



Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the
residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire
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Not another raffle - oh yes it is!



This one is to raise money for the upkeep of the **Church in Chitterne** - if we don't look after it - we might well lose it.

Tickets cost £5.00 a strip and are available from:

Marcelle Stobie on 01985 851048 or marcelle.stobie@btinternet.com and:

Elizabeth Johns on 01985 850039 or eeejohns@mail.com

You can either drop your contribution through our letter boxes or transfer the money to:

All Saints Friends Trust Account No. 68126868 at Lloyds Bank 30-96-26

The tickets will be drawn at 10.00 a.m. on 3rd April

The prizes: A Hotel Chocolat Easter egg

OR

An Easter basket to include a small Simnel cake, Easter biscuits, some potted bulbs and small Easter eggs, etc.

OR

A lovely sheepskin rug donated by the Gooch family



The sale of the raffle tickets in advance is sponsored by M. Badham Thornhill, Registration No:
LN/000018384

SEASONED LOGS

Dry hardwood, split logs available now in m3 Builder's bags

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PLANT SALE

We are beginning to think about the Plant Sale again this year and hope to be able to gather, socially distanced of course, on Saturday 15th May at Pitts House, so do please put this date in your diaries. However, we are also going to repeat our online "click & collect" service that we did last year which proved a great success. We will keep you in touch with emails via Petenet nearer the time so please look out for those!



Our chosen charity this year is "Jack Winter's Leg-up Legacy Fund" run and administered by Key4Life. Based in Somerset, Key4Life programmes support young offenders to choose new pathways. The Legacy Fund has been used to buy an old prison van and completely refit it out as a mobile burger bar. The fund also pays for all the operational and food hygiene training for the young ex-offenders who staff it. The van retains one cell inside for customers to enjoy if they choose! This is close to our hearts as our nephew Jack died of cancer aged 19 three years ago and family and friends set up this fund in his memory. Talking to the young lads operating the van it is clear this is a very worthwhile cause and in many cases the first proper opportunity that they have ever received.

The proceeds will be divided equally between Jack Winter's Leg-up Legacy Fund (Registered Charity No: 1152426) and our village church.

We are beginning to sow our seeds and hope that anyone else with green fingers is doing the same! We sold so much last year and would love to be able to do the same again, so any plants, flowers or vegetables would be very welcome. Now that we are spending more time at home there is more time to get growing!

We hope to have a raffle too with tickets sold on-line - we will confirm these details nearer the time.

Many thanks to you all and fingers crossed we will be able to get together in some form in May.

Please stay safe and well.

Nicholas & Emma

Tel: 850416



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

This event is open to all Across the Plain WI Members and Guests. A link to this online event, confirmation of the recipe and a list of ingredients will be provided via email to confirmed attendees only. Please can you confirm your attendance by **Sunday 28th February** via email to:

acrosstheplainwi@gmail.com



...Across the Plain WI...

★ Live a little ★ Laugh a lot ★ Do some good ★

Based in Chitterne with members from across the south of Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire Email: acrosstheplainwi@gmail.com

THE GREAT ATP WI ONLINE
BAKE OFF

Tuesday 2nd March 2021
7.30 - 8.30pm via ZOOM

Guest Baker: Allison Woolford

Hello Cupcakes! Let's have some fun and celebrate the arrival of spring with a lesson in how to bake some delicious treats for your family and friends - or just for you! Bake along step-by-step with our Guest Baker, Allison Woolford, or just watch and learn. Great fun for beginners or experienced bakers alike.

Ready, Steady, Bake!



To join us at one of our online events, all you will need is your PC, Laptop or Smartphone with a built-in camera; the free ZOOM application; your lippy; and your sense of humour! We'll do the rest.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

February required an extraordinary Parish Council meeting to discuss and decide upon a planning application for the construction of an agricultural style barn, for equestrian use at land west of the Manor. This was held, as our next scheduled meeting is on March 8th which is after this application will have been heard. The applicant read a statement and this was followed by submissions from members of the Parish. The PC then debated the application and voted to oppose it in its current form mainly due to the lack of detail given.

An update on the tree work scheduled by Wiltshire Council for the felling of dangerous trees between the Coach House and Chitterne Farm West confirmed that the works, originally set for September last year, will go ahead soon. Some disruption to traffic can be expected.

The large Poplar tree behind the Cricket Club shed has been felled. As well as removing the danger to the shed from falling boughs, it will also give the smaller Beech trees air and space to flourish. There is still some timber on site that any villager is welcome to collect on a first come first served basis.

For those villagers who are interested in the PC meeting times and agenda, they are posted on the Village Hall notice board but you can also check the details out from the luxury of your own home by visiting www.chitterne.com and clicking on Parish Council, where all the information is stored. Apart from the PC section there is plenty of really interesting information to be gleaned including our local history, suggested walks, the latest edition of Chit Chat and much more. The website has been very kindly run by Andy Cameron for some time now. Sadly for us Andy and Lorna are off to pastures new, so I would like to say a big "thank you" for the webmastering and the colour they have both added to village life. We will miss them but would like to wish them all the best for the future.

Murray Kent



HONEY FOR SALE

There is still some stock of yummy Imber honey for sale.

Please contact Murray on 851785 if you would like to make a purchase.

£5 a jar

EASTER THEMED QUIZ



The following are some questions very loosely related to Easter - rabbits, eggs, & facts



1. Traditionally, on which day are hot cross buns eaten?
2. Which annual event for children and their parents is held on the White House's South lawn every Easter Monday?
3. Easter Island forms part of which South American country?
4. How many calories are in a 40g crème egg - 97, 177, 227, 277?
5. Who wrote the children's book 'Green Eggs & Ham'?
6. What is a baby rabbit called?
7. Name the novel that features Fiver, Hazel & Bigwig
8. Which founder of a gentlemen's magazine was always seen surrounded by 'bunnies'?
9. In 1981, who sang the song 'Rabbit', in which the word is repeated 20 times?
10. Name the invisible rabbit Jimmy Stewart imagines he sees in the movie by the same name.
11. In which Disney film is there a rabbit called Thumper?

Answers on the back page - once again, no peaking until you've had a go at them all. Good luck!



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; 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

CODFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Hon. Terry Underhill will be talking to us via Microsoft Teams on **17th March** about **"Mediterranean Plants in the Garden"**. As the climate is starting to affect the plants we grow this is to give us ideas on the ones that will survive. Terry Underhill is a Horticulturist, Naturalist, TV presenter and producer at TV South West and has more strings to his bow than I can put in this notice!! He also takes tours around both the British Isles and abroad, so again, this is a talk that should not be missed. Starting at 7.30pm.

Further details ring Karen on 01985 850258

I came across this interesting article in the Days of Yore page of The Warminster Journal, which I thought some of you might be interested in.

FAST FLOWING STREAM: CHILDREN 'AT PERIL'

(Taken from the Warminster Journal dated Friday 19th February 1971)

Dangers come from a stream that takes all the spring water and is now fast-flowing and deep at Chitterne, alleged Mr R Williams at the February meeting last week of Warminster and District Trades Council. He strongly criticised Wilts County Council, whose road-widening gang have taken no safety measures after working at the sector at the bottom of a hill, where a junction is formed by the Tilshead and the Shrewton roads. 'In the widening process, they have taken the footpath right up against the cut, which at the present is in full flow', he pointed out. 'There is nothing to stop anyone falling in now. It is a particularly dangerous hazard for village children. No rail or safety fence has been provided to prevent toddlers toppling in and being swept away by the current.'



As you can see the problem was resolved to a degree but there are still parts that have no barrier. I have it on great authority that although 'toddlers' have not 'toppled in', certain adults have, including a horse plus rider!!

CUSHION RAFFLE

I invited Sue Lee to make the draw for the Cushion and Shopping bag and the first ticket (pink) was 240/Lindsay Lucas, the second ticket (green) was 409/Angela Milne.

The total amount raised was £302 which includes a very generous cheque for £75. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

I will be sending a cheque for £227 plus the donated cheque of £75 to the fundraising department of Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Lilian

HISTORIC MARCH

Did you know that on -

2nd March 1969 - Concorde, the Anglo-French supersonic airline, roared into the skies on its maiden flight.

7th March 1876 - The Scottish-born inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, patented the telephone.

12th March 1904 - Britain's first mainline electric train ran from Liverpool to Southport.

17th March 2001 - The Eden Project opens in Cornwall. It is the world's largest greenhouse.

19th March 1932 - Sydney Harbour Bridge Opens

27th March 1871 - England and Scotland played their first rugby football international, in Edinburgh; Scotland won.

28th March 1912 - Both the Oxford and the Cambridge boats sank in the annual Varsity boat race.

'Every day's a school day', to quote Mrs C.



EASTER QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Good Friday
2. Easter Egg Roll
3. Chile
4. 177
5. Dr Seuss
6. Kitten
7. Watership Down
8. Hugh Hefner
9. Chas & Dave
10. Harvey
11. Bambi

CHIT CHAT NEXT ISSUE

Please may I have all contributions for the April issue by Wednesday 24th March. Either email them to the Chit Chat email address which is on the front of this newsletter or pop them into the porch.