



Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the
residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire
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NORMAL SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED

BREAKFAST CLUB

Have you missed us? We've missed you!

We've got the bacon & the eggs & the bread! We've got the coffee & the tea & the milk!

We may even have the cinnamon swirls!!

Saturday 3rd July (We've given you plenty of notice to clear your diary!)

0930 - 1100 Village Hall

We may still have certain restrictions in place but by the next edition of Chit Chat we shall be in a better position to let you know.

For any newcomers, and as a reminder to everyone else, this is a great way to meet your fellow villagers and you can be guaranteed a very warm welcome.

Please note that the Winners of the Art Challenge are to be announced during Breakfast Club and prizes awarded.



Village Breakfast comes early for some!

Many thanks to Murray for this delightful photograph



**JULY
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CHITTERNE VILLAGE PARTY

**At the Village Hall
6pm - 11pm**

The village hall are putting on a **free** party, to Celebrate the end of Lockdown!!!

There will be a buffet supplied by Marilyn Wood - cheese and meat platters, vegetarian flan and salads.

We have a DJ and a 2 hour live music set by Indecision.

The Frisky Filly will be selling drinks, this is the only thing you will need to pay for.

Please advise attendance via email to chitfest@gmail.com by 19th June so we have numbers for catering.

Ian Cutler



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PLANT SALE - THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly bought and donated to our plant sale this year. Once again we smashed our target and have raised £1,094 which is fantastic! This means that Jack Winter's Leg Up Legacy Fund and the village church will each receive £547. We have spoken to Nicholas's sister who set up Jack Winter's Leg Up Legacy and its burger van and she confirmed that all the money we have donated will go towards the running and maintenance of the van, as well as the training of the young men who run it. She wanted us to thank you all so much for your generosity. Maybe one day we will be able to have the van here in Chitterne at one of our outdoor events. They would be thrilled to come and show us what it's all about and serve up some burgers!



It was great to see many familiar faces after a very long Covid restricted year and luckily the rain held off for most of the morning. We had a fantastic selection of plants and we cannot thank the growers enough for all their help and dedication, particularly through a very frosty April. Rowena's cakes and others were hugely popular too so thank you to them too.

We hope everyone has managed to plant out all that was bought and fingers crossed the weather will improve now that we are in June!

Thank you so much again to everyone who contributed; it is much appreciated.

Nicholas & Emma

HONEY FOR SALE



Murray has a new stock of Salisbury Plain honey selling to support the upkeep of Imber Church. Just give a call on 851785.

For further information please visit www.imberchurch.org.uk/events for the latest on opening dates for the summer.



CRICKET

Sunday 6th

Heytesbury & Sutton
Veny

Sunday 20th

Oxymorons

2pm start

Pack a picnic, come down to the field and join in the fun

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Emerald
2. Anita Dobson
3. Maypole dancing
4. Cold & frosty morning
5. French Open
6. The Great Exhibition
7. Solicitor
8. Obi-Wan-Kenobi

How did you do?

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We require a

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

based at **CODFORD**

Working up to 25 hours per week morning/afternoon on School days only.

Category "D" licence holder or training to pass test maybe given to suitable applicants. Conditional on passing enhanced DBS check

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851545 or email

chris.realcoach@hotmail.com



How reliable and secure are these machines?

Very reliable. Every time an order is completed each package will be allocated a bar code that corresponds to the 6 digit pin you will be sent. This technology ensures you cannot be given the wrong medication by mistake. The technology deployed is similar to that used by cash dispensers to ensure machines are secure and tamper proof at all times.

I like to collect my medication from a local drop off point, can I still do this?

Yes you can, although you might like to consider the additional flexibility that using the automatic dispenser will bring.

Wouldn't it be cheaper to use a service like Pharmacy2u?

There will always be choice and it's up to you to decide what works best for you. It's all about options and what we want to do is expand the range of options.

Is this a new idea?

Whilst in certain respects we're stepping into the future, we're also helping to maintain those things that matter to us a community, i.e. keeping things local for local people to use. However, by using this machine you could, if you wish, collect your medication on bank holidays - now there's a thought!

Convinced?

We hope certainly hope so!

Next steps?

In the next week or so, you will see a planning application for the machine. This will give you information on what the machine will look like externally and how it will look!

The awkward bit

As mentioned earlier, we always like to communicate and share our thoughts with you, our valued patients, however, time was of the essence! Should planning be successful, the machine will be fitted within in less than a month! We plan to have a live 'Q and A' session as well as having a dedicated team member to help you through every step of the way!

The really awkward and cheeky bit

As you can imagine, this is a major investment, £40,000 to be exact, and it will without a doubt help with the provision of day to day healthcare now and into future. This machine will bring considerable benefits to the community as a whole. All things going well, with the help of the community we would like to set up help with fundraising to support us in repaying our loan. If you think you can help, please get in contact with our Practice Manager- Jessica Holland - jessicaholland@nhs.net

Kind regards,

Jessica Holland

Practice Manager

On behalf of the Partners

Dr Harriet Meader, Dr Lynne Macready, Dr James Banfield,

Dr Helen Pickup, Dr Alison Corke, Dr Hugh Bond, Dr Sarah Butcher and Dr Lindsay Kinlin

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DON'T FORGET!

ART CHALLENGE



An invitation to the young of Chitterne to take part in a fun competition!

To support All Saints Friends Trust, we are asking young people to help us design a series of cards, no larger than A4, featuring the church in Chitterne, that can be used for birthdays, Christmas, thank you notes and so on.

There are three "classes" of entry for the competition:

- For those up to the age of 7
- For those aged from 8 to 12
- For those aged 13 to 17

Prizes for the best in each group including, for the oldest, an amazing mosaic workshop for two with Emma Abel of abelmosaics at the Grange, Chitterne. All materials/tools provided.

Closing date is Sunday 20th June so plenty of time over half term for everyone to consider how THEY see the church, from the back, front, side, top (?) or bottom! Even from the inside if you go in on a Wednesday or Sunday.

Please encourage everyone to take part, it will be so good to see local young people being involved!

Any queries, please contact Gillian on 850391

ARMY ACTIVITIES

TRAINING

During June Exercise WESSEX STORM will be deploying 3 Battle Groups of approximately 3,000 troops onto SPTA. There will be live firing in the West and Centre to support the exercise. The various training Schools will also be out preparing the future Commanders for the Army and the Royal Marines.

All firing times are published monthly on the Gov.uk site.

USEFUL INFORMATION

The Headquarters of Salisbury Plain Training Area now has a Facebook page and a Twitter account. The details of which are below:

[Facebook](#)

Twitter - @HQSPTA

Please join and follow us..

We encourage estate users to report illegal activity. Call 999 for emergencies, but for other suspected illegal activity on Salisbury Plain Training Area, contact the Ministry of Defence Police on 01371 854444. A detachment is permanently based on Salisbury Plain and will respond.

Health and Safety reminder for ALL Military Training Areas and Ranges:

- do not touch or tamper with Military debris
- wash your hands before you eat
- clean your footwear before you enter your car or home

WHAT'S THE LINK?

What word can go in front or behind each of the following groups?

Example - door, fright, centre. The words to link them is 'STAGE'

1. Black, cliff, row
2. Avenue, ranger, play
3. Lift, high, deck
4. Green, keeper, martin
5. Blossom, picker, tomato
6. Child, reader, shower
7. Tonic, fall, heavy
8. Corn, snow, soap
9. Clause, great, narrow
10. Active, local, bush
11. Rein, park, stalker
12. Drop, man, fall

Good luck & enjoy! Answers next month

FUN QUIZ NIGHT

Friday nights starting at 8pm



Requirement: Internet Access + Laptop/PC/Smart device + Zoom + pen & paper. Some would also say that a glass of something & a bit of chocolate seems to help the little grey cells work!

Nobody takes it too seriously, honestly; it's just a chance to meet people and have a bit of fun. Scores do not have to be declared and there is a rota for volunteers willing to set the quiz.

If you are interested in joining us, please email l.lucas112@outlook.com

FED UP OF CHITTERNE!

I came across this photograph whilst I was looking for something else and remembered that I had used it in another Chit Chat, so I fished it out, only to discover it was on the front cover of March 2014!! My goodness how time flies! The headline was, 'When Will It Be Spring?' and as I am working on this, the rain is pouring down and I am asking myself the same question, never mind 'When will it be summer?!'



Editor's Ramblings

This has been a mammoth Chit Chat this month which for me was a bit of a shock after fairly easy ones over the last year!

There are a couple of long articles but they are worth pouring yourself a cup of tea for and settling down to read them, as they are full of very interesting and important information. It's been great to be able to include events for the first time since VJ Day way back in August and hopefully they will all be able to happen. I am sure for most of us, this last year and a bit has had its ups and downs but there hasn't been a day gone by when I haven't thanked my lucky stars that I live here. One of our new villagers who moved in around Easter, joins in with the Friday Quiz and the other night she said that she thought this was a really cool village and had she realised it was so great, she would have been prepared to pay more for the house!! High praise indeed.

CHIT CHAT NEXT ISSUE

Please may I have all contributions for the July issue by Monday 21st June. Email them to the Chit Chat email address which is on the front of this newsletter.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020-2021



What a year to write a report on. This time a year ago we were in full lockdown and the pandemic has completely dominated our year.

As soon as the gravity of the Corona virus 19 situation sunk in the Chitterne Resilience Group was formed. The village was divided into zones and each zone had a 'Street Rep' appointed along with volunteer 'deputies' to assist. They were all brilliant, helping out in many ways anyone in the village who required any form of assistance. We have kick started it now 3 times in each lockdown and our thanks go out to all those who made it run so smoothly. We had to cordon off the play equipment in the playing field and when it was eventually reopened two of the swings had to be removed to comply with 'social distancing'. I am glad to report that the play area is now fully open and the multi play has just been spruced up with a treatment of Danish oil thanks to Joe Wood and Alistair Pett. Throughout the pandemic we have been continuously kept up to date with all the latest information on Covid and related matters and some light hearted items to cheer us along. So big thanks to Pete Sawyers who very efficiently runs 'Petenet' for all the village and to Lindsay Lucas for all the information included in our monthly Chit Chat.

On the playing field, more tree work has been carried out and the main item was the removal of the large poplar tree behind the cricket shed. A large bough had fallen off and it was deemed too risky for the tree to remain. It will also allow light onto the beech trees in the area to help them develop into better specimens. Our thanks to Councillor Horsfall for highlighting the problem of the poplar tree and his labours in keeping the Cut so pristine through the lower part of the village. Charlie Micklem retired from his duties of mowing the Chancel so the Cricket Club has handed back the responsibility of that to the Parish Council who have engaged Mark Potter to do the work. A big thank you to Charlie for the care and attention he has given the Chancel over the years. We are hopefully about to reach an agreement with the Cricket Club for this year's ground maintenance. Staying with the tree theme the lime trees between The Coach House and West Farm are, sadly, well past their sell by date. With the help of our local Wiltshire councillor, Christopher Newbury, it was arranged for the dangerous trees to be removed last September. As with many projects last year it was delayed and then the Cut filled up with water. We are now waiting for the bird nesting season to finish and then the work will commence, I am assured.

Paul Johns has taken over Flood Warden duties from Barry Ricketts. A belated cut clearance took place after the waters rose and thanks to those intrepid men in waders who did an excellent clearing job. This essential piece of maintenance keeps the water flowing down to the flood meadows and greatly helps to keep us out of trouble.

We were successful in lobbying for improvements to the byway we all know as the 'Hollow'. Many thanks to Paul Millard of Wiltshire Council who organised the works on our behalf; it has opened new horizons for all our walkers. It was certainly of a standard well beyond my expectations.

I received a mail from Henry Parker on the 14th May. He is Senior Manager, Policy and Public Affairs for BT. This was in answer to yet another query regarding accessibility to a mobile phone signal in the village. Although a new mast had been erected on Stratton's land, overlooking the village, last September, someone forgot to apply for a wayleave to install electricity to run it. Eventually terms were agreed and they expect power by the end of July and the Fibre link to be completed in August with activation following after that. It is basically an EE ESN (Essential Services Network) but I have been assured that any mobile user in the EE MVNO (Mobile Virtual Network Operators) network will receive a signal. These are EE Mobile, BT, Plusnet, Asda and Virgin Mobile. Anyone with a different supplier is advised to lobby them to request that they either buy space on the mast or they erect their own mast.

The allotments continue to thrive but we have made no progress in the availability of water yet. There are some occupied allotments that appear to be somewhat neglected. If any holder finds themselves unable to maintain and use their allotment please let our clerk know as there is a waiting list for vacant plots.

The helicopter overflying incident last summer was resolved at a very high level, thanks mainly to the input of one of our most senior ranking gentlemen. Without his input there is no way we would have resolved the matter in such a satisfactory manner.

The PC has reviewed many planning applications and by the end of this year the village will have an additional 5 dwellings, hopefully a new stable unit, slightly fewer trees and some double glazed windows.

Under the guidance of Councillor Emmerson the village steward continues to serve us, however he has been absent for most of the past year having been seconded onto Covid duties. Please report any suitable task to our clerk who will pass it on.

I find myself now veering into the more negative aspect of PC news. Despite the heroic efforts of Councillor Neal and others, the ongoing problem with traffic volumes and speeding are much the same as they were ten years ago and progress is virtually non-existent. The Valley Farm tip has now been running for 30 years and by the look of it will soon be the highest point in Wiltshire! We continue to monitor the march towards the final lorry load and are increasingly frustrated by being bounced between Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency when posing any questions. Once complete at least one aspect of the B390 problems will be done with.

Similarly we are bounced between Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Constabulary when it comes to traffic calming and speeding. The problem has been highlighted recently with the night-time closure of the A303, as the B390 is essential for the re-direction of traffic in those circumstances. The latest correspondence from our Wiltshire Council leader, Philip Whitehead, offers scant hope. I quote from his letter dated 7th May this year 'there are many locations where residents would wish to see a reduction in traffic, but heavy goods vehicles and passenger vehicles, whilst unwelcome, are often necessary to support a thriving economy'. The PC is looking at the problem with a clean sheet and I hope to be able to have some positive news later in the year.

We had hoped to see the scruffy piece of land at the Tilshead/B390 junction improved by Wiltshire Council, sadly no action yet.

The perennial problem of dog fouling continues. Apart from appealing to people's better nature and decency there is little more that can be said that has not been said many times before. Take up yoga, bend your back and pick it up!

The Kings Head PWLB loan is still awaiting approval. Queries relating to the application have been answered and we await their decision. Thanks to Ian Bell who has taken over the chair from Peter Emmerson of the CCPG.

To finish on a positive note I would like to thank Mike Lucas and Rachel Wilkinson, now retired councillors, for their input into our local machinations during their term of involvement and welcome Jackie Bull and Jeff Barella who have been elected in their place. I would also like to thank my fellow councillors for their support during this last difficult year and their mastery of Zoom and finally Nikki Spreadbury-Clews, our Clerk, who tries to keep us on the straight and narrow with a modicum of success.

Murray Kent

OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

(can you remember where you put it?)



Tuesday 20th July Lunch Club

(Usually third Tuesday of every month)

Saturday 7th August Breakfast Club

(Usually first Saturday of every month)



Tuesday 17th August Lunch Club



Saturday 21st August Imber Bus Day

Sunday 7th November Bonfire Night



Saturday 18th December Christmas Party

AND THERE'S MORE!

Wednesday 14th July

**WHITE HORSE MORRIS
DANCERS**



8pm

Outside the Village Hall

**Drinks available to buy from
7.30pm**

*This is always a fun event & you
may even get to take part!*



DOWN ON THE FARM

I came across a book entitled Agricultural Records A.D. 220-1977 the other day but what really caught my eye was the author's notes. In 1883 and 1912 a book called "Records of the Seasons, Prices of Agricultural Produce and Phenomena Observed in the British Isles was compiled and published by Thomas Baker. It dealt, year by year, with weather, crop yields, agricultural prices and other matters of concern to country people from very early times. Thomas Baker farmed at Mere Down. On his retirement Mr J M Stratton undertook to bring the record up to date. The record is a fascinating insight into the lives of the English country folk. 1789 saw the outbreak of the French Revolution, but what were our ancestors living through? The records show that they were coping with a late winter followed by a backward spring, a very poor harvest and a serious outbreak of sheep rot! Move forward to Waterloo and we find a year of drought but also of abundant harvests which lead to a rapid fall in corn prices and agricultural distress.

Let's start at the beginning as close to year 21 of whatever century. For instance, 220 AD is said to have endured a great frost in England which lasted 5 months. Move forward a century and in 329 AD many rivers in Britain were said to have been frozen for 6 weeks, and a further century in 430 AD saw a disastrous plague in Britain, and so it goes on until 1022 when they endured a very hot dry summer. In between times it was either freezing cold or boiling hot with much famine, plague, whether of humans or cattle, crop failure and even an earthquake. Not much change then from today with our plague but not too many earthquakes!

As the months progress I will endeavour to dig out more interesting snippets as to the woes and welfare of our English country folk, starting in 1121 when.....

Murray Kent

WYLYE VALLEY SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES



Have you ever considered becoming a school governor? Wylve Valley School are currently seeking to recruit new Foundation Governors to join the governing body of this lovely school. Under the direction and care of Head Teacher, Rob Barnes and his supportive staff, children are encouraged to be outstanding in everything they do.

You may have an interest in children perhaps as a parent or grandparent yourself, or maybe you are looking for a new challenge? You do not need any previous experience in education as full training will be given.

You could be just the person we are seeking to join our lively governing body; all you need to bring is a little time and commitment.

If you feel you can support our Christian values of love, care and respect we would love to hear from you.

Wylve Valley School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. You will need to apply for a fresh disclosure form from the Disclosure and Barring Service before being appointed.

For further details and information please email our chair of governors Mrs Tessa Bucknall: tbucknall@wylvevalley.wilts.sch.uk

SUNDAY SERVICES, DAILY PRAYERS & OUR MAILING LIST

This is the regular pattern at the moment:

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion

1st Sunday of month Tilshead

2nd Sunday of month Chitterne

3rd Sunday of month Shrewton

4th Sunday of month Orcheston

5th Sunday of month (on rotation across the year)

We also host a service of Evening Prayer (Evensong) using the Book of Common Prayer every Sunday evening at 6pm on Zoom. The link for this can be found on our weekly emailed notices, or by request

to reveleanorance@gmail.com

We also provide daily audio clips of prayers for anyone who wishes to receive them. These are emailed directly to those on our mailing list. If you want to be added to the mailing list, which would also give you access to our weekly notices and other information, please drop Eleanor a line: reveleanorance@gmail.com

The 4 churches in the parish are now opening between the hours of 9am and 6pm every Wednesday and Sunday going forwards. As restrictions ease, we hope to be able to provide more access, but for now this is what we are able to safely offer.

IT IS WITH REGRET

It is with sadness that I inform you that Pam Jones, of Townsend, passed away last month (May). Our thoughts are with Bryan at this difficult time.

'Sometimes the smallest things have the biggest meaning.'

'It's OK to be not OK'

These are 2 quotes that have helped me through the 'downs' of the last year and I just thought I would share them with you because I can.



To Our Valued Patients,

We would firstly like to thank you, as always, for your continued and unwavering support of our surgeries. What interesting times we are in. We are so very thankful for your patience whilst we navigated our way through the last year - converting from face-to-face to telephone consultations and collecting medications through windows to mention just a few!!

As always, the safety of our patients and staff is paramount and as we start to plan our roadmap out of the pandemic and start to resume some of our routine monitoring services we have had to risk assess all areas of patient care and unsurprisingly the highest risk to patients and staff is patient footfall. At Codford in particular, footfall is mainly centred around the collection of medications and scripts. When assessing and discussing ways to mitigate this risk two options were considered, a delivery service or a 24 hours collection point (like Amazon collection points!). Both options were thoroughly researched and in the end we opted for the pragmatic approach, the dispensing machine. The machine carries less risk, but goes a long way to helping us to reduce footfall in the building, with the added benefit of allowing medication to be collected outside of dispensary hours.

We hope the following information answers your questions but if there's something we've forgotten, please contact our Practice Manager- Jessica Holland- jessicaholland@nhs.net.

What is a dispensing machine?

Pharmaself24 is an automated medicine collection machine system that lets patients pick up medicine 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

This sounds interesting but how does it work?

Once your medication has been dispensed it will be placed inside the automatic dispenser. At the same time, you will be sent a text message with a unique 6-digit pin number for your items. Simply tap this into the machine and your medication will be delivered to you straight away.

What about acute prescriptions?

It's not only repeat prescriptions that can be collected this way, acute items can be too.

What are the other benefits?

Time and convenience are the many ways this will impact on your life. There's also the advantage of added privacy as you will no longer need to check your medication at reception. You will be able to maintain self-distancing and reduce the risk of spreading or catching germs.

I pay for my medication and my partner is exempt, what happens here?

You can pay for your medication by card whilst using the machine. If you are exempt or have a prepayment card, the technology will recognise this too. It's your responsibility to keep your prepayment and any exemptions up to date. Failure to do so could result in a fine.

Will I be able to collect controlled drugs in this way?

Unfortunately this is not allowed because controlled drugs can only be made available upon completion of the necessary paperwork.

Will I be able to collect fridge items in this way?

Certain fridge items may be stored in the Pharmaself24 machine with prior arrangement and commitment to prompt collection. Fridge items need to be stored in temperature-controlled conditions.

What about larger items such as stoma and incontinence products?

They won't fit into the machine.

What happens if I'm collecting medication on behalf of someone else?

Providing the individual concerned has authorised you to do so, all they need to do is give you the pin number to access their medication. A new pin number is issued for each order, so you don't have to worry about remembering it or it getting lost.

My family member looks forward to popping into the practice to collect their medication and is not good with pin numbers?

Don't worry. Our ability to deliver quality patient service matters to us a great deal which is why if some patients wish to continue collecting their medication in the traditional way, they are very welcome to do so, the choice is theirs.

How long will the automatic dispenser store my medication for?

3 to 6 days depending on demand.

What if I don't use a mobile phone or computer?

Don't worry you will still be able to order and collect your medicines in the usual way.