



# Chit Chat

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Residents of Chitterne  
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Despite the rain during the day, by the time the festivities started, it had stopped and we all came to have some fun.



Who knew that one of our villagers is also a Morris Dancer, seen here on the right.



As well as the dancing, the food and the drinks were very much enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Erika, Lexa, Paul, Rachel & John. Also, thank you to Mike for taking the photos.



## VILLAGE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

Due to a tightening up of email spam regulations Petenet has had to change its address in the last couple of weeks. The new address is [petenet@chitterneCBS.co.uk](mailto:petenet@chitterneCBS.co.uk)

It has sometimes been going into people's junk folder, so please do check and allow it into your Inbox!

## Codford Gardening Club



The Gardening Club have two trips running through the summer.

The first is to Stonecross House nr Newbury on June 19th. The coach will leave Codford Village Hall carpark at 1.10pm to arrive at 2.30pm. I am told it takes about two hours to get round the garden, followed by tea and cake so we will leave again around 5ish!

The second is to Kettle Farm, West Ashton BA14 6AW. This will be by car to arrive at 2.30pm. Leaving again in your own time after having refreshments.

Thank you  
Karen

The Woolstore Country Theatre  
Presents:

**A Night at the Opera**

**Friday 21st June**

**Tickets - £20 (to include  
Sparkling Wine & Canape's)**

**Doors open - 6.45pm**

**Start at - 7.30pm**

**Excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan,  
Faust, Verdi, Puccini, Carmen.**

An evening full of highlights from the world's most memorable operas.

Delve into a world of vengeance, love and regret at "A Night at the Opera".

With Callie Gaston / Roger Paterson /  
Judith Flint

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING



**Village Hall**

**Tuesday 18th June**

**6.30pm**

## FILMS AT THE WOOLSTORE, CODFORD

### THE HOLDOVERS

**Wednesday 5th June**



With no family and nowhere to go over the Christmas holidays in 1970, unpopular classics teacher Paul Hunham (Giamatti) is stuck at school to supervise Angus, a bright teenager whose bad behaviour always threatens to get him expelled. Joining Paul and Angus is head cook Mary (Oscar-winner Randolph) - an African American woman whose own son was recently lost in Vietnam. These three shipwrecked people form an unlikely Christmas family, sharing comic misadventures during two very snowy weeks in New England.

**Certified (15) Comedy/Drama**

**Duration - 2 hours 13 minutes**

Remember that booking for the above is now done online, not at Codford garage. You can either go to - [thewoolstoretheatre.co.uk](http://thewoolstoretheatre.co.uk), where you will find the link to buying tickets, or go to [www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-woolstore-theatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-woolstore-theatre)

Alternatively ring 03336663366, which is for Ticketsource. **Tickets cost £6** but there are limited numbers, so I am not sure how lucky you would be if you just turned up on the night. **Doors open 7pm & film starts 7.30pm**

## SITUATION VACANT (still!)

Well that didn't go according to plan, did it! I'm obviously doing such a brilliant job that nobody thought they could take over! I am being slightly facetious but as you may gather, no one has shown an interest, which is rather unfortunate for me.

I did say that July would be my last Chit Chat but I would never leave without a replacement, so I shall continue with September & October editions, in the hope that someone will come forward and can work alongside me on them. There will be no August edition.

As I said last month, it's just a question of putting together, in your own style, the bits & pieces of information that you have been given - being good at jigsaws is a huge advantage! There is a publishing programme in place, brilliant printers which send it to your house, and even more brilliant distributors, so you don't even get your feet wet!

If there is anyone out there who is even slightly interested, please come and have a chat.

## CHITTERNE FETE & OLYMPICS



**CHITTERNE 2024**

**SATURDAY 20th JULY**

**Variety of stalls**

**Food & drink**

**'Olympic' events for all ages**

**Prizes**

**Complete programme in July's Chit Chat, so plenty of time to get fit!**



## BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturday 1st June  
0930 - 1100  
Village Hall

Remember to find a seat and a 'waitress' will take your order.

Payment by either card or cash

Don't forget that you can get a Loyalty Card, which entitles you to a free breakfast, once you have had 9. Please just ask the 'waitress' for further details.

This month we have a 'new chef' and a 'new waiter', so please be patient.



## MOBILE LIBRARY

Friday 14th June  
11.10 - 11.30  
Outside Village Hall

The library has a great selection of books to choose from and the librarian is extremely helpful.



## THINKING OF YOU

To any one who is feeling unwell at the moment, in hospital, had some bad news, or just finding life a little bit difficult, we wish you well and hope that things begin to improve where they can.



## WELCOME

To anyone who has just moved into the village recently, may I on behalf of everyone extend a huge welcome to you.

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 send your details to

[petenet@chitternecbc.co.uk](mailto:petenet@chitternecbc.co.uk)

## CHIT CHAT NEXT ISSUE

Please may I have all contributions for the July issue by Saturday 22nd June. Please email them to the Chit Chat address at the top of this newsletter.



Hey!  
Queen Bees...

Please RSVP by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 via email:  
[acrosstheplainwi@gmail.com](mailto:acrosstheplainwi@gmail.com)  
or WHATSAPP Message: ATP WI Social Chat. Thank you!



...Across the Plain WI...

INSPIRING WOMEN ✨ 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](mailto:acrosstheplainwi@gmail.com)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
7.30pm Chitterne Village Hall, Chitterne



Guest Speaker:  
Paul Bollen, Potterne Honey  
[www.potternehoney.co.uk](http://www.potternehoney.co.uk)

Hey Queen Bees! Want to know more about the busy world of beautiful bees? Then come and join us for a fascinating evening learning about Apiculture or Beekeeping, the care and management of honey bees.

Our special guest is local Beekeeper, Paul Bollen, from Potterne Honey who is passionate about helping to boost the local population of honeybees and delights in knowing when you eat the honey you are enjoying the flavours from the heart of the Wiltshire countryside.

Non-Members Welcome. First Visit Free. £5 Guest fee thereafter (Max 3 visits)

## PLANT SALE



Thank you so much to all of you who were able to come to the Plant Sale. It was a great success and we had a lovely morning with no rain. We don't have the grand total at the time of going to print, but we are hopeful we will reach our target

of £1,000 which is a magnificent sum of money to be shared between Julia's House Hospice and the village church.

As always, a huge thank you to all our wonderful helpers, growers and bakers that made it such a special morning.....we really couldn't do it without you!

Many thanks  
Nicholas & Emma

## SUMMER DREAMS

A concert by The Farrant Singers

Thursday 20th June

7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)

All Saints Church, Chitterne

Tickets £15 (including a welcome drink) available from  
[treasurer@friendsoferlestoneprison.com](mailto:treasurer@friendsoferlestoneprison.com)

Proceeds to Erlestone Prison Charity



## ANYONE FOR CRICKET?

Since May's edition of Chit Chat, the team have played a couple of games, one a warm-up one, and the other against Erlestone. This month there are three fixtures, so perhaps you might be able to go to one of them and cheer our team on.

Sunday 2nd June Nairobi Nomads

Sunday 9th June Michael Horsfall/Rafe Seymour XI

Saturday 29th June Lambeth Wanderer (followed by CCC BBQ)



## THE PUDDING CLUB RETURNS!

This event first appeared in 2016 and was a great success, as you were allowed to eat as many puddings as you liked and nobody told you off! 2019 was the last one, so the Village Hall

Trustees decided it was time to resurrect it. So for those of you who weren't in the village then, what is it all about?

It's really quite simple as all you have to do is make a pudding; a pudding that you enjoy and that you make every time you have friends round for supper. You bring this pudding to the Village Hall at 1130 on Saturday 8th June, pay your £1 entry fee and then go home. The pudding is then tasted and judged blind by an impartial panel and a winner is chosen from each of the categories. You then return to the hall at 1230, where a light lunch is available for £5 - soup, bread & as many delicious puddings as you can eat! The results are announced, prizes are awarded and everyone goes home with very full tummies!

So in a nutshell -

**Saturday 8th June**

**Village Hall**

**Bring pudding at 1130 & pay £1 entry fee**

**Return to hall at 1230 & pay £5 for lunch**

**Winners announced from 3 categories - children, men & women**



## YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU - yes you!

Do you enjoy having fun? Do you work well in a team? Do you like helping people? Do you care about your village? Can you make a cup of coffee, mop a floor, use a paint brush, wash up, come up with different ideas, spare some time? If you answer yes to any of the above, the Village Hall Trustees would love you to consider being part of their team, so please contact Paul Pike - paulmpike@gmail.com



Were you lucky enough to see the Northern Lights last week? Fortunately two villagers did and sent me these fantastic photographs to prove it - amazing!  
Thank you Ian & Jane