



Chit Chat

Parish Newsletter for the
residents of Chitterne, Wiltshire
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VILLAGE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS



In last month's Chit Chat we announced a change in the email system which keeps us up to date with day to day life in the village. If you haven't received the recent email from the new Petenet2024 Village email and you wish to be on the list, please 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. Alison Sage has very kindly agreed to set up the new distribution list.

VILLAGE HALL 'REFRESH'



As mentioned last month, the Village Hall was having some of the vinyl flooring replaced. This has now been done and the pictures show, before, during and after the 'refresh'.

A huge thank you to the team of villagers who initially cleared the rooms and then spent the Saturday putting it all back again, trying to get it all sorted before the rugby started! We failed, but by the time you are reading this, or coming to Breakfast Club, it will be done.

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

CODFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



The meeting on March 20th is a welcome return visit by David Moon who will be showing us 'Gardens Far and Wide' which follows on from his last talk on gardens of the rich and famous which all members thoroughly enjoyed. The meeting will start at 7.30pm but the bar will be open from 7pm for everyone to get a drink if they wish.

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

DON'T FORGET - 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!

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 £6.50 a jar.

I also 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

FILMS AT THE WOOLSTORE, CODFORD

THE GREAT ESCAPER

Wed 6th March

Doors open at 7pm, film starts 7.30pm

In 2014, near-nonagenarian Bernie Jordan (Michael Caine) is sad to miss out on an official group outing to the D-Day anniversary in France. Encouraged by wife Rene (Glenda Jackson), he sneaks out from his care home and goes on one last big adventure to cross the Channel, while reminiscing about his wartime experiences. Superb performances from Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson ensure the latter's final screen role is fittingly dignified.

Certified 12A / Duration - 1 hour 24 minutes

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

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.

THINKING OF YOU



It's not been a particularly good start to the year, so 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.



Please RSVP by Friday 1st March 2024 via email:
acrosstheplainwi@gmail.com
 or WHATSAPP Message: ATP WI Social Chat. Thank you!

the WI ...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 5th March 2024
 7.30pm Chitterne Village Hall, Chitterne

S P R I N G

From Rags to Riches!
 Recycle your fabric remnants into fabulous spring wreaths



It's time to spring into action and get creative!
 Join us for a bit of rag-time fun to welcome in the glorious springtime. Create wonderful wreaths from fabulous fabric scraps.

We'll bring the rings, fabric and fizz – you bring your creativity!
 (please also bring your favourite fabric & embellishments)

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

BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturday 2nd March
 0930 - 1100
 Village Hall

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

Payment by either card or cash

Come along and see our new flooring - bootiful!



MOBILE LIBRARY

Friday 22nd March
 11.10 - 11.30
 Outside Village Hall



SOME GOOD NEWS



Did you know the village had a new resident born on February 15th?
Rupert Oscar Hardman weighing in at 8.5 lbs.

Belonging to Coral and Ollie Hardman at the Old Cart Barn.
Congratulations

PLANT SALE

This year the Pitts House Plant Sale will be on **Saturday 18th May from 10.30am to 12 noon, so please put it in your diaries!**



Once again, we have chosen to support Julia's House (Registered Charity No: 1067125). We are very happy to support such a wonderful local children's hospice and hope that our contribution will help in some small way to their amazing cause. The sum raised at the Plant Sale will be split between Julia's House and our village church as usual.

Last year we were very lucky with the weather, so we are hoping for another sunny day this year and of course some good weather leading up to it for all the growers who so kindly give us plants and vegetables to sell.

Please look out for more details in next month's Chit Chat!

Nicholas & Emma Tel: 850416

THANK YOU

Celebration of Life for Pete

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all those who came to the Church & the Wake, for their kindness and love especially towards Pete. It was comforting for me that so many of you attended the Celebration of Life, which really helped me through the day, a day I will never forget.

Also a huge thank you to the lovely ladies that supplied the beautiful flowers in the church and also equally lovely ladies that supplied all the delicious food and not forgetting the men who helped distribute the food. Also, a huge thank you to all who contributed towards Hawthorn Pete's bench; that was a really lovely surprise. What a team and what a village.

All my love, Jan xxx

SOUP LUNCH - Wednesday 20th March

Please come along to share a simple lunch of delicious soup and bread rolls, plus tea or coffee, at All Saints Church from 1200 noon - 2.00pm. Everyone welcome

There will be gluten free options as well as vegetarian





On Saturday 9th March we will be making posies in the Church for Mothering Sunday (10th). PLEASE

come and help us - they will be distributed in the Church the next day. This service will be a Family Service to which all are welcome. If you can't make the service, you could take your posies home with you. The flowers and greenery will be provided. For any information about the service, etc., please contact: Marcelle 01985 851048



CHILLI & QUIZ

For those of you who have booked your place at the Chilli & Quiz Night on

Saturday 2nd March, don't forget it starts at 7pm. There will be a cash bar.

DATE FOR DIARIES

In case you are unaware, this summer the Olympics & Paralympics are being held in Paris. Chitterne is also going to hold its very own Olympics/Fete.

The last time we held the 'Olympics', was in September 2012, the year London hosted the games. It was a great success and we are sure it will be again. At the



moment the proposed date is **Saturday 20th July**, so plenty of time to get your body into shape!

Looking back at the Chit Chat produced then, the Olympic winners were:

Under 10's - 1st Tyler; 2nd Charlie; 3rd Hugo

Under 18's - 1st Maia; 2nd Jade; 3rd Jake

Over 18's - 1st Virginia; 2nd Pete; 3rd Steve

None of this can happen without your help, so in the meantime, the Village Hall Trustees will be calling on your support for certain aspects of the event.

Many thanks



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS RECENTLY?

There are a number of Book Clubs in the village and it was suggested that it might be a good idea to share some of the books that have been read by them. This month's recommendations come from Elizabeth's group.

The Translator by Harriet Crawley

A topical thriller set in Moscow & centred on a devastating plot by Russia to sabotage the underground communication cables linking US to UK.

Top marks given (also from a previous ambassador to Russia)

The Four Winds by Kristine Hannah

Another lovely story by KH, set in mid USA, about hardship in the Great Depression, following 4 years of drought. The strength of the early settlers & the battle to survive.

Strongly recommended

THE OTTER WHO CAME FOR TEA

Here is a photo of Rachel & Mike's recent visitor who stayed for supper and ate their remaining fish! Rachel says, 'I was so flabbergasted when I came out of my studio and saw this beautiful otter by our pond, that I froze and forgot I had my phone in my pocket so didn't manage to take any pictures before he slipped back into the water.'



Luckily, he came back the next day and Mike was quick enough to take a couple of shots, which were out of his study window.'

In case you think that story sounds familiar, you may remember the front page story of last February's Chit Chat, where it was reported that the 'Wilkinson fish' had made their escape, when the fish pond overflowed after the heavy rains. I haven't heard whether Mike & Rachel are going to replace the latest lot to 'disappear'; will keep you posted!



Anyone for soup! Parsnip & courgette was delicious.

MORRIS DANCERS



Wednesday 22nd May
Food & drinks 7.30pm
Dancers 8pm

CHIT CHAT NEXT ISSUE

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