

TEAM LETTER

May 2007

Dear Everybody

On Easter Eve, an intrepid band gathered in the dark outside St Michael's, Tidcombe, symbolically waiting on the dawn of the Resurrection and the celebration of Jesus rising from the tomb. It was very much a 'country silence', interspersed with the rooks and the owls calling to each other through the trees. But there was that sense of awe, and awaiting God's timing and God's authority, even over life and death. There is, of course, something about the dark which instils an awe and wonder, and certainly for me, if only for those few minutes there, a deeper reflection on the Easter story, and could God really raise someone from the dead?

Well, Easter has come and gone, and in the rhythm of the everyday, we quickly move on. The weather is glorious, the spring flowers beautiful, and some people may even be planning their summer holidays.

There is just one more festival in the church's year, so easy to forget because the Bank Holiday that used to be attached to it is now fixed at the end of May, and Tesco's haven't yet thought of anything they would sell on the strength of it! That is Pentecost (or Whitsun) – just 6 weeks after Easter, and for us at least as important, because it marks the completion of God's promise through Jesus, that in him rising from the dead his spirit would then be released to any and all who believed in him. Life alongside someone like Jesus? Life alongside someone who had risen from the dead? What about the beautiful scene of spring I mentioned a while back – imagine still seeing things that way in November or February!

With my love in Christ

Nicolas

Your Church in May

Revelation comes in two volumes: that of the Bible and that of Nature.

Thomas Aquinas

Name and Date	Time and Service	Sidesmen	Readers & Readings	Prayers	Flowers	Cleaners
6 May Easter 5	11am Baptism of Hopton twins	Mary David	John 13:31-35	Mary	Betty	Anne & Amanda
13 May Easter 6	11am Village Communion	Lesley Amanda	John – Acts 19: 9-15 Lesley – John 5: 1-9	David	Caroline	
20 May Sunday after Ascension	11am Morning Worship	Vikki Mary	Joanna – John 17:20-26	Vikki	Amanda	Chris & Vikki
27 May Pentecost	11am Parish Communion C Ducis	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	

Pattern of Services: Apologies for altering the pattern of services in April without notice – instead of Evensong we had an 11am service on Palm Sunday. In May too, we have a change to the service on the first Sunday of the month. Instead of Evensong, we are delighted to welcome George and Toby Hopton who will be baptised at 11am.

Please note that Archdeacon John Wray will preach at Collingbourne Ducis on 27th May for our Pentecost Service. (If you would like a lift please ring Amanda on 730233)

Monthly Munch will resume at **1pm** on Wednesday 2nd May at Providence Cottage – informal and fun – and excellent soup! Why not join us?

Choir Practices will continue in the church at 7.30pm every Wednesday. Newcomers will always be welcome – do just come along!

Sunday Club will be on 6th May 10-11.30 at the Village Hall for 4-10 year olds

Date for your diaries (and correction to last month's Chronicle)
Sunday 1st July - Songs of Praise at St Mary's Chute Forest at 6pm

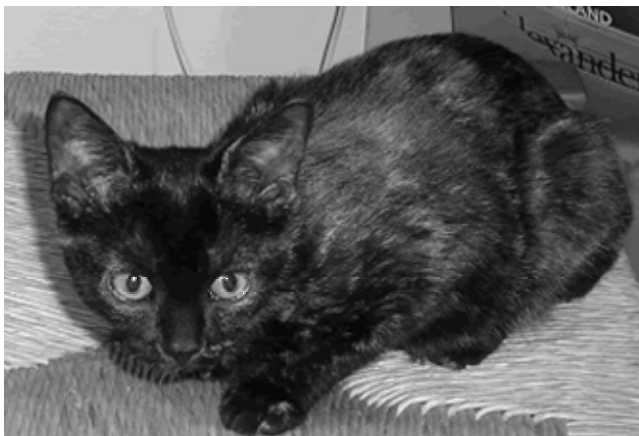
**The life of Christ – an open air play in three acts – Tuesday 26 June –
Sunday 1st July**

www.wintershall-estate.com and email: boxoffice@hutleygroup.com

Tel: 01488 892167

Adult tickets £14 and children £6.50 (see leaflets at the back of the church).
This is such an extraordinary and worthwhile happening! I haven't decided
yet which day I will go, but if anyone wants to go and would like a lift please
get in touch before the end of May (730233)

MISSING



Small, Dark Tortoise-Shell Kitten
With shaved area on side

Please call Jo on 730837 – Lower Chute

CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Applications

There are 3 applications to record:-

56152/F Land adj. 2 Prospect Cottages, Erection of dwelling. Parish Council Objected.

56259/F Scots Poor, Demolish outbuildings & restore Annexe. No Objection by Parish Council.

56320/F Melbury Lodge, Upper Chute, Erect extensions. Parish Council Objected.

There is 1 application outcome to record:-

56029/F Chute Collis Cottage. Resite access to property. No objection by PC. Approved by KDC.

Elections

PARISH : There are seven seats authorised on your Parish Council. Seven folk stood for election and, since there are no 'excess' nominations (and no objections) all will be elected without the need for a 'poll'. I will confirm the detail following the 3rd of May election date.

DISTRICT : Things are not so clear cut where your Kennet District Councillor is concerned since there are three folk standing for the one seat. Remember to turn out and vote on the 3rd of May. Your Parish Councillors will do their best for you but, if push comes to shove, it may be your District Councillor you have to turn to for help.

Possible Diversion of Footpath 18 (Upper Chute). This is the footpath which runs diagonally across the paddock at Englemere House. The Highways staff at Wiltshire County Council are considering the possible diversion of this footpath to a line around the edge of the paddock and have asked for the view of the Parish Council. This matter is at an early stage in the consultation process but, recognising that this is a rather tricky matter on which to take a position, your Councillors would be happy to hear from anyone with strong feelings for or against such a diversion. Please contact one of your Councillors or myself if you wish to express a view on the matter.

Next Meeting of the Parish Council is the Annual Meeting at which your newly elected members will sign up and take their places on the Council. This will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th May 2007 : venue: Village Hall. As always, you will be welcome to attend. The agenda will be displayed around the Parish and the previous (draft) minutes will be displayed on the Council notice board by the Village Hall.

David Clark
Chute Parish Clerk (Tel 730782)

CHUTE FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Local and Parish Elections:

Thursday 3rd May – The current Parish Councillors have been returned unopposed for a further 4-year term. However, there will be an election for the position of District Councillor and details of those standing have been posted on the Parish Notice Board.

Date of Next Meeting:

Annual Parish Council Meeting:
Thursday 17th May at 7.30.pm
Chute Village Hall.

At this meeting, a Chairman will be elected and Officers will be elected to represent the Council. Moreover, all Councillors will be required to accept their office and to sign up to the local authority code of conduct. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Draft copies of the minutes of Parish Council meetings will be posted in the very near future on the notice board at the bus shelter in Chute Forest. Items 11.6 & 11.7 will be of interest to all electors. Copies of the minutes are available from the Clerk.

Philip Gill
Clerk to Chute Forest Parish Council
01980 602600/01264 398534

CHUTE CRICKET CLUB

The club is continuing from where it left off last year, with ongoing support from the Cross Keys, for which we are most grateful. A number of stalwarts have been enjoying indoor nets throughout April; outdoor nets and practice, hopefully in new nets, will start on Thursday 10th May, at 7.00pm, and every Thursday from then on.

The fixture list is beginning to fill up, with a good steady growth on last year, full details to be published in due course. However, as far as Chute CC is concerned, and so as not to embarrass the England XI too much, our season will start properly on Saturday 9th June.

While we have every intention of improving our skill sets, the emphasis remains very firmly on friendly, enjoyable cricket; if you would like to be involved in any way, please let me know, or come along one Thursday evening, and join our merry band of enthusiasts.

Chris Stock
730613 (chris.stock@upper-chute.com)

HELP HELP HELP

As Virginia Chambers is not producing her copious amounts of jams, marmalade and preserves for the produce stall at the fete this year, Joanna & I are very worried that the stall will look very sad and depleted. So ***please please please*** - if you can help with any of the above or indeed any fresh produce please let either Joanna or my self know so that we can stop worrying!

Many thanks

Joanna 730288
Pat 730730

CHUTE WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our first trip of the season took 44 members to Chichester on a beautiful sunny day. We enjoyed the lovely city and many made a visit to the large Cathedral. On our return we stopped at nearby Bosham for tea or ice creams. This was supposed to have been a mystery tour but as our driver was unaware of this, he announced to all where we were going but this did not stop us all enjoying the day.

Our next trip on Wednesday May 16th is to Wisley Gardens. If any member would like to go and their name is not on the list please contact me early as there are a few seats still available.

Eileen Soper 730698



PLANT SALE

**Saturday 5th May
2pm – 5pm**

Hatchetts, Lower Chute (next door to the pub)

Wide variety of Annuals and Perennials

Plant lists available from the box on the garage

If you want me to put any plants aside for collection at any time,
please e-mail me at emma@flowerpotty.co.uk or phone **730458**

VILLAGE DIARY

<i>Village Diary – May 2007</i>			
Wednesday 2 nd	10am	Mother and Toddlers	Village Hall
Thursday 3 rd	All Day	Election	Village Hall
Saturday 5 th	pm/evening	Private Function	Village Hall
Sunday 6 th	10.00am	Sunday Club	Village Hall
Tuesday 8 th	8.00pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Thursday 10 th	7.30pm	Chute Parish Council AGM	Village Hall
Thursday 10 th	7.00pm	Chute Cricket Club	K George Playing Fields
Thursday 17 th	7.30pm	Chute Forest Parish Council AGM	Village Hall
Thursday 17 th	7.00pm	Chute Cricket Club	K George Playing Fields
Friday 18 th		Gourmet Evening	Cross Keys
Saturday 19 th	pm/evening	Plant Sale Preparation	Village Hall
Sunday 20 th	am/pm	Plant Sale	Village Hall
Thursday 24 th	7.00pm	Chute Cricket Club	K George Playing Fields
Thursday 31 st	7.00pm	Chute Cricket Club	K George Playing Fields

<i>Weekly</i>		
Mondays	Line Dancing	Village Hall
Tuesdays	Quiz Night	Hatchet
Wednesdays	Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
Thursdays	Curry Night	Hatchet
Thursdays	Curry Night	Cross Keys
Fridays	Fish Night	Cross Keys

Thank you to everyone who supported the wine tasting supper in support of repairs to The Village Hall on April 21st. The evening was a great success and raised £266.

Carolyn Wall

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee

OPEN POTTERY STUDIO

Exhibition

Emily Myers Ceramics

Sunday 11 May 2 pm - 5.30 pm

Thursday 15 May 11am - 5 pm

Friday 16 May 11am – 5 pm

Saturday 17 May 2 pm - 5.30 pm

Sunday 18 May 2 pm - 5.30 pm

Pots for Sale and
Throwing Demonstrations on the Potter's Wheel

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Crux Easton

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PROJECT WORKSHOPS 2007
Open Studios & Summer Exhibition

Saturday 12th May & Sunday 13th May
10am – 5pm

10 Open Studios ~ Full Programme of Demonstrations & Workshops
Over 30 Visiting Artists ~ Exhibition in the Courtyard Garden
Entry ~ £4.50, under 16's free

GALA EVENING & PRIVATE VIEW ~ Friday 11th May 5pm-8pm
Wine, Canapés & Jazz Band
Admission strictly by pre-booked ticket ~ £7.50
Tel: 01264 889889

Special Attractions:

Artists in Test Valley – an independent group of artists and makers who create sculpture, jewellery, ceramics, stained glass & paintings; **Exhibition of Sculpture** in the Courtyard Garden, including highlights from “Art in the Garden”, a contemporary craft & sculpture exhibition to be held at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Romsey

**Location – just off the A303 opposite Thruxton race circuit
Lains Farm, Quarley, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 8PX**

CHUTE GARDENING CLUB

The talk in April from the Hawk Conservancy was brilliant and was the last of this season's talks. The next club event will be:

The Plant Sale
20th May 2007
10.30 a.m. Chute Village Hall

This year the Club has decided to provide a wider selection of annual bedding plants than we have in the past as a result of previous requests, so don't forget us when you are planting up your containers and baskets. These will be offered along with a selection of perennials and shrubs.

Please do come along for the sale armed with carrier bags to carry away your purchases. We also need people to help at the sale. If you can help set up on the Saturday, or actually man a stall on the Sunday, please contact myself or Eileen Soper on 730698.

Potato competition Saturday July 7th

Flower Show – Saturday 14th July

Garden competition: likely to be judged in June

The Club is aware of a number of fabulous **vegetable patches/gardens/allotments** and would dearly like them to enter into this year's garden competition.

The other competition is the judge's "**Favourite Garden**", which has no specification other than it is deemed to offer what the judge likes to see. A different judge is chosen for this class each year so that something different is likely to appeal each time. Last year I accompanied the judge and was hugely relieved it was not my decision – they were all fabulous – looking forward to this year.....

Please contact any member of the garden club committee if you would like to enter your garden in either of these classes.

Sally Tweed

Secretary, Chute Gardening Club

Tel: 730365

Trip to Exbury

Friday 25th May

Exbury Gardens are famous for the Collection of Rhododendrons and Azaleas.

£20 excluding Garden entry.

£7 Garden entry

(Members of Chute Gardening Club – Free Garden entry)

Please contact John Wood by May 7th to book your place.

01264 730685

BOURNE VALLEY MOVIES - THURSDAY 10TH MAY

Miss Potter (PG)

The next production is "Miss Potter" starring Renee Zellweger as Beatrix Potter, who defied the starchy conventions of her Victorian milieu.

The film concentrates on her relationship with her publisher Norman Warne (Ewan McGregor) and boasts fabulous scenery and a strong supporting cast including Emily Watson as Norman's sister Millie.

In the Millennium Hall, Vernham Dean on Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm.
Tickets £4.50 in advance or £5.00 on the door from Pat Caddick on 730730

CHICKEN HOUSE

Chicken house of splendid design and construction! Approx. 3' x 3' 6" plus nest box - would suit up to six chickens. Free to collector.

David Clark
730782

A QUESTION OF BALANCE

Since the war, farming has played a very big part in the way the countryside has developed, but now a lot of work has been done to encourage nature to take over and allow plants and wildlife to develop on their own.

On our farm, arable cropping has been developed so that the very best of modern technology is used to give the best results. The use of chemicals has been reduced, as far as possible, without reducing the crop's potential. Organic matter has been kept in the top layer of the soil. Around most of the crops is a broad band of grass which is partly cut and partly left alone, so that there is nesting cover and shelter for birds and a place where small mammals and birds can live in peace. This also allows a good hunting ground for barn owls.

There are larger areas where field corners are left undisturbed; patches of kale and cereal for wild bird food and patches of clover and legumes for the bees and insects to live and feed. There are also patches of land left fallow and occasionally cultivated for lapwings and stone curlews to nest.

All this removes awkward corners and poor patches of ground, making the arable cropping area more efficient and at the same time giving wildlife an ample area to develop. Imposed on this scene are patches of maize undersown to millet to provide cover for game birds and a haven for songbirds.

Not everyone approves of game shooting but the needs of partridge and pheasant have a very beneficial effect on wildlife. In order to allow birds to thrive, some control has to be exercised over their natural predators. Corvids or more particularly magpies and carrion crows need to be reduced in numbers in spring as they eat eggs and young fledglings, not only of game birds, but also of songbirds. To control them we use Larsen traps. A magpie or crow is put in a cage and well fed and watered. The wild birds come down to inspect and see it off and fall into the trap. These traps are very effective and are inspected twice daily. It is a pity when well meaning people see the caged birds and release them. They are unable to fly and so are reduced to a slow death of starvation. We do not try and destroy all the magpies and crows, but merely reduce their numbers so that other birds can survive.

Michael Sykes



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Upper Chute



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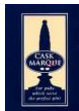
Bed and Breakfast Rooms

We are pleased to announce that we now have four rooms available for bed and breakfast.

All rooms have en suite showers and TV with ‘Freeview’ channels and open access Broadband internet.

Guest Ales for May

*Old Trip- Hardy & Hanson, HSB – Gales
Chiswick – Fullers, Spitfire – Shepherd Neame*



Upcoming Events

Now taking bookings for Easter Sunday

Friday 18th May – Gourmet Night

Saturday 30th June – Smoking Night

Staff Required

Bar staff – must be over 18 for weekday and weekend

Waiter / Waitress for weekends

No experience required.

The Cross Keys Inn, Upper Chute, Andover, SP11 9ER
01264 730295 email crosskeysinn@upperchute.com

Date	Burbage	C' Ducis	C' Kingston	Grafton	Gt Bedwyn	Ham/B'mere	Little Bedwyn	St Katherine	Shalb'n/ Bagshot	Tidcombe
2 May (Wed)	2.30pm HC S'mr RG 8.00pm Mid-week	12.30pm HC 3.00pm HC West	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 May 5th Sun of Easter	8am HC NLH 11am All Age Worship LD	8am HC ME	9.30am Family Service	11am HC RH	8.00am HC 11am	9.30am HC NLH	9.30am Fam Com RH	6pm Evensong lay	11am Family Service	-
9 May (Wed)	9.30am HC 7pm Eve Worship S'mr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 May 6th Sun of Easter	8am HC LD 11am Fam Com NLH	9.30am Parish Com ME	8am HC ME	-	-	11am Matins lay	8am HC RH	10am Rogation at Warren	9.30am HC LD	9.30am HC NLH
16 May (Wed)	7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17 May Ascension	7.45pm HC LD									
19 May (Sat)	Renewal Day with Rev'd Tim Watson									
20 May 7th Sun of Easter	8am HC 11am All Age 6.00pm E'song NLH	6.00pm Evensong ME	9.30am HC ME	11am Matins RH	8.00am HC 11am Family	6.00pm Evensong at B'mere	6.00pm Evensong lay	9.30am Parish Com RH	9.30am HC AD	-
23 May	9.30am HC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27 May Pentecost	8.00am HC 11am Family Service + Baptism	11am HC	-	-	9.30am HC	-	-	-	11am Worship	9.30am HC NLH