

## TEAM LETTER

Dear Everybody

It's that time of year when much is made of statistics. Having come out of the other side of 2006, number crunchers have to hand every conceivable piece of data and can now match actuals against forecasts, trends up & down, how last year compared with the year before, and indeed the last 10, 20 or maybe 50 years. Politicians, ruefully, have to concede that things have got worse rather than better, or gleefully trumpet that, of course, things are much better, and this only through their skill and judgement. We can now see clearly that we are getting fatter, living longer, go more, or less to church, and have a stronger likelihood of dying in our bed than being run over by a bus.

My newspaper has just published the most popular names for babies in 2006. Jack & Jessica have topped the list for boys and girls respectively, one of which happens to be the name of one of my new grandchildren, who is therefore in good company. The fastest rising boy's name in 2006 was Preston – I wonder how many of you are trendy enough to know why (answers on a postcard please!). Geri Halliwell's choice of the name Bluebell, has sparked a trend for floral names – Daisy, Poppy, Lily and Jasmine are all in the top 50 for girls; the last time that this happened was 100 years ago.

I would like to think that a lot of thought goes into the choice of a name. Certainly it should, and only once or twice in all my ministry have I felt it necessary to query the choice of name by parents bringing a child to baptism, because they have not thought through the possible implications for their child at a later stage. Some of you will have watched the last episode of the Vicar of Dibley over the New Year, when her full name was revealed.

In the Bible a great deal of thought is given, and significance attached to names. At a very early stage in God's dealings with human beings, he changes Abram's name to Abraham – meaning 'Father of Nations' – a prophecy of his destiny. A little further on, Jacob is given the new name 'Israel' – he who struggles with God, and prevails! In the New Testament

we have Simon, who is given the new name 'Peter' – the rock – on which Jesus says he is going to build his Church. And the Baby at Bethlehem we celebrated over Christmas, is given 2 names – Jesus – 'he who saves', and Emmanuel – which means 'God with us'.

May those 2 names be your blessing and encouragement as the year unfolds.

**With my love in Christ**

**Nicolas**

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**The Savernake Team website** is up and running. It contains up-to-date information on the thirteen parishes, and gives details of service times and church activities. The address ([www.savernaketeam.org.uk](http://www.savernaketeam.org.uk)) will appear in future on the inside cover of the Chronicle.

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**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
(non denominational)



**Friday 2nd March**  
**St Katharine's Church**  
**Savernake Forest**  
**2 pm**  
**All welcome**

## YOUR CHURCH IN FEBRUARY

“Mankind must put an end to war  
or war will put an end to mankind ....”

*John F Kennedy*

Name and Date	Time and Service	Sidesmen	Readers & Readings	Prayers	Flowers	Cleaners
4 Feb 3 before Lent	6pm Evensong	Mary Chris	Chris – Isaiah 6:1-8 Bill W – Luke 5:1-11	Mary	Betty	John & Janet
11 Feb 2 before Lent	11am Village Communion	Lesley Amanda	Eileen - Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25 Lesley - Luke 8:22-25	David	Pauline	
18 Feb 1 before Lent	11am Morning Worship	Vikki David	David - Luke 9:28-36	Vikki	Amanda	Anne & Amanda
<b>21 Feb</b> Ash Weds	<b>7pm Holy Communion</b>	all	tba	ME	No flowers	
25 Feb Lent 1	9.30am Holy Communion	Amanda Mary	Chris - Romans 10:8b-13 Mary – Luke 4:1-13	ME	No flowers	

**Sunday Club - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall for 4 to 10-year olds.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – after 6pm Evensong in St Nicolas'. Do stay on to give us your views on your church

**Monthly Munch – 1pm Wednesday 7 February** at Providence Cottage.

**The 40 days of Lent start on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February and end on Easter Day, 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

If you intend to 'give things up' you may like to know that Sundays are not included in the 40 days! However, Lent can be used as a time to prepare for Easter and to do things you don't usually do ... **You are invited to meet five times during Lent** to look at a booklet (£3.99) called 'A Journey of Love' by Kate Hayes. We have done a Lent course written by her before and found it very good and very accessible. You can choose either lunchtime over soup, fruit and cheese, on Wednesdays from 28<sup>th</sup> February 1pm at Providence Cottage. Or Tuesday evenings from 27

February 7.45 for coffee until 9.30pm in the little room of the Village Hall if this is more convenient for you. Either would be fun, and we would love to see you!

**For diaries**, on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 11.30am there will be a Three Parish Walk for anyone in the Collingbournes or Chutes who would like to join in walking from Scots Poor to the Shears Pub for lunch.

**Lost a scarf at Christmas?** A man's pure new wool Frangi scarf was left in the church. It is attractive with different checks, and is currently in the vestry awaiting its owner.

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## CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

A new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment not later than 4th Feb. Any person is entitled to have their name entered on the roll if they are baptized and aged 16 or over. Please let Vikki Alderson know and she will get you to sign an enrolment form. You do not have to be a member of the Church of England Vikki is on 730 388.

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## CHUTE VILLAGE CHOIR

**The Choir.** The Chute Village Choir has been somewhat invigorated over the past year through the fantastic efforts of Tim Boughton – our Choir Master. Tim is a Royal Navy Lieutenant Commander, but more importantly he was a Winchester College Quirister (see <http://www.quirister.com/>) and is a superb organist. We have now sung at 2 Weddings, a Christening, the Carol Service and the Harvest Service. Our repertoire is growing fast, and with Tim's help and guidance we are becoming better than most of us ever thought possible. We number around 20-22 regulars and would love to get more villagers interested in singing with us. We are particularly interested to hear from any budding Altos and Tenors. If you are interested, then please call Amanda Holroyd (730233) or just turn up for a practise session.

**Rehearsals:** Every other Wednesday at 7:30 pm at St Nicolas' Church Upper Chute. Next one is **Weds 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.**

## CHUTE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

The villages of Chute and Chute Forest have a charity to help those in need. It is an amalgamation (since 1960) of four charities, the first set up by George Foyle as long ago as 1795 and again he added another in 1839. Mary Catherine Scroggs (who was among those who set up the school) added another in 1900 and Charlotte Poor another a little later. These good people put in a considerable amount of money at the time to provide blankets and coal for the poor.

Over the years their shares fell in value until they were worth very little. It was not until the Charity Commission changed the rules that we were able to reinvest the money in a COIF fund with CCLA Investment Management Ltd. Slowly the fund has grown in value and at the last fete the Fete Committee gave us £50, which is much appreciated.

We stopped distributing coal in 1979 and have made few payments since. However the fund is still there and now stands at about £1,100. We can distribute only 25% of the fund, at one time, to a person or family in need. The last sum was given to a person in dire need to cover an essential account. That person moved on from that point and now owns a very successful business and, to their great credit, gave us back the money.

We do not expect to merely loan money, but we are still there for anyone in our villages who is in real need. Please let me, or any of the trustees, know if we can be of help. All transactions are made in complete confidence. Trustees are Vicky Alderson, Audrey Cherrington, Mary Edwards (the vicar), Betty Rolls and myself.

*Michael Sykes*  
Chairman

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## URGENT – CHUTE CHRONICLE – URGENT

**Volunteer Needed:** If anyone would like to help the Chronicle Team there is an urgent need for a volunteer to do the monthly collection form the local printer and a small amount of delivery in Lower Chute/Chute Cadley starting with the March edition. Please contact one of the team if

you would like to help: Emma Hawkins (730458), Lisa Jackson (730286), Chris Stock (730613) or Simon Falla (730837) – Thank you. **Ed.**

## **CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Planning Applications:** There are 3 applications to record:-

55592/F Melbury Lodge, Upper Chute. 2x2 storey extensions.  
Parish Council objects to this application.

55669/F 5 New Buildings, Chute Cadley. Change of land use.  
No objection by PC

55687&8 Scots Poor, Extensive rebuild. No objection by PC

### **There are 5 application outcomes to record:-**

55438/F Collis Farm, Upper Chute: to construct tennis court.  
No objection by PC. Now approved by KDC.

55507/F Standen Farm, Chute Standen: change outbuilding roofing.  
No objection by PC. Now approved by KDC

55531/F New Zealand Farm: New grain store. No objection by PC.  
Now approved by KDC

55579/T Old Vicarage, Upper Chute. Tree work. No objection by PC.  
Now approved by KDC

55691/T Wansdyke, Upper Chute. Tree work. No objection by PC.  
Now approved by KDC

### **Amenity Skip for Upper Chute Residents**

A skip has been arranged for the weekend beginning **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. It will be sited on the Village Green at Upper Chute and will be a general purpose skip so most things are acceptable. Remember, once it is full please don't leave material on the ground. Kennet might arrange a special visit to remove this but, if they do, they will charge us.

### **Recycling Boxes**

I still hold a buffer stock of KDC black boxes, also plasticised sacks which are intended for paper and which you may find preferable to the rigid boxes. As before, I am content to supply to Chute Forest residents as well as Chute - give me a bell on 730782 and let me know if you need any.

### **Tibbs Meadow – South/SE Boundary**

We are liaising with Shaftsbury Housing Association and the KDC Tree Officer with a view to having the planting belt along this boundary improved and reinstated. The first priority was to have a couple of the dangerous trees seen to – although this has been both aggravated and delayed by the recent high winds. The next thing is to sort out some suitable tree planting to both improve the look of this area from the road and to meet the needs of those who live in that part of Tibbs Meadow. SHA staff are aware of the need to liaise with Tibbs Meadow residents and have assured your Council that they will consult.

**Next Meeting of the Parish Council** is scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Venue: Village Hall. The Agenda will be on display around the community from the previous weekend. Come and see your Councillors in action (or have a restful snooze). Although the public do not have the right to speak, the Chair will generally be happy to arrange a brief adjournment to allow Parishioners to have their say.

*David Clark*  
Chute Parish Clerk (Tel 730782)

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### CHUTE FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm Chute Village Hall	<b>Date of Annual Parish Meeting:</b> Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April at 7:00 pm Chute Village Hall
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**Date of Local and Parish Elections:**  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Procedural details and information on how to stand for election will follow in due course.

**Planning Applications Considered:**

- 1) K/55740/F – Cedar Lodge, Chute Forest. Minor amendment to previous scheme approved under K/52686/F. No comments by CFPC.

*Philip Gill*  
Clerk to Chute Forest Parish Council





## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Time flies: the current four-year term of your Councillors – both Chute and Chute Forest Parishes – is expiring, and elections are scheduled for **3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007**. If you are thinking of standing for election here are a few Questions and Answers which may help.

**Q:** What's all the rush – 3<sup>rd</sup> May is nearly 2 months away?

**A:** The process begins with a notice (calling for nominations for election) on **27<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Q:** Even so, isn't it still a bit early to think about this – can't I think it over later?

**A:** You won't have much time to think about it once the notice is displayed – you will then have to find people prepared to nominate you and get your papers in to KDC at Devizes by noon on the **4<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Q:** If I stand will there be a 'competitive' voting process as per Government elections?

**A:** The number of seats on a Parish Council is fixed (7 for Chute – 5 for Chute Forest). There will only be a formal voting process (a poll) if the numbers standing exceed the number of seats.

**Q:** Does it really matter whether or not we have a poll?

**A:** Increasingly the way both Government and Local Government deal with a Parish Council depends on whether there are sufficient people prepared to find nominees and stand all the available seats.

**Q:** Surely Parish Councils don't have much power – so does it all really matter?

**A:** There are limited matters on which Parish Councils have direct power but this may change soon. There are however many things on which the Parish Council can exert considerable influence. If you want the local voice to be heard and respected you should support your Parish Council.

**Q:** How do I find out if I qualify, how much work is involved etc?

**A:** Ring your Parish Clerk and he will provide the answers or advise who to approach.

*David Clark. p/p Chute and Chute Forest Parish Councils*

## CHUTE LINK SCHEME – VOLUNTEERS

We would welcome a few more volunteer drivers, especially those who could be available during the day. We seldom get requests for jobs in the evenings or at weekends. If you can spare a little time and would like to help your neighbours, the Chute Link Scheme would value your contribution. Please phone Eileen Soper, on the number below. On average our volunteers carry out one request every two months. There is no pressure to say yes to any particular job. A mileage allowance is paid (currently 40 pence per mile) and other expenses such as parking fees will be reimbursed. The Scheme has insurance to cover volunteers whilst on Link Scheme business. We are a very friendly team and many have said how rewarding and interesting they have found it.

**Our aims and purpose:** The Chute Link Scheme aims to improve the quality of life for residents in Chute and Chute Forest, by drawing on the existing goodwill to provide a voluntary, good neighbour service. We are here to help everybody including those with a temporary problem or those who may feel lonely or isolated. The Link Scheme is confidential and free to those who use us, although we welcome donations towards our running costs; the balance is funded by Council grants. At present we have around 18 volunteers and the scheme is run by a management Committee of 6.

**How do we help?** We mainly provide transport to doctor or dentist appointments, to collect prescriptions, to visit a friend, or to go shopping. We might also be able to help with minor tasks around the home, walking the dog, feeding the cat, visiting or taking you out.

**To make a request, phone 730285 Eileen Soper, our co-ordinator.**

If she is unable to take your call, leave your name and telephone number on the answer phone service. Remember we generally need a few days notice. When a volunteer who can help is found, they will ring you to let you know who they are. You can give them directions to where you live and agree a time. On the journey you will notice a donation envelope has been made available, should you wish to contribute towards our running costs. It is not compulsory and is anonymous too.

**The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers for their invaluable help during 2006 and to wish them and our clients a happy, and healthy, New Year.**

## CHUTE FETE 2007

This year's Fete will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at the usual time of 1-4 pm. We are hoping to get the RAF Chinook helicopter again (fingers crossed). We are also looking to get some new attractions (steam engines have been suggested). As ever, this massive enterprise only works if an energetic minority heave-to and make it work.... So first, a **very big thank-you** to the stalwarts who have once again begun the long haul to 16<sup>th</sup> June. Next, we need some **fresh volunteers** for this year. Opportunities include:

- Committee Member (meet once a month on a Monday at the Cross Keys for 1 ½ hours – very convivial)
- Specific project (we need a publicity supremo)
- Help before & on the day (16<sup>th</sup> June)

**Stall Holders:** Could the regular stall holders please let me know if they are still happy to continue? Any new volunteers very welcome!

Next Committee Meeting: **19<sup>th</sup> February at 8:00 pm Cross Keys Inn.**

*Simon Falla – Fete Chairman – 730837*

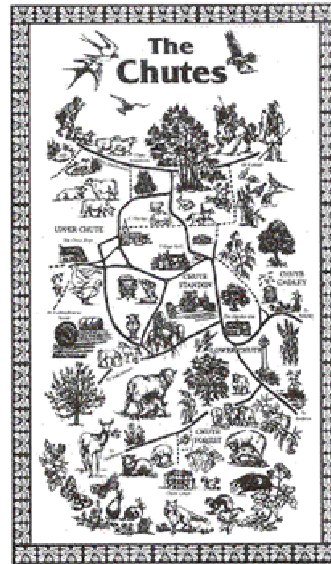
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### THE CHUTES TEA TOWEL

Do you remember the village tea towel? This was a great success when it was first produced. Due to popular demand, another run has been printed and these are now available in dark green, dark blue or burgundy printing, all on a natural cotton cloth.

They are being sold in aid of the Village Hall at £5 each, two for £9.00, and are available from Joanna Buchanan, the Old Cottage, Chute Cadley, telephone 730288.

The tea towels make excellent presents, and provide guidance for those likely to get lost in our lanes!



## BILL AND JANE SHAW

As most of you will know, Bill and Jane have left the Chutes to take up their new life in Bath. I am sure that I am not alone in wanting to thank Bill for all he has done during his years in The Chutes. He has been a redoubtable and passionate Chairman of the Chute Parish Council; an editor of this illustrious publication; Church treasurer; Chair of the Village Hall cttee, and was the Chute Fete organiser for quite a few years – to name just 5 of his massive contributions to Village life. Bill and Jane aim to stay in touch and vow to appear at Chute events from time to time. On behalf of all their **many** friends here in the Chutes, may I wish them every happiness for the future. **Ed.**

### **BILL WRITES:**

*Hi,*

*2006 has been a amazingly life enhancing year for me. I have met and married the gorgeous Jane; Well Cottage is in the process of being sold and we are planning to set up home together in her re-furbished flat in Bath early in January 2007. Please note all the new details below, even my e-mail address is changing!*

*Season's Greeting to you all and I hope you are looking forward to 2007 as much as I am!!*

*Kind regards*

*Bill*

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### **GOOD HOME WANTED**

For 2 very well behaved cats  
5 years old. Brother and sister.  
Fantastic nature.  
Contact Louise on 730451



## **BOURNE VALLEY MOVIES**

2007 started with top class film and an equally top class audience, just short of 100 patrons. It was no surprise that "The Queen" was so popular and very much appreciated. Our next film features another queen, but a rather different, even tyrannical one. "The Devil Wears Prada" (PG) stars Meryl Streep as a Vogue-type editor with a heart of ice and tells the hugely enjoyable and funny tale of a young innocent starting out on a career in high fashion. We saw the trailers and can't wait!

The showing will be at the Vernham Dean Millennium Hall on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007 at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm). Tickets, priced at £4.50, can be purchased in advance at Hurstbourne Tarrant, Vernham Dean post offices and Pat Caddick on 730730 or £5 on the door. We hope to see you there but early booking advised!

On 14<sup>th</sup> March, the production is "The History Boys" (15), the highly successful Alan Bennett play which has translated to film so well.

If you haven't been to our film evenings, do come along. You get a chance to see an up to date feature of quality and it's a great social occasion as well.

*Pat Caddick*

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## **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2006**

### **CORRECTION**

I regret that the report of the Poppy Appeal in the December/January Chronicle was not correct. In my haste to meet the deadline, I e-mailed the wrong document to the editors. The fault was entirely mine not theirs. It should have said:- "This year in the Chutes we raised £1414.91. That is about £140 more than last year. Well done everyone! The total includes: the sale of wreaths for the Remembrance Day Service, collections in the Pubs and Club, the house to house collections and rollover prizes from the Hatchet Quiz, totalling £188."

*Brian Daly*

### **Is anyone planning to move out of the Chutes this year?**

It seems to be widely known that I have sold Lowerhouse Farm, and will have to move out by the end of March. As I have been in Lower Chute for forty years I would love to stay in the village if I can find a three/four bedroom house. I am happy to wait as I plan to rent in the area until such time as I find a house. Perhaps some one has something to rent? I ask more in hope than expectation!

*Virginia Chambers*  
730 217.

**...And as I'm moving, most of my pottery needs to go. So I'm open to offers – please phone first!**

I have a small collection of items which make unusual and unique gifts, including coasters, butter dishes, bowls and boxes. Why not drop in to the studio, but please phone first.

Virginia Chambers  
Lowerhouse Farm  
Lower Chute  
Tel 01264 730217



## CHUTE WEATHER REPORT 2006

Statistics are hardly needed to remind every one of last year's weather! However it is worth noting that the last four months saw a substantial increase in rainfall of around 9 inches or 217mm over the two previous years. July had a record-breaking 31.5° and on my south-facing terrace, but in permanently shaded spot, it reached 44°! The average July temperature was 26c and, as remarkable, the average for June and October were the same. The high temperatures are continuing. At the time of writing [Mid Jan] the average day temperature has been 10° and night 5.5°, and it has not dropped below 0° yet, in spite of the occasional frost on car windscreens!

### RAINFALL

Brackets= 2005, 2004.      25mm=1inch

	<b>Rain mmC</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>24 hr max</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Jan</b>	<b>34mm</b> [61.5, 126]	<b>6</b> [15, 17]]	<b>6mm</b> [10, 23 ]	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>, 9th</b>
<b>Feb</b>	<b>67mm</b> [25, 31]	<b>10</b> [10, 9]	<b>17mm</b> [6.5, 12]	<b>15th</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>76mm</b> [77, 57]	<b>11</b> [11, 16]	<b>17mm</b> [32.5, 6]	<b>15th</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>30mm</b> [72, 103]	<b>8</b> [15,16]	<b>6.5mm</b> [14, 35]	<b>26th</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>151mm</b> [23, 43]	<b>14</b> [10, 8]	<b>25mm</b> [6, 20]	<b>19th</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>37.5mm</b> [75, 64]	<b>5</b> [11, 7]	<b>17mm</b> [25, 16]	<b>26th</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>61.5mm</b> [124, 95]	<b>6</b> [11, 11]	<b>22.5mm</b> [33, 25]	<b>22nd</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>68mm</b> [76, 94]	<b>7</b> [9, 13]	<b>14mm</b> [20, 18]	<b>28th</b>
<b>Sept</b>	<b>89.5</b> [51, 62]	<b>10</b> [9, 13]	<b>20mm</b> [12, 20]	<b>20th</b>
<b>Oct</b>	<b>166mm</b> [121, 206]	<b>18</b> [17, 23]	<b>38mm</b> [25, 33]	<b>20th</b>
<b>Nov</b>	<b>151mm</b> [83, 60]	<b>16</b> [13,16]	<b>20mm</b> [[20, 12]	<b>25th</b>
<b>Dec</b>	<b>147mm</b> [82, 71]	<b>12</b> [11, 9]	<b>35.5mm</b> [29, 30]	<b>7th</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1078.5</b> [870, 871]	<b>123</b> [142, 158]		

## TEMPERATURES 2006

brackets = 2005, 2004. 5c=40f 25c=75f

	Max day date	Min day date	Min night date	Day 5c or less	Day 25c or over	Night 0c or less	Av. Day c	Av Nt c
Jan	11c, 18th	2c x 4 [3c, 3c]	-6c, 12th [-3c, -5c]	16 [3,]	0	12 [7, 14]	5.5c	1.5c
Feb	10c 15th	-1c, 2nd [1c, ]	-3.5c, x 2 [-7c]	17 [12]	0	17 [13]	4.5c	1c
Mar	14c, 30th	-1c 22nd [3c, ]	-6c, 2nd [-7c, -6c]	13 [6]	0	17 [10]	7.5c	1.5c
April	16c, 26th	7.5c, 1st	-2c, 5,6 [-1c]	0 [0]	0	6 [4, 5]	12c	4.5c
May	21.5c, 12th [25,]	12c, 6th	2..5c, 2nd [-0.5]	0	0 [1]	0 [1]	16.5c	9c
June	27c, 12th [28c, 29c]	17.5c, 14th	6c, 1st [3c]	0	6 [5, ]	0	22c	10.5c
July	31.5c, 19th [28c, 27]	20c, 5th	9c, 12th	0	15 [4,3]	0	26c	15c
Aug	26c, 6th [25x2, 29]	17.5c, 13th	6.5c, 30th	0	1, 7]	0	20.5c	13c
Sep	24c, 11th [25x2, 29]	18c 19th	6c, 7th [4c,]	0	0 [2,8]	0	20c	12.5c
Oct	19c, 9th	12c, 15th	2.c, 27th [3.5c]	0	0	0	15.5c	10c
Nov	14c, 13th	6c.5c 21/24 th [3c,]	-2..5c [-7c, -1]	0 [5]	0	11 [12,12]	10c	4.5c
Dec	12.5c	1c 21st [-1x3]	-4c. 20/22 [-8c,]	6 [7]		6 [14, 5]	8c	3.5c

*Virginia Chambers.*

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### CALLING BUDDING AMATEUR METEOROLOGIST

Now that Virginia is sadly leaving us (perhaps only temporarily) we need another willing amateur meteorologist to continue her sterling work keeping a record of Chute weather. If you are interested, please contact either Virginia or one of the Editorial Team (see back cover).



# LINE DANCING

Line dancing has begun again after a brief rest over Christmas. It takes place every Monday at Chute Village Hall, 7.30 to 9.30pm. £3 each.

Please come and join us even if you have not been to line dancing before. We have a very good teacher who will help you.



For more details ring Barbara Long 730655

# BARN DANCING

**Barn Dance - Chute Village Hall  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 8.00pm £3 each**

This is party night. Please bring a plate of food for American Supper. This will be a good evening. Please come and join us.

## **Dates for Barn Dancing 2007**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

For more details, ring Barbara or Wally Long 730655

## **VILLAGE HALL - STOP PRESS**

**Licensing Application:** The timescale for the licence application printed in the December / January edition has been extended. Should you wish to comment on any aspect of this application, Kennet District Council will accept comments within 28 days from 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Wine Tasting:** Come and try different wines from different countries at our inaugural wine tasting evening, to be held in the evening of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**Table Top Sale:** To be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**Spring Flower Walk:** This ever popular Spring Flower walk will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 2pm.

**AGM:** Several months away, but this will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**Finally,** the village hall receives 0.5 pence for every litre of domestic oil you order via Wessex Petroleum, Free-phone 0800 980 6172, provided reference D9 is given when you order. It's a great way to help pay for the repairs needed to the village hall.

For further information on any of the above, including the license application, please contact Chris Stock on 730613.

*Chris Stock*  
Village Hall Committee

## VILLAGE DIARY

<b>Village Diary – February 2007</b>			
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>		Quiz	Cross Keys
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	pm	Private Function	Village Hall
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Village Choir Rehearsal	St Nicolas
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	pm	Private Function	Village Hall
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Chute PC & Chute Forest PC	Village Hall
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Barn Dance	Village Hall
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Caravans in Field	Village Hall
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	Wessex Folk Club	Village Hall
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Chute Fete Committee Mtg	Cross Keys
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gardening Club	Village Hall
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Village Choir Rehearsal	St Nicolas

<b>REGULAR EVENTS/MEETINGS</b>				
<b>Day</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event/Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mondays	Weekly	7.45pm	House Group/Bible Study	Providence Cottage
	Weekly	7.30pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall
	Monthly	8.00 pm	Chute Fete Committee	Cross Keys
Tuesdays	Weekly		Quiz Night	Hatchet
Wednesdays	Weekly	10.00am	Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
	Fortnightly	7.30pm	Village Choir Rehearsal	St Nicolas
Thursdays	Weekly		Curry Night	Hatchet
	Weekly		Curry Night	Cross Keys
	Monthly	7.30pm	Chute PC Meeting	Village Hall
Fridays	Weekly		Fish Night	Cross Keys

## JEAN WEBSTER

12<sup>th</sup> February 1932 – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2007

Jean Webster, who was known to many in Chute, has sadly passed away after a short illness.

Jean was born in Failsworth in Lancashire in 1932. She quickly proved her skills running businesses in the Manchester area. In 1964, she and her husband moved to Cornwall where they continued to run successful hotel and restaurant businesses. Jean was introduced to Chute in 1996. She grew to love the village and its people, particularly enjoying walking, the friendship of the community, and the peace and quiet. She was taken ill in Cornwall in September of last year and died in Holywell Bay Nursing Home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January.

She leaves 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 2 great – grandchildren. She also leaves many friends in The Chutes and lots of happy memories.

*Tim Harker*

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### TABLE AND CHAIRS - FOR SALE

**RECLAIMED PINE TABLE  
- SEATS 8**

plus 8 oak chairs with  
rush seats  
(2 carvers, 6 others –  
only 4 shown)

Very good condition

£400 ono

*Simon & Jo 730837*



# The Cross Keys Inn

## Upper Chute

### Debbie Blount at The Cross Keys Inn

Local artist Debbie Blount will be exhibiting a range of her highly detailed wildlife paintings at the Cross Keys throughout the months of February and March.



### Web Site

Go to [www.upperchute.com](http://www.upperchute.com) to see our new web site. Sections on Food, Ales, Events and our New Bed and Breakfast facilities.

### Guest Ales for February

Ringwood – Old Thumper (5.6%), Fullers - Chiswick (3.5%)  
Greene King – Abbot (5%), Stonehenge Ales – Pigswill (4.0%)

The Cross Keys has just been awarded the ‘Cask Marque’ for outstanding quality of its real ales.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Reopening

You are all invited to the Cross Keys on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to celebrate our 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday - Live music from ‘Midnight Fish Band’ – Buffet Dinner.

The Cross Keys Inn, Upper Chute, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 9ER 01264  
730295 [crosskeysinn@upperchute.com](mailto:crosskeysinn@upperchute.com)

## CHUTE GARDENING CLUB

The season of talks for Chute Gardening Club starts with:

Robert Allwood  
**Organics and Chemicals, a balanced view.**  
20<sup>th</sup> February - 8.00pm Chute Village Hall.

The programme this year includes “**Foxgloves, Euphorbia and Campanulas**”, “**Vegetable Gardening**” a talk from the “**Hawk Conservancy**” and “**Longstock Water gardens**”. All this as well as the potato competition and the Flower Show in July. Membership subscription is £5.

### **THE PLANT SALE – SUNDAY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Please remember the Plant sale when in your garden splitting perennials or digging out unwanted plants. The Plant Sale is the Club's main fundraising event and a lot of hard work goes into making it successful. All help is very much appreciated and any contributions will be very gratefully accepted.

## A TRIP TO EXBURY

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Exbury Gardens are famous for the Collection of Rhododendrons and Azaleas. These should be at their most spectacular in May**

**£20 excluding Garden entry**

**£7 Garden entry**

**(Members of Chute Gardening Club – Free Garden entry)**

**Please contact John Wood for further information**

**01264 730685**

## THE FLOWER SHOW - SATURDAY JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>

Provisional copies of the flower show schedule are available to assist the planning of your winning strategy. The two Garden Classes, to be judged in late June, prior to the Flower Show will be:

- The Conservation Cup:
- The Best Vegetable Garden/Patch/Allotment
- The Henry Plate:
- My Favourite Garden.

### **Finally, a big thank you to Peter Cartmel, our retiring Chairman.**

At the AGM in January, Peter Cartmel announced his retirement from the Gardening Club committee. Peter has served the club admirably over the years, initially as Treasurer and, for the last three years, as Chairman. Peter has put in place very clear guidance for the organisation of all the club activities and ensured that the club will continue successfully in the future. We wish Peter good health and happiness in his "retirement".

*Sally Tweed*  
Secretary Chute Gardening Club  
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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Please note that the times for the mobile library are now earlier. The new times are listed on the Chronicle cover. To check these times, visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mobile-library-routes.htm>

## CHUTE WEB SITE

Many of the local villages have their own site, but the Chutes do not (as far as I can tell) have a web presence. This is such a vibrant community, with so much going on, that this idea to create a web site has attracted quite a lot of interest and approval. It just needs a small team initially to create the site and then a there would be a small, regular task to maintain it. The site would ideally consist of 2 fundamental parts: a static section that would require only occasional changes, and a smaller variable section that contains up-to-date information. This is a quick mock-up to show how it could look (with some thoughts on content – oh, and plug for the Fete!):



Is anyone with good web-design & IT skills willing to join me in producing such a site? I have obtained [www.thechutes.org](http://www.thechutes.org) & [www.thechutes.org.uk](http://www.thechutes.org.uk) and a web-hosting service (which I am happy to pay for). If you are interested, please call me.

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