



Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire
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DID YOU KNOW?

Warminster & District Film Society, based at The Athenaeum Theatre, Warminster, shows films each month

throughout the year. The Society is independent, we choose our own selection of titles, from recent releases to foreign films and take suggestions from our members.

Our year is split into two seasons - The Spring / Summer season runs from March to August & The Autumn / Winter season runs from September to February.

By paying a membership fee of £18 each season, all attendance is then free at the door and membership guarantees a seat; there is no need to book, just turn up on the night with your membership card. Members then re-join after the final film of each season.

Non-members can also attend, by buying guest tickets at £5.50 per film. These are limited due to the capacity of the auditorium. Guest tickets for a film are available at the Athenaeum Box Office.

Any remaining guest tickets can also be bought on film night.

The Athenaeum, has excellent quality equipment; high definition projection and sound, plus loop system for those who are hard of hearing. The ground floor of the auditorium is accessible to wheelchair users. A lift is available to assist access to the balcony stairs.

If this is of interest to you, you can pick up this seasons form from the theatre, or as your editor works there, contact her and she can pick one up for you.



PUDDING CLUB

What is it? Do you have to be a 'Mary Berry'? No, you don't! All you have to do is make a pudding; a pudding that you enjoy and that you make every time you have friends or family round for supper. You bring the pudding to the hall at 1000 and pay £1 entry fee. The pudding is then tasted and judged by an impartial panel, and a winner and runner-up in each category is decided. The judges then have the hard decision as to who should be the overall winner.

You return to the hall at 1100, where a light lunch is available for £2.50 - soup, bread rolls & as many puddings as you can eat! The results are announced, prizes are awarded & everyone goes home with full tummies!

Please note that the gentlemen in these photos are not judging this year! Unhappy teddy bears!



CHURCH SERVICES in MARCH

Sunday 3rd Next before Lent	9am HC (CW) Orcheston 1030 Family Communion Tilshead 5pm Bible Study & Prayers Chitterne	Nicola & Jane H
Sunday 10th Lent 1	9am HC (BCP) Shrewton 1030 Family Communion Chitterne	Nicola & Jane H
Sunday 17th Lent 2	6pm Evensong (BCP) Tilshead 9am Morning Prayer Orcheston 1030 Holy Communion Shrewton	Nicola & Jane H
Sunday 24th Lent 3	6pm HC (BCP) Tilshead 9am HC (BCP) Chitterne 1030 Family Communion Orcheston	Nicola & Jane H
Sunday 31st Lent 4	4pm Family Service Shrewton 1030 Holy Communion Orcheston	Nicola & Jane H

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

ARMY ACTIVITIES

TRAINING

March continues on from a very busy February. Exercise Wessex Storm continues until 8th March. Throughout the month there will be heavy use of all parts of the Plain as armoured, armoured reconnaissance and armoured infantry sub-units train ready for deployment for training in Canada later in the year. The Land Warfare School major armoured exercises **COMBAT TEAM** and **TEAM SPIRIT** are on the plain but with a reduced number of vehicles. The gap between these exercises is being utilised by a major logistics exercise **TIMBER TRUSS** run by the Defence Logistics School involving large convoys of heavy trucks which will be using all training area transit routes and tank crossings. The public are advised to take extra precautions when using the byways and recreational access areas particularly during the peak periods Monday to Friday. Convoys will be dispatched at regular intervals and disruption to civilian traffic at A and C tank crossings on the A345, CC and DD tank crossings on the A338, GG tank crossing on the A3076, and BB and A2 tank crossings on the A342 is likely throughout both days and the nights. Drivers are advised to exercise extra caution when approaching tank crossings in the area where mud clearance parties will be working.

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



PUB NEWS

February has come and gone along with its mix of weather.

Darts Nights are still well patronised, just like the Quiz Nights. The Quiz Nights have certainly made people get the old grey matter going with a good mix of questions and ideas.

Darts are on every Tuesday, so pop in if you fancy a friendly game. The next quiz is on Friday 8th, when the teams battle it out. Don't worry if you haven't got a team as there is always someone you can join - you might even win!

Please remember that the pub is closed until Tuesday 5th March.

Hope to see you soon.

Kenton & Sue

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Hearing Aid Clinic
Cherry Orchard Surgery Codford



NEW DAY AND TIME

From April 2019 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 11th April 2019

Please contact Gill Drayson for details

01722 580014

07570 670 643

gillian.drayson@hearingloss.org.uk

In aid of Labrador in Need Week



Bring and Buy/ Coffee Morning

Village Hall

27th April, 10.30 am

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

All items to be priced please.

Thanks,

Lilian

Fancy some fun with felting?

Sunday 3rd March 2019

Chitterne Village Hall

An Introduction to the Art of Needle Felting

Morning Workshop: 10.00 – 13.00

Afternoon Workshop: 13.30 – 16.30

Come and create something wild from Mad March Hares to Fabulous Foxes

Open to Members & Non-Members

£25.00 pp per workshop

(includes all materials plus needle felting kit to take home)

Join us for 3 hours of felting fun in the morning or afternoon

Refreshments available

Please RSVP to:

rachel.wilkinson1@icloud.com

or Tel: 01985 850334

*Felting is fabulous fun
You'd be mad to miss it!*

Guest Tutor:

Carla Taylor, Fibre Artist

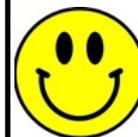
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WELCOME

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



FARMING NEWS by Murray Kent

Looking back at previous March contributions, I have written about the advent of spring on the farm with crops waking up from their winter hibernation or the problems with emerging worm burdens in cattle and sheep but this month I want to dwell on the future of our food security post Brexit as it is a subject that concerns me.

Ever since the UK became a member of what was the EEC, we have been instrumental with our European neighbours in looking at and improving food security across the board. This ranged from standards being set for the storage of grain, to the welfare of our livestock. Hopefully there has been a large reduction in the amount of rat and mice droppings entering into the baker's flour silos with strict rules on making grain stores vermin proof and regular inspections of those stores. The pork and bacon that we eat can be purchased in the knowledge that movement restricting sow farrowing crates have been outlawed and the increase in outdoor pig herds has greatly improved their welfare. This is just an example of many sensible laws and regulations that have been introduced.

When we leave the EU, who supplies 79% of all the food and drink we import, there is a risk that some of these supplies will be replaced with imports from countries such as the USA, China and Brazil. It is well known that the American administration is pushing hard on the trade deal in negotiation for a relaxation of many of the current safeguards set in place. For instance chicken can be routinely fed antibiotics in their feed and once slaughtered washed in chlorinated water. Beef animals receive growth promoting hormones and prophylactic antibiotics in their feed and the maize and soya that is fed to them is 88% genetically modified for the maize and 93% for the soya. Brazil is a large producer of poultry, beef and pork products where again the standards do not attain those set in the EU.

Healthy food should lead to a healthy nation and it is imperative that our negotiators and legislators do not let the standards drop to fulfil any shortfall that might occur post Brexit.

On top of this was the report last week from the UN FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation) highlighting the decline in bio-diversity worldwide, which did not read well.

President Trump would cry Fake News? I'm not so sure.

PLANT SALE DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES!



The annual Plant Sale will be held at Pitts House on Saturday 18th May from 10.30am to 12 noon.

The proceeds will once again be split between St Thomas a Becket School in Tilshead and the village church. More details to follow next month but I hope that anyone with green fingers will soon be thinking about getting into the garden (weather permitting) so please bear us in mind!

Many thanks.
Emma Walters
850416



FREE TO A GOOD HOME

10ft trampoline
Had good use
Now been dismantled
Have still got all poles and fixings Just needs a new safety net and matting.

Please contact Julia, Bridge Cottage on 07745497276



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.

Rock Art totally rocks!

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Tuesday 5th March 2019

7.30pm Chitterne Village Hall

It's just a stone's throw away.



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



To anyone who is unwell, let's hope you will soon be feeling much better. Remember, there is always someone who can help, should you need it.

IAN CUTLER

KINDLING & SEASONED LOGS FOR SALE

01985 850408 or 07753466869

6 Abdon Close

MARCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LIBRARY VAN

Friday 1st

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.



WOOLSTORE

CODFORD

Wednesday 6th

PETERLOO (12A)



On August 16 1819 a crowd of peaceful demonstrators gathered in St Peter's Field, Manchester, to demand the reform of parliamentary representation. The end of the Napoleonic Wars had ushered in a period of chronic unemployment and severe deprivation. The government, terrified at the prospect of widespread social unrest, ordered first the Manchester and Salford Yeomanry and then the 15th Hussars to charge into the crowd of demonstrators with drawn sabres. Many were killed and hundreds more were injured, sparking a nationwide outcry but also prompting further government suppression. The Peterloo Massacre was a defining moment in British democracy which also played a significant role in the founding of The Guardian newspaper.

Tickets - £6 - on sale at the Post Office counter in Budgens, Codford

Doors open 7pm with the film commencing at 7.30pm

DON'T FORGET!!!

PUDDING CLUB

Saturday March 23rd

Puddings to hall for 1000

Doors open 1100

£1 to enter pudding

£2.50 for soup & bread roll

Prizes for category winners

Prize for overall winner



STITCHING GROUP

Friday 1st & 29th

1030 in Village Hall



Breakfast Club

Saturday 2nd

0930 - 1130

Village Hall



Come along for a bacon butty, toast, or an egg butty and a mug of tea or coffee.

You may be lucky and find that our very own 'Mary Berry' will have baked some of her delicious buns, if she has time.

ATHENAEUM WARMINSTER

Wednesday 13th

A STAR IS BORN

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.



BLACK BOX & BLUE BIN DATES

Thursday 7th & 21st

GREEN BIN

Monday 4th & 18th



QUIZ NIGHTS

Friday 8th

& 22nd

King's Head

8.00pm for 8.30pm start

A good fun evening



Save The Date



Chit Fest

Celebrating 20 Years of the Village Hall

Live Music, Bar, Food and Kids Entertainment

Saturday 6th July 2019

Watch this space for further information

ACROSS THE PLAIN

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Village Hall

Tuesday 5th (see inside)

7.30pm

PC MEETING

Village Hall

Tuesday 11th

7pm

Agenda on notice board



DARTS

King's Head

Tuesday 5th, 12th,

19th & 26th

8pm for 8.30pm start

HOUSEHOLD WASTE DATES

Thursday 14th & 28th

Chit Chat next issue

All contributions for the April issue by **Saturday 23rd March** by hand or email to: chitchat.39@gmail.com

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