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Front Cover - **Galmpton Windmill** from painting by **George Bedford** 1850-1920.

# Editorial

Happy New Year everyone! If you haven't made any New Year Resolutions yet, then perhaps the suggestions below may give you some ideas.

## Community Organisations

If you are concerned about the local environment and local developments, then please get involved with either the local **Community Partnership**, or a residents' association that represents your neighbourhood, which may be either **Galmpton Residents' Association**, or **Residents For Churston**, or the **Broadsands & Elbury Residents' Association**.

If you have particular concerns about Galmpton Common, then you should contact the **Friends of Galmpton Warborough Common**, which has only recently been formed, and its first newsletter is on **Page 18**.

If you foster any concerns about the playing field and Pavilion opposite the Churston Ferrers Grammar School, then in the first instance contact the **Churston Pavilion War Memorial Playing Field Trust**. They plan to have a newsletter in the next edition of **THE GAZETTE**.

I believe that all the organisations mentioned above have some form of representation on the **Community Partnership** working parties.

You will find contact details for all of these local organisations, and many others, in the **Organisation Directory** on **Page 26**.

## The Rôle of *THE GAZETTE*

I would like to remind everyone that **THE GAZETTE** is a non-profit-making but self-funding publication, edited and distributed by volunteers to keep the costs down. Its main objective is to promote local community organisations, charities, clubs & societies rather than businesses. It is both financially and politically independent of any local organisations, and is not affiliated in any way to the Galmpton Residents Association, the Community Partnership, or the RAGS committee. If you are associated with a local community or charitable organisation not represented in its pages please let me know.

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**Business Advertising rate is £30 pro rata per page per issue.**

**Entries in the Organisation Directory and Diary Dates are free.**

# Churston Ferrers Litter Pick

Come along and give an hour of your time to help tidy our village.

Please bring your gloves and black bags.

Meet at the village notice board,  
10:00 am Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.



## Easter Day Cross Bring a Flower

To celebrate **Easter**, villagers are invited to bring a flower or flowers to fill up an empty cross outside the **Barn Chapel** on **Easter Day**. The flowers can be brought at any time of the day, and the result should be a **Glorious Floral Cross**.



## Rowcroft Hospice

[www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk](http://www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk)



**Care for a Cuppa !**

**25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Coffee, tea and cake can work wonders! Have a cuppa with friends, family, or colleagues in aid of Rowcroft. Hold a coffee morning or tea party, charge for drinks, and before you know it, you're a fundraiser! You could even sell cakes & crafts, have a raffle, or choose to celebrate Easter. Do it at home, work, or local café. Raise money by raising a mug!

For more information and fundraising pack, please contact **Laura Cameron** on **01803 210846** or [laura.cameron@rowcroft-hospice.org.uk](mailto:laura.cameron@rowcroft-hospice.org.uk).

### Meadow of Memories

Within our grounds, this gives you the chance to remember your loved one, whilst reflecting and looking forward in beautiful surroundings. Everyone is welcome to dedicate a flower, not just those touched by hospice care. You are invited to bring your friends and family to an informal service in July led by our Hospice Chaplain and are welcome to visit the meadow throughout the summer months where you can sit peacefully to remember and reflect.

For further information, please contact **Jill Stevens** on **01803 210857**.

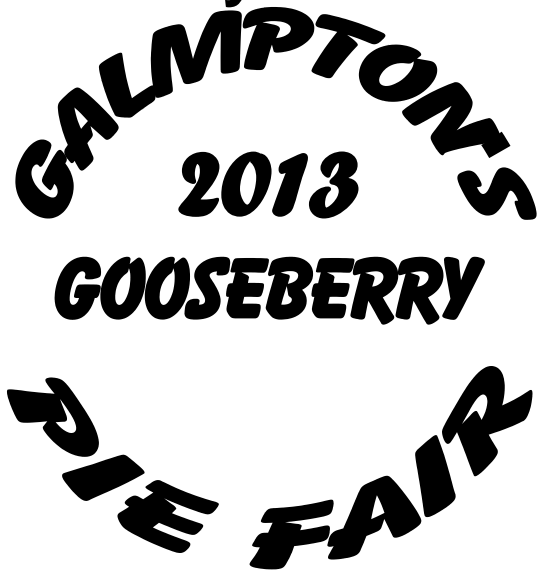
# Galmpton Gooseberry Pie Fair

Chairman: Martin Ridge: 844927

This year's Fair is on  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

*Time to start thinking  
about your stalls!*

If you are interested in  
helping with the Fair,  
please contact Martin Ridge  
via The Manor Inn or  
on 01803 844 927



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## Galmpton Floral Day 2013

Happy New Year to you all - the news from Galmpton Floral Days is  
**Skills Day** will be back - when? - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Ensure this date is in your diary! There is no Open Gardens Day in 2013.

Don't miss the challenges of Flower, Vegetable, Craft & Cookery Shows, the temptations of the Plant, Produce & Pantry Stalls, the inspirations given by Handicraft, Cookery & Rural Craft demonstrations - the Exhibitions, the Music, the Dancing, the Refreshments plus this year's planned innovations that we hope will result in a wholly enjoyable village community day.

The Booklet of Show Schedules will be out at Easter and full details of **Skills Day** will be published in the Autumn edition of **THE GAZETTE**.

Fewer visitors in 2012 due to a wet Jubilee Open Gardens and no Skills Day, meant proceeds were down, but we were able to donate the following:

Galmpton Parent & Toddler Group £25, Carols Round the Crib £75,  
Galmpton Village Institute & Galmpton Primary School £100 each,  
Galmpton R.A., Galmpton Pre-School, Monday Club & Barn Hall £50 each,  
and The Royal British Legion £300.

We are as always indebted to Eric Lloyd & Co for their generous sponsorship, to the Village Businesses for their invaluable support, and to You for your lively interest and enthusiastic participation. Long may it continue!

## **Greenway Community News**

Happy New Year to all! We had much festive fun at Greenway and Coletton Fishacre, and are pleased to have seen many of you during our free open days between Christmas and New Year, and at our other events.

2013 brings the wind of change through National Trust English Riviera, as we say a fond farewell to our General Manager Robyn Brown who has taken up a new post with the National Trust in Yorkshire. We welcome Gary Calland as the new GM to the portfolio. Gary has returned to his childhood home of Devon, from the London & SE Region where he was Property Manager for the National Trust Ham portfolio since 2006.

We look forward to working with Galmpton C of E Primary once again, when a great gorilla takes grip at Greenway, due to be designed and painted by pupils of the school, as part of the wider project organised by Paignton Zoo to celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The ever popular Fairy Day is back – this year involving a gang of mischievous pirates and the disappearance of Queen Camellia's birthday presents - plenty of opportunity for dressing up and some piratey, fairy fun! Join in on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2–4 pm, (£3 per child, usual admission applies).

*Carly Mays* ~ **Community Involvement Officer**

## **Upcoming Events**

Booking essential on **842382** (only Assistance Dogs welcome)

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 12:00 – 1:00 pm** **Camellia Walks** £5.00

Experience glorious spring colours on this walk and talk with the gardeners.

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 12:00 – 1:45 pm or 2:00 – 3:45 pm** **Lunch** £19.95

**Mothering Sunday** lunch in the House Kitchen Usual admission applies

**Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 6:30 – 8:30 pm** **1940s Blackout Tour** £15.00

Come and discover Greenway's wartime past on a tour with a 1940s twist. Learn about World War Two at Greenway and enjoy wartime refreshments.

**Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Apr 10:30 am – 4:30 pm** **Spring Photo Workshop** £17.50

Join us for a workshop with an expert photographer in the beautiful garden, and enjoy a delicious lunch of homemade soup in the House Kitchen.

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May 5:00 – 8:00 am** **Dawn Chorus Walk** £8.00 adult, £4.00 child

Join the outdoor team to listen to and identify morning bird song whilst taking a walk at Greenway, ending with coffee & croissants in the Kitchen.

# Brixham Bowling Club

Nelson Road, Furzeham

[www.brixhambowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.brixhambowlingclub.co.uk)



is celebrating its  
**1913 ~ 2013**  
**CENTENARY**



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**[www.musicwithmummyandcarol.co.uk](http://www.musicwithmummyandcarol.co.uk)**

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**JOLLY BABIES MUSIC WITH MUMMY THREE FOUR TIME**

# **Churston Ferrers Grammar School & PTA**

Head-teacher: Robert Owers

School Reception: 01803 842289

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You are invited to the CFGS production of

## **Midsummer Night's Dream**

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup>, Wed 6<sup>th</sup> & Thur 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7:00 pm**

**Adults £6.00      Children £3.00**

***Tickets available from Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 1:30 - 2:15 pm in school foyer***

**Raffle and Interval refreshments by the PTA**

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The PTA present another enjoyable

## **Prize Bingo Evening**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013 ~ Eyes down at 7:30 pm**

***£5.00 on the door ~ 13 rounds of Bingo Tickets ~ Also a Raffle  
3 prizes every round ~ One Line, Two Lines & Full House***

**BYO and refreshments will be available during the interval**

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## **Other School Activities**

Except half-term 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February and Easter holiday 28<sup>th</sup> March - 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Galmpton Old Boys 5-a-side Football      Every Wednesday at 8:00 pm**

Phone **Pat McMahon** on **845618** if you wish to join.

**Zumba Classes   £4      Every Monday & Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Katie Parsons** on **07783 544014** or **parsons\_katie@yahoo.co.uk**.

**Just Jhoom Classes      Every Monday 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Lea Millman** on **01803 521914** or **07789 516044**.



# Churston Community Computer Club

churstoncomputerclub@mypostoffice.co.uk

Chairman: Mike Tate: 844901

Secretary: Mike O'Donnell: 844013

Treasurer: Brian Taylor: 844558

We meet at **Churston Ferrers Grammar School** from **4:30 to 6:30 pm** on  
**Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, Thur 7<sup>th</sup> & Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar, Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Apr and Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

Enter through school **Main Reception**, go up the stairs on the left,  
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## Dart Sailability

Registered Charity: 1067831

## Don't Throw it Away !

Local Charity

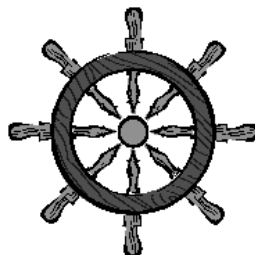
## Dart Sailability

Would like your old Boating Equipment to sell at Boat Jumbles

All proceeds go to Disabled Sailing on the River Dart



Please contact  
David on 01803 843239  
or  
Bruce on 01803 842121



Thank you

# **The Friends of Churston Library Events**

## **“Valentine Day” Coffee Morning in Churston Library**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> February    10:30 am - 12:00 noon**

Lots of love and goodies! Only *Fair-trade* coffee & tea served as always.

## **Day Trip to Wells and Glastonbury**

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March            Depart Brixham 8:15 am & Churston 8:30 am**

Visit the beautiful city of Wells, and Glastonbury home to "magical" things!!

## **“Easter” Coffee Morning in Churston Library**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March            10:30 am - 12:00 noon**

Lots of Easter "goodies" and *Fair-trade* coffee & tea served as usual.

## **Annual General Meeting in Churston Library**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April              7:30 pm**

Guest speaker John Risdon ~ "History of the Dartmouth & Torbay Railway".

## **Day Trip to Hartland Abbey**

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April              Depart Brixham 8:15 am & Churston 8:30 am**

Visit the magnificent Hartland Abbey on Hartland Point, North Devon.

Trip application forms available from Library at least a month beforehand.

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## **Metal Detecting Service IF YOU'VE LOST**



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**Telephone 01803 842148**

**[www.galleonstores.co.uk](http://www.galleonstores.co.uk)**

**Mon - Sat 7:30 am to 7:00 pm Sun 8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

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### **OPENING TIMES**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:30 - 5:30**

**SATURDAY 7:30 - 1:00**

# Flavel Chapel Newsletter

Elder: Walford Catling: 559040

Written by John Young & Walford Catling

John Young: 521125

Village Contact: 843446

How did you get on with your New Year resolutions? Did any of them last more than a few days or hours? Well that seems to be par for the course!

Approximately 4000 years ago God issued a set of Commandments summarising His standards for human behaviour with the implication that if we obeyed them perfectly we would have the right to go to Heaven. Sadly none of us has ever fully obeyed all these Commandments – that is we have all sinned and so are justly deserving of His punishment and condemnation. We are all on the road to Hell, which is the place of rejection by God. God's standards are so high we find we cannot keep them just like our own resolutions. Just think of some of the Commandments you have not kept: - using God's name frivolously as a swear word or expletive? Committing adultery either actually or in thought? Stealing – even taking time off work that we are paid to do without permission? Being envious of someone else? This is also a sin in God's eyes. If you call in to either of our chapel buildings you will see these Commandments written on the walls, which are a reminder that we all need God's forgiveness. We need to be saved from our sins, which is exactly what God has done through His son Jesus Christ, Who came into the world and suffered, bled, died and rose again in order to take the punishment due to us, so that if we receive Christ as our Saviour we can go to Heaven when we die. This is the good news of a wonderful Salvation, but it is only for those who take Christ seriously and seek this Salvation from Him through repentance and faith in His sacrifice for sin. Now is the time to be reconciled with God as Scripture warns us '**How shall we escape if we neglect so great a Salvation.**' Heb 2v3. and '**Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of Salvation.**' 2 Cor 6v2 (NKJV).

## ADVANCE NOTICE

**Church Anniversary ~ May 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>**

Speaker Rev. Andrew Davies from Newport

Your chance to hear this well-known conference speaker.

Please refer to **Page 25** for the times of our regular services.

**Galmpton Congregational Evangelical Church**

**Main Church: Stoke Gabriel Road**

**Flavel Chapel Hall: The Roundings**

# Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Churston

Vicar

Churchwardens:

Reverend Ian Blyde Tel: 844663

Bob Brooke Tel: 857636

Ken Davies Tel: 854773

## From Churston Vicarage

How do you tell the time? The easy answer is of course you look at your watch or a clock. But what I am asking has a potentially much deeper answer.

Clocks and watches are simply devices which measure out regular periods of time. We call them hours and minutes. Now as long as we all start at the same moment and as long as the units of time are measured accurately we can agree on what the time is. But suppose we want bigger “bits of time” days, months and years, and suppose we do not have the technology to produce clocks. What we need now is something which we can use to measure a regular “unit” of time and apply the same principle as before. One of the most obvious natural measures of time is the phases of the moon. The moon being “full” every twenty eight days. We call this period a lunar month and it is a much simpler and in many ways more accurate way of telling the time than having to remember that rhyme about “Thirty days hath September, etc”. This latter works because we know it takes approximately 365.25 days for the earth to circle the sun (one year), we then split this into twelve sections (months) and vary the lengths of the months so that we end with a total of 365. Providing we all split the months up the same way we can all agree the same date. For most things in our modern world we rely on this type of calendar. However the date of Easter is worked out on a lunar calendar, which accounts for the fact it comes at a different “date” each year.

We do this because we know Jesus died during the Jewish festival of Passover, which for centuries was worked out on the phases of the moon. Which is more accurate? In the end it does not matter, the point is that at Easter we remember what Jesus did. He died, was buried and rose again and promises us he will come again, but we do not know when this latter will be. The secret of leading a good Christian life is to be ready for this coming again whatever date it is and whatever calendar God chooses to use to determine when it comes.

**Ian Blyde - Vicar of Churston and Kingswear**

For the times of our regular services please see **Page 25**.

If you would like more details about any services in either the **Barn Chapel** or **Churston Church** then please feel free to ring me on **01803 844 663**.

# Galmpton Touring Park



## Year Round Self-catering Accommodation in Galmpton

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Our family run **Caravan and Camping Park** is open for families and couples who wish to bring their own touring caravans, tents, and motor-homes between **1<sup>st</sup> May** and **30<sup>th</sup> September 2013**.

**Web:** [www.galmptontouringpark.co.uk](http://www.galmptontouringpark.co.uk) **Tel:** 01803 842066

**E-mail:** [enquiries@galmptontouringpark.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@galmptontouringpark.co.uk)



Dartmouth Road, Churston Ferrers, TQ5 0LL

**Tel: 01803 844 702**

Mike, Helen, Jodie, and Will our Head Chef, look forward to welcoming you to the Weary Ploughman Inn!

Book now for **St. Valentine's Day ~ 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
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# The White Horse Guesthouse

[www.whitehorseguesthouse.co.uk](http://www.whitehorseguesthouse.co.uk)

(01803) 842381



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# **Friends of Galmpton Warborough Common**

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**Vice Chairman: Marilyn Everitt**

**Secretary: Judy Perrett Tel: 842703**

**Treasurer: Cll. Ken Pritchard**

We are grateful to Cll. Derek Mills (ably assisted by Marilyn Everitt) for initiating the formation of this group in response to concerns expressed by many residents with regard to the care and conservation of Galmpton Warborough Common. The group is now officially recognised by Torbay Borough Council with an agreed Constitution, elected officers, and representatives of many stakeholders, including residents, dog walkers, the History Group, local farmers and the Commoner.

The Friends Group is completely autonomous, and exists to maintain an oversight of activities on the Common, including liaison with Torbay Borough Council. The Committee will be meeting with a Council Officer who will facilitate the drawing up of a long-term management plan for the Common in order that this valuable resource (the only Common in Torbay!) can be both improved and enhanced. Future meetings will be advertised on websites and notice boards.

Should you wish to register interest, concern, or even offer to be part of litter-gathering or weeding activities, please contact our Secretary on **01803 842703** or **[judyperrett@btinternet.com](mailto:judyperrett@btinternet.com)**.



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Secretary: June Symes: 842121

Treasurer: Alan Knight: 844425

Hall Bookings: Babs Renwick: 843364

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7:30 pm ~ Annual General Meeting

Why not come along to hear about the day to day running of one of the community's most important facilities.

You will be most welcome; as will be any constructive comments should you wish to make them.

John Risdon – Chairman.

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## Major Electric Cable Works

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

We have been informed by the Western Electric Co. that, week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> February, they are going to be carrying out major cable work outside Galmpton Village Institute. This will mean:

- Power to **Galmpton Village Institute** will be cut off.
- No parking along that stretch of **Greenway Road**.

Luckily it is half-term so the Galmpton Pre-School won't be affected.

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## Galmpton & Churston Local History Group

Chairman: John Risdon: 844102

Treasurer: Gary Deare: 842148

E-mail: [johnrisdon@heritage-southdevon.co.uk](mailto:johnrisdon@heritage-southdevon.co.uk)

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7:30 pm Galmpton Village Institute

#### Annual General Meeting followed by an Illustrated Talk by Alan Salsbury on *“A Policeman's Lot”*

Members free entry ~ Non-members **£2.00** ~ Refreshments from **7:00 pm**.

New members always welcome.

In addition, would any present member interested in joining the Committee please contact a present Committee Member.

# **Galmpton Residents' Association News**

## **Protecting Village Life**

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## **Neighbourhood Planning Survey**

The finalization of Galmpton's submission to the Brixham and Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan is the overwhelming business in hand. In this we are greatly aided by the tremendous response to our village survey. 177 Questionnaires were returned. Most of the responses were what we might have guessed, but the survey gives us really valuable well-evidenced data, not only for the Neighbourhood Plan, but for relaying to the Council, Local Business, Health, and Care Authorities, in the next few years. We can speak with your authority. Thanks to everyone for this tremendous effort. The community spirit in the village always amazes! 134 people felt in touch and involved in the community. Here is a short summary of the main points (more information is on our website).

45 of respondents live in the Conservation Area, 35 in Langdon Lane and Langdon Fields, and 23 in the Galmpton Glade area. 89 were aged over 65, 69 aged 45-65, and 10 under 25.

Most people are strongly conservationist, concerned about the area, with very high scores for protecting the village surroundings, notably Galmpton Warborough Common(170) and the Conservation Area(162) and the Ring Road Fields (150). People wanted to maintain Galmpton's separate identity, and see little or no space for expansion without spoiling the AONB or important views. Probably for this reason, a sizeable minority felt Galmpton needed no additional housing (76) and were against subdividing gardens (113). A majority also felt any new building should match existing styles (124) and densities (152). However there was support for unmet housing needs within Galmpton for affordable homes (67) for young villagers, and homes suited for older or disabled (39), and 12 replies reported family having to leave the village through lack of affordable housing. Only the field adjoining Greenway Park (13), Kiln Road (13), and general "infill" (11) recurred as suggested locations. 112 replies reported a plethora of wildlife, of common animals (foxes, badgers, rabbits), birds (tits, magpies), reptiles (toads, slow worms), insects; some notable (deer), and some rare (bats, peregrines, and ciril buntings).

We are a village of car users for all purposes, though about half also recorded walking for shopping, leisure and medical visits. Bus use (for shopping and leisure) was confined to about a third, and the main stimulus to increasing use would be stops in the village (83). There was some interest in a potential metro rail service (42 daily/weekly, 81 occasionally). A 20-mph speed limit in the village would encourage more walking (114) and cycling (64), as would more cycle paths (62), and a safer cycling environment (62).

Major traffic problems were seen as Dartmouth Road Junctions (134), Cars driving too fast (146), chaotic school traffic (132) and HGV's (102), and roadside parking (95) particularly by the schools and on Greenway Road by The Roundings.

Galmpton Shops are used daily/weekly by 147, equally for food, postal and papers, but Churston Broadway had only 79 daily/weekly patrons who mainly buy food. However most people go out of the village for their main shop (e.g. Sainsburys/Morrisons 143) for price and variety, and only 38 do it locally. There was some acceptance on balance for new Craft workshops (e.g. Yes 58, No 30), agriculture, Restaurant, Home-working, B & B, Stables, Boat businesses; but an Out-of-town shop (Yes 5 No 67), Take-away, and Hotel were rejected. 17 people ran businesses mostly serving a wider area; Improved Broadband (15) and Small work units (9) were the most popular attractions to new business.

There was general satisfaction with access to health and social services particularly GP (134) and private dentist (97), but some difficulty getting a NHS Dentist (52). However 28 didn't like the GP appointment system. 19 suggested a lunch club or daycentre. Only 14 people needed daily care at home, but 35 reported disability, mainly mobility (26).

Many villagers enjoy open air recreations (e.g. 118 visit The Common daily/weekly), walking (132; 52 with dog), cycling (50), boating (44). 146 use public footpaths. Indoors they join in the History Group (30), Adult Education (26), Exercise/Dancing (24), W.I./Whist (19). Overwhelmingly people feel safe in the village; only 12 feel unsafe at night. Nevertheless 25 wanted more police foot patrols and there were concerns about "travellers".

The overall picture is of a village that is a community, concerned to protect its environment; elderly but active and articulate, both individually and in groups.

## **Annual General Meeting**

The GRA AGM will be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm** in the **Galmpton Village Institute** and all are welcome, particularly volunteers to be new committee members. We thank you for your subscriptions.

# **Residents Against Golf Club Sell-off R.A.G.S.**

- The Planning Hearing scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> January was cancelled because the Planning Application was withdrawn on 7<sup>th</sup> January by Bloor Homes.
- A new Application was submitted the same day and this shows alterations to the Clubhouse design.
- A Briefing to the Planning Committee is to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> January, at which RAGS and the Community Partnership will present details of the reasons for their objections to this Application.
- Our principal objections relate to traffic and access, impairment of visual amenity and noise regarding the Clubhouse location and the ecological impact and effect on the AONB and Coastal Preservation Area with regard to the Golf Course extension.
- As for the original Application this latest one relies upon land to be provided and managed in perpetuity as Mitigation for the impact upon Greater Horseshoe Bats and Cirl Buntings – both of which are protected species. The farmer of this land, Richard Haddock, has notified Torbay Council that he does not intend to sign the Section 106 Agreement. In the absence of his agreement the Application could not be approved by the Planning Committee as it would breach EU Regulations.
- RAGS continue to have confidence in the strength of our arguments and that these can lead to a rejection of this Application. Without Planning Permission residential development on the 1<sup>st</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> holes cannot take place.
- We understand that the Planning Application as submitted would bring about a major breach of the Terms of its Lease by the Golf Club. Torbay Council has advised the Club that they are required by the Lease to maintain an 18 hole Golf Course on the land that is leased from the Council. The current plan would reduce this to 16 holes and so risk forfeiture of the Lease back to the Council.
- The Conditional Contract signed by former Mayor Bye in 2010 is no longer capable of becoming Unconditional since it depends upon the siting of the Clubhouse within the AONB where Planning Permission was refused. In the absence of an amendment to this Contract the Parties cannot be bound by it, according to legal advice received by RAGS.
- RAGS have been fighting this cause now for 3 full years and we expect that the matter of development at Churston Golf Club will be decided by the time this copy of **THE GAZETTE** is published. We hope to look back and see that we have protected Churston for current and future generations to enjoy.

**Your R.A.G.S. Committee needs:** Financial contributions to build our campaign funds that require expenditure on Specialist and Legal advice.

Contact **Gerald Wills**, Treasurer **01803 844689** or **grldwills@aol.com**

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# **Community Partnership**

## **Churston, Galmpton & Broadsands**

### **Churston Golf Course**

Now soon into its 4<sup>th</sup> year, the saga continues to rumble on. The 11<sup>th</sup> March has been, as at time of writing, set as the date for the Planning Committee Meeting to consider the Club's proposals to relocate the clubhouse and car park to the site of the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee, adjacent to the junction of Bridge Road and Bascombe Road.

The update from RAGS (Page 22) sets out the position in detail – in short there are very strong planning reasons why this new application should also be REFUSED. It is a departure from the local plan, it will cause traffic problems, the list goes on.

We also need to be aware of the Flooding problems it would leave us with. There is Bat habitat mitigation proposed on land behind Churston village. However, this land floods from water which runs off fields leading up to Hillhead which meant in December, Bascombe Road was shut for 2 days and Elbury Lane was 4ft in water.

Our current draft of the Neighbourhood Plan proposes flood alleviation works to improve the drainage and resolve the problem. However, these would be specifically prohibited due to legal terms in the Bat habitat mitigation agreement.

Residents in the village have previously had their homes flooded out - Is it right that to simply extend the golf course they be put at risk of this happening again?

### **Neighbourhood Planning**

The 7<sup>th</sup> November public consultation was well attended – thank you to those who came along. We have used your input to progress our plan, which by September 2013 will likely be the legal document used to assess planning applications and other proposals for our area. If we do not allocate where we do, or do not, want to see development, the Developers and the Council will do it for us – be warned!

There will be an opportunity to see the further draft of the plan, which incorporates your previous feedback, at our next public meeting.

## **Next Public Community Partnership Meeting**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00 pm**

**in Churston Ferrers Grammar School Hall**

**Adam Billings, Chairman**  
chair@cgbpartnership.co.uk

**Roger Richards, Vice-Chairman**  
vicechair@cgbpartnership.co.uk

Please visit our website **[www.cgbpartnership.co.uk](http://www.cgbpartnership.co.uk)**

# Diary Dates & Regular Amenities

**BH**=Barn Hall **CC**=Churston Church **CL**=Churston Library **CP**=Churston Pavilion  
**FH**=Flavel Hall **GS**=Grammar School **NT**=National Trust **VH**=Village Institute Hall

## February 2013

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5-7	7:00 pm	<b>GS</b> production of <i>Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	8
6	10:00 am	<b>CL</b> Community Police Surgery	
6	7:15 pm	<b>VH</b> Women's Institute <i>American Indians</i> by Jan Mughrabi	
7	4:30 pm	<b>GS</b> Room 20 <b>Churston Community Computer Club</b>	9
11	10:30 am	<b>CL</b> Friends of Churston Library <i>Valentine Day Coffee Morning</i>	10
19	7:30 pm	<b>CP</b> Galmpton Resident's Assoc. <b>Committee Meeting</b>	20
21	7:30 pm	<b>BH</b> Ladies Club <b>Annual General Meeting &amp; Supper</b>	
27	7:00 pm	<b>GS</b> Churston, Galmpton & Broadsands <b>Community Partnership</b>	23

## March 2013

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6	10:00 am	<b>CL</b> Community Police Surgery	
6	7:15 pm	<b>VH</b> Women's Institute <i>A Devon Clergyman</i> by Mike Thompson	
7	4:30 pm	<b>GS</b> Room 20 <b>Churston Community Computer Club</b>	9
13	7:00 pm	<b>VH</b> Galmpton Resident's Assoc. <b>Annual General Meeting</b>	21
15	7:30 pm	<b>GS</b> PTA <i>Prize Bingo Evening</i> ~ Entry £5.00	8
18	7:30 pm	<b>VH</b> Galmpton Village Institute <b>Annual General Meeting</b>	19
19	7:30 pm	<b>CP</b> Galmpton Resident's Assoc. <b>Committee Meeting</b>	20
20	8:30 am	<b>CL</b> Friends of Churston Library day trip to <b>Wells &amp; Glastonbury</b>	10
20	4:30 pm	<b>GS</b> Room 20 <b>Churston Community Computer Club</b>	9
21	7:30 pm	<b>BH</b> Ladies Club ~ Details to be arranged	
22	7:30 pm	<b>VH</b> History Group <b>AGM &amp; Policeman's Lot</b> by Alan Salisbury	19
23	10:00 am	<b>Churston Ferrers</b> village <i>The Big Tidy Up</i> Litter Pick	4
25	10:30 am	<b>CL</b> Friends of Churston Library <i>Easter Coffee Morning</i>	10
25-31	all day	Rowcroft Hospice <i>Care for a Cuppa</i> week	4
31	all day	<b>BH</b> glorious floral <i>Easter Cross</i>	4

## April 2013

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3	10:00 am	<b>CL</b> Community Police Surgery	
3	7:15 pm	<b>VH</b> Women's Inst. <i>Villains I've Known</i> by Judge William Taylor	
6	2 - 5 pm	<b>Brixham Bowling Club</b> <i>Try It Day</i>	7
15	7:30 pm	<b>CL</b> Friends of Churston Library <b>AGM</b> & talk by John Risdon	10
16	7:30 pm	<b>CP</b> Galmpton Resident's Assoc. <b>Committee Meeting</b>	20
17	4:30 pm	<b>GS</b> Room 20 <b>Churston Community Computer Club</b>	9
18	7:30 pm	<b>BH</b> Ladies Club ~ Details to be arranged	
24	8:30 am	<b>CL</b> Friends of Churston Library day trip to <b>Hartland Abbey</b>	10

## May 2013

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1	10:00 am	<b>CL</b> Community Police Surgery	
1	7:15 pm	<b>VH</b> Women's Institute <b>Resolutions &amp; Annual Meeting</b>	
2	4:30 pm	<b>GS</b> Room 20 <b>Churston Community Computer Club</b>	9
11/12		<b>Flavel Chapel Anniversary</b> speaker Rev. Andrew Davies	12
15	4:30 pm	<b>GS</b> Room 20 <b>Churston Community Computer Club</b>	9
16	7:30 pm	<b>BH</b> Ladies Club ~ Details to be arranged	
20	8:30 am	<b>CL</b> Friends of Churston Library day trip to <b>Sidmouth &amp; Bickton</b>	10
20-25		Rowcroft Hospice <b>Make a Will Week</b>	4



For contact details see (entry) in the **Organisation Directory** on the next page.

## **Village Institute Hall**

**Bookings: Babs Renwick 843364**

<b>Monday Club</b>	(24) Alternate Mondays 2:00 - 4:00 pm	<i>entry £1.00</i>
<b>Trad &amp; Swing Jazz</b>	(31) Alternate Mondays 7:30 pm	
<b>Whist Drives Club</b>	(35) Tuesdays and Saturdays 7:30 pm	<i>entry £1.40</i>
<b>Move to Music</b>	(25) Term-time Wed 9:30 am & 10:45 am	<i>10-wk. £36.00</i>
<b>Women's Institute</b>	(16) 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month 7:15 pm	<i>visitors 50p</i>
<b>Falconry Course</b>	(44) Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm	<i>10-wk. £50.00</i>
<b>Pre-School Ltd</b>	(28) Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 9:15 - 12:15 pm	
	Tue, Wed, Thur 12:15 - 3:15 pm	

## **Barn Chapel Hall**

**Bookings: Lynn Milner 843677**

<b>Stars Group</b>	(42) Mondays 3:45 - 4:45 pm	
<b>Yoga Meditation</b>	(46) Mondays 7:30 - 8:30 pm	<i>all abilities £6.00</i>
<b>Art Group</b>	(18) 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue of month 9:15 am	<i>fully subscribed</i>
<b>Embroidery Group</b>	(34) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month 10:00 am - Noon	
<b>Beavers &amp; Cubs</b>	( 9) Tues 5:00 pm Beavers and 6:30 - 8:00 pm Cubs	
<b>Scouts</b>	( 9) Wednesdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm	
<b>Ladies Club</b>	( 2) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month 7:30 pm	<i>visitors 50p</i>
<b>Parent &amp; Toddler</b>	(27) Term-time Fridays 9:30 - 11:30 am	<i>entry £2.50</i>
<b>W.I. Circle Dance</b>	(17) Alternate Fridays 7:30 - 9:30 pm	<i>entry £2.00</i>

## **Churston Pavilion**

**Bookings: Jackie Millyard 07899 923016**

### **Churston Ferrers Grammar, Brixham Adult Education**

**853302**

### **Churston Ferrers Grammar, Greenway Road**

**842289**

<b>Just Jhoom Classes</b>	(37) Mondays 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	See <b>Page 8</b>
<b>Zumba Classes</b>	(47) Mon & Wed 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	See <b>Page 8</b>
<b>Galmpton Old Boys</b>	(26) Wednesdays 8:00 pm 5-a-side football	See <b>Page 8</b>
<b>Computer Club</b>	( 3) 1 <sup>st</sup> Thur & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of month 4:30 - 6:30 pm	<b>Page 9</b>
Except half-term 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February and Easter holiday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - 12 <sup>th</sup> April		

### **Churston Golf Club, Dartmouth Road**

**842751**

<b>Bridge Section</b>	Thursdays 7:30 pm	<i>Members only</i>
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### **St Mary the Virgin C of E Church, Churston**

**Vicar 844663**

**Sung Eucharist** (42) 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 9:30 am and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sun 11:00 am

### **The Barn Chapel, Greenway Road**

**Warden 857636**

<b>Said Eucharist</b>	(43) Sunday 8:00 am and Thursday 10:00 am
<b>Said Evensong</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of month 4:00 pm

# Organisation Directory

## Organisation

## Contact Telephone (01803)

1 Broadlands & Elbury Residents Association	Chairman: Steve Freer 845675
2 Churston & Galmpton Ladies Club	Chairman: Elizabeth Blyde 844663
3 Churston Community Computer Club	Chairman: Mike Tate 844901
4 Churston Ferrers Grammar School & PTA	School Reception 842289
5 Churston Pavilion War Memorial Playing Field Trust	Jackie Millyard 07899 923016
6 Churston with Galmpton Ward	Councillor: Derek A Mills 843412
7 Churston with Galmpton Ward	Councillor: Ken Pritchard 07791 598091
8 Churston, Galmpton & Broadlands Community Partnership	Adam Billings 07764 . . . . .
9 Churston, Galmpton & Kingswear Scouts & Cubs	Leader: Mara Slipper 858839
10 Dart Sailability, Noss Marina	David Edey 843239 / Bruce Symes 842121
11 Friends of Galmpton Warborough Common	Secretary: Judy Perrett 842703
12 Friends of Rowcroft, Churston & Galmpton Branch	Contact: Sue Merdler 411861
13 Friends Support Group, Compass House	Contact: Margaret Rogers 843425
14 Galmpton & Churston Local History Group	Chairman: John Risdon 844102
15 Galmpton & Churston Tennis Club	Contact: Stewart Hallam 845651
16 Galmpton & Churston Women's Institute	Secretary: Maggie Goldsmith 845251
17 Galmpton & Churston W.I. Circle Dance	Contact: Avice Taft 842518
18 Galmpton Barn Hall Art Group	Contact: Diane Richards 842738
19 Galmpton C of E Primary School & PTA	School Reception 842628
20 Galmpton Community Police	PC Paul Martin 101
21 Galmpton Congregational Evangelical Church	559040 / 521125 / 843446
22 Galmpton Floral Day Working Party	Co-ordinator: Jill Memery 844103
23 Galmpton Gooseberry Pie Fair Committee	Chairman: Martin Ridge 844927
24 Galmpton Monday Club	Gill Bell 842626 / Babs Renwick 843364
25 Galmpton Move to Music	Tutor: Maggi Waugh 215427
26 Galmpton Old Boys 5-a-side Football (CFGS)	Contact: Pat McMahon 845618
27 Galmpton Parent & Toddler Group	Organiser: Lisa Croston 845525
28 Galmpton Pre-School Ltd	Tina Canning at Village Hall 845547
29 Galmpton Residents' Association	See Page 20
30 Galmpton Snooker Club	Chairman: Stan Bentley 842775
31 Galmpton Traditional & Swing Jazz Group	Leader: Tom Davies 607675
32 Galmpton United & Torbay Gents Youth AFC	Contact: Stewart Hallam 845651
33 Galmpton Village Institute	Chairman: John Risdon 844102
34 Galmpton West Country Embroiderers	Group Rep: Anne Simpson 782576
35 Galmpton Whist Drives Club	Organiser: Gill Bell 842626
36 Galmpton Youth Project	Organiser: Helen Boyles 845761
37 Just Jhoom Classes (CFGS)	Tutor: Lea Millman 07789 516044 or 521914
38 Probos Club Paignton	Secretary: Terry Thomas 551803
39 Residents Against Golf-club Sell-off (RAGS)	Chairman: Geoff Melbourne 845460
40 Residents For Churston	Contact: John Triance 842173
41 Royal British Legion	Standard Bearer: Ron Keeping 852631
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44 Torbay Falconers Club	Falconer: Paul Hill 310410
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