



**There ain't no such thing as a free lunch!**

This phrase, much used by American industrialists such as Henry Ford, is a reminder that nothing is ever free. Someone, somewhere, has worked to produce it, or has paid – or will pay - for anything and everything that is described as “free”. Yet we live in a world of “free offers”, “buy one, get one free”, “0% credit” and so on. Some of these offers tell us of the true value of the items we buy. Often “free gifts” turn out to be something we can't use or don't need. Sometimes it's a more insidious approach, such as the “Gillette Principle” (give away razors, and make money on razor blades).

All of these things play on human gullibility and greed. Hardly a day goes past without my post containing something designed to tempt the “something-for-nothing” generation. In the end, we all pay. Most of the time, if we but knew it, we face inflated prices somewhere else. We pay the human cost of those who are tempted to over-extend themselves by offers of “free” prizes and “free” credit. We suffer the environmental effects of overproduction and excessive waste. There ain't no such thing as a free lunch!

Even the promise of Heaven isn't “free”. It didn't come cheaply. It cost a lot of humility, obedience, pain and ultimately a cruel death. The good thing is that the price has already been paid, in a crib and on a cross.

*Rodney*

## YOUR CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER

*Even when all the questions posed by science have been answered,  
the problems of human life will remain untouched.*

*Wittgenstein, philosopher*

Name and Date	Time and Service	Sidesmen	Readers & Readings	Prayers	Flowers	Cleaners
2 Sept Trinity 13	Evensong 6pm (lay)	David Chris	<b>John</b> – Hebrews: 1-8, 15-16 <b>David</b> – Luke 14: 1, 7-14	Mary	Anne	John & Janet
9 Sept Trinity 14	10am Team Walk & Picnic	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
16 Sept Trinity 15	11am Pets Service	At the Village Hall	tba	n/a	n/a	
23 Sept Trinity 16	9.30am Holy Communion	Vikki Amanda	<b>Vikki</b> – 1 Timothy 2:1-7 <b>Lesley</b> – Luke 16: 19-31		Betty	Bill & Ann
30 Sept Trinity 17	11am 3 Parish Communion	David Chris	<b>Chris</b> – 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 <b>Caroline</b> – Luke 16: 19-31	Chris	Caroline	
7 Oct Trinity 18	6pm Harvest Festival	Carolyn & All	<b>Carolyn</b> – Deuteronomy 16: 1-11 <b>Tba</b> – Luke 6: 25- 35	ME	All	John & Janet

### Details of Special Services

**9<sup>th</sup> September - Savernake Team Walk and Picnic** – (full details are on the church notice board) The plan is to meet at St Nicholas' Church, East Grafton at 10am with picnic contributions in plastic boxes (cold drinks, wine, plates, cups, cutlery etc. will all be provided). 2.5 mile walk to Wexcombe Down for a Service at 11.30am followed by picnic. If wet these will take place in the barn at Manor Farm, Wexcombe. Dogs on leads welcome.

**16<sup>th</sup> September - Pets Service at the Village Hall.** Canon Alan Deboo will lead this for us. You may not have been to such a service before but it is strongly recommended! It's a lovely opportunity to praise God for our animals and love of nature! We hope that many will come, with or without a pet, for a short celebration (and a cup of coffee afterwards perhaps). A small brass band will provide the music for us; all pets and people welcome!

**Advance notice:** the Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper will both be on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. Supper tickets available in early September, as usual, from the Browns, the Aldersons and the Woods.

#### Dates

No **Sunday Club** in September.

The **Monthly Munch** will be on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** at 1pm at Providence Cottage.

**Choir rehearsals** resume on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**, 7.30pm in the Church.

An **Alpha Course** will be held in Burbage Church Centre again this year and people from all over the Savernake Team will be welcome. As an introduction to the Course, they are hosting a **free Supper in Burbage Church Centre on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. If anyone would like to go along to the Supper (without having to commit to the Course) please let Janet Hartwell know on (day) 01672 513686 or (evening) 01672 810839.

#### **Eight Monday evenings of Bible Study**

Bringing together members of the church from Chute, Ham and Shalbourne, the Autumn Home Groups will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October for eight sessions, and will look at the book by the new Bishop of Oxford 'How to explain your faith'. The first meeting will be at Downs Cottage, Shalbourne, at 7.45pm for 8.00pm, to finish by 9.30pm. These will be very open, informal and interesting meetings, and anyone who is curious and would like to come along would be made very welcome. Contact Vikki or Amanda, and they will also have future venue details.

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helps keep the churchyard looking so good, but a special one is due to Rick Tweed, John Duckney and Bill Catt who gave up a sunny Saturday morning for some major tidying with the shredder etc. You have made a big difference, and it is much appreciated!

**Thanks also to everyone involved with Holiday Club** – to the children who came and to the excellent helpers – Anne, Lesley, Vikki and Gwen. There wouldn't have been a Holiday Club without you, and we're very grateful.

## **INVITATION**

Michael Ancram, MP will be Guest of Honour  
at  
The Chute and Chute Forest Conservative Association  
supper party to be held on

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at the Chute Village Hall**

A highly sociable evening with the opportunity to meet and listen to Michael Ancram, MP and get the real debate going regardless of your political persuasion.

Tickets: £12.50 each include:  
Four course meal & glass of wine  
Licensed Bar

Tickets From:  
Michael Sykes 730 220  
Alexa Conder 730 884  
Caroline Elwes 730 228  
David Milligan 730384

## **FOR SALE**

**Nearly new Beech finish IKEA furniture.**

**Suitable for either a home office or children's bedroom/playroom.**

1 Shelving unit on legs with 12 moveable compartments. £35.

2 Bookcases each with 8 compartments. Can be placed vertically or horizontally. £25 each.

2 plain wooden chairs. £11 each.

Please call 01264 730 898

## CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL

### Planning Applications

There are 2 applications to record:-

57070/TR2 Well Cottage, Chute Cadley. To fell Eucalyptus tree. No objection by PC.

57105/F Highlands, Upper Chute. To erect single storey kitchen extension. Under review by PC.

There is 1 application outcome to record:-

56847/LBC Providence Cottage, Cadley : To replace 3 windows . No objection by PC. Now approved by KDC.

### Amenity Skip for Lower Chute

An advance note for your diary - a skip has been arranged for the weekend beginning **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – it will be sited on the Village Green at Lower Chute. Please note this will be a general purpose skip – the content goes to landfill – so is not intended for recycling materials.

### Access to opticians' services for those with mobility problems

The issue of access to opticians for those who are housebound, or do not have easy access to transport, has been raised recently. Our 'Link' scheme can offer the chance for people to get to these services but there is also another alternative. Some companies offer a mobile opticians' service which can provide sight tests and glasses in your home. An internet search for "mobile opticians" can bring up a number of these companies and some are listed on the following webpage :-

[http://www.carehome.co.uk/suppliers\\_search\\_results.cfm/searchcategory/667](http://www.carehome.co.uk/suppliers_search_results.cfm/searchcategory/667)

**Next Meeting of the Parish Council** will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm – venue the 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 at the Village Hall.

**David Clark**

*Chute Parish Clerk (Tel 730782)*

## CHUTE FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

### **Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30.pm - Chute Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

### **Planning Applications Considered:**

K/570770/TR2 - The felling of a Eucalyptus tree at Well Cottage, Chute Cadley.  
No objections raised by CFPC.

K/57010/LBC - Removal of existing door to southeast elevation and replacement with window and alterations to staircase at Chute Forest Cottage Chute Cadley.  
No objections raised by CFPC.

K/57007/F – For workshop and alterations to existing vehicular access at Chute Forest Cottage, Chute Cadley. No objections raised by CFPC.

K/57008/F – For front extension to form enlarged porch at 5 Orchard Cottages, Chute Forest. No objections raised by CFPC.

### **Outcomes:**

K/56715/TR2 – Notice of Permission received from KDC for the felling of one Leylandii tree and one Elder tree at Chute Forest Cottage, Chute Cadley.

K/56488/TR2 – Notice of Permission received from KDC for the felling of four Leylandii trees and the pruning of a Persian Ironwood tree at Chute Forest Cottage, Chute Cadley.

K/54375/VAR – Notice received for FDC of Dismissal of Appeal at Pollards Barn, Clanville.

### **Change of Address:**

A reminder that Councillor Pat Caddick's new address is as follows:

Highlands  
Forest Lane  
Upper chute  
Andover SP11 9EL

### **Volunteer:**

A volunteer is sought to cut the grass on the Lower Chute Green, prospective volunteers should contact the Chairman on 01264 730 260.

### **Philip Gill, Clerk to Chute Forest Parish Council**

01980 602 600 / 01264 398 534

## CHUTE WEDNESDAY CLUB

It was a beautiful sunny day for our Garden Party and well attended by members and friends. Thank you to all who helped in any way on the day and to the many who gave so generously. Special thanks to Rick Wall and his helper who erected and dismantled the marquees for us, this was a great help.

We were also lucky with our visit to The London Eye as the afternoon was dry and sunny. We had a very good view all round and it was an experience enjoyed by many for the first time.

The next trip on Wednesday September 19th is to Swanage there are not many seats left on the coach so book one as early as possible if you would like to go.

*Eileen Soper 730698*

### THE ALPHA COURSE - AUTUMN 2007

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions. It is low-key, friendly and fun – and is supported by all the main Christian denominations.

#### ***Why not take this opportunity to explore the meaning of life?***

**Introductory Alpha Supper:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm  
Vernham Dean Millennium Hall

**10 Weekly Sessions:** Starting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 7pm to 9:30pm (includes supper)  
Vernham Dean Millennium Hall

**Alpha Day Away:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November – venue to be confirmed

**Alpha Celebration Supper:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm  
Vernham Dean Millennium Hall

Please contact Greg & Anita Nicholson on 737332, David & Eileen Sullivan on 736514, Pam Mills on 736286, Sylvia Clarke on 737517, or e-mail [chef1837@aol.com](mailto:chef1837@aol.com) for more information or to book. There are no limits on numbers but we need to get an idea of numbers for administration purposes. There are no costs involved for attending.

**We would love to see you there!**

## VILLAGE DIARY

<b>SEPTEMBER 2007</b>			
Saturday 1st	8.30pm	Quiz Night & Buffet £2.00 each. Teams of up to 4	Chute Club
Sunday 2nd	2.30pm	Chute CC v Linkenholt CC	KG Playing Fields
Sunday 2nd		Quiz Night	Cross Keys
Wednesday 5th	8.30pm	Skittles – all welcome	Chute Club
Sunday 9th	2.00pm	'Resurrected' Chute CC v Chute CC 'Old Boys'	KG Playing Fields
Tuesday 11th	8.00pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall
Thursday 13th	7.30pm	Chute Parish Council	Village Hall
Friday 14th		Barn Dance	Village Hall
Tuesday 18th	7.30pm	Gardening Club	Village Hall
Wednesday 19th	7.45pm	Whist Drive	Chute Club
Thursday 20th	7.00pm	Chute Forest Parish Council	Village Hall
Saturday 29th	12.00am	Autumn Walk	Departing from Village Hall

<b>EVERY WEEK</b>			
Tuesday		Quiz Night	Hatchet
Wednesday	10.00am	Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
Wednesday	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Nicolas
Thursday		Curry Night	Cross Keys
Thursday		Curry Night	Hatchet
Friday		Fish Night	Cross Keys

### **CHUTE CLUB**

**Advance notice** – coming soon – Jamming Session.



## **CHUTE GARDENING CLUB**

The next talk to the Gardening club will be:

**“Flowers of the Italian Dolomites”**

by

**Richard Thornton**

**18<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 p.m.**

**Village Hall**

New members welcome - annual subscription available at half price! Non-members are welcome to attend the Gardening Club meetings for £1.

*Sally Tweed*

Secretary Chute Gardening Club

730365

### **A Trip to the Hawk Conservancy**

#### **Owl Flights by Night**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**£22. Includes a Sausage and Mash Dinner, make your own way there.**

**First Come First Served.**

**Please contact John Wood for further information.**

**01264 730685**

### **Would anyone like a Belling Range Cooker?**

Gas (LBG) rings, electric ovens. Dark green. Free!

*Virginia Chambers, 730459*

### **Two Fantastic Cats In Need Of A New Home**

6 years old. Very well behaved.

Owners moving.

Please call Louise on 730451

## CHUTE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

### DO WE WANT IT?

What sort of a daft question is that? Of course we want our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. How else can we be sure we will be told about any possible problems such as local crime or something or someone suspicious? How else can we be sure that someone will keep an eye on things for us when we are out? Or, if we are going away for longer, that someone will also make sure there are no give-away signs for opportunist criminals – like the mailbox overflowing or deliveries left at the door. It doesn't take much effort – we just need to be a bit organised and look out for each other.

Well, that's the reaction I get around the Parish - and the Scheme still seems to be working after all these years - doesn't it? For example, my neighbours and I still have an arrangement to watch each other's house when we are away for a while. Unfortunately though it doesn't seem to stand up to closer scrutiny. For a start it turns out that the Local Co-ordinator published in the Chronicle is wrong – there isn't one! Tim Harker does look after Police liaison matters on top of his other Parish Council duties, but he has no formal role in the NW Scheme – no more than any of us. So, the vital routine liaison link to our professional Police is not actually in place.

Chute Parish Council is keen to do what it can to help 're-invigorate' the Scheme. To this end my Members propose to begin by confirming an up-to-date network of 'Local Contacts'. We can then arrange a Neighbourhood Watch meeting at which these contacts could take over and elect a 'Parish Co-ordinator'. Councillor Harker would then be happy to act in his Police Liaison role and help to re-establish the links with Wiltshire Police Neighbourhood Watch staff. **To get the ball rolling would the following please get in touch with me as soon as you can – a telephone call on 730782 is fine:-**

**All the local contacts listed in the Chronicle** – to say if you are happy to continue to take part in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – or at least to consider it.

**Any other folk** - to say if you might be interested in becoming a 'local contact' in the Scheme. As I said above, it's not very demanding but it does play a vital role in the community.

*David Clark*  
*Clerk to Chute Parish Council*

## CHUTE CRICKET CLUB

We must be grateful for small mercies – our pitch has withstood the weather much better than many others including Worcestershire County CC which is out of use for the rest of the season – and they're professionals!

August can probably best be described as a varied month with all 4 games producing very different results!

- We played a Dan Staff Colts XI on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, beating them by only 4 runs. Paul Struthers top scored in Chute's 126 with 51, while Paul and Chris Stock shared the bowling honours (2 for 11 off 8 overs, and 2 for 19 off 5 overs respectively) restricting Dan's XI to 122 all out. A victory for CCC but, as importantly, it was wonderful to see a Junior XI playing so well in Chute.
- We also remain unbeaten against Inkpen CC; their pitch was water logged for the away fixture, and on probably the best day of the month weather-wise, they couldn't get a team together for the home fixture!
- In playing Linkenholt CC, away, we cannot escape the fact that we were soundly beaten by a better side, a Sunday side which is generally reckoned to be better than their League side, and which included a Hampshire Colt player. Again, Paul Struthers top scored in CCC's 98 for 8 in the allotted 35 overs, but this was not enough, the 'Holt' amassing 104 for 1 in only 13 overs.
- And finally, for the first time in its 5 year history, Chute CC's match against the Chris Stock Family XI was rained off, unfortunately not until some of the visitors had driven 130 miles!

Or won one, lost one, and unbeaten twice!

Two fixtures remain to complete our first expanded fixture list, and they're both very special. On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> we have a re-match against Linkenholt CC, at home; while on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>, we're delighted to welcome back many 'old boys' of Chute CC to play the current batch of CCC cricketers – that should be a real Chute event. Everybody is welcome to support us at one or both matches.

*Chris Stock, 730613*

### **Wanted.....Property to Rent**

Local family looking for property to rent. Min 3 beds.

Long term preferred, but very happy with short term

If you can help, please contact

**Louise 730451**

Date	Burbage	C' Ducis	C' Kingston	Grafton	Gt Bedwyn	Ham/ B'mere	Little Bedwyn	St Katharine	Shalb'n/ Bagshot	Tidcombe
2 Sept 13 after Trinity	8am HC 11am Family Service	8am HC AD	9.30am Family Service LD	11am HC RH	8am HC RH 11am Matins	9.30am HC AD	9.30am Family Svc + Baptism	6pm Evening Prayer RG	11am Family Service LD	-
5 Sept (Wed)	2.30pm HC Seymr Ct 8.00pm Mid-week	3pm HC West Farmhouse ME	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 Sept 14 after Trinity	8am HC NLH	-	8am cluster HC ME	10am Prayers Walk & Picnic	-	8am cluster HC RG	8am cluster HC RH	-	-	-
12 Sept (Wed)	9.30amHC 7.00pm Worship Seymr Ct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 Sept 15 after Trinity	8am HC 11am All Age	6pm Evensong ME	9.30am HC ME	11am Matins RH	8am HC 11am Family Svc	11am Harvest Fest at B'mere	6pm Evening Prayer	9.30am HC RH	9.30am HC AD	-
23 Sep 16 after Trinity	8am HC 11am Harvest + Baptism 6pm E'sng	11am Harvest Service ME	6pm Evensong ME	11am Harvest RH	6.00pm St Mary's Praise RH	>>>	8am HC RH	11am HC NLH	11am Worship (joint with Ham)	9.30am HC NLH
26 Sept (Wed)	9.30amHC 7.30pm Alpha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 Sep 17 after Trinity	8am HC 11am All Age	-	-	-	-	11am Harvest Service	6pm Harvest RH	9.30am united HC RH	9.30am HC at Bagshot	-