



Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the
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In Aid of
Julia's House



Cash
Prizes

THE GREAT CHITTERNE DUCK RACE

Easter Monday 1st April

Start from Abdon Close Bridge at 10:30am

Finish at St Mary's Close Bridge

Prizegiving at Village Hall 11:00am

Coffee and Cakes at Village Hall 10:00 to 11:30am

Buy your ducks in advance (£1 per duck) from Anthony and Tana
(knyvett@btinternet.com/851108)

EASTER EGG HUNT



After the prize giving in the Village Hall, an Easter Egg Hunt is being organised for the children, so please stay and see how many eggs you can find.

Don't forget to bring some money to buy your coffee/tea and delicious homemade cakes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at Village Hall unless stated otherwise)

MAY



Wednesday 22nd
Morris Dancers
Barbecue +bar
7.30pm

JUNE



Saturday 8th
Pudding Club
More details in May's Chit Chat

JULY



Saturday 20th
Chitterne Fete &
Olympics
More details in later editions

AUGUST

- 17th Imber Bus Day
- 31st Pub Night - food & beer

VILLAGE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS



Please don't forget that if you want to be part of the email system which keeps us up to date with day to day life in the village, you need to email your details to petenet2024@gmail.com By doing this, you are confirming that you are happy for your email address to be used for village circulation.

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

AVON REPRESENTATIVE

If you would like an Avon book please let me know

7 Abdon Close Chitterne
07946243796
01985 850718
Skye Newby

HONEY FOR SALE



To get some Imber honey, please call Murray on 01985 851785. As well as clear and set honey at £6.50 a jar.

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

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

NAPOLEON

Wed 3rd April



Napoleon is a spectacle-filled action epic that details the chequered rise and fall of the iconic French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, played by Joaquin Phoenix. Against a stunning backdrop of large-scale filmmaking orchestrated by legendary director Ridley Scott, the film captures Bonaparte's relentless journey to power through the prism of his addictive, volatile relationship with his one true love, Josephine, showcasing his visionary military and political tactics against some of the most dynamic practical battle sequences ever filmed.

Certified 15 / Duration - 2 hours 38 minutes

ONE LIFE

Wed 3rd April 2024 7:30PM

Starring Anthony Hopkins with Helena Bonham Carter and Johnny Flynn. Based on the true story of British humanitarian Sir Nicholas Winton as he looks back on his past efforts to help groups of Jewish children in German-occupied Czechoslovakia to hide and flee in 1938-39, just before the beginning of World War II.

Cert 12A/Duration 1 hour 50 minutes

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**



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Christian Relief
Education Skills
and Sustainability

CRESS charity no: 1141343

CRESS LUNCH

Thursday 25th April 2024

12.00 noon for 12.30pm
Chitterne Village Hall, Chitterne, BA12 0LS

Two Course Lunch
£7.50 per head

Tickets available from Sarah Gooch
email: mafaho@btinternet.com
or telephone: 01985 850893

Please advise any dietary requirements



BACS payments can be made to:
Chitterne Church Account
Account Number: 07142594
Sort Code: 30-99-13

CRESS supports South Sudanese Refugees who are encamped in Northern Uganda




Please RSVP by Friday 29th March 2024 via email:
acrosstheplainwi@gmail.com
 or WHATSAPP Message: ATP WI Social Chat. Thank you!

theWI **INSPIRING WOMEN** **...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 2nd April 2024
 7.30pm Chitterne Village Hall, Chitterne

**Herbal Remedies
 from the Garden
 and Store Cupboard**




**LYN BLYTHE
 MEDICAL
 HERBALIST**

**Guest Speaker:
 Lyn Blythe, Medical Herbalist**

Join us for an interesting evening with Lyn Blythe, a qualified Medical Herbalist and member of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists (NIMH) and the College of Practitioners of Phytotherapy (CPP).

Learn about the benefits and uses of herbal remedies, and how safe and effective they can be.



Wiltshire Air Ambulance ATP WI Evening Raffle in support of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

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

BREAKFAST CLUB



Saturday 6th April
 0930 - 1100
 Village Hall

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

Payment by either card or cash
 Please note the change in the prices, as of April -

Teas & coffees - £1 a drink, no free refills
Egg & bacon roll - £3.50
Bacon roll - £3
Cinnamon swirl - £1.50

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



MOBILE LIBRARY

Friday 19th April
 11.10 - 11.30
 Outside Village Hall

PLANT SALE



We hope by the time this newsletter is delivered the weather will be more spring like and we will all be in our gardens a bit more. Thank you to everyone, in advance, for growing things for us to sell...we will be in touch with you all after Easter. Our seedlings are on their way so we hope to have the usual wide range of plants and veggies again this year. We will also have a good selection of cakes and home produce which always sell out fast.

There will be coffee and tea of course so do please come and see us on **Saturday 18th May at Pitts House from 10.30am to 12 noon** to support Julia's House and the village church.

Nicholas & Emma Tel: 850416

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

Ever thought about joining Codford Tennis?
 Are you thinking about becoming a member of our Club?
 Would you like to know more before you join?



We have our **AGM on Friday 19th April at 6pm** followed by supper together. We love to welcome those who are thinking about being part of us, and it gives you an opportunity to find out more about us too.

If you would like to join us, please make contact on the number/email address below, for more details.

We have been saying 'watch this space' and finally we can tell you that we have planned our next major fundraising event (for Phase Two of the Fence Project) - please come along and help it turn it into the social event of the year! It will be a:

Super Summer Seventies (and Eighties) Supper and Dance on Saturday 6th July in the Village Hall.

Get out your flares, platform shoes and shoulder pads (or come as you are), whichever way you will enjoy the evening most.

Contact for further information: lawntennisclubcodford@gmail.com or Vincie on 850239.



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS RECENTLY?

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

A Book of Beginnings by Sally Page

A heartwarming, well written story of a young woman's journey from a dark place in her life to meeting a new group of friends who make her feel life is worth living again. The author explores the value of friendship. She makes you think and question your own attitude to friendship, through wisdom, insight, and sympathetic well-drawn characters in the intriguing background of a stationery shop.

Well worth a read.

Shackleton by Ralph Fiennes

A masterful biography of a much-underrated explorer. So different to the more famous story of Captain Scott. The book group was surprised to find Shackleton's story gripping. In fact, we all enjoyed it a lot, and were all equally astounded. Ralph Fiennes writing must have been the clue to this successful book.

A must read.

WELCOME

To anyone who has just moved into the village, may I say, on behalf of everyone, welcome.

You will see that there is quite a lot happening over the next few months and one of the best pieces of advice I was given when we first moved here, was to go to everything for the first year, so that you can make up your own mind, rather than asking someone else - what they enjoy might be the exact opposite of what you enjoy!

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Wednesday 24th April

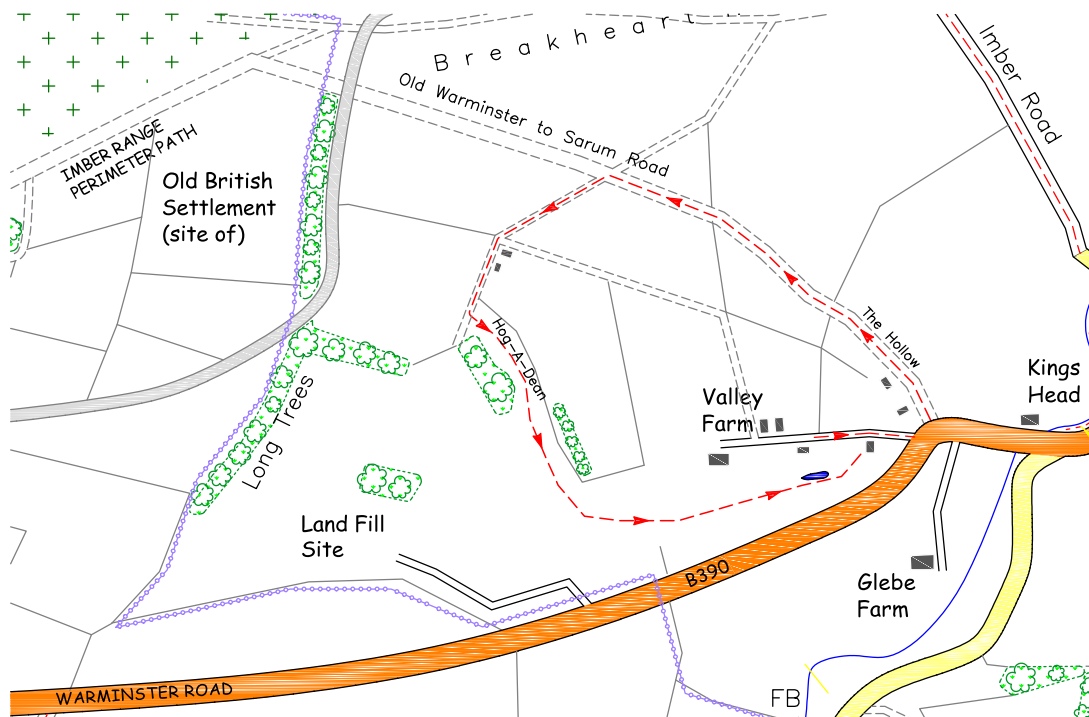
6.30 for 7pm

Drinks & nibbles

Come along and find out the plans for the year

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.



FORTHCOMING EVENT IN CHURCH

SUMMER DREAMS presented by Farrant Singers

Thursday 20th June - 7.30pm

Tickets £15 including a welcome drink

Proceeds to Erlestoke Prison Charity

Further details next month

CHIT CHAT NEXT ISSUE

Please may I have all contributions for the May issue by Saturday 20th April. Please email them to the Chit Chat address at the top of this newsletter.