



*The Vicarage
Great Bedwyn*

Letting children grow up . . .

One thing that parents can find difficult is to accept that their children have grown up. There are times when my mother still regards me as the ten year-old she sent off to the Grammar School, before I went on to university and the Army. Yet parents have to let their children grow up and become independent adults, who make their own decisions and lead their own lives. Anything less deprives them of the chance to enjoy their God-given humanity to the full.

May 1st this year is the day when we remember Jesus' *Ascension*: the last time he was with his friends after that first Easter. I am sometimes asked "Why didn't he stay? If he cared for us so much, he should have stayed to guide us." The answer lies in that relationship between parents and their children.

All through their childhood children need to be encouraged and prepared for adult life. Parents dread the first time their children cross roads by themselves, yet they know that sooner or later they must take that everyday risk. It is because parents care for their children that they prepare them for that moment, and train them to reduce the risk. But the final decision on whether it is safe or not to launch out from one side of the road to the other is made by the child. It involves the risk of miscalculation, of injury, even death. Yet the person who can never cross a road on their own will never be able to lead a full life.

That is why we celebrate Jesus' departure – the *Ascension*. He cared for us so much that he didn't want to stay with us like a fussing parent. He didn't want to restrict our ability to make our own choices and live with the consequences. That precious freedom is part of what it is to be human.

Rodney

Your Church in May

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

Name and Date	Time and Service	Sides men	Readers & Readings	Prayers	Flowers	Cleaners
1 May Ascension Day	7pm on Chute Causeway		Please look out for posters with exact location!	tba		
4 May Easter 7	6pm Evensong	Carolyn H Mary	John – Acts 1:6-14 Carolyn – John 17:1-11	Mary	Isobel	
11 May Pentecost	11am Village Communion	Vikki Amanda	Vikki – Acts 2:1-21 Caroline – John 20:19-23	David	Audrey	John & Janet
18 May Trinity Sunday	11am Morning Worship	Lesley Amanda	Lesley – 2 Cor 13:11-13	Vikki	Anne	
25 May 1 after Trinity	9.30am Holy communion	Chris Mary	Mary 1 Cor 3:10-11 & 16-23 John – Matthew 5:38-48	ME	Betty	Chris & Vikki
1 June 2 after Trinity	6pm Thanksgiving Songs of Praise	all	Readings to be arranged	tba	The Three	

Dates for Diaries

Sunday Club on 4th May, 1st June and 6th July, 10-11.30am for 4-10 year olds in the Village Hall.

Monthly Munch on Wednesday 7th May, 1pm 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 in May. Newcomers will always be welcome – do just come along!

Pram Services on 22nd May, 19th June, and 24th July, 10.30am in St Nicolas’. (Please note these necessarily random dates to fit in with the vicar’s commitments!) The April Pram Service saw ten children and six parents enjoy coming together for an informal and child friendly service, and refreshments. Everyone with care of a child under the age of 5 is welcome to bring them to join in!

THANKSGIVING SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE at St Nicolas’, 6pm on Sunday 1st June

(not instead of but as well as Songs of Praise at St Mary’s Chute Forest on Sunday 6th July)

This is a one-off special Service and we hope LOTS of parishioners will want to come and sing hymns with us. We want especially to thank all the volunteers without whose contributions St Nicolas’ would not be able to function as it does. The Venerable John Wraw, Archdeacon of Wilthshire, hopes to be with us and will choose one of the hymns; the other hymns have been chosen by the volunteers. Everyone is invited to refreshments in the churchyard afterwards – DO COME!

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL is celebrating the 750th Anniversary of the consecration of the completed Cathedral in 1258 and the 35th Anniversary of the special link between the Diocese of Salisbury and the Episcopal Church of Sudan. The website www.salisburycathedral.org.uk may be useful in discovering the several celebrations planned – **a Medieval Fair on 4th and 5th May**, and the **Flower Festival 17-21 June** is sure to be amazing (timed entry tickets are available on-line via the website www.salisbury750.co.uk and from Salisbury Playhouse). Finally, there is the **Diocesan Pilgrimage Walk on 12 July** from Old Sarum to the Cathedral, starting at 10.30am, and the website for this is www.salisburyanglican.org.uk/sarumpilgrimage

CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Applications

58458/LBC 2 Tolleys Cottage, Cadley: Replace front porch (revision of 57884). Under consideration by PC

58475/TR2 Hatchet Inn. Dismantle Ash & Leylandi. Conditional Agreement by PC.

58241/FRev Yew Tree Cottage, Cadley Single & 2 Storey Extensions - Amended Plans. Under consideration by PC

Highway Defects

Don't forget, if you spot a problem that needs remedial action you can report it to the WCC Highways Authority by ringing the dedicated

CLARENCE line 0800 23 23 23 or by e-mailing

'clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk'. You will be given a reference number which you can use if you have any follow up queries.

Play Facilities- Upper Chute

The following extract from the Report by the Chair of Chute Parish Council to the Parish Meeting on 10th April 2008 is reproduced here in response to a number of queries:-

"It had recently been necessary to remove rope swings from the tree on the Upper Chute Village Green and advise the parents of the children involved that the Council could not give anyone permission to climb trees on Council land. It was the Council's responsibility to maintain appropriate insurance cover on behalf of the community and children climbing trees was an activity too fraught with risk to be acceptable to the Insurers."

Prompted by this, and the related receipt of a well presented petition from some of youngsters in the village, there was a lot of discussion on the subject of play facilities and related issues such as the way ahead for the Village Green(s). Discussion of these matters will no doubt continue and your Councillors look forward to hearing the views of the community as they develop.

Love Food – Hate Waste?

Wiltshire residents alone throw away 40,000 tonnes of food each year and all this waste ends up in landfill where it generates methane, a dangerous greenhouse gas. However, there are now a number of ways that Kennet residents can dispose of their food waste in an environmentally sustainable way. Subsidised home compost bins are available for composting materials such as your old vegetable peelings, egg shells and garden waste.

Food waste digesters are also available at subsidised prices for the disposal of **all** your food waste, including cooked and uncooked leftovers. (Remember, food waste can not be placed into your green wheelie bin (if you have one!)) For further information on how to reduce your food waste further, please contact Kennet District Council on 01380 724911 or visit www.kennet.gov.uk.

Next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 8th May 2008 at 7.30pm – venue the Village Hall. As always, you are 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 730782
Chute Parish Clerk

CHUTE FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Planning

K/58241/F – Single and two storey extensions on back and side at Yew Tree Cottage, Chute Cadley SP11 9EB. Applicants Mr & Mrs Haigh. Members had a site meeting on 21st March and then made comment to KDC

Parish Steward.

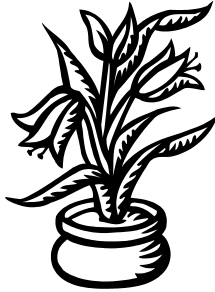
Date of next visit: 5th June. Any work to be notified to Cllr Pike.

The date of next meeting (Annual Parish Council Meeting) is Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm in Chute Village Hall.

Philip Gill –01264 398534

Clerk to Chute Forest Parish Council

Chute Gardening Club



Plant Sale Sunday 18th May 10.30 a.m. – noon Chute Village Hall

Bedding Plants, Perennials, Herbs, Vegetables

Plant donations gratefully accepted from
Saturday afternoon 2.30 p.m. onwards

Freshly coppiced Pea and Bean sticks available now from
Mr R Cherrington 730260, Chute Forest.
Mr Cherrington is kindly donating all proceeds to the Plant
Sale.

For more information please contact
Sue Stock on 730385
or Sally Tweed on 730365

**CHUTE LINK - ACCOUNTS
SUMMARY 4 FEBRUARY 2007 – 4 FEBRUARY 2008**

RECEIPTS

Statutory Grant	600.00
Kennet DC Grant	600.00
Envelope Donations	384.00
TOTAL	1584.00

PAYMENTS

Insurance	228.22
Telephone	213.00
Administration	59.76
Volunteers Expenses	840.80
TOTAL	1341.78

Excess of income over expenditure	242.22
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Opening Balance as at 4 February 2007	1073.36
Add excess of income	242.22
Opening Balance at 4 February 2008	1315.58

CHUTE WEB SITE

I am working with Simon Falla to further develop the Chute web site and ensure it is a real village asset. If you would like your club, organisation or business to be featured, either with direct content or via a link, please let me know and we'll do what we can to support you.

Chris Stock, chris.stock@upper-chute.com, 730613

CHUTE CRICKET CLUB

The square has received plenty of preseason attention, the outfield has been prepared, the 2 goal posts that should never have been in place have been removed, the new score board is in place (thanks to the generosity of Rowan Cherrington), the second practice net should shortly be fully operational, indoor nets and the fitness training have been going very well roll on our first fixture on Saturday 10th May against the Dan Staff XI.

And many thanks to Tidworth Community Area Partnership who have recently been very generous with a most welcome grant, more than covering the cost of the second practice strip. Without the ongoing generosity of TCAP, Chute Fete, Chute 2000, the Cross Keys, Rowan Cherrington and others, we simply would not be where we are now, and be struggling to have a team, let alone one that has grown so quickly become a growing, but very real, part of Chute life. We thank you all.

New members are always welcome, just let me know, or come to a net session, or a match.

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CHUTE FETE 2008

This year's fete will be on the **Saturday 21st June**, starting at 1.00pm
Attractions include a helicopter and a climbing wall.

Enthusiastic people needed

To help organise and run various fun activities at the Chute Fete.
Including a football stall and welly throwing competition.

We are also looking for someone to do nail painting on the day.

If you are interested in helping your village fete please call

Louise on 730451 or Tim Curran on 730216

BOURNE VALLEY MOVIES

The film for May is "La Vie en Rose" (12A). The portrayal of Edith Piaf by Marian Cotillard won her an Oscar. Also starring is that glory of the French (and US) cinema, Gerard Depardieu. The film tracks the extraordinary life of Piaf. A spectacular musical drama, splendid and moving. One of the features of the year

The showing will be at the Vernham Dean Millennium Hall on Wednesday, 21st May 2008 at 7.30pm (the bar opens at 7pm). Tickets, priced at £5, can be purchased in advance at Hurstbourne Tarrant post office, the George Inn, Vernham Dean, Pat Caddick 730730 or £5.50 on the door.

The last film of the season will be "Definitely Maybe", on 18 June. A top class comedy to finish a successful year.

Pat Caddick 730730

RACE FOR LIFE

Some of you may be aware that I am battling against ovarian cancer at the moment. My prognosis is not good but I am still fighting and am not giving up yet.

I have entered the Race for Life for Cancer Research at Newbury Showground on 6 July with four friends - we are calling ourselves The Pink Angels as we shall all be wearing pink wigs (my trademark). I don't know how far I shall be able to walk but we have a wheelchair if necessary. I wondered if anyone in Chute would care to sponsor me. I know it is too late for me but I would love to think that I can help other people and a cure can be found. Thank you.

Margaret Edwards 730362

CHUTE WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our first outing for 2008 was a Mystery Trip. 44 members visited The Cotswolds and stopped for a look around Stow-on-the-Wold where we had lunch. We then travelled on to Bourton-on-the-Water where we had tea before our return journey. The weather was good to us and although it started a little chilly the sun came out and it stayed dry all day.

Our next trip on Wednesday May 21st is to Leonardslee Gardens in Sussex. There are not many seats left for this trip so early contact is advised.

Eileen Soper 730698

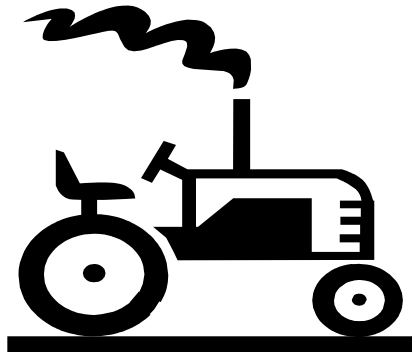


SPRING WALK

Over 65 walkers took part in the Spring Walk on April 20th raising £238 towards the Village Hall repairs. The rain stopped and it was a perfect afternoon.

Special thanks to Marilyn Cripps for baking the excellent cakes and scones for tea afterwards.

Carolyn Wall
On behalf of the Village Hall Committee



PADDOCK MAINTENANCE
Topping, Rolling, Harrowing and Fencing.

Contact: Robin Casson 07831 311875

£5 for 5 Dogs

5 Dogs is an album of acoustic piano composed by Mark Hawkins, a local musician and composer of music for TV. The CD is available to buy for £5 and all proceeds are being donated to the Dogs Trust.

You can buy a copy from the Hatchet Inn or by phoning Mark on 01264 730458.

Date	Burbage	C' Ducis	C' Kingston	Grafton	Gt Bed.	Ham/ B'mere	Little Bedwyn	St Katharine	Shalb'n/ Bagshot	Tidcombe
1st May Ascension	7.45pm HC NLH	-	-	-	12.00 HC RH	-	-	-	-	-
4 May 7th of Easter	8am HC 11am All Age	8am HC ME	9.30am Family S'ce at Manor Farm	11am HC RH	8.00am HC 11am Matins	9.30am HC NLH	9.30am Family Service & Baptism	6pm Evensong lay	11am Family Service Baptism	-
7 May (Wed)	2.30pm HC 8.00pm Mid-week	12.30pm HC ME	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 May (Sat)	10am - 4pm Renewal Day									
11 May Pentecost	8am HC 11am Fam Com	9.30am Parish Com	8am HC ME	11am Parish Com	9.30am HC RH	11am Matins lay	8am HC RH	11am Matins lay	9.30am HC LD	9.30am HC NLH
14 May (Wed)	9.30am MU 7.00pm S'mr Ct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 May Trinity Sunday	8am HC 11am All Age 6.00pm Evensong	11am Family Service Baptism	9.30am HC ME	11am Morning Prayer RH	8.00am HC 11am Family Service	6.00pm Evensong at B'mere AD	6.00pm Evensong lay	9.30am HC RH	9.30am HC AD	-
25 May 1st after Trinity	8.00am HC 11am Family Service	11am Family Service ME	6.00pm Evensong lay &/or ME	11am Family Service LD	9.30am HC RH	-	8.00am HC RH	11am HC RH	11am Worship (with Ham) lay	9.30am HC NLH
28 May Weds	9.30 HC LD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-