



Chit Chat

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PUDDING CLUB

Thank you to everyone who either entered a pudding or who came along to have some delicious soups, made by Barry, and then sampled the scrumptious puddings.



Those with the enviable task of judging were Paul, Jackie and Evon. There were 3 categories - children's, men and ladies. All attendees voted for their favourite pudding by writing the number (it was all blind voting) and the votes were counted, with the winner selected as 'People's Champion'.

The winning pudding was an apple, rhubarb and ginger crumble (Chitterne rhubarb) with homemade lemon, lime and ginger ice cream, all made by Lexa - congratulations.



FOR HIRE

Two compact tractors and rough terrain mower - with friendly driver for hire



Both tractors (one with front loader) will go through a 5ft gate. Rotavating, flail mowing, paddocks, grass cutting, hedge trimming etc.

Please call Brian on
01985 851896 or 07901550279

Ian Cutler

All your fencing and landscaping needs

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AVON REPRESENTATIVE

If you would like an Avon book please let me know

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CHIT CHAT NEXT ISSUE

Please may I have all contributions for the September issue by Friday 23rd August. Please email them to the Chit Chat address at the top of this newsletter.



Do you ever wonder who mows the verges around the village? It's not the council but a couple of very community spirited villagers. So can we just say a **VERY BIG THANK YOU!**

FILMS AT THE WOOLSTORE, CODFORD

WICKED LITTLE LETTERS

Wednesday 3rd July



A 1920s English seaside town bears witness to a dark, absurd scandal in this riotous mystery comedy. Based on a stranger-than-fiction true story, Wicked Little Letters follows two neighbours: deeply-conservative local Edith Swan (Olivia Colman) and rowdy Irish migrant Rose Gooding (Jessie Buckley). When Edith and fellow residents start to receive wicked letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime. ***Warning - very strong language**

Certified (15) Comedy/Mystery

Duration - 1 hour 42 minutes

Tickets £6

Booking is online. You can either go to - thewoolstoretheatre.co.uk, where you will find the link to buying tickets, or go to 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

CHITTERNE FETE & OLYMPICS



SATURDAY 20th JULY

Variety of stalls

Food & drink

'Olympic' events for all ages

Unfortunately this event has had to be cancelled due to the lack of support. The Village Hall Trustees would like to thank those villagers who were happy to offer their assistance.

CRICKET FIXTURES



Have you been along to watch a game yet? Now that the summer seems to have finally arrived, it's the perfect thing to do on a Sunday afternoon.

Sunday 14th July Horningsham

Sunday 28th July Avon Valley

Sunday 11th August Heytesbury and Sutton Veny

Sunday 25th August Chilmark (away)



BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturday 6th July
0930 - 1100
Village Hall

Saturday 3rd August

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.



MOBILE LIBRARY

Friday 12th July &
Friday 9th August
11.10 - 11.30
Outside Village Hall

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



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@chitternebc.co.uk



THINKING OF YOU

I know there are a few of our villagers in hospital at the moment, so we would like to wish them a speedy recovery and hope you are soon home. To any one who is feeling unwell, 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.

THE WOOLSTORE THEATRE, CODFORD

SONGS FROM MUSICAL THEATRE

Saturday 24th August - 7.30pm

Performed by duo 'Coda' Mark James and Gemma Ashley

Do you live for the 'music of the night'? Musical Theatre Duo CODA bring you an evening of favourite Musical Theatre songs through the ages. With high quality vocals, interactive production and a chance for you to sing along too, this is an evening for musical theatre lovers of all ages.

From West End greats to Broadway Ballads, CODA will take you on a journey that will make you laugh, cry, tap along and just want to 'wellawella huh!' You can 'suddenly see more' on the website <https://www.musicalcoda.com/>

Tickets £12

Booking is online. For details look at the films advert.



Please RSVP by Friday 28th June 2024 via email: 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

Tuesday 2nd July 2024
7.30pm Chitterne Village Hall, Chitterne

"It's Not
What You
Say..."

Guest Speaker: Alan Jones

Ever wondered why you are attracted to some people and want to avoid others?

Apparently, it's not based on the way they speak or even what they say, most people make up their mind about you in just 90 seconds!



Discover the silent and subtle way that our Body Language speaks louder than words when we communicate with each other yet we rarely even notice it.

Want to find out more? Join us for a fascinating evening with our Guest Speaker Alan Jones.

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

IMBERBUS DAY

Saturday 17th August

The Village Hall Trustees are getting ready for some hard work but it's worth it in the end as it's one of our biggest earners.

This is the day when up to 25 old and new London Transport Routemaster buses will be the only vehicles allowed to travel to Imber village and on to other parts of Salisbury Plain. The buses start outside Warminster Rail Station but can also be picked up in Chitterne, outside the Village Hall. If you've never done it, it is certainly a great day out and when you return, you can pop into the hall and have a well earned tea and cake.

Tickets are £10 for adults & £2 for children. These allow you unlimited travel on all the buses. Please note that no concessionary bus passes can be used on the day.

CHITTERNE WAR MEMORIAL 'BEFORE'



Whilst our collective attention has been drawn to commemorating those lost during the Normandy operation and World War 2, work has now been completed to restore our War Memorial to 'the fallen and servicemen who had served in the First World War' back to its original splendour. The work was expertly done by Steve Davies, Military Grave Restorer on Thursday 27th June 2024.

But do you know how it was funded, who made it, how much it cost and who unveiled it?

The Chitterne 'Now & Then' website records that the Village held a sale in aid of the 'Peace Celebration Fund' on 3rd of May 1919. A total of £111 4s 4d was raised. There is no official mention of how the money was used, but it would seem a logical deduction that on 27th May 1920, the Chitterne War Memorial Committee (CWMC) commissioned **E Strong, Marble & Monumental Sculptor**, Warminster to construct the memorial with these funds. Their receipt, dated August 1920 for £114 7s 6d was paid on 4th September 1920 by the CWMC and is on the website. 'Then & Now' also reveals that **Field Marshal Viscount Allenby** unveiled the War Memorial on Sunday 28th August 1920. Why him? Edmund Allenby's sister Faith,

lived at Chitterne House with her husband Vice-Admiral Charles Lionel Napier.

Further details will be posted in the September issue.

Many thanks to Richard Jammes for this very interesting article.

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN
FILM
SING A LONG

Woolstore Country Theatre, Codford
Fri 20th Sept - 7.30pm - Tickets £15.00
To include Ploughmans Supper and a New Forest Ice-cream

www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-woolstore-theatre

If you are interested in this I suggest you book quickly as there were not many tickets available when I looked.

APOLOGIES

I apologise to Kato for my incorrect information in last month's Chit Chat re the background to the Pudding Club and I enclose the correct information below.

Re the Pudding Club - in the interests of journalistic accuracy, the first ever was actually on 23rd January 2011. I know this because I organised it! Similarly I organised the first ever Breakfast Club in 2012.

I organised an initial short series of them (I think 3 but I could check back to be certain) to raise funds and enthusiasm for the planned village celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee. Erika - I think - then asked if I minded if the village continued with them, which I thought was a brilliant idea.

It's wonderful to see these events still ongoing with people doing such a fabulous job of running them so well.

Best regards,
Kato O'Driscoll



Please remember that there is no Chit Chat next month. Hopefully any August events are included in this month's edition.