLSTORE

CODFORD

Wednesday 5th

THE FAVOURITE (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 13th & 27th

ATHENAEUM

WARMINSTER

Wednesday 19th

Leave No Trace (12)

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.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

Thursday 6th & 20th

VILLAGE CLEAN UP



Saturday 15th

Meet outside Village Hall at
1000am

Everyone welcome - 'many hands
make light work!'

MORRIS MEN

Wednesday 19th

8pm

King's Head



ATHENAEUM LIMELIGHT PLAYERS PRESENT

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

4th - 6th July 7.30pm

Tickets £10

ODDITY THEATRE PRESENTS

SISTER ACT

24th - 28th July 7.30pm

Tickets £13 & £12 (over 60s)

Breakfast Club

Saturday 8th

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!

*NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

STITCHING GROUP

Friday 21st

1030

Village Hall



LIBRARY VAN

Friday 21st

Outside the Village Hall
from 1120 - 1140.

