



Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the
residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire
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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES & COFFEE



Tuesday 13th February

1100am

Village Hall

Please come along to the hall for a chat and a delicious pancake.

No specific charge but a donation would be appreciated just so that we can cover our costs.

SOUP LUNCH

Please come along to share a simple lunch of soup and bread rolls, and tea or coffee



Wednesday 21st February

1200 noon - 2.00pm

All Saints Church

Everyone welcome

There will be gluten free options as well as vegetarian

CHIT CHAT NEXT ISSUE

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

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The village hall is having some of the vinyl flooring replaced from Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February, so we would ask that no one goes into the hall or any of the outside areas.
Thank you

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

6 Abdon Close
07753466869
01985 850408

HONEY FOR SALE



Fresh stocks of Imber honey now in. Please call Murray on 01985 851785 to reserve. As well as clear and set honey at £6.00 a jar I have a small stock of honey comb.

Please remember that with each purchase Imber Church receives £1.50 which helps towards the upkeep of this historic church.

For up to date news on the church and the village why not sign up to the newsletter at

www.imberchurch.org.uk

CODFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



The next meeting of the Gardening Club is on February 21st when Claire McNaughton will be talking on "Grow your Own Food". Her book of the same title gives simple, easy to understand lists of what to plant, where and when. She says she has learnt a lot and hopes people will be interested in her journey.

For further information please ring 01985 850258 or email : karen@thewoolstore.co.uk

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP

There will be a collection 'bin' in the church throughout Lent for the Warminster Food Bank.



They are in need of disposable nappies, loo rolls and toiletries, as well as fruit drinks, instant coffee, biscuits, jam, tinned fruit and other goodies.

NB Lent starts on Ash Wednesday February 14th and ends on March 31st Easter Day!

DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL CONCERT



Dauntsey's Choral Society & Senior Choir present Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms & Mozart's Requiem on Saturday 9th March @7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Dauntsey's School.

Free entry, with donations on the door towards the Guide Dogs and Dauntsey's Choral Society.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Soup Lunch - Wednesday 20th March



Plant Sale - Saturday 18th May



ATP WI 6th Annual Meeting

1. 2023 Annual Report & Overview
2. 2023 Financial Statement
3. President's Address
4. 2024 ATP WI Committee Elections (Vote)
5. 2024 Programme of Events
6. 2025 Local Charity
7. NFWI 2024/2025 Resolutions (Vote)

Please RSVP by Sunday 4th February via email to:
acrosstheplainwi@gmail.com or via the

ATP WI Social Chat WHATSAPP channel



...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



Tuesday 6th February 2024
7.30 - 9.30pm Chitterne Village Hall

Across the Plain WI 6th Annual Meeting

Expect some formal stuff
but definitely lots more fun stuff!

Please note that this is an ATP WI members only event.

Dear ATP WI Members

It's time to vote! You are cordially invited to attend our 6th Annual Meeting to:

- ✓ celebrate our achievements in 2023;
- ✓ check out our exciting plans for 2024;
- ✓ cast your vote for your committee; and,
- ✓ enjoy some cake, fizz and fun!

Hope to see you there. Your vote matters.



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Plus: Special Guest Speaker from Wiltshire Air Ambulance



BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturday 3rd February
0930 - 1100
Village Hall

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

Payment by either card or cash



MOBILE LIBRARY

Friday 23rd
February

11.10 - 11.30

The bus parks outside the Village
Hall

HELP NEEDED!

Saturday 10 February



10.00 am

The Great Church Clean

Please come and help us give the church a good clean up - sweeping the floor, polishing the pews, attacking cobwebs (particularly with long handled brushes), polishing brass and generally making our village church ready for 2024.

Everybody welcome - coffee and biscuits will be provided!

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.

CHILLI & QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 2nd March

7pm - 10pm

Village hall

BAR & PRIZES

£7.50 PER PERSON

UP TO 6 PER TABLE

To book your place email

l.lucas112@outlook.com

Why not come along and have some fun - you don't have to do the quiz, just enjoy the chilli and have a glass of something and chat with friends

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Pete Sawyers, of Hawthorn Cottage. Most of you will have known of him through his involvement with 'Petenet', which he ran for many years, keeping us all informed of the goings-on of the village. He was involved in all aspects of village life and was a good friend to many of us. Our thoughts are with Jan at this difficult time.

VILLAGE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS



Due to the sad loss of Pete Sawyers who ran Petenet, the excellent email system which keeps us up to date with day to day life in the village, we need to set up a replacement system. We are asking everyone who wishes to be on the distribution list, to send their email address to John Dillon at jdchitternepc@btinternet.com By doing this, you are confirming that you are happy for your email to be used for village circulation.

Going forward, we will need a village email administrator, so please let either Lindsay or John know if you are interested at, l.lucas112@outlook.com or jdchitternepc@btinternet.com



INDIAN BLOCK PRINTING WORKSHOPS



Relax and enjoy the experience of hand printing on fabric, paper and card using a variety of beautiful contemporary and traditional designs hand carved in Indian Rosewood by artisans from Jaipur, India.



Learn the techniques, tips and tricks needed to create something special and unique to you. All materials & refreshments included. No experience necessary.

Full Day Workshop: 10am-4.30pm
Introductory Workshop: 10am-1pm

For all workshop dates, venues and prices please go to website or email rachel.wilkinson1@icloud.com for more information. Workshops for private groups at local venues also available on request.

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Looking for something unique and hand-crafted as a gift? Visit Happy Hāthī Craft on the first floor of The Phoenix Emporium, 115 Tollgate Rd, Salisbury SP1 2JG www.thephoenixemporium.co.uk

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

It's been quite some time since I burdened you with my ramblings, but there is space, so I'm sorry, you've got it!!

For some of us 2024 hasn't started off that well and I really do hope that things, both in Chitterne and in the wider world, begin to change for the better (wishful thinking, I hear some of you say, but you've got to have hope, in my opinion). One of the certain things of life is that you never know what it is going to throw at you. If these past few weeks have taught me anything, it is to make the most of each day; don't put off that visit or chat or experience or phone call, just do it!

How have your new year resolutions gone? Perhaps you are someone who doesn't make them, as you know that within a week or so you will have broken them! I have a very dear friend who set off at the beginning of 2023 to cut back on her drinking - not that she drank much anyway - and she stuck to it (mostly) and for that I commend her. Me and my other half decided we would do it for January and I am afraid we have failed dreadfully! Actually, that is a bit harsh. We have done reasonably well and instead of having a glass of wine Friday, Saturday & Sunday evenings, we now tend to just have a glass (or two) on a Sunday evening.

In the December Chit Chat I omitted to say a huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers who deliver your Chit Chat faithfully every month. My job is the easier one, as I am sitting in my nice warm house, doing a huge 'jigsaw' (which I love doing) of all the items that need to go in the newsletter, whereas they are out in all weathers, endeavouring to deliver it on time. Thank you so much, you are all wonderful.

I've finished now, you will be pleased to hear!!!

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF PETE SAWYERS

You are invited to St Mary's & All Saints Church on Thursday 8th February at 2.30pm, and afterwards in the Village Hall, to celebrate the life of our dear friend Pete.

Informal dress please (no need to dress up)