

PITCOMBE NEWS

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Mellow fruitfulness

2011

september AT A GLANCE

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| Friday 2 | Recycling collection Farmers' Market 9.00am—12 noon | Cole, Hadspen, Pitcombe Wincanton, Memorial Hall |
| Sunday 4 | Morning Prayer 9.30am | St Leonard's, Pitcombe |
| Tuesday 6 | Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm | Hadspen Village Hall |
| Friday 9 | Refuse and Recycling collection | Cole, Hadspen, Pitcombe |
| Saturday 10 | Farmers' Market 9.00am - 1.00pm | Frome, Cheese and Grain |
| Sunday 11 | Holy Communion 11.00am | St Leonard's, Pitcombe |
| Tuesday 14 | Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm | Hadspen Village Hall |
| Friday 16 | Recycling Collection | Cole, Hadspen, Pitcombe |
| Sunday 18 | Cluster Service 9.30am All-Age Service 11.00am | Lamyatt St Mary's, Bruton |
| Friday 23 | Refuse and Recycling collection | Cole, Hadspen, Pitcombe |
| Saturday 24 | Farmers' Market 9.00am -1.00pm | Glastonbury, St John's Car Park |
| Sunday 25 | Holy Communion 11.00am Harvest Supper 6.00pm | St Leonard's, Pitcombe Hadspen Village Hall |

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Infor mat ive, Inval uable in Cole, Hadspen & Pitcombe

At last, time, and the season, have caught up with the weather and we can face the morning chill, the early evening dusk and a fresh crop of TV bonnet-dramas without feeling entirely short-changed. Soon there will be a new school-run to help occupy the journey to, from, and through Bruton, and, of course, Cary's needful gift shops will urge upon us the imminence of the festive season.

When not consuming one's own body-weight in blackberry-and-windfall crumble, there is a busy schedule at the Village Hall and the energetic among you are invited to take on not only art and history but also bridge and the competitive form of short-mat bowls. September also brings one of the community's annual highlights, the Harvest Supper, this year on the final Sunday evening of the month. Always a lively - and for the trencher-person, a richly satisfying evening - be sure to secure your tickets in good time. For a wholly different aesthetic, there is the promise of readings from the King James Bible, surely the finest of all English prose.

We close with a simple appeal. The *Pitcombe News* is compiled and circulated by residents of the parish for residents of the parish. It has been funded by regular, but modest donations from two formal parish bodies, the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee, from occasional payments from advertisers and from generous gifts from individual residents. If you would like it to continue then further contributions are urgently required. To print with reliable clarity (and occasional colour) which can repay your interest, and secure our small advertising income, will cost an approximate (and significantly subsidised) figure of £40 per issue. Of course, if every one of the 200 readers on the circulation list were able to contribute just £5 for the year, the production would be assured for more than two years. If you can make a contribution we would be glad to hear from you. Cheques may be made payable to *Pitcombe Events*.

Pitcombe People

This month we take the opportunity to introduce our new Parish Clerk. And please be assured, a willing respondent for next month will not be turned away!

PERSONAL PROFILE

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| <i>Name:</i> | John McParland |
| <i>Age (or 'vintage' if you prefer):</i> | 54 |
| <i>Place of Birth:</i> | Chelsea, London |
| <i>Family members:</i> | one partner |
| <i>Occupation:</i> | previously a University administrator |

PITCOMBE AND YOU

How long have you lived in the parish?

I live about 8 miles to the south west of the parish in Sutton Montis. First came down to live here in Feb 2002

What brought you to region?

Originally in 2002 it was a bolt hole from London but the intention was always to move down when the opportunity allowed. Fortunately that finally happened earlier this year.

Do you have a favourite place (e.g. building, view-point, walk) in the vicinity of the parish?

I am still getting to know the parish but it is a good example of how the landscape is so varied in South Somerset. The topography of the parish is very different from those even within a few miles.

Do you have a favourite hostelry, restaurant, or shop in the vicinity of the parish?

Big fan of the Bailey Hill bookshop in Cary.

This year's summer holiday was spent..?

Not yet! Due to go to France in September after the next PC meeting

And your highlight of the year so far?

I think the spectacular spring weather when I had the time to enjoy it for the first time in many years. Sadly not sustained in the summer.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Please state your preferences from each of the following options:

Night out, or quiet evening in?

Evening in with friends - but not necessarily quiet.

Luxury chocolates or selection of local cheeses?

I'm rather too fond of both. In the limit, cheese.

Ipod or Pevsner?

At the moment, Ipod but I am not an enthusiastic techy so I tend to revert to the traditional media.

Cat or dog (or neither)?

Neither. I do have a pond full of koi and goldfish so a cat might be interesting.

Bruton or Castle Cary?

Difficult. Immediate reflex would say Bruton but the bookshop probably shades it for Cary.

HADSPEN SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

As the Summer season draws to a close the annual Club Singles Championship competition was held on Saturday, 20th August. This is always an enjoyable day, particularly if one is 'on form' but if not and luck also isn't on your side, it is the taking part as they say! The previous year's finalists were seeded into two groups, then the members drawn to see which group they would be competing in. Round robin matches were played throughout the morning followed by a sit-down lunch, then the winners of each group who had accumulated the most points competed in the semi finals, then the winners played in the 'grand' final. This is the fifth Championship day the club has held and most surprisingly the lovely silver cup (donated by Charles Brook) which is presented to the winner will now have five different names on it. This year's finalists were Willie Constantine and Stephen Wheadon who entertained members with a closely fought match with Willie taking the honours. We were also pleased to celebrate Willie's forthcoming 'special' birthday, as well as receiving the cup he was presented with a birthday cake, a piece of which we all enjoyed with a cup of tea! It was most fitting that Willie should have his name on the cup as he was the instigator of short mat bowls about eight years ago in the old hall which created a regular income for the hall and therefore helped with the grant applications. Four of our members have been successful in Open County Competitions reaching the finals in both triples and fours during the last year and have been invited to join the Somerset County squad. As well as the competitive side of bowls, there is also a very social side. We have met so many lovely people playing matches in the Yeovil League but for those who don't wish to play competitively there are also 'friendly' matches with the half time refreshments playing an important part! We are still a small and enthusiastic club but would love to welcome some more members. Wednesday nights at 7.15pm are regular club nights and beginners are able to slot in very easily. There are bowls available for newcomers to use and we ask that players either wear completely flat soled house slippers or thick socks to play in. Please do come along - you may find you enjoy it as much as we do!

Carole Wyatt

Recipe

Blackberry muffins

150g self-raising flour

2 1/2 tps. baking powder

2 tbs sugar

3/4 tsp salt

150g margarine

250g Blackberries

2 eggs, well beaten

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a muffin tin. In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt. With a pastry blender or two knives, cut the margarine to make a well in the centre. Put the eggs in a small bowl; add it to the mixture all at once into the well in the flour mixture, stirring it until it is just moist. Fold in the Blackberries. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and immediately remove from pan. Serve warm or at room temperature.



Village Hall News

As the summer months are coming to an end, bookings and activities are starting to increase and it's time to consider those autumn courses/ activities that you may wish to undertake. If you want to improve your fitness Stretch & Flex continues each Tuesday. Also, the short mat bowls club runs every Wednesday evening and is always on the lookout for new members - no experience necessary and a very social group. The quiet weeks of summer have allowed us to progress with some maintenance items, mainly with thanks to the efforts of Willie Constantine who arranged and supervised the painting of the hall, and the fitting of a hard wood protective dado rail. This coupled with the recent new ceiling installation has made a tremendous improvement to the ambience of the hall. Well done Willie! An inspection by the SDCC Environmental Health Inspector gave the hall an excellent report with no pick-up items. As well as our regular activities, starting in September we have:-



U3A Bridge Club each Wednesday until the end of the year

U3A History Group on the first Monday of the month

A Flower arranging course for 6 weeks

Arts Society two day course

Painting and Drawing course for 10 weeks.

The WI and Woman Social Evenings

Our next big event is the Harvest Supper on Monday 26th September. This is a traditional community event and a major fund raising activity for the Village Hall. Join in and feel part of your community. This event is always well attended so get your tickets early. We extend our thanks to two of our long standing committee members who are stepping down - Liz Thomas and John Knight. Both were actively involved in the old, and our new Village Hall, they gave valuable help and support during their time on the committee.

We are always looking for committee members to help reflect what the community requires from its Village hall and support its activities. In particular, the catering team would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in helping them support the various functions. For more information please contact me.

Jim Linden

01749 813145

Parish council news

There was no Parish Council meeting either in July or August, although councillors convened in early July for a site meeting to consider a planning application for the construction of a tractor shed and workshop at The Wildings, Hadspen. A new parish clerk, a successor to Rosie Morgan, was appointed in July. John McParland lives in Sutton Montis. He brings a wealth of experience of public policy, administration and committee work from his career as a University administrator. We are very pleased to welcome him and will be glad to have his assistance as we enter what is likely to be another demanding year for the council.

James Clark



Neighbour hood watch



From 19th September, Avon and Somerset Police can be contacted by calling 101.

As part of a national programme to make it easier for you to contact your local police, 101 will be used for non-emergencies such as:

reporting a crime

contacting local officers

getting crime prevention advice making us aware of policing issues in your local area

making an appointment with a police officer for any other non-emergency

Key Facts

101 will not replace 999, which will continue to be used for emergencies.

It will replace our existing 0845 number, although there will be a 3-month period when both numbers will be available.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired, you can text-phone us on 18001 101

Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts.

999 should be used for an **emergency**, when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

Sue Chamberlain



The Jubilee Hall, Batcombe

Doors open 7.15pm

Screening 7.45pm

Friday 16th September 2011

GRAN TORINO

(dir. Clint Eastwood)

2009/116 mins /15

The Gran Torino of the title is the 1972 model kept in pristine condition in his garage by retired car worker and military veteran, Walt Kowalski. Newly widowed and with little in common with his sons, Walt is a deeply patriotic, bigoted racist who feels increasingly isolated in his own neighbourhood. However, when teenager Thao (a member of the South-East Asian Hmong family living next door) tries to break into Walt's garage as part of an initiation rite into a gang, both lives are changed. Clint Eastwood both directs and gives an impressive performance as Walt.

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Information on our films:

ELIZABETH HUNT 01749 850304

inspiration

Help sow the seed this Harvest

The presence of combine harvesters slowing my progress through the lanes of Somerset prompted me to remember the parable of the sower. As we know, some seed was very effective; some less so, but all the seed did something because it was scattered around. What would have happened if the sower had decided not to scatter the seed and just keep it in the basket or storehouse? Not a lot, I suspect. I can imagine some readers thinking 'what a daft idea; who would have a resource and do nothing with it?' And yet, in many of our churches we do precisely that with a key resource. We do not scatter it around - in an orderly or disorderly manner (or should that be **manna**?). Every three months the latest edition of Manna arrives at churches, Harvest's issue is due at the start of September. From my visits across the Diocese it would seem that in some places, every three months, the original stock at the back of church is exchanged for the next pile. On good days I imagine that they are there to impress me and to show me that the distribution system is working. They have arrived and here they are! It would be more impressive if they were not there. After all, I have read my copy and passed it on so I do not need further copies. It would be really good if you could do likewise - read, reflect and pass it on. If you want suggestions as to where, how about doctors and dentist waiting rooms; the library; a neighbour's house; the pub; or hotel? There is every chance that somebody might pick it up and begin a journey to faith! It may be that some ground will be stony and the briefest of shoots will form before being stifled. Perhaps weeds and tares will cause other shoots to falter after a period of time but there will be some seed that grows and grows well. The only certainty is that if seeds are not sown they don't grow and if Manna is not shared it's not achieving one of its aims. So when the new Manna arrives, please help us to 'sow the seed' and 'spread the Word.'

+Peter Taunton

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH,
PITCOMBE



HARVEST THANKSGIVING



SUNDAY

25 SEPTEMBER
2011

*Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin*

at 6.00pm

THE King james bible

All over the country events have been celebrating the four hundred years of the publication of the Authorised Version of the Bible; we are having our own event at the Hobhouse Theatre, Bruton School for Girls on

Friday 14 October at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

The evening will begin with a brief introduction to its translation and history followed by a series of readings from the Old and New Testaments chosen to illustrate the richness of the language of the Bible. Wine will be served in the interval and tickets (£5) will be on sale from the Benefice Office (01749813080 or admin-bruben@btinternet.com) from 1 September. Seating is limited so an early response is recommended.

Charles Brook

CARERS UK EAST SOMERSET

the voice of carers

Calling all carers in the Mendips, Bruton, Castle Cary and Wincanton area

On Thursday 15th September, Carers UK East Somerset is hosting an Information Day in Wells with Carers UK's Chief Executive, Imelda Redmond CBE, as the main speaker - there will be a wide range of useful local organisations and charities on stalls full of interesting information; relaxation time for carers; a buffet lunch; interesting people popping in during the day and more - this is an opportunity for known carers to come and brush up on what support they can have and for all of us to find hidden carers and encourage them to come along and learn -- so if you are, or you know, a carer, then please put Thursday 15th September in your diary and contact Sarah Maude, our Secretary, on 01749 830 461 or sarah.maude@virgin.net nearer the time for more details - we look forward to seeing you there.

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from its readers

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Contact the editors for details of suggested donations.

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Wednesday September

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details and bookings of Hadspen Village Hall

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