



Chit Chat

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A QUACKING GOOD DUCK RACE!



Thank you to Alison, Erika & Anthony
for supplying the photos.



SITUATION VACANT

August 2012, issue no 74, was when I became the editor of Chit Chat. Sadly, I have decided that it is time to pass the editorship on to someone else so if there is anyone who would like to take over, please contact me.

My last Chit Chat will be the July edition and I would envisage whoever takes over, to work alongside me on the June & July editions. You need to be organised, work to a deadline and be extremely flexible! A publishing programme is used and easy to work.

Codford Gardening Club's Busy Celebration May

2024 is the Gardening Club's 50th Anniversary and May seems to be a particularly celebratory month.

On May 5th we are going to the Gardeners World Spring Fair at Beaulieu. The coach will leave Codford Village Hall carpark at 9.45am.

On May 15th Katherine Crouch will be coming to talk on "Grasses in the Garden". Grasses are being used more and more in contemporary gardens to give movement but there are hundreds to choose from, so Katherine will be giving welcome advice!

On May 18th is our 50th Anniversary Plant Sale and Coffee Morning at Punchbowl Farm, Chitterne Road, by kind permission of Carola Puddy. All members are asked to make it a bumper event with a huge range of plants for sale and a celebration cake with your coffee!

Thank you
Karen

THINKING OF YOU



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

FILMS AT THE WOOLSTORE, CODFORD

THE LESSON Wed 1st May



Starring Richard E. Grant, Julie Delpy and Daryl McCormack.

An aspiring young novelist, is hired to tutor the son of revered author J M Sinclair (Richard E Grant) and his art-dealer wife. However, he soon realises that Sinclair, his wife and their son all guard a dark past, one that threatens Liam's future as well as their own. As the lines between master and protégé blur, class, ambition, and betrayal become a dangerous combination in this taut noir thriller.

Certified (15) Thriller Duration - 1 hour 42 minutes

Remember that booking for the above is now done online, not at Codford garage. 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



INDIAN BLOCK PRINTING Fabric. Card. Clay. Repeat.
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Introduction to Indian Block Printing from Lovely Linens to Luminous Lampshades

10am-4pm, Saturday 18th May 2024
Chitterne Village Hall, Chitterne BA12 0LQ
Workshop Fee: £75 per person. All Materials included.



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From lovely linens to luminous lampshades, you will learn all the techniques to print beautiful fabric items that will be unique to you.

All materials are provided including fabric items to print and a lampshade kit. Refreshments also provided, including cake! Please bring a packed lunch and an apron as things could get messy (due to the paint - not the lunch!)

Unleash your creativity! Craft. Cake. Repeat. Perfect.

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To book a place on this workshop please go to the above website or email:
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Skye Newby

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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

MORRIS DANCERS



Wednesday 22nd May

Outside Village Hall

Barbecue & bar 7.30pm, Dancers 8pm

Entertainment for all the family

£3.50 for burger or hotdog

**Sunday 5th May
(Rogation Sunday)
Walk round Valley Farm
and the Lake**



By kind invitation Jane Harley

Start 3.00pm

Everyone welcome

Dogs on leads

Parking at Valley Farm available for the less energetic

Refreshments at Valley Farm House after the walk

Please let Jane know if you plan to stay for a cup of tea and slice of cake

Email: lilibet17@live.co.uk; or ring 01985 850872

PLANT SALE



We are looking forward to seeing you at the Plant Sale at Pitts House on Saturday 18th May, 10.30am to 12 noon, the proceeds of which will be divided between Julia's House Hospice and our village church.

May is always a busy month but also a perfect time to buy your summer plants and vegetables and at the same time enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat (hopefully in the sunshine)! We will also have our usual wonderful cake and produce stall or you can pre-order cakes from Rowena (Tel: 850893). We will give details of the online fundraising platform via Petenet nearer the time and hand them out on the day.

Please do let us know if you need any help with delivering what you have kindly grown/made for us to sell or if you would like to reserve anything if you are unable to attend on the day.

Many thanks

Nicholas & Emma Tel: 850416

BREAKFAST CLUB
Saturday 4th April
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.

For anyone new to the village this is a great way of meeting everyone.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Across the Plain WI
6th Birthday Celebration!**

Tuesday 7th May 2024

7.30pm Chitterne Village Hall, Chitterne



"A Rosé by any other name..."

Wine Tasting Evening



**Guest Speaker:
Pam Kent, Sommelier**

In celebration of our 6th Birthday, we're inviting you to join us for a fabulous and fun evening of Rosé wine tasting. It's Party Time!

Please wear something pink.

Please RSVP by Friday 3rd May 2024 via email:

acrosstheplainwi@gmail.com

or WHATSAPP Message: ATP WI Social Chat. Thank you!



This is a fun wine tasting evening. Wine will be provided in small amounts for tasting purposes. Please do not drink and drive. Non-alcoholic drinks also available.



...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



MOBILE LIBRARY

Friday 17th May

11.10 - 11.30

Outside Village Hall

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

ANYONE FOR CRICKET?



The season has begun! The cricket pitch has been lovingly cared for and the team have been in training over the last few months, in order to give their best performance ever and conquer all! (I actually have no idea what the team have been up to but I just thought it sounded good!!)

If you are new to the village and fancy playing some not too competitive cricket and enjoying what we like to think is the best cricket tea in Wiltshire, please contact Richard (850120) or Anthony (851108). If you are not a cricketer, why not come and support us - what a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Sunday 12th May Chitterne Warm-up Game

Sunday 19th May Erlestoke



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS RECENTLY?

This month's recommendations come from The Friday Afternoon book group.

Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear

The first in a series of 17 books (a new and last one, to be published this year). As with all first stories in a series, a lot of the book is building up the characters and the era the stories they are set in. It is well written and engaging and moves along at a good pace. Each book follows a different case, or sometimes a few cases. They are all set in the aftermath of World War I, which I would go so far as to say is the second main character in all the books. Our heroine and her assistant both suffer from the after effects of the war and it plays a large part in the cases also. A mix of history, adventure, mystery and excellent story telling.

Thoroughly recommended but best to read them in order.



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 petenet2024@gmail.com

The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors

will be held at the Village Hall

on

Monday 13th May

6.30pm

CHIT CHAT NEXT ISSUE

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



SUMMER DREAMS

A concert by The Farrant Singers

Thursday 20th June

7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)

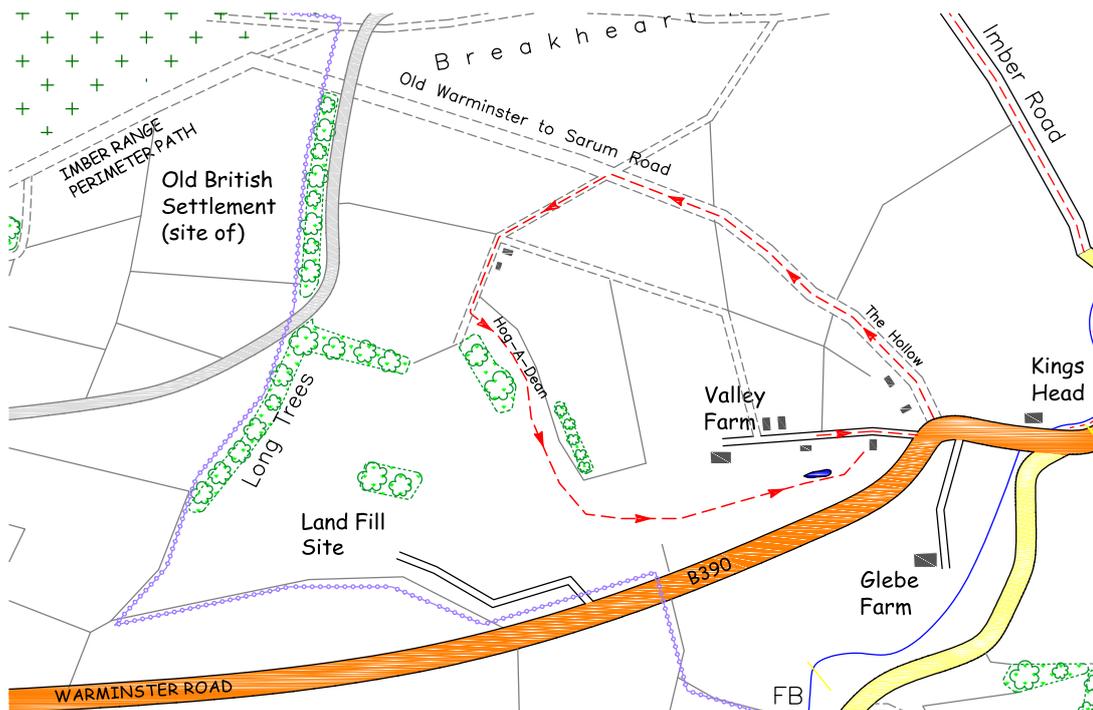
All Saints Church, Chitterne

Tickets £15 (including a welcome drink) available from treasurer@friendsoferlestokeyprison.com

Proceeds to Erlestone Prison Charity

Chitterne Walk May 5th 2024

Length: 2 miles / 3.2 km
Start & Finish: Valley Farm House



For anyone contemplating joining the walk on 5th May, the map shows you just what's involved.