

TEAM LETTER

*The Vicarage
Great Bedwyn*

Count Your Blessings!

Recession! Depression! Slump! We can't escape the headlines. We can't escape the effects of economic change. Change, especially a major change in the way we live our lives, can be very frightening. There will be a lot of pain as the bubble of debt collapses, and the debt-fuelled way of life known as "the consumer age" is swept away. At the individual level, that pain will be savage, as jobs and homes are lost. But, as standards of living fall, we need to have a sense of proportion. If we lift our eyes to see beyond these shores, we might realise that, whatever happens, we will still be more fortunate than most of our fellow humanity.

Consider Zimbabwe, where the money – new trillion dollar notes - is worthless before it can be spent, the shops don't have anything to sell, the political process is dominated by tribalism and thuggery, and – just in case that wasn't bad enough – the cholera epidemic has already killed 2000. Or how about Gaza, parts of which were described as "bombed back to the stone age", where hundreds of thousands were left without shelter or water or power? What of Somalia, where pirate bands and warlords govern (if that's the best description) most of the country. Then there's the Democratic Republic of Congo, where as many as 5 million people may have died as a result of civil war and lawlessness . .

In all the ups and downs of life, we would do well to go back to the old Sunday School song:

*Count your blessings,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you,
What the Lord has done!*

Whatever our worries, whatever our pain, this is an exercise which helps us have a more positive outlook on life. Try it!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping underline that loops back under the first letter.

YOUR CHURCH IN MARCH

Faith which does not doubt is dead faith.

Miguel de Unamuno

Name and Date	Time and Service	Sidesmen	Readers & Readings	Prayers	Flowers	Cleaners
1 March Lent 1	6pm Evensong	Mary Chris	Mary – 1 Peter 2: 18-22	Chris	No flowers	Anne & Amanda
8 March Lent 2	11am Village Communion	Lesley Amanda	Marilyn – Romans 4: 13-25 Lesley – Mark 8: 31-38	Vikki	No flowers	Bill & Ann
15 March Lent 3	11am Morning Worship	David Mary	Joanna – John 2: 13-22	Lesley	No flowers	
21 March	SPRING CLEANING!	All welcome!	From 10am – if you have even a little time to spare . . . ?			
22 March Mothering Sunday	9.30am Service of Celebration of Mothers	Lesley Amanda	tba	tba	No flowers	
29 March Lent 5	5 th Sunday at Collingbourne Kingston	n/a	n/a	n/a	No flowers	Chris & Trish
5 April Palm Sunday	11am Family Service	David Amanda	Vikki - Mark 11: 1-11	tba	No flowers	

Sunday Club - Sunday 1st March 10-11.30 in the Village Hall for 4-10year olds

Salisbury Diocese is hoping to produce a book of prayers by children in the diocese and we are invited with other parishes to compose a prayer, to be sent with background on our church and ideally some photographs. (The latter may be put on the website with the prayers, so please could parents let us know on 1st March if they would be happy with this.)

The Lent Course in Chute will be 'Spot the Difference' by Nick Fawcett, chosen because it is fun and unthreatening! There will be Wednesday lunchtime and Thursday supper opportunities to join in the five weekly sessions, each preceded by a simple meal. Why not join us for the first session in the Village Hall at **1pm on Wednesday 4th March** for lunch or

7.30pm on Thursday 5th March for supper? These regular groups meet throughout the year and would love to see some new faces during Lent! It's quite a good opportunity to give it a try without any ongoing commitment – and the cooking isn't bad either! Please ring 730236, 730388, or 730233 to book in so we know numbers for catering.

SPRING CLEANING on Saturday 21st March! Please help us from 10am if you can.

The Mothering Sunday Service, 9.30am on Sunday 22nd March, will be a celebration for **EVERYONE** – because we have all had a mother! Please bring your own posies if you would like them to be presented during the service.

LADIES' BREAKFAST – Saturday 14th MARCH – Chute Village Hall with Fiona Castle 9-11am

Advance notice of this unusual happening was given last month ... a Saturday morning break for mums? Bring your friends! Come and have a lovely breakfast in the Village Hall, and hear a short talk from Fiona Castle! Fiona is the widow of Roy Castle, mother of 4 and an engaging speaker. You won't be bored! (and it's all free!) Now is the time to book in, if you haven't done so already: either email or ring: (amandaholroyd@tiscali.co.uk or 730233 and leave a message) so we know how many to cater for.

CHUTE PARISH COUNCIL (MARCH 09)

Planning Applications

E/09/0070/TCA Earnley Cottage, Upper Chute. Fell/replace Cherry Tree. No objection by PC.

E/09/0034/Ful The Old Dovecote, Forest Lane Replace garage with extension etc. No objection by PC.

E/09/0104/FUL Yew Tree Cottage, Upper Chute Replace rear extension. Under consideration by PC

E/09/0122/FUL Long View, Upper Chute. Replacement of existing dwelling. Under consideration by PC

Planning Application Outcomes

K/59810/TR2 Land opp The Friars, Lower Chute Tree work. No objection by PC. Approved by KDC

Amenity Skip for Upper Chute

KDC have apologised for failing to provide the skip on 6th February – understandable in the circumstances. I have now re-booked a skip for the weekend beginning **Friday 20th March** – it will be sited on the Village Green at Upper Chute as usual. Please note this will be a general purpose skip – the content goes to landfill – so is not intended for recyclable materials. The Parish pays for this (albeit at a considerably subsidised rate) so it makes sense to make good use of it. However, please don't over-use it if you leave excess on the ground Kennet will have to make a separate trip to clear this and we will be charged.

Work by Wessex Water at Chute Reservoir

Intrigued by the cluster of vehicles etc at the reservoir, we wrote to Wessex Water to ask what they were up to. We have had a quick and polite response (4th February) to the effect that they are installing a temporary tank so that the existing reservoir can be taken out of service for cleaning and structural survey. They also noted that they had had to attend on site with a tanker to top up our holdings since the bulk supply from Southern Water had suffered due to a burst water main. We will try to encourage advance notice in future – it helps to know what is going on.

Grit Bins - Have your Say!!

We have recently had a number of comments to the effect that the grit bins have not been filled as often as was needed – also that arguably we should have more in the area. Co-incidentally we have been notified that WCC are beginning a County-wide review of the location, condition and use/need for the existing bins. Overall they intend to produce a better maintained and targeted service. They have promised to liaise with local Councils before deciding whether to remove any under-utilised bins and have asked us to co-ordinate and take a view on any requests for extra ones.

If you believe that any bins could be removed, or that additional bins are required, please send detail to me (what, where and why). An e-mail would be handy but a written note in my letter box would be fine. Your Parish Council can then co-ordinate all views and make a fully informed corporate case to the Wiltshire County Highways Staff.

(Note : Please remember that grit is not supplied for use on driveways/private land – it is solely for highway use. Shame that – I would have liked one at my house!)

Next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm – venue the Village Hall - you are welcome to attend. The agenda will be displayed around the Parish and the previous (draft) minutes will be displayed in advance on the Council notice board at the Village Hall.

David Clark

Chute Parish Clerk : Tel 730782

franeliza@btinternet.com

CHUTE CLUB - WHAT'S ON – MARCH

Wed 4 th	Whist Drive	7.45pm
Wed 11 th	Skittles	8.30pm
Wed 18 th	Community Awards (all welcome)	7.30pm
Sat 21 st	Quiz Night	8.30pm
Wed 25 th	Skittles	8.30pm
Sat 28 th	Bingo	8.30pm

Non-members welcomed

Advance Notice! Sunday June 7th, from 10-1pm

The Tedworth Hunt are planning a 10 mile fun ride with jumps, starting and ending on Chute Causeway by kind permission of Nick Hopton. There is also going to be a family fun bicycle challenge with a four mile treasure hunt and obstacle course, plus Liz Colvin's famous barbeque, complete with the most delicious Thai wraps, as well as more traditional fare; homemade cakes, tea and coffee. Candy floss and Bouncy Castle too! For more details, ring Hannah Sykes (730717) or Samantha Debenham (730638)

Hannah Sykes

CHILDRENS SOCIETY COLLECTION BOXES

If anyone is holding a Children's' Society collection box, could they please phone me on **730797** as my list is out of date.

Many thanks

Lesley Ryder

THE CHUTE WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Chute Village Hall on Wednesday March 18th 2009 at 7.00pm.

A list of outings for the coming season will be available to all paid up members and new members are very welcome to attend this meeting.

The Annual Subscriptions will be taken at this meeting which will conclude with cheese and wine. We hope to see as many members as possible, there will be some entertainment and a raffle, as always any prizes for the raffle will be very welcome

Eileen Soper 730698

CHUTE LINK SCHEME

The Chute Link Scheme is available to help residents in this area. We are here to help everybody including those with a temporary problem or those who might 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 service is run by local volunteers. Examples of what we might do are doctor or dentist appointments, collect prescriptions, visiting friends, shopping, walk the dog, feed the cat, small jobs in the home or garden, or just taking you out. The number is always on the back of the Chute Chronicle

To find out more or make a request please phone the Co-ordinator Eileen Soper 730285

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE?

If you own a four wheel drive vehicle and would be willing to help The Link Scheme only in extreme weather conditions we would be so grateful. This help would rarely be used but it would be good to know someone could be asked if needed.

Eileen Soper

CHUTE LINK - AUDITED ACCOUNTS

SUMMARY 4 FEBRUARY 2008 – 9 FEBRUARY 2009

RECEIPTS	£	£
Statutory Grant	300.00	
Kennet DC Grant	300.00	
Envelope Donations	265.40	
TOTAL	865.40	
 PAYMENTS		
Insurance		228.22
Telephone		248.69
Administration		64.00
Volunteers Expenses		330.00
TOTAL		870.91
Excess of expenditure over income		5.51
Opening balance as at 4 February 2008	1315.58	
Less excess of expenditure	5.51	
Less Debtor BT	116.33	
Opening balance at 9 February 2009	1193.74	
 (Of which £1075.68 is Bank and £118.06 is Cash)		



Pilates classes taking place in Chute Village Hall

- ∞ **Starting Wednesday evenings from the 25th February.**
- ∞ **One to one sessions and 6 week courses for beginners to intermediate level.**
- ∞ **Experienced APPI Qualified Pilates Instructor**
- ∞ **Experienced chartered physiotherapist.**

Pilates suits all ages and fitness levels and is an essential part of a balanced fitness program. Modified Pilates is particularly beneficial for those with back pain, poor postures, neurological conditions, sports injuries, arthritis, before and after pregnancy and stress related illness.



For more details please call **Sindy Wall** on **01264 730303**

VILLAGE DIARY

Please note that this diary is copied directly from the Village Diary tab on the www.thechutes.org.uk website, which now includes details of all public events known to be happening throughout 2009. If events for your organisation are not included, or are in any way incorrect, please contact chris.stock@thechutes.org.uk and they will be included / corrected.

Date	Time	Event	Location
1 March	10:30 am	Sunday Club	Village Hall
1 March	6:00 pm	Evensong	St Nicolas
2 March	7:30 pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall
3 March	8:00 pm	Fete Committee Meeting	Cross Keys Inn
3 March	8:00 pm	Quiz Night	Hatchet Inn
4 March 18 March	9:45 am	Wilts County Council Mobile Library	C Forest (9.45), C Cadley (10.10), Upper C (10.45)
4 March	10:00 am	Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
4 March	6:30 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
4 March	7:30 pm	Choir Practice	St Nicolas
4 March	7.45pm	Whist Drive	Chute Club
5 March	7:30 pm	Lent Supper	Village Hall
5 March	7:45 pm	Bell Ringing	St Nicolas
5 March	8:00 pm	Curry Night	Hatchet Inn
6 March	9:30 am	Yoga	Village Hall
7 March	6:00 pm	Cross Keys 3 rd Anniversary Party	Cross Keys Inn
8 March	11:00 am	Village Communion	St Nicolas
9 March	7:30 pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall
10 March	8:00 pm	Quiz Night	Hatchet Inn
11 March	10:00 am	Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
11 March	6:30 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
11 March	7:30 pm	Choir Practice	St Nicolas
11 March	8:00 pm	Investment Club	Cross Keys Inn
11 March	8.30pm	Skittles	Chute Club
12 March	7:30 pm	Chute Parish Council	Village Hall
12 March	7:30 pm	Lent Supper	Village Hall
12 March	7:45 pm	Bell Ringing	St Nicolas
12 March	8:00 pm	Curry Night	Hatchet Inn
13 March	9:30 am	Yoga	Village Hall
13 March	8:00 pm	Barn Dance	Village Hall

14 March	9:00 am	Ladies Breakfast with Fiona Castle	Village Hall
15 March	11:00 am	Morning Worship	St Nicolas
15 March	pm	Private Function	Village Hall
16 March	7:30 pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall
17 March	8:00 pm	Gardening Club - John Haverson: Importance of Bees in Gardening	Village Hall
17 March	8:00 pm	Quiz Night	Hatchet Inn
18 March	10:00 am	Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
18 March	7:30 pm	Choir Practice	St Nicolas
18 March	7:30 pm	Wednesday Club AGM	Village Hall
18 March	7.30pm	Community Awards	Chute Club
19 March	7:30 pm	Chute Forest Parish Council	Village Hall
19 March	7:30 pm	Lent Supper	Village Hall
19 March	7:45 pm	Bell Ringing	St Nicolas
19 March	8:00 pm	Curry Night	Hatchet Inn
19 March	8:15 pm	Chute CC indoor nets	John Hanson School , Andover
20 March	12:00 am	KDC skip	Upper Chute, Village Green
20 March	9:30 am	Yoga	Village Hall
21 March	8.30pm	Quiz Night	Chute Club
22 March	9:30 am	Holy Communion	St Nicolas
23 March	7:30 pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall
24 March	8:00 pm	Quiz Night	Hatchet Inn
25 March	10:00 am	Mothers & Toddlers	Village Hall
25 March	6:30 pm	Pilates	Village Hall
25 March	7:30 pm	Choir Practice	St Nicolas
25 March	8.30pm	Skittles	Chute Club
26 March	7:30 pm	Lent Supper	Village Hall
26 March	7:45 pm	Bell Ringing	St Nicolas
26 March	8:00 pm	Curry Night	Hatchet Inn
26 March	8:15 pm	Chute CC indoor nets	John Hanson School , Andover
27 March	9:30 am	Yoga	Village Hall
28 March	8.30pm	Bingo	Chute Club
29 March	11:00 am	Cluster Communion Service	St Mary's, C'bourne Kingston
30 March	7:30 pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall
31 March	8:00 pm	Quiz Night	Hatchet Inn

WWW.THECHUTES.ORG.UK

Have you looked at the new website yet? Is your organisation represented, and correctly so? Are there public events that you're planning which are not yet included in the Village Diary – which covers all of 2009? How would you like us to further improve the site to benefit both you personally and your club or organisation?

While Simon Falla has been (and is) largely responsible for the layout and formatting, Chris Stock and Emma Hawkins have been (and are) largely responsible for the content. We know that there are still improvements to be made, but your input would be invaluable; so please let us have your views and comments on what can be improved.

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Chris Stock, 730613, chris.stock@thechutes.org.uk

Emma Hawkins, 730458, emma.hawkins@thechutes.org.uk

CHUTE WEATHER DATA – JANUARY 2009

Rainfall:

95 mm over 8 days . Maximum 24 hour : 28mm

Snow: 4mm.

Temperatures

Max day: 8c. Min day: -2c. Days under 5c: 18.

Min night: -8c. Nights 0c or less: 11.

Average day: 2c. Average night: 0.

Courtesy of Virginia Chambers

CHUTE CRICKET CLUB

The Club is eagerly looking forward to the 2009 season which promises to be full and lively! Full details are, of course available, at www.thechutes.org.uk.

Our indoor nets start on Thursday 19th March, 8.15pm, at the John Hanson School in Andover . If you would like to take part in the net sessions, or join the club, or even just want a lift to nets, please let me know.

Chris Stock

730613, chris.stock@thechutes.org.uk

THE CROSS KEYS INN & PULSE

While there is no connection between the Chute Chronicle and Pulse, the so called 'Tidworth Community Voice', we have been asked to point out that comments in the Pulse suggesting that Chute's Cross Keys and Everleigh's Crown were both closing are totally incorrect.

The popular Cross Keys continues to go from strength to strength, thanks to the support it receives from villagers and visitors alike. Substantial advance bookings have been taken at the Cross Keys throughout the year and planned activities already include the 3rd Anniversary party on 7th March, the Fullers Beer & Food Tasting Evening on 21st May, and the Beer Festival on 14th – 15th August to mention just three.

While we applaud the prompt action to stop distribution of the Pulse, it is regrettable that such grossly inaccurate comments should ever be printed.

The Chronicle Editors

Would anyone have use for a **four arm rotary clothes drier?**
4ft 6 ins radius. 6 months old .

Virginia Chambers 730227



GUIDED BLUEBELL AND SPRING FLOWER WALK

SUNDAY APRIL 26TH

**2.00PM FROM CHUTE
VILLAGE HALL**

TICKETS

FREE OF CHARGE!

(WALKERS DO SO ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK)

AFTER THE WALK, ENJOY TEA AND CAKE IN THE VILLAGE HALL

WALK 1: APPROX 2 MILES

WALK 2: APPROX 5 MILES

**DOGS WELCOME BUT MUST BE UNDER STRICT
CONTROL**

FUND RAISING FOR MOON BEARS

Next October Mary Holden will be risking her aging knees on a 10 day trek among the Hill Tribes of North Vietnam.

This is to raise funds for Animals Asia and their quest to end Moon Bear bile farming - a truly barbaric trade. AAF also works to improve life for dogs and cats.

'When I first read about Jill Robinson, her team and the inspirational work that they do for the beautiful Moon Bear, I wanted to do more than simply send a cheque'

We are raising sponsorship for the trek (meeting all our own travel expenses so every penny goes to AAF) but I thought it would be more fun to put on some events.

We have had jewellery sales, bric-a-brac events - all sorts. This spring we are putting on the following

Wed 25 March Flower Arranging Workshop

Rathlin Tangley SP11 ORU (Mary's home) 01264 730628 £35

Light refreshments, tea, coffee, wine

Hands-on opportunity to create your own arrangements.

Helen and Janet of The Blooming Workshop did the beautiful flowers for our daughter's wedding and have done arrangements for Winchester Cathedral.

Sat 4 April Bring and Buy Plant Sale

Highclere Village Hall 11am - 4pm

Designer Goodies, Homemade Soups, Cakes and Biscuits, Tea, Coffee

Children's Games - Fun for all the family

Entrance FREE Tables £10 Tel Jacqui Hirst 01635 255207

Sat 9 May ABBAcappella Singing Workshop

The Lights Theatre Andover 10.30 - 4.30 £25 Concessions £20

Box Office 01264 368368 www.thelights.org.uk

Learn the tunes and harmonies of ABBA in a relaxed, fun day with Chris Rowbury, acclaimed coach and choir leader. No singing experience necessary!

Call Mary Holden for more information (and reassurance!) and have your Mamma Mia Moment!

01264 730628

To be kept up-to-date with more of Mary's Events (a taster being Sponsored Belly Dancing, a Hula Hoop Workshop, a Yoga Morning .. and more) call Mary or email gdb.enterprises@btinternet.com

Putting the Fun into Fundraising
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If you care about animals visit www.animalsasia.org
To support my North Vietnam trek please visit
www.justgiving.com/maryholden



CAN YOU HELP??

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED ON APRIL 4th
10am**

FOR THE VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN TIDY UP

PLEASE BRING SECATAURS, RAKES AND GLOVES

COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS

CHUTE GARDENING CLUB

The next talk will be:
John Haverson from Andover Beekeeping Society
Importance of Bees in Gardening

Tuesday 17th March
8.00pm Chute Village Hall

Annual Membership Subscription is £5. Non members are welcome £1 for each talk.

The Plant Sale – Sunday 17th May

The Plant Sale is the Club's main fundraising event and a lot of hard work goes into making this a success, so if you are busy splitting your perennials or have any leftover seedlings, please contact any member of the committee, all contributions are very much appreciated.

Club Visits 2009

Redenham Park to see the Rose Gardens £5.50 – Saturday June 13th
Great Bustards on Salisbury Plain £7.00 – Saturday August 22nd
Owls by Night at the Hawk Conservancy £27.00 (includes supper) –
Wednesday October 14th

All these trips are only provisionally booked; please call John Wood for further information 730685.

Potato Competition – Saturday 4th July

The potatoes for the competition have not yet arrived; hopefully they will be here in time for the meeting in March.

Sally Tweed who has been the Secretary for the Gardening Club for many years has decided to stand down from this position; she will still remain a member of the Gardening Club Committee. The Committee would like to thank Sally for all the hard work and time she has given to the Club. For my sins I am now taking on this role.

Jan Quirk
Secretary Chute Gardening Club
730347

BOURNE VALLEY MOVIES

Our film in March is a fizzy, sophisticated comedy, loosely based on Noel Coward's famous play. "Easy Virtue" (PG) stars Colin Firth and Kristen Scott Thomas as well as Jessica Biel. Coward brilliantly picked out the clash between the emotional repression of the English middle class and the open and forthright American girl, played by Biel. The film updates all this equally well although the era is still very much the background. Biting wit and great comic timing by all concerned, especially Scott Thomas.

The showing will be at the Vernham Dean Millennium Hall on Wednesday, 18 March 2009 at 7.30pm (the bar opens at 7pm). Tickets, priced at £5, can be purchased in advance at Hurstbourne Tarrant post office and at the George Inn, Vernham Dean, Pat Caddick on 730730 or £5.50 on the door.

The Spring/Summer season is full of Oscar/BAFTA winners. We shall be spoilt for choice. More news next month.

Pat Caddick

DOMESTIC HELP NEEDED

Cleaner wanted to help in a large house in Chute (mornings), to work with another lady.

For details, ring 01265 730655

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Esther Gallimore at being voted the winner of the National Photographic Competition run by the RHS and Medici Cards, with her delightful photograph of **Ruby and Arthur at the Garden Gate**.

Little fingers

Vernham Dean Pre - School

Presents

The Easter Egg Hunt

At Vernham Dean Playing Fields

Monday 13th April

(Easter Monday)

Entry by donation



The Hunt starts at 2pm!

*Homemade cakes and refreshments,
face painting, Easter bonnet competition,
egg decorating competition, colouring competition
and a guest appearance from the Easter Bunny*

A great family day out!

*All proceeds go to
Little Fingers Pre-school*

The Cross Keys Inn

Upper Chute



Cross Keys 3rd Year Anniversary Party
Saturday 7th March

Live Band & Lamb Roast

From 7.00pm

2 for 1 Menu

Wednesday and Thursday Evenings 7 – 9pm

Choose two main meals from our selected menu and get the cheaper meal free.

Six Nations Rugby

All games being shown at The Cross Keys

Hog Roast Hire

For something different this spring / summer why not book our hog roaster for your party either at the pub or your home. Call Jon or George for details

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

Date	Burbage	C' Ducis	C' Kingston	Grafton	Gt Bedwyn	Ham/ B'mere	Little Bedwyn	St Katharine	Shalb'n/ Bagshot

Unfortunately, no dates have been received for the services at the time of going to print. Once the dates have been received, they will be added to the Chute Village Website at:

www.thechutes.org.uk